THE RICHEST NATION.

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The defenders of these policies

and those who still persist an pursu-

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American system of finance up to farmer should nurse.

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SET SESSESSESSES IS Months. 2222222222222 2222222222222222 353888445888858888888 which we thereby voluntarily obli-************* gated ourselves to pay to them. As 28888888888888888 our population increa led and our enterprises multiplied and expanded, 288288888888888 requiring more money we contracted 8888888888888888 the currency, resumed specie pay-285525-500-1005-010 ments and undertook to pay in gold which we didn't have, and thus it became necessary for us to go abroad and borrow on a gold basis and obligate ourselves to pay in gold. This has made many of our railroads and other enterprises mere tribute payers to the foreign holders of their se: curities, and keeps them working to SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. earn the interest to keep them out of The subscription price of the Weekly Star is as the hands of receivers, into whose hands many of our railroads, and

Is that statesmanship which under It is the proud boast of this counpretence of building up our "infant try now that it is the richest country industries" wrecks our merchant on the earth, our national wealth marine, destroys our commerce an being estimated at about \$79,000,glicizes our financial system, and 000.000.000. And yet in spite of makes us dependent upon and trib this, in spite of our unbounded ute payers to foreign money lenders wealth-producing resources and the from whom we must secure the universally recognized business money to establish our great enter genius and energy of our people we prises, and even to. maintain the are, according to the representations credit of our national Treasury? No of some, the most dependent nation other nation of the world ever did upon the earth. The marvellous anything like that before and there thing under the circumstances is how is no other nation now in existence we became so rich, and within a centhat would do it. If with all this tury surpassed in wealth nations we are, as is claimed, the richest nawhich were rich before the United tion on the earth, how much richer States had an existence. A still might we have been if thoroughly more marvellous thing is that such American, business-like policies had an intelligent, resourceful and selfprevailed. And yet there are soreliant people as ours should ever called American statesmen who with have been led into policies the in all this before them persist in pursuevitable result of which would be to ing the policies which have made us handicap them and make them more tribute payers to the nations which or less dependent upon other nations. should be tribute payers to us.

MINOR MENTION.

We haven't seen Senator Hill's

speech in support of the resolution

wealth is in great part if not wholly offered in the Senate Friday declardue to these policies, as some of the ing that the bonds hereafter issued shall be made payable in gold or in advocates of a high protective tariff standard silver dollars, at the option of the holders. Under the practice of the Treasury the holders of bonds and other redeemable paper have had this option, the Secretaries of the Treasury delegating it to them, when the law vests in themselves. The effect of this resolution would simply be to take from the Secretane peretection, we made such strides ries of the Treasury an option which they have never exercised and give power on the earth, and bid fair to it directly to the bondholders. Persoon become the first. Our merchant haps this is a precautionary movement suggested by the bond purchasers to guard against any possible ity, and a few more years with the then rate of increase would have action favorable to silver. Of course it means that these bonds shall be paid in gold, for they will be bought carry every pound of our exports with gold, and it is perfectly natuthat went upon the seas and to bring ral that the purchasers should want gold when they offered them for redemption, and it may also be expected that the holders, whether That was the situation up to the they paid gold for the bonds or not, time the internal strife between the would demand the more valuable of Northern and Southern sections of the two coins, if the option rested the country put the Government in with them. It looks as if this resothe hands of men who instituted a lution was intended to head off the different policy, which soon deprived bills introduced by Sentors Mills and us of our commercial prestige, drove Vest providing for the coinage of our ships from the seas and made us the silver bullion in the Treasury utterly dependent upon other nations for ships to bear to other countries and authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem Government obthe exports which we sent them and back to us the things they sold us. ligations in gold, and in silver if he It is the history of the world that it | didn't have gold for that purpose. The only practical effect, aside is commerce which enriches nations. from this, of this resolution, They may become strong and popuas we see it, would be the lous, they may internally develop recognition it gives to silver as but they can never become rich in money, when the practice of the the sense of having money to command unless they cau bring money | Treasury has been to pile it up and not recognize it as money at all. It from other nations by the trade they do with them, by exchanging their isn't much of a recognition, it is true, but, coming from the gold standard products, natural or manufactured,

land the money monarch of the world We saw a statement some time ago to-day, an island in the seas but that a farmer in Forsyth county had shipped thirty-five bushels of hickory nuts to the Vanderbilt estate. near Asheville, where they were to tion of the world and we are her be planted. Thirty-five bushels of greatest debtor. Her capitalists nuts will plant a pretty large tract have claims on us for \$2,000,000,- of ground and give in time a royal 000 if not more. Nearly all if forest. The fact that Mr. Vandernot all of this has been piled up | bilt shows such a preference for the within the present generation, for | hickory tree indicates that he carries previous to that we owed very little | pretty level head on the tree quesabroad. Much of this is for invest- tion, for the hickory is a very handments in American enterprises in some tree, aside from its value as which English capitalists became timber or a nut bearer, either of stockholders, and much of it for which commends it, and either of money loaned to build railroads and | which makes it a tree worth cultivatother works of internal improvement, | ing. Mr. Vanderbilt's idea is doubtmuch of it for State and other bonds less to add to the beauty and attractiveness of his grounds by The question might be asked why growing this hickory forest, rather it was necessary for a young, pro- than to make it a source of revenue, gressive, growing and naturally rich- but the man who plants these trees ly endowed country like this to go in sufficient number will find them a abroad to borrow money to build very profitable, investment when railroads, open mines or establish in- large enough to yield either nuts or dustries, or to help States or other | timber, for there is always sale for the communities to meet their obliganuts, if properly selected, and with gions, or to carry on systems of imthe decreasing supply there is an inprovement entered upon or contemcreasing demand for the timber. The plated? Whatever its peculiarities hickory, the walnut and the pecan or defects may have been, we had an are trees that the North Carolina

Those Republicans in the House parture and put ourselves on the gold basis of England, and the of Representatives who are opposed other European countries which fol- to retiring the greenbacks saw lowed her example to putting them. through the trick in the financial bill selves on a gold basis. When we devised and forced a remodelling of Gowan.

were concerned discredited and de- stands the greenbacks redeemed can monetized not only our silver, but not be locked up, but must be reevery form of our money, save gold, issued as they have been under the law of 1878, which the framers of the House bill were trying to get around and practically annul. That would have been the effect of the bill if passed in its orignal shape, for then all the holders of greenbacks who wanted them retired would have to do would be to gather up enough of them to exhaust the gold reserve, force another bond issue and repeat the operation until they had the bulk of the greenbacks locked up, no provision being made in the meantime to replace them with any other kind of currency. Practically this would mean an addition of several hundred millions of dollars to the interest-bearing debt of the country, with a corresponding contraction of among them some of our most exthe currency, the volume of which is now too small. This again would mean more hard times, a check on our industries and development, dear money for the people and a bonanza for the money-lenders at the money

> The New York World attributes to ex-President Harrison the remark that Longress acted like a set of fools in the Venezuelan business." As a prospective candidate for the Presidency there wasn't much business in that kind of chat. But we don't believe he said it.

> There is little doubt that if there were a conflict between this country and England, Uncle Sam could count on the backing of Russia, a pretty good indication of which is the tone of the Russian press, which is outspoken against England.

The Montreal Star is 'red hot. hasn't declared war yet, but promises in the event of war with this country to raise a regiment and give families of any of the members of the regiment. This is Canada's shooting

The Lumberton Robesonian closed its twenty-sixth volume last week; a good paper and one that has fully earned all the prosperity which has come to it. Long may it and its genial editor live and prosper.

Morgan, a horse that Gen. Morgan rode in 1862, died the other day in Kentucky, where for some years he has been living in honored retirement with a pasture all his own. He had reached the respectable age of 37 years.

Some one in Philadelphia has suggested that the art of shopping should be taught in that town. Isn't John Wanamaker's bargain counter school enough for the Philadelphian?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who writes verse, believes in transmigration and thinks that in some former stage of her existence she was a pussy cat. That may account for her sticking to the mews.

A woman writing in one of the magazines asks "Was Adam a woman?" If he was he wasn't one of your new women. He never wore

Ball at Rocky Point.

Mr. E. T. Pullen, of Rocky Point, was nere yesterday. He says a most enjoyable Christmas ball was given Friday night at the residence of Mr. Geo. Jones complimentary to several visiting young ladies. The ball was under the management of Messrs. T. E. Hayes, C. H. Durham and W. A. Brown. About twentyfive couples were present and a very pleasant time was had by all. Dancing was kept up until a late hour that night. An elegant supper was furnished at twelve o'clock by the ladies.

ATLANTA'S FIRE RECORD. An Average of One Fire a Day-Losses for

the Year a Quarter Million. Atlanta had fifty-one fires from December 1st to December 26th, inclusive; but so efficient was the work of the fire department that the losses did not quite reach \$8,500. The Constitution of the 97th save of the year's record :

"The year of 1895 has had more fires than any previous year in the history of the department. There has been a steady increase in the number of fires, as the city builds up. Last year there were 289 fires, while this year we have had 845 so far-an average of nearly a fire a day. Before the year is out we will have an average of a fire a day for the whole

'The record given for this year does not include the Exposition fires, which are some tweaty or more. The record of the Exposition Fire Department has been exceedingly good. There have been only two fires on the grounds which mounted to any loss and neither of them entailed serious losses. "The losses for this year will amoun

to over \$250,000, which is comparatively a small loss, for a city the size of Atlanta. However, these figures would have been brought down at least \$75,000 had the water pressure been in order."

But there's lots of luck about fires. Next year Atlanta may lose \$1,000,000 or more.-STAR.

Alsupposed Sneak Thist Caught. Deputy Sheriff Flynn yesterday arrested [Willie Gilliam, a colored boy, against whom there is evidence that he is one of the gang of sneak thieves who have robbed stores on Market and Front streets recently. The officer found two hats taken from the showcase in front of Mr. Hamme's store at a house on Ninth between Harnett and Swann streets, where young Gilliam lives with his mother. The case will be investigated Monday by Justice Mc-

Bill Before Congress of Great Importance to Wilmington and Other Cities on the

South Atlantic Coast. A bill was introduced in the U. S Senate last week to appropriate \$97,-000,000 for the fortification of ports of the United States as recommended by board of army engineers in 1885. The commercial bodies of several cities on the South Atlantic coast have already taken action in this important matter upon the suggestion of their representatives in Congress.

The port of Wilmington is probably the most defenceless of any city on the Atlantic seaboard, and it is suggested that she should get in line with her sister cities, and through her Board of Aldermen and commercial bodiesthe Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange—call attention to the situation of this port and the necessity of making provision for its protection. While the chances of war with England upon the Venezuelan question are admittedly rather sleader, yet it is one the less essential that something should be done for defence. The river and harbor improvements made by the general government-deepening the water on the bar and in the channel for the purpose of increasing the commerce of the port-have made it possible for warships of any nation to enter the river and hold the city at their mercy. After the expenditure by the government of the large amount of money required to improve the river channel, it would seem to be the neight of folly to make no provision for protection and in case of need be forced to block the channel to keep out hostile warships.

The Board of Trade and the City Council of Savannah at meetings held last week, adopted resolutions urging upon Congress the passage of the coast defence bill alluded to above; and already, through the efforts of Congressman Elliott, of South Carolina, steps have been taken for the protection of the port of Charleston, S. C. It is announced that Fort Sumter is to be rehabilitated and armed, batteries are to be built on Sullivan's island, in the harbor there, and both places are to be garrisoned. The bill, introduced in the Senate by

Senator Squire, provides the money necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Board of Engineers of the War Department made at a previous session of Congress, which are based upon surveys made by the engineer corps under the direction of the Board, The plans based on these surveys provide for the fortification of every important point on the whole coast of the United States. Senator Squire's bill provides for an appropriation of \$87,-000,000 for carrying out the recommendations of the Board of Engineers of the War Department. This appears to be huge sum in the aggregate, but when t is understood that the appropriation is to be spread over a period of twelve years it will be seen that no reckless expenditure of the funds of the Government is intended. The bill contemplates the expenditure of only \$1,500,000 during the present fiscal year ending June 80, \$5,500,000 for the succeeding fiscal year and \$8,000,000 per annum for the succeeding ten years. This sum is intended to provide not only for the building of fortifications, but for the purchase of sites for the same where required and their armament as well.

A New Method of Ansithia.

According to a press dispatch, the physicians of New York are watching with interest the new method of producing anæsthia, introduced in the homeo pathic hospital, Brooklyn, by Dr. John H. Schall, who is a personal friend o the discoverer, Dr. H. L. Northrop, of Philadelphia. The system is simple. Chloroform has a depressing effect or the heart, while oxygen stimulates that organ. By the new method oxygen and chloroform are administered together. oxygen tank into one bottle containing the chloroform, The gas is forced into the anæsthetic and out of it through a glass cylinder, from which the mixed oxygen and chloroform reach the patient's mouth. Dr. Schall has tried the new method on many patients and always with success.

City Markets.

With the exception of fresh meats, of which there was an abundance, supplies or the family market basket vesterday evening were rather meagre. The bad weather, probably, had much to do with this, and besides, since Christmas, ship. ments from the country have fallen off. Prices for poultry have stiffened in confinding full stocks left on their hands notwithstanding the increased demand for the Christmas trade, There was a scarcity of fish, but oysters and clams were in supply sufficient to meet current demands.

Eggs sold at 18c per dozen; fowls, 25c piece; chickens, 15 to 90c; live turkeys loc per pound.

Cabbage sold at 5 to 10c per head; turnips. 5c per bunch; celery, 25c per bunch; sweet potatoes, 15 to 20c per peck; Irish potatoes, 80 to 85c per peck; lettuce, 5c per head; apples, 40c per peck; oranges 25 to 50c per dozen; bananas, 20c per dozen; cocoanuts, 5c apiece. No Florida oranges have been received here this season, the supply coming from the West Indies, some of it by shipment from New York.

A Pleasant Occasion Mr. E. V. Richards, of this city, visited the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home at Goldsboro last Thursday night and carried with him his stereopticon. He gave an exhibition to the children and friends of the institution who were there. Mr. W. W. Yopp, of this city, and Miss Lawrence, daughter of the superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, were present. Superintendent Deans, of the Home, the officers and the children were greatly edified, and the little ones were anxious for Mr. Richards to "come again." Mr. Richards is a member of Wilmington Lodge No. 189.

did that we practically as far as they that clause, so that as the bill now PROTECTION OF COAST CITIES. CHRISTMAS IN RALEIGH. RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

NO ACCIDENTS AND ONLY A FEW MIS-DEMEANORS.

Many Disorderly Scenes on Passenger Trains Between Releigh and Greensboro-A Lady Member of the Bowers Company Seriously Injured-A Number of Cancelled Coupons Cashed at the State Treasury-Christmas Festivities at Vanderbilt's Residence Near Asheville, |Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 26. The State Convention of school su perintendents meets here this afternoon Christmas was quietly and generally observed here. There were no accidents to mer the pleasure and enjoyment of the day. Only a few trivial cases were before the Mayor this morning. Nearly all the stores were closed and worship was had at all the churches. The merchants state that the holiday trade was the best in years.

It is said that the number of cancelled coupons cashed at the Treasury Department was much larger than given out. Some say that \$800 worth of coupons were redeemed. Raleigh is considered the likely place

for the next meeting of the Teacher's Assembly. A gentleman on the inside says the capital will be selected by the Mollie Beaman, of the "Bowery"

Company, was hit on the head Christmas eve night by a person who has fled. She has been taken to the hospital. Her condition is extremely critical.

The action to annul the charter of the . C. R. R., instituted by ex-Judge Schenck, can come up at any term of court in any of the counties where the plaintiffs reside. The case will likely be brought up in February in Wake county. The Christian Advocate of Greensboro has sent their foreman North to purchase a new outfit for the paper.

There were some disorderly scenes on the passenger trains between Raleigh and Greensboro yesterday. Operatives from the cotton mills at Haw River, who always give trouble, got aboard. They had neither money or tickets and tried to intimidate Conductor Pollard. They were well armed and dared him to touch them. The conductor was nervy. He stopped the train and threw

the desperadoes off with the assistance of the crew. When the train pulled off the gang fired a volley of shot at the rear of the train. Fortunately no one was hurt. The passengers were terror-

Roughs were put off at numbers of places. One man's jaw was broken in

While Judge Schenck is making every move within his power to invalidate the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, a son holds a good position in this "unholy" corporation in its offices in Greensboro. Such is life.

Mr. G. W. Vanderbilt opened his great mansion at Asheville Christmas day by entertaining a large number of members of his family and by giving the employes of the estate-numbering over two bundred-a Christmas tree and collation. Millionaire hospitality is a new feature in Western North Carolina Christmas festivities, but the employesblack and white-were delighted at the innovation. Mr. Vanderbilt made an address of welcome and presents were distributed to all. Of the Vanderbilts here are Cornelius Vanderbilt, F. W. Vanderbilt and family, W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, mother of G. W., Mrs. Bromley, aunt of George, Mrs. Kissam, Miss Kissam, W. Seward Webb and family and W. D. Sloan and family. The party will be largely augmented in a few days by the arrival o New York friends of the owner of Biltmore and ten days will be spent in coaching, hunting and fishing.

C. F. & Y. V. RAILWAY.

Circular to the A, B and C Bondholders-It Strongly Opposes Dismemberment of the System. The Reorganization Committee have

issued the following circular: The result of the meeting of the bondholders on December 28d developed the fact that the proposition of the New York committee, even if it could be carried out, which is doubtful, does not give so much to the holders of A bonds as does the plan proposed by the Baltimore committee and involves practically a sacrifice of the B and C bonds, which is not warranted by the situation.

Nothing was decided at the meeting except that the New York Committee which had purchased a small majority of the A bonds, would not concur in the plan of the Baltimore Committee, but To accomplish this a tube is run from an this action on their part had long been foreseen and provided against.

The plan of the Baltimore Committee has been accepted by more than a majority of the total outstanding bonds o the Company, and many bondholders (including some A bondholders) who were in doubt as to their position before the meeting have already signed the

Bondholders who have not signed the new agreement are urged to call at the office of the Secretary, Mr. Frank T. Redwood, 208 East German street, (or any other member of the Committee,) and sign at once, The Committee have no doubt as to the final result, and in this opinion they are sustained by their counsel, Messrs. Cowen, Cross

If bondholders will come forward at once and sign the agreement, the Committee feel sure that they can preserve equence, yet eggs have declined, dealers | the property and restore its value. This Committee has been acting in the interest of all the bondholders for the purpose of speculating in the bonds. and C bondholders are advised not to sell their bonds at the prices which have been offered by the New York Committee, as they will be made much more valuable under the Baltimore plan. There can be no reasonable doubt but that this road can easily earn fixed charges under the plan proposed by the Baltimore Committee, and, after some necessary mprovements in its condition, pay dividends on its Preferred Stock, as the net earnings of the road in the past six months demonstrate. The statements convince every bondholder of the value of this property if reorganized and the control vested in the owners of the

> WM. H. BLACKFORD, WILLIAM H. PEROT, JOHN A. TOMPKINS, FRANK T. REDWOOD, BASIL B GURDON, J. W. MIDDENDORF, Reorganization Committee of the First Mortgage Bondholders of the Cape

Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway Company.

onds as provided for.

Change of Purchasing Agents. Raleigh News & Observer: "Mr. W. Edwards, Purchasing Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, will not be longer in the service of the system after the first of January. The work after that will de-volve on Mr. W. T. Reed, Superintendent of Motive Power. Mr. Edwards is a most capable and efficient gentleman, and has a host of friends who will hope to see him remain in Raleigh."

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY AT MIL-BURNIF.

Idy Johnson Bitten by His Bird Dog-Christmas Entertainments-The A. & M. College-School Superintendents-The Lease of the North Carolina Reilroad-Business Portion of the Town of Liberty Destroyed by Fire-Sate Treasurer Calls for Taxes.

[Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27. James Butler, a white citizen of Milburnie, was severely cut last evening and t is thought he will die. The sheriff has ent a deputy to the scene to take But-Mr. Idy Johnson, a well-known drug-

ast evening. Nearly all the Sunday schools in the city have given Christmas entertainments. The Baptist Tabernacle gave a unique entertainment which was largely

ist, was severely bitten by his bird dog

attended last evening. Mr. Chas. Newcomb, of the First Baptist church, was invited to sing last evening at the Church of the Good hepherd. He expected to sing until he arrived at the church, but upon learning that he would have to wear

surplice he declined. President Holladay of the Agricultural College has returned from Washington, where he went for the purpose of securing a military detail for duty as military inspector at the college. The school superintendents of the

State are in session here. There is a good attendance. Many leading educators are present, including Dr. Winston of the University. One of the best known attorneys in

this State said this morning, in talking to a Press Visitor reporter: "I was opposed to the lease of the North Caroina railroad to the Southern, when the deal was made. The contract was gone into and agreed by all parties. It was no child's play and it is a shame that any disappointed office seeker or politician should be allowed to cause such great investment unnecessary trouble ust for the sake of venting his own pleen. The Southern Railway went in the agreement with honesty of purpose and have invested thousands of dollars, which they would not have done otherwise. A few disgruntlers are trying to do a great deal of damage."

The gentleman who made these re marks is not an attorney for the South-

It can be stated with a certain degree of accuracy, though without official confirmation, that further improvement on the property of the North Carolina railroad will be discontinued until this matter is settled. Extensive preparations had been made for the rehabilitation of the shops at Burlington. This would have given employment to 1,200 people n that prosperous little town.

This is the week for the removal of the Southern Railway's terminus at West Point to its new deep water terminus at Portsmouth, Va.

[Special Star Telegram.] Treasurer Worth is addressing a circular letter to all the sheriffs of the State. arging the necessity of paying taxes as fast as possible. There were \$80,000 the treasury at the ending of the fiscal year, and with \$140,000 due January 1st, nterest on bonds and pension warrants. here will be a deficit of \$60,000 January ist unless prompt payment is made. The town of Liberty was almost en-

tirely destroyed last night by fire. The business portion was wiped out.

WILMINGTON AT ATLANTA. Characteristic of North Carolina Modes But a Model in Its Way.

The Manufacturers' Record makes the ollowing reference to Wilmington's exibit at the Atlanta Exposition "The Wilmington exhibit is character istic of North Carolina modesty, but it is model in the way of beauty and instruction. The frame is made of curly pine and curly poplar, by Fore & Foster. One map shows the city, its harbor, and

New Hanover county with its seaside reorts; another map shows Wilmington's commercial connections, by rail and water, with the trade centres on both sides of the Atlantic. A set of fifty medium size and large photographs arranged about these maps and on swinging frames show Hilton Park, the turnpike road the lumber mills, cotton mills, fertilizer actories, the harbor, cotton compresses and other facilities for manufacture and commerce. Two statistical charts give the population, and foreign exports in lumber, naval stores and cotton, and set forth the city's advantages for commerce and manufactures. On top of the frame are two fine transparencies, one of Wilmington's chief seaside resort, Wrightsviile Beach, and the other of cotton steamers loading at the Champion compress, one of the most complete plants of its kind in the United

FAILURE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Assignment of Frank Thornton—Assets and Liabilities Unknown. [Special Star Telegram.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.-No event which has ever happened in Fayetteville is more generally regretted than the assignment this evening of Frank Thornton. For years Mr. Thornton has been one of the leading dry goods merchants of the State. He has always carried a heavy stock and has employed regularly about thirty-five ady and gentlemen clerks. While Mr. Thornton has always looked very closely after his own business, he has found time to look after the interests of the town as well. He is strictly a publicspirited man and the same push and energy which has characterized him as a merchant he has always displayed as the worthy and generous citizen. He has contributed largely to the building up of the town, and now in his misfortune there is but one expression upon the lips of all classes of people, and that is sym-

Mr. Thornton's liabilities are not heavy, and it is thought that his creditors will lose only a small part of th claims. R. M. Nimocks is assignee. The assets and liabilities are unknown at this hour, 9 o'clock.

Free Silver in the Senate.

The New York World has made a canvass of the United States Senate, which shows that at the lowest possible estimate of the free silver strength the Senate now stands 46 absolutely for free and unlimited silver coinage, 88 against, 8 doubtful and one seat vacant (Dupont, of Delaware, claimant). Utah will elect two Senators in January, which will give the advocates of free silver 48 out of 90 votes, with three doubtful. It is thought that two of these are silver men; and, if so, the number will be increased to 50,

- The Seaboard Air Line will on sale to December 81st inclusive,

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DIVISION OF SPOILS PROBLEM FOR THE POPULISTS AND

REPUBLICANS. Loge Harris Thinks Russell Will Get the Gubernatorial Persimmon-Senator Pritchard Will Succeed Himself-Street Improvements in Raleigh-The S. A. L. and Its Employes.

| Star Correspondence |

RALEIGH. December 28. The division of spoils among Popuists and Republicans is a problem which the co-operative forces have paid but ittle attention to.

Loge Harris was asked to-day by

Populist how the pie would be meted cut. While Loge does not profess to be able to solve the political mystery, still he has an opinion of his own. Loge thinks that Senator Pritchard will succeed himself and the gubernatorial plum will go to Russell. He says that the Republicans are entitled to these two offices, which outshme all the others put together. Two Justices of the Supreme ourt are to be elected and these, Mr. Harris says, can be divided or let the Populists have both. Anything for harmony, remarked the father of fusion. The other offices can be easily distributed, thinks Mr. Harris. Time alone

The Street Committee will at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen recommend the curbing of the sidewalks on every street in Raleigh. They will ask that work begin on every important street immediately. The curbing costs about thirty cents per foot. A pave-ment three feet in width will be placed in the gutter lines when the curbing is

It is expected that Treasurer Worth's appeal to the sheriffs will bring a good sum to the State's rescue. The effect of the notice will be to force sheriffs to

collect, even by distress. The Seaboard Air Line did well by its employes. They were all paid up to date Christmas night. Vice President St. John sent best wishes to the heads of

the departments. The letting of what is known at Star outes in Postoffice parlance is becoming to be a monopoly with big contractors. Star routes let in this city to the rural districts are often bid in by persons of a different State as a means of speculation. These contractors sublet the contracts to some local man. The evil cannot be remedied, as the contracts are always awarded to the lowest bidder. Mr. Chas. C. McDonald is a shrewd advertiser. He got up a handsome little phamphlet as a Xmas present. It consisted of elegant tellographic pictures of places of interest in the city. A copy

sent a letter of thanks to Mr. McDonald through Secretary Thurber. Vice President Andrews has heard no more of the rumored consolidation of the Southern and B. & O. railways than has been printed in the Northern papers. He was much interested in the reported

was sent to President Cleveland and that

gentleman was so pleased with it that he

Death of Capt. B. F. Langdon. Capt, Richard F. Langdon, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Wilmington, died yesterday at his home in this city after an illness of a few

weeks in the 68th year of his age, Capt, Langdon was a gentleman of the old school, refined in manner, genial and affable, kind-hearted and generous. He was born in this city May 12th, 1828, brother to Capt. Paul H. Langdon, now of Augusta, Ga., Dr. Walter Langdon, of Stockton, California, nephew of Dr. unius D. Young, Superintendent of the California Asylum at San Francisco, and uncle of Mrs. Thos. D. Meares of Wil-

nington, N. C.
In 1849, he left Wilmington for Cali. fornia, and remained there some years, returning as a delegate from that State to the National Democratic Convention which met in Charleston, S. C., shortly before the late war. Coming to Wilmington he entered the service of the Confederate States and served throughout the war in the Third North Carolina Infantry, first as lieutenant and then captain, until the surrender at Appo-

Returning again to Wilmington, in 1865 he accepted a position in the auditor's office of the W. & W. Railroad ompany and held this place up to the me of his death.

While in California Capt. Langdon was secretary to the late Admiral (then Commodore) Farragut, and had a ring resented to him by this officer, which e prized very highly. The funeral of Capt. Langdon will

take place this morning at 11 o'clock from St. James' Church. MASONIC INSTALLATION.

Laurinburg Lodge - Address by Past Master M. C. S. Noble. [Star Correspondence.]

LAURINBURG, N. C., December 28. Prof. M. C. S. Noble, Past Master of Orient Lodge of Wilmington, N. C., installed the officers of Laurinburg Masonic Lodge last night and delivered the charge to the officers.

After the installation, for three quarters of an hour he addressed the audience upon the origin and foundation of the raternal brotherhood of "Speculative Masonry." Beautifully and impressively he showed that the spirit of brotherhood inherent took outward form and adopted tokens of recognition when the great number of workmen of the Temple at the close of their seven years' of labor went forth into the world; that while the highest form of art of that day was in the keeping of operative Masons, today modera inventions have changed the relation, but the principles are the same, and in the lodge room all "meet on a common level; teach men to act upon

the plumb and part upon the square. This is a meagre outline, His lan-guage is beautiful, manner impressive and his recitation excellent, all of which was appreciated thoroughly by his audience, and this appreciation shown by the rapt attention which he commanded.

Carried a Rabbit Foot. Horatio-he of the A. C. L.-left us

last night for a visit to his old home in Indiana. But he knows too much about railroads to travel without a mascot. So, in lieu of an accident policy, he provided himself with a "duly certified" rabbit foot from the STAR office; and, while

telescoped, head-on collisions may shake him up, and rear-end collisions may startle him and make "each particular hair to stand on end;" but Horatio will sell round trip five-day limit tickets to never be hurt so long as he carries that Atlanta at the rate of \$7.00. Tickets | left hind-foot of a Robeson county graveyard rabbit,

PANICIN'A THEATRE

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND TWENTY INJURED.

Cry of Fire Raised During a Performance -Med Rush For the Exits-People Tram-

it Selectaph to the Morning Star

pled to Death.

BALTIMORE December 27 .- Thirteen odles lie calm in death at the morgue o-night and twenty persons are in the accident wards of the City Hospital, the result of a panic at Front Street Theatre. The United Oriental Opera and Dra-matic Company of New York was presenting an opera in the Hebrew language to an audience of fully 3,000 persons. Shortly after the performance begun some one shouted "fire," and the immense gathering with one accord began a wild scramble for the exits. Men and women and boys and girls fought for a vantage ground, and a scene of the wildest confusion prevailed. The street doors were closed, and being hung to open inward the struggling mass of humanity was brought to a standstill Those in the rear climbed over the heads of the ones in front and trampled the weaker ones beneath their feet. For several minutes the wild fight for liberty

When the policemen arrived on the scene they found a mass of struggling numanity five feet deep in the small foyer of the playhouse. One of the doors was forced open and the work of pulling out the dead and injured was commenced. An alarm of fire was turned in, followed immediately afterwards by an ambulance call. Patrol wagons were also pressed into service and were scon hurrying to the city hospital with one or two of the unfortunates. None of the dead have been identified up to 10 p. m. Among the dead are two men of 22 and 85 years respectively, a woman aged about 25, three girls aged 4, 7 and 18 respectively, and three boys whose ages range from 2 to 18 years. Among the injured are two girls aged 18 and 14 respectively, two women of 88 and 60 years, bo; s of 4, 5 and 11, and two men aged 23 and 80.

A FARMER MURDERED.

Boott Currie, of Richmond County, Agentsinated by Four White Men-The Murderess in Jail.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., December 27 .- In Richmond county, near the South Carolina line, Scott Currie, a white farmer. was assissinated by four white men-Rob't Wilson and Alex. Wilson, brothers, and Peter L. Pate and his son Wm. Pate. Currie left home at night to visit a neighbor and did not return. His wife next morning at daylight went to the house of the man her husband had said he would visit. She found her husband's body within seventy-five yards of the house. His brains were beaten out and he was shot through the head and

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laying Currie and that Wm. Pate did

arm. The coroner held an inquest and

evidence quickly developed against the

four men named above. Their arrest

followed and the Wisson brothers con-

lessed that all four were

the shooting. Ali are in jail.

Sumors that an Arrangement Has Been Made for an Issue of Four Per Cent. Gold Bonds-Treasury Beceipts-The Gold Re-

By Telegraph to the Moraing Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 -There is a well authenticated rumor in circulation at the Capitol to-day that the Treasury Department is now preparing a contract, presumably with the Morgan-Drexel syndicate for the sale of 80-year four per cent. gold bonds. It is believed that the contract will be signed within the next few days. If this report be true, it presupposes a knowledge on the part of the administration that the bond bill now under consideration in the House will fail in the Senate. The administration is reported to be strongly inimical to the pending measure and it is stated on high authority to-day that an intimation to that effect has been sent from the Executive Mansion to all the Sound Money

Democrats both in the House and Sen The Treasury receipts for December will probably exceed the expenditures about \$500,000 and leave the deficit for the half year at about \$15,500,000. So far this month the Treasury has exchanged \$18,000,000 in gold for legal tenders and for the half year to date about

\$74,000,000. The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$68,717,-997. The amount withdrawn at New York to-day was \$857,000, stated to be for domestic use.

of gold for domestic use have aggregated more than \$1,000,000 and the belief is entertained that it is withdrawn to enable the holders to be in a position to pay gold for United States bonde when a new issue, as is shortly anticipated, is

RAILROAD RATE TRUST.

The Joint Tariff Association's Agreement in Violation of the Inter-State Commerce By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28 .- United States District Attorney Wallace Macfarlane, acting under instructions from Attorney General Harmon, will institute proceedings in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, to restrain the Railroad Rate Trust, styling itself the Joint Tariff Association, from operating under an agreement which is designed to go into effect January 1. The Association includes twenty-nine of the largest railroad corporations of the country. Attorney General Harmon in his letter of instructions to Mr. Macfarlane, encloses a letter from Chairman Morrison of the Commerce Commission Inter-State Chairman 'Morrison's letter covers a copy of the Traffic Association's agreement, with a comment that the commission believes that it is "in conflict with the act to regulate commerce, and cannot be carried into effect without violating the provision of said act."

The commission, therefore, acting under section 18 of the act, requests the Attorney General to take steps by injunction or otherwise to prevent the carrying into effect of the agreement and for the punishment of all violations of the Inter-State Commerce Act.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Special Vestibuled Train Service Between New York and Florida to Commence Jannary Sixth.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, WASHINGTON, December 28.-Commencing January 6th, next, the Atlantic Coast Line will again put in service for the season their world-renowned New York and Florida special Pullman ven-tibuled train, with many special im-Horatio is not superstitious, it is a fact that he would not have started on his trip if he had not secured that STAR rabbit foot.

Trains on which he travels may be lowing evening. This train will connect at Waycross at 5.80 p. m. with a special fast train of the Plant system for Tampa Bay, arriving there at 8 o'clock next

> W. K. Ryan, a wealthy citizen of Charleston, S. C., died at his home in that city Friday night.