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We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum.

THEY WANT IT ALL.

One of the strong arguments against the free coinage of silver, they seem to think, is that it is favored by the thinly populated States of the West and the South and opposed by the more numerous populated States of the North and East.

As men whose interest it is to prevent money from becoming plentiful will, as they are doing now and have been doing, resist every attempt to restore the free coinage of silver or to make any other change in the present system, which would put it in the power of the South and West to secure a larger volume of currency or become independent of the Eastern money lenders.

Not satisfied with the immense power which they already have in Congress, because of the greater population in the Eastern States, they would like to increase it by multiplying their Senators, thus practically depriving the South and the West of political independence as they have of financial independence.

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The fact is the more populous States have already too much power and they have been wielding it with horrid selfishness and most cold-blooded indifference to the interests of the less populous and less powerful States.

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ful States. That's what made a half dozen of the rich, populous and assertive Eastern and Central States masters of the situation for many years and dictators of the monstrous tariff which plundered the West and the South, and that is what has destroyed our American financial system and substituted in its place a system that is as un-American as it possibly could be.

The Eastern States are the money lenders of this country and the financiers of those States seem to be under the impression that they have an inalienable right to be consulted and to say what kind of legislation should be enacted when the money issue is up.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP.

JUSTICE WALTER CLARK'S BOOM FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP.

He is Senator Butler's Choice—Talk of Justice Walter Clark's Boom for the Governorship.

As I stated several weeks ago, a move is on foot to make Justice Walter Clark Governor. Ohio Wilson is said to be quite enthusiastic for Judge Clark.

A gold organ exchange remarks that there has been no actual fall in prices but simply an "adjustment of values."

The Virginia Legislature will ask our Legislature to provide jointly with the latter a permanent monument of granite to mark the boundary line between the two States.

Supplies in the city markets yesterday evening were below the average in quantity, on account of the recent severe weather.

Little or no fruits are offering. Northern apples sold at 40¢ per peck and West India oranges \$5 to 80¢ per dozen.

Mr. Stephen L. Meredith, a well-known resident of Wilmington, died yesterday at his home in this city after a prolonged illness, in the 97th year of his age.

Another Subject. The Ocean City, a small deep-sea fishing steamer, like the Endeavor, has been here for several days cooling and preparing for sea.

Whiteville News: "Clarkton is to have a cotton factory, if such can be had. Over twenty thousand dollars has already been subscribed."

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

CONSIDERED BY THE WILMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A Resolution Reported by the Committee on Pilotage Discussed—It Urges Abolition of the Law—Arguments for and Against the Change—The Question Referred for Consideration and Report at the Next Meeting of the Chamber.

Upon calling the meeting to order, President Chabourn stated that it had been called for a special purpose, to consider compulsory pilotage.

Mr. S. M. Northrop, in presenting the resolution of the committee, said that the Chamber of Commerce had received a number of complaints from the shippers at this port, from masters and owners of sailing vessels, of excessive pilot charges, especially the sailing pilotage, and the pilots and the Board of Navigation confer together and report at the next regular meeting.

After the resolution was read, Mr. Geo. Harris, by request, read the State law governing pilotage.

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Mr. Borden introduced the captain of the schooner Roger Moore, a vessel which was wrecked at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, and which was wrecked at the mouth of the Cape Fear river.

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FITZ'S FIGHT.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF MAHER'S DEFEAT.

Maher Describes His Sensations—Fitz Ready to Fight Any Man in the World.

In a two-column telegram yesterday the STAR gave a graphic story of the fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher.

"There didn't I tell you he was out," remarked Fitz in a peevish tone, as he turned to pull his bath robe up around his neck.

Mr. C. E. Borden then made a motion that the Messrs. Craig confer with the pilots, then the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Navigation confer together and report at the next regular meeting.

Mr. J. W. Craig said that the pilotage was too excessive, that it might be reduced.

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Col. Joseph L. Pollett.

One of Sheridan's Commanders. Saved by Paine's Celery Compound.

Col. Joseph L. Pollett of New York has a national reputation. At the age of 81, Col. Pollett enlisted in Battery G, First Missouri Light Artillery, and soon rose to its command.

Since the war he has devoted himself to mechanical engineering and has invented several important improvements on the sewing machine, and a bicycle that promises to be one of the surprises of next season.

The tension on the nervous system of an inventor, kept up for months and months, seriously weakened the health of a busy worker like Col. Pollett, and his constitution which even the hardships of war did not weaken, threatened to succumb to nervous exhaustion.

When suffering from mental exhaustion and a generally disordered system, and overworked, I used Paine's celery compound.

When the nervous system has become weakened from any cause, Paine's celery compound will give health to the system. It makes people well.

People in every walk of life have reason to be grateful to Prof. Phelps of Dartmouth, the eminent chemist, who discovered Paine's celery compound.

Colleges conferred upon Dr. Phelps their highest honors in medicine, but all this seems insignificant in comparison with the chorus of gratitude that has gone up all over the world from men, women and children who have been cured of various ailments by the use of Paine's celery compound.

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HE RIFLED LETTERS.

Heber Gaskins, Son of Postmaster Gaskins, of Grifton, N. C., Arrested by the Postoffice Inspector and Held in \$1,000 Bail.

GREENVILLE, N. C., February 28.—To-day Postoffice Inspector Gregory brought Heber Gaskins, aged nineteen, to Greenville and placed him in jail.

Young Gaskins is a son of Postmaster G. Gaskins, of Grifton, this county, and had been serving as clerk in the post-office there.

General that letters containing money, forwarded from some of these country offices, had been rifled in transit, and the Inspector was sent down to look up the case.

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