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## CURRENCY REFORM.

The report comes from Washing ton that the President will shortly send to Congress a special message urging the necessity of reform in our currency system to "restore confidence" and improve abroad the credit of American securities. It will be urged, it is said, that some thing like this is imperatively necessary to bring foreign capital this way and prevent it from going out of the country as much has already done and as much more will do unless some effective steps be promptly taken to put our monetary system on a sound basis. It is intimated that the Treasury guardians are becom ing apprehensive of more draining of the Treasury and foresee impending gold raids, and that one of the objects in view in sending in this special message is the hope that Congress may be persuaded to do something to protect the gold reserve and obviate the necessity of another issue of bonds.

At present there doesn't seem to be any extra demand for gold for ment, and while this condition lasts the gold reserve will be pretty safe, but if there should be any extra demand and gold goes up as a consequence then the raiding will begin and the reserve will go glimmering, as the reserves have been doing for the past few years.

The Washington news gatherers

do not enlighten us as to the recommendations that will be made in the anticipated message, for the reason, we suppose, that they didn't know and didn't want to guess, but it wouldn't be hard to make a guess that wouldn't be very far out of the way, if the President should decide to formulate and send to Congress such a message. In his recorded utterances, in the postive position he has taken in favor of gold and the aid and comfort he has been giving those who carry the gold standard are pointers enough to indicate the bent of his thought when he sits down to write that document.

He will plead for congressional recognition of the gold standard. There is no doubt as to that, and will urge that the refusal to do so will be construed by the capitalists of other gold standard countries as a desertion of gold, the practical effect of which will be to shatter European confidence and make it impossible for American enterprises to secure loans in these countries. It will be represented as practically putting this country on a silver basis, and hastening the withdrawal of gold from it. A positive declaration in favor of "sound money"-that is gold-may be expected in this message, if it comes, which is doubtful, to say the least.

The remedy he will propose to command confidence, and at the same time secure currency reform, outside of the declaration in favor of gold, is not so apparent, but there is little doubt that one of the steps necessary to show that we mean business he will point out to be getting rid of the greenbacks which, in the language of his friend banker Benedict, serve as a "pump" to drain the Treasury of its gold. There are \$346,000,000 in greenbacks, which is a little over onesixth of the total amount of our money. It doesn't require any guessing to arrive at this conclusion, for Secretary Carlisle, Secretary Smith, Secretary Morton, Comptroller of the Currency-Eckles and scores of others who have been in close touch with the administration. have demanded and reiterated the demand for the retiring of the greenbacks as the essential step to the as the gold advocates always do, protection of the Treasury gold re- that the free coinage of silver at a serve. I hat is a matter of record, would, without some suggestion universal breaking of the banks, inlet omitted.

The gold worshippers don't like the greenback any better than they do the silver dollar, nor as well, and the next move we may expect if they next election will be to knock the mascerating machine, the favorite way of doing them up before Congress passed the act directing that when redeemed they be re-issued and kept in circulation.

retary of the Treasury wants the as positive in their predictions then sale by R R BELLAMY

authority to tie the redeemed green. backs up in big bundles with a strong piece of twine and shove them into a corner of the vault until authority comes to destroy them and the little dessicating, mascerating machine is put in operation. If they could get rid of the greenbacks this would remove the only effective agent for draining the gold reserve, and would also remove \$346,000,000 from the volume of the currency, which would make money that much the dearer, and that much the "sounder," accordng to the ideas of some of the gold

standard financiers. The only way yet suggested by which these greenbacks may be retired is by issuing bonds to get gold to redeem them and then get authority from Congress to destroy them. This is what has heretofore been recommended. Whether Mr. Cleveland has discovered any other way of retiring them the public has not been advised. But it doesn't matter so much what the recommendations may be in this special message, (if one should be sent to Congress, which we doubt,) for this late in the season there is not the slightest probability that Congressmen would give it serious attention or that there is the remotest probability of a currency bill being passed if one were presented on the lines laid down in the message. The Solons are becoming anxious to get home and they couldn't be induced to enter upon a financial debate this

late in the season. His only motive could be in sending such a message to Congress to define and emphasize his position on the monetary question as he did on the tariff question in the last year of his first administration. That was then considered a very ill-timed and unfortunate message by some Democrats and this anticipated one might prove to be quite as ill-timed and unfortunate for the friends of the gold standard.

# HON. CHAS. M. STEDMAN.

In common with his hosts of friends the STAR regrets to learn that Hon. Chas. M. Stedman has decided to leave North Carolina to become a citizen of Georgia. About the first of May he will leave Asheville for Atlanta, where he will make his home and devote himself to the practice of his profession, the law.

There are few men in North Carolina whose departure would be more regretted, for there are few who are better known or more justly esteemed, not only by those who have the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance, but by the multitude who know him by reputation only.

A young and gallant soldier of the Lost Cause, when the flags were furled, he, like thousands of other young men, began the battle of life, and by his industry, energy and ability went to the front, where he took position and where he has remained ever since, filling the honored positions to which he had been called by his fellow citizens with credit to himself and honor to them. A Democrat without alloy, there never was an hour when he was not ready to respond to the call of his party. Brave and aggressive in the field he was cool and wise in council, and to him, and such as he, belongs the honor of redeeming North Carolina from the spoiler and putting her at the front as one of the great, re-

deemed, Southern commonwealths.

As a Democrat he was uncompromising and unselfishly loyal; as a the ordinary Chicago burglar man. citizen he was the zealous promoter of what he believed to be the best interests of his community or State; as a friend of progress he was ever ready by word and deed to aid in any meritorious enterprise; as a man he was amiable, courtly in manners, and drew friends to him whom his stirling virtues held friends for life; a lawyer thoroughly read, industrious, untiring, loyal to his clients, and singularly gifted with a persuasive power of oratory he ranked among the legal giants, and with all he was the genial, companionable, unselfish man who won friends wher-

## Carolina loses when he goes from us MINOR MENTION.

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he won. This is what Georgia and

Atlanta gain when he casts his desti-

nies with them and this is what North

Secretary Carlisle delivered his speech to working men at Chicago yesterday. It was substantially the same speech which he delivered at other places in the country when laboring to stem the "silver craze" and boost the gold standard, of which he has become the most conspicuous champion. He assumes in this speech, as he always does, and ratio of 16 to 1 would result in so that any paper on currency re- financial catastrophe such as this form emanating from Mr. Cleveland | country has never seen, causing a about retiring the greenbacks, be dustrial paralysis, with all the attenlike the play of Hamlet with Ham- dant evils, making a picture quite as frightful as the lurid picture he drew in 1878 of the horrid consequences of the demonetization of silver. assumes all this and

then from the assumption, which no succeed in knocking silver out at the silver man admits, he goes on and argues his case for gold and greenbacks out and commit them to warns the workman against the free the archives of antiquity or to the coinage of silver at 16 to 1. The opponents of the free coinage of silver in 1878 predicted substantially the same results and they reiterated these predictions when Congress

as they are now. Did they pan out? Not much. The result knocked them out and discredited them as prophets of evil. They are playing the same old fake role now and Mr. Carlisle has joined them to fool people who they think may have forgotton their lurid prophecies in

We live in a day of civil commotions, wars and rumors of wars, but we also live in a day of mighty progress and of marvellous scientific discoveries, the end of which no mortal being can conceive. When Prof. Roentgen staggered the credulity of the scientific world by the announcement that with the so-called X ray he had succeeded in taking photographs through solid substances scientists familiar with electricity soon began to experiment, and their experiments not only confirmed all that the Professor had said but went far enough to show that he, like many other discoverers, had scarcely crossed the threshold. Among these experimenters was the great Edison, n whose works there is always something practical. He has made some wonderful inventions by which the X ray may be effectively and almost instantaneously utilized by the physician and surgeon, obviating the slow and tedious methods by which Prof. Roentgen achieved results. Edison expressed the opinion that the X ray would prove to be an effective agency for the destruction of disease germs, an opinion which some other scientists and physicians were disposed to consider as visionary. But the suggestion put other scientists not only to thinking but to working, the results of which are

in Chicago, which we clip from the New York Journal: "It would be impossible to over-estimate the importance to humanity of the discovery, which two Chicago scientists report, of the fatal effect upon the bacteria of disease of the Roentgen or X rays. Professor W. P. Pratt and Professor Hugh Wightman, of the Bennett Medical College, Chicago claim to have taken every precaution to verfy their discovery before making it public. They declare that in the case of the bacteria of diphtheria there is not the vaguest doubt that exposure to the mysterious rays resulted in the death of the pests. With almost equal confidence they report like results of experiments with the bacteria of cholera, influenza, pneumonia, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and other less deadly infectious diseases. If their conclusion be correct, plague and pestilence will be things of the past in civilized nations. The annual dread of the onward march of Asiatic cholera will be forgotten, for even the sacred pool from which that scourge proceeds may be so purged of its germs of pestilence that fanatical pilgrims may drink

given in the following editorial re-

ference to some experiments made

of its waters and live." Mr. Booth-Tucker claims that he made 10,000 genuine converts in India. Mr. Gillespie doesn't believe it and is willing to back his unbelief by wagering that Mr. Booth-Tucker didn't make 100 genuine converts in India. Here is a chance for Mr. B.T. to verify the number of his converts and also to convert some of Mr. Gillespie's lucre to his own use if he has no conscientious scruples

against betting. The Vanderbilt car in which Vanderbilt and Hon. Chauncey M. Depew were swinging 'round the circle was broken into at Chicago the other night, but Chauncey in his night shirt grasped a revolver, rushed to the platform and the robbers lit out. Well, we should think so. The man who could stand before Chauncey in his night shirt with a loaded revolver in hand must have more nerve than

A New York man is quoted as saying that there is only one simon-pure apothecary shop in this country, that is a drug store which does not tolerate prepared nostrums, but confines itself strictly to putting up prescriptions. That one is on Fifth Avenue, keeps ten prescription clerks and chemists employed and does a business which gives the proprietor an income of over \$25,000 a year.

For a man who has been killed or died a natural death so often, Gen. Gomez manages his troops pretty well and does some vigorous and picturesque writing. In one of his recent papers on Weyler he spoke of Weyler's "pools of blood dried by conflagrations," which was a pretty red-hot sort of phraseology. "Jack the Hugger," who was ar-

rested in Chicago and convicted of having hugged, without previous notice, five pretty girls, was fined \$5. Only \$1 a hug, and pretty girls, too, is putting the price down pretty low. On this schedule of prices the presumption is that Jack will go into business again as soon as he can raise another \$5.

The great fight for control of the Chicago convention will be made in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan. These four States girl went to warm, was in full view from four hundred people witnessed the Taces will have 132 votes, and the fight for the street. Ashe was standing in the to-day. The first race was in the three them will be desperate. The silver | doorway at the time of the fight and | minute class, for a purse of two hun-Democrats are confident of carrying Illinois and Michigan and the chances favor them in both Indiana and Iowa.

Very few of the dear money newspapers seem to have heard the news from Missouri (especially from St. Louis) or Alabama. They ought to enlighten their readers by proving now that the "free silver craze is

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## SUPERIOR COURT.

TRIAL OF A CASE OF GREAT INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY.

Ex-Policeman Holmes Charged With Assaul and Battery With a Deadly Weapon Upon Mr. R. F. Hamme-The Testimony -Case Submitted to the Jury.

Upon the opening of court yesterday morning the trial of R. F. Holmes and A. J. Ashe, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, was resumed. After the jury had been called into the box, Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr., counsel for the State, stated to the Court that he wanted to call the Court's attention to perjury committed Tuesday by a juror now in the box. That Tuesday the State had tried by every means to stand juror John T. Howe (colored) aside; that when the question was put to Howe, "Have you raid your taxes for the year 1894?" Howe's reply was, "I have." That they had examined the tax books, which they have in court, and that they find that John T. Howe still wes tax for the year 1894,"

Attorney White, for the defence, said he objected to the word perjury being used in connection with juror Howe, as Howe when he answered the State's uestions, had not been sworn.

Mr. Bellamy said he wanted to bring o light a glaring wrong. Juror Howe said that Mr. Bellamy did

not ask him about his 1894 tax.

Judge Starbuck said by consent he would let the juror stand aside, or if counsel did not consent, he would make a mistrial. Mr. Sutton, for the defence, said that

they were willing to let the juror stand aside, but asked that another colored uror be called in his place. Judge Starbuck looked at Mr. Sutton

n apparent amazement, and asked him o repeat his remark. Mr. Sutton hastily arose and begged the Court's pardon, saying that he did

not mean it as an order. After counsel for the State had conferred together, Col. Waddell asked the Court for a mistrial and a postponement. Judge Starbuck said it was his duty

to stand the juror aside and let the case

20 OU. Mr. Bellamy said the State didn't want the defendants convicted if they were not guilty; but "we can't get a jury from the bystanders." He asked that the case be postponed; he didn't care whether it was until next term or only for a short time; but for time enough to let a special venire be summoned.

Z E. Murrell was called as the next juror and was accepted by both sides. Mr. Bellamy said he would like to suggest hereafter that a juror be sworn at the time he enters the box.

At 10 o'clock the trial commenced. Col. Waddell read the bill of indictment, charging the defendant Holmes with assault and battery with a metal knuck or pistol, with intent to kill. The witnesses for the State were then

The first witness called was Mr. R. F. Hamme, who testified that he keeps a hat store at No. 26 North Front street. On the morning of the 7th of last February he went down to work about 8,80 o'clock. As soan as he entered his store Mr. E. C. Moore, his clerk, went to breakfast. After Mr. Moore had gone a little girl came into the store and asked to look at a red Tam O'Shanter hat with a feather in it. He did not have a red hat, but showed her a blue one. She tried on several and then asked if she might go and warm. When she was going to the stove Mr. Moore returned from breakfast. After having warmed, the girl lef; the store, saying she would go home and get her mother to buy the hat. Between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the same day the defendant Holmes came into his store, with the same girl. Holmes, said, "I came in here to see about this girl being insulted." I replied that she had not been insulted. Holmes insisted that she had.

Attorney White here addressed the Court and said they had not entered a plea as yet. As to Ashe, they pleaded not guilty; as to Holmes a former conviction of for assault and battery and not guilty on the charge of assault and battery with deadly weapon.

These pleas were entered, and Mr. Hamme resumed his testimony. He said: "I offered to show Holmes the goods which the girl had priced and did show them to him. Holmes then asked the girl what insult I had offered her. She said I took a liberty with her. told Holmes it was not true, whereapon Holmes struck me, at the same time calling me a -- liar. I struck him back. Holmes then struck me three times, once over the eye. Ashe at the same time was standing in the doorway, thirty or forty feet away. I first saw Ashe when we commenced talking. When I struck at Holmes, Holmes struck me and Ashe came in right away. I picked up a stick. Holmes said 'I will kill the G-dscoundrel; he is trying to hit me.' At the same time he put his hand back to his hip pocket. Ashe then said, 'This thing has gone far enough,' and at the same time he took hold of Holmes."

As to the injury Holmes' blows made, Mr. Hamme said his left eye was closed from the effect of the blows, and that the eye-lid was split and the flesh cut to the bone.

On cross-examination, Mr. Hamme said Ashe didn't hit him nor did he try to hit him. That the stove, where the didn't come up until it was over. A iustice of the peace came down to the store and tried him (Hamme) for assault and battery.

At 10,80 o'clock the State called Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, editor of the Messenger, Messrs. DuBrutz Cutlar, H. H. Munson and Harriss Yopp. All testified that they had known Mr. Hamme for a number of years and that his character was

Dr. T. S. Burbank was then put on the stand and testified as follows: "I was called in to see Mr. Hamme after he had been assaulted, during the early part of last February. I found a wound that extended down to the bone."

In reply to a question by Col. Waddell, "Could the wound have been made with the naked f.st?" Dr. Burbank ant swered, "No, for the reason that if Mr. | morrow.

Hamme had been struck with the naked fist the marks would have either been

perpendicular or crossways; but they were horizontal."

Dr. Burbank further said that he found three bruises on Mr. Hamme. 'I sewed up his eye," he said. "The ornises were made with some metal substance; it would have taken three very heavy rings to have made the bruises. E. C. Moore testified: "I am a clerk m Mr. R. F. Hamme's store. On the morning of the 7th of last February left the store about 8.30 o'clock and went to my breakfast. When I returned

from breakfast about 9.80 o'clock, I saw a girl in the store, walking towards the stove. When I got in the store Mr. Hamme went to the desk and commenced writing. The girl, after warming for about five or ten minutes, went out, saying that she would return and purchase the hat. Mr. Hamme, when went in, was in full view of the street. Mr. Hamme did not offer her an insult while I was present."

J. W. Plummer, Jr., testified: "I work in an adjoining store to Mr. Hamme's. On the day of the assault I started for Princess street about 1.80 o'clock in the afternoon. I met Holmes and Ashe going in the direction of Mr. Hamme's store. Before I reached the corner of Front and Princess streets I turned and saw a crowd in front of Mr. Hamme's store. I went back and saw Holmes trying to get at Mr. Hamme. He (Holmes) had his hand in his hip pocket. saw the handle of a pistol in the same

pocket in which Holmes put his hand." John White testified that between the hours of three and five o'clock on the afternoon Mr. Hamme was assaulted, Holmes came up to where witness was working. Holmes had been drinking. He said that some one had insulted his girl and that he had taken Tony Ashe along as a witness; he went down to see Mr. Hamme, and that Hamme hemmed and hawed so much over it that he thought of breaking his neck, and at one time he did think he would kill him; that he had his thirty-two with him.

W. C. Smith testified: 'On the day of the difficulty I was on my way back to work from dinner. When I got in front of S. A. Schloss & Co's. store, I saw a man come out of Mr. Hamme's store; he started back in the store again; I saw it was Holmes; Holmes said, 'Let me get back.' Some one grabbed hold of Holmes and I recognized Ashe. Ashe said, 'You can't get back.' I then stepped into Mr. Hamme's store and saw Mr. Hamme standing in the store in a dazed condition. I found Mr. Hamme had a gash over his left eye. I went and got Dr. Burbank.'

J W. Miller testified: "I had a conversation prior to the difficulty with Holmes, who told me that some scamp had insulted his little girl, and he wanted to ask my advice. I advised him not to

Mr. Bellamy said that he wanted the Court to clearly understand that Mr. Hamme had denied on the stand insulting the girl.

Mr. Hamme was recalled and said he did not offer any insult to the girl. The State then rested its case.

The defence asked for time to confer. After conferring together, Attorney White announced that the defence would offer no testimony. Mr. Bellamy said the State would not

ask for a verdict as to Ashe, who was then discharged. Mr. D. B. Sutton opened the argument for the defence. After Mr. Sutton had

been speaking for about five minutes. Attorney White asked that the defence be allowed to introduce a witness as to former conviction of defendant Holmes: that he had overlooked this witness when he announced the defence's readi-

Mr. Bellamy objected. Judge Starbuck said he would allow

the defence to introduce the witness. Geo. Price, colored, then testified that he was a justice of the peace of New Hanover county. That Holmes was arrested on the same day of the assault, a short time afterwards. The affidavit and warrant upon which Holmes was arrested for assault and battery upon Mr. Hamme and found guilty before Justice Price, were put in

Argument was then resumed, and Mr. Iredell Meares opened for the State and was followed by Messrs. Sutton and White for the defence.

The Court then took recess until 8 o'clock in the afternoon. When the afternoon session commenced Mr. Bellamy made the closing

argument for the State. Judge Starbuck then delivered his charge, and at 4 p. m. the jury retired. At 5.15 p. m. the jury asked for instructions, and were brought into Court and

received instructions from the Judge, OTHER CASES. In the case of Mack Baldwin and

John McPnerson, colored men charged with highway robbery, the jury being unable to find a verdict, were discharged and "mistrial" entered upon the docket. John Phillips and Lizzie Lucas (both colored) charged with assault and battery on Mr. H. L. Tharp. Phillips submitted and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the county jail. The woman Lucas was discharged. Up to midnight the jury in the

Holmes case had failed to find a verdict. GREENVILLE RACES. Two Events-Four Hundred People Present

-Three More Races To-day.

[Special Star Telegram.] GREENVILLE, N. C., April 14,-Abou dred dollars. "Antique," owned by Hackburn and Willett, of Newbern, won the first purse. Time, 2.49. "Geo. D.," owned by B. W. Edwards, Snow Hill, second; "Harold," by S. T. White, Greenville, third; "Mary Lee," by Hooker & Smith, Greenville, fourth.

The second race was in the twothirty class, for three hundred dollars-"Anteo Bell," owned by M. H. White, of Hertford, was first winner. Time, 2.30; "Tille D.," by Hooker & Smith, Greenville, was second; "Rush Miller," by G. J. Studdert, Greenville, third; "Tyrolls," by Hackburn and Willett, Newbern,

The races were excellent, and so close as to require the full five heats to determine the winners. There will be three more races toTHE LATE E. M. NADAL.

of Wilson's Leading Citisens-Prom inent in Various Walks of Life. A Wilson correspondent of the News and Observer pays the following deserved tribute to the late Mr. E. M. Nadal, whose death was announced in the STAR a few days ago:

The death of Mr. Edward Morse Nadal, Wilson's leading druggist, has cast a gloom over this whole community, in which he was a leading citizen for years. He was a man of high intellectual endowment, of sterling integrity, business sagacity, a public-spirited citizen, and an humble Christian, being a'member of the Presbyterian church, and Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Nadal was at school at Horner'

when the war broke out, and as a boy ne enlisted and joined the cavalry. He was a brave and gallant soldier. After the close of the war he engaged in teaching. During its palmy days he was Professor of Mathematics in Wilson Collegiate Institute. Next to James H. Horner, he was the best teacher for boys in mathematics and Latin in the State. Later he went into the drug business, and was not only a capable druggist but well read in medicine as well. He had a successful and growing business. He was the originator and first president of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and long a member of the State Board of Pharmacy. He was a prominent and enthusiastic Mason and the head of the Knights Templars Commandery.

Some years ago Mr, Nadal was the prime mover in a local Building and Loan Association, and as its active manager has helped to build two hundred homes in this town where a larger per cent of the population own their nomes than in any other town in the State. He took great pride in the success of this association, and through i was instrumental in doing much good.

Mr. Nadal leaves a wife and a grown son. He married Miss Maggie Fentress f Raleigh.

Review of R. G. Dun & Co. The Weekly Review of Business and Finance issued by the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co. last weekshows a new feature and a noteworthy mprovement. This is a quarterly statement of "failures by branches of busi-Concerning this feature the

publishers say: "From this statement the relative effect of existing conditions upon the different industries and the different branches of business can be compared, and with the aid of records for the same month of previous years the effects of all changes in conditions upon each industry or branch. Alike to the practical man and to the student of economic problems, the returns thus possess a value and instructiveness which none published heretofore have possessed. It is not strange that they are sought with avidity by merchants of all departments who have to determine how far to extend or restrict credits in particular directions, and especially by bankers who need to watch constantly the various branches of businsss

Miss Hattle Whitaker, the accomplished and accommodating Wilmington agent of Messrs, Dun & Co. will give any further information that may be wanted.

DR. HOGE IN SAVANNAH.

Presched a Splendid Sermon There Sunday - A Reception Given Him Last Night-Will Be Home Thursday. [Savannah News, 13th.]

Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, N. C., preached to one of the largest congregations of the season at the Independent Presbyterian church yesterday morning. Dr. Hoge took his ext from Mark x: 18, "Why callest thou me good?" There is none good but one, that is God."

Dr. Hoge preached a magnificent sermon, and one which more than deighted his large congregation.

Dr. Hoge attended the Sunday school a the afternoon and preached again in the evening. He will remain in Savannah until Wednesday night, the guest of Mr. Randolph Axson, at Hall and Barnard streets. Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, a reception will be given Dr. Hoge in the Sunday school oom, to which all members of the church and congregation are invited, and where they will have an opportunity of meeting

Dr. Hoge has not yet decided whether he will accept the call to Savannah, but will probably make known his intentions in the matter within a few days The invitation to him from the Independent church congregation was unanmous, though he had never appeared before them until yesterday, and none of the congregation had seen or heard The congregation acted altogether on what was known of Dr. Hope as a man of renown and a minister of ability, and after hearing him they were satisfied they had acted wisely.

Narrow Escaps from Drowning.

A white man from the country had ar involuntary bath in the Cape Fear river yesterday afternoon. In a semi-intoxicated condition he seated himself on a pag of fertilizer lying on the edge of the wharf of the Navassa Guano Company, near the foot of Dock street, and falling asleep tumbled overboard. When he came to the surface of the water he struck out for the wharf with vigor. Martin Jones, a colored man, who saw the accident, came to the rescue with a long lighter pole which he extended to the man, who seized it with both hands and was pulled ashore by Jones and other colored men who came to his assistance. The man gave his name as John Wise, from Whiteville,

Assignment of B. F. Les & Co. Yesterday morning about 12 o'clock Constable J. W. Millis closed the store of Messrs B. F. Lee & Co. upon judgments against the firm by local creditors amounting to \$3,900. Later in the day papers were filed at the court house for an assignment, with Mr. Ino. R. Turrentine assignee and Mr. Herbert Mc-Clammy attorney. No statement of assets or liabilities was given in the as-

Mr. B. F. Lee said to a STAR reporter that the crisis was caused by a number of his creditors calling on him at the same time, and that he hoped to be on his feet again in a few days and continue

GREENVILLE RACES

Will Begin To-Day -Twinty-eight Horses Entered-Many Visitors Expected.

Special Star Telegram. GREENVILLE, N. C., April 14.- Everything is in readiness for the Spring races of the Greenville Driving Association. which take place to-morrow and next day. Twenty-eight horses are entered and some fine races are expected. Many visitors are already here, and two excursions will come to-morrow. The weather is excellent, though dust is rather plentiful.

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FUSION AT AN END.

Conference Committees of the Republican and Populist Parties Will Meet in Baleigh Friday-Likely to Break Up in a

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 15,-The fusion

Populists which took the State government from the Democrats, is at an end. It looks like the conference committees of the two parties to effect fusion will break up in a row. H. L. Grant says that the Republicans will never rield the Governorship nor desert their Presidential candidate. He says Butler s determined to break up fusion. He says it looks like he has formed a combination with some Democrats. Holton and Settle are opposed to fusion and will never yield to Butler. These three form a majority of the committee. Jim Young wants fusion on any grounds and Senator Pritchard, the other member. would like to bring it about to insure his return to the Senate. Hal Ayer says the Populists are bound to have

the Senator or the Governor. Butler and Pritchard will arrive in the morning. The Populist committee meets at four to-morrow evening. Kitchin and a few others are here, including Holton and Grant, of the Republicans. The Populist executive committee will appoint a sub committee to confer with the Republicans in regard to fusion. The two committees will meet Friday morning at ten o'clock.

SUPERIOR COURT

For New Hanover County-Judge Starbuck Presiding-First Day of

The Superior Court for New Hanover county convened yesterday morning, with Judge Henry R. Starbuck on the bench and M. C. Richardson, Esq., solic-

Upon the opening of court, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., chairman of the committee selected by the Bar to prepare suitable resolutions in commemoration of the late Hon. George Davis, asked Judge Starbuck to adjourn court at 12 o'clock next Friday that the committee referred to may have an opportunity at that time to confer and formulate ap propriate resolutions, and that 3 o'clock of the same afternoon be set apart for the hearing and adoption of said resolutions. His Honor stated that in deference to the wishes of the committee and of the Bar the time asked for would be granted.

The grand jury was drawn as follows: M. J. Corbett (foreman), M. A. Yarborough, J. A. Sutton, R. J. Fitzgerald, Chris. Blake, S. W. Woodcock, E. T. Huggins, S. J. Bryant, Jno. A. Everitt, C. W. Sullivan, Wm. Watters, Jas. Burch, Jao. F. Alderman, Lewis Fryar,

Davidson, R. A. Kingsbury. It was ordered by the court that the case of Rittenhouse vs. the Wilmington Street Railway Co. be set for trial on the second Monday of the next term of

The following cases were disposed of: Levy Lane, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the county Bryant Iones, convicted of larceny

G. W. Burch and Mag Andrews, f. and . Judgment suspended on payment of Tom Robbins, charged with abandon ment. Alias capias ordered. George Statton, charged with embez

was sentenced to four months in jail.

element. Alias capias ordered Mary Smith, charged with slander, John Danhardt, charged with selling quor on Sunday. Nol pros. Dan Carr, charged with abandonment

udgment suspended on payment of Frank Taylor, charged with larceny udgment suspended on payment of

J. S. Williams charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. J. S. Williams, charged with carrying concealed weapon. Judgment sus pended on payment of costs.

At 5 p. m. the Court took a recess until 10 a. m. to-day.

MORE HELP FOR CUBA.

Three More Cargoes of Arms and Ammunition Reported to Have Landed. A telegram from Key West of April 1th says:

New was received here last night o the landing on Cuban soil of the expediion commanded by Colonel Monson Aguirre, which was composed of 45 men 800 rifles, 400,000 cartridges and a large amount of dynamite. Although the expedition cost but \$50,

000 it is considered as important as those of Garcia and Callazo, because no money was spent on a steamer for it Senor Colas with special orders from delegate Palma, managed the affair is Key West and Tampa. He was assisted by Senor Payo and Senor Figueredo. Word has also been received here that two schooners loaded with arms and ammunition, but having no men aboard

except those in the crews, had arrived safely in Cuba, leaving their cargoes in he hands of General Maceo's army.

Carolina Central Mails. Mail matter is now taken on the Caroina Central Sunday train for points beween Wilmington and Hamlet. It is not, however, distributed by that train but is brought back from Hamlet and distributed Monday by the regular mail angement has been made for post-office between Hamlet and Charlotte. The same delivery for our Sunday mall has been attempted beretofore by a roundabout connection, but it has always been uncertain and irregular. The new plan should work much better.

Whether on pleasure bent, or business ake on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, and it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cent and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

Will Undoubtedly Gain" Largely in Circulation.

Kinston Free Press. The Wilmington DAILY STAR is twenty-seven and a half years old. The STAR has reduced its subscription to \$5.00 a year. It is one of the very best dailies in the State. Its reduction of subscription will undoubtedly cause it to gain largely in circulation.

### Marvelous Results. From a letter written by Rev I Gun-

derman, of Dimondale, Mich, we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seen.ed 13 if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery, it was quick in its work and highly satsize 50c and \$1.00.

SUPREME COURT DECISION

IN THE CASE OF STATE TREASURER VERSUS BATES ET AL.

One of the New Hanover Bank Cases. Result of Republican County Conventions-A Shooting Affair-Wm. Cram's Suit for Divorce-Burglaries in Raleigh novement between Republicaus and - Hussey Libel Suit-Rev. A. O.

Dixon. | Star Correspondence.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 14 The result of the Republican county conventions in the Sixth district which were held last week insure the two votes from that district for McKinley. The Sixth district has been accredited to the doubtful column, though claimed by Reed. The Presidential standing gives McKinley eighteen votes for certain, with the Fifth and Seventh districts

doubtful. Yesterday afternoon Mr. A. M. Mc. heters, superintendent of the Water Works Company, was attacked by a plumber named Wilson, Mr. McPheters s a man of small stature and he defended himself with a pistol. The bullet went wide of the mark and no injury was in flicted on Wilson. The assault occurred on a principal street and has attracted a good deal of attention. Mayor Russ has the case this morning.

Mr. William Cram has instituted proceedings against Mrs. Mary E. Cram. of Cornwall on the Hudson, for divorce. t will be remembered that Mrs. Cram figured in a number of cases in this court last year against Mr. Cram. There are many small burglaries go.

The next term of civil court meets here Monday. The Hussey libel suit against the News and Observer comes un or trial then Rev. A. C. Dixon preached his fare. well sermon to an immense audience last evening. The meeting will continue under the city pastors. There

ng on in the city.

were 100 conversions last evening. [Special Star Telegram.] In the case of the State Treasurer versus Bates, which is one of the New Hanover Bank cases, the Supreme Court decides there was no error. The Supreme Court reversed decision

in the case of Hubin vs. Wagoner, from Rockingham. FROM, MAXIMO GOMEZ.

He is Organizing and Arming a Formidable Army, and Will Soon Make it Hot for Weyler. Old Uscle Maximo Gomez (he is 72) s no fool, and he has not been spending

several weeks in Puerto Principe province for his health. He has been organizing and arming the most formidable body of troops that has yet met the Spanish invaders, and it will not be ong before he makes things very interesting for Butcher Weyler. Referring to affairs in Cuba, Signor Quesada, Cu-

Cuba continue, but we also continue to receive gratifying information from authoritative sources that our cause is progressing steadily and favorably. Gen. Somez is organizing a new army of invasion by means of the thousands of rifles and cartridges which have been lately landed in the island. He is being ably assisted in this by Gen. Calixto Garcia of Hawkins fame, the boat that was lost, and which we now know was scuttled by agents of the Spanish Government, and also by Gen. Francisco Carrillo, who was tried and acquitted of

the charge of fi ibustering at Wilming-"The vanguard of this new army is now coming west. July equipped for an aggressive campaign during the summer, when the unacclimated Spanish, roops will be confronted not only by vigorous Cubans but by the yellov ever as well. The native Cuban cas fight as well in the wet season as in the dry. It is a mistake to think that our operations will be discontinued on account of the wet weather. We will only redouble our efforts, and you may-

expect to see great results very soon."

National Bank of Goldeboro. The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application for the National Bank of Goldsboro, with a capital of \$50,000. The application was signed by the following citizens of Goldsboro William R. Allen, Nathan O'Berry, Wm. T. Yelverton, D. Robert Kornegay. Broadus H. Griffia, William T. Dortch, Marcellus J. Best, Geo. C. Royall, A. Roscower, Ernest B Dawey. Mr. J. W. Norwood of Wilmington is largely in-

terested in the bank. The Argus says: "The new bank has purchased the desirable and valuable corner on John and Walnut streets from Lyndon M. Humphrey, on which they will at once begin the erection of their banking house."

The Late W. W. Barnes.

Since the interment of the remains of the late W. W. Barnes in Bellevue cemetery, the grave has been visited by a large number of persons, The floral decorations have not lost their freshness and beauty. One special feature about the floral offerings, which were of surprising magnificence, was that seven of them were contributed by business friends in California. Many were given by commission men now in this section on business. Mr. Barnes being one of the old hands in that business and was well known among them. The other designs were from friends here. They

were very pretty.

Great Snips Hunt. This, from the Charlotte News will make Lodor, Green, Beery and other Wilmington sportsmen "hone" after a trip to the Cabarrus meadows:

Mr. Wm. P. Clyde, the rich New Yorker who has his dog training grounds at Harrisburg, and who spends several weeks in the fields about there with a party of friends each winter, has just closed a two weeks' snipe hunt on the Cabarrus meadows. He was piloted by Mr. W. S. Bingham, a local sportsman, who knows every foot of ground in Cabarrus and who is a clean shot. In the two weeks the party, Mr. Clyde, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Smith, Clyde's dog trainer, killed 800 snipe. Clyde said it was the greatest thing in the way of snipe hunting he ever saw, and next spring he will return and bring his

The Republican Congressional con-

vention for the Second district of Tennessee has renominated Henry R. Gibson for Congress. The nomination is equivalent to election. No Democrat has ever represented this district in Congress. The Republican majority is 13,000. Electric Bitters. Electric Bitters is a medicine for any

hunting party.

season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteract. ing and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion. isfactory in results." Trial bottles free Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electricat R R Bellamy's drug store. Regular Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at R. Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.