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former direction as well as full particulars as where you wish your puper to be sent hereafter. Unless you do both changes can not be made.

129 Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Re-spect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death. Postal Money Order or Registered Letter. Postmas-ters will register letters when desired. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the

Specimen copies forwarded when desired.

We are again sending bills to onr subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum. Many of our subscribers are responding promptly. Others, pay no attention to the bills. These latter do not seem to understand that they are under any legal or moral obligation to pay for a newspaper.

#### SOME SENSIBLE TALK,

We do not know who Mr. Geo. J. Strozier of Blitchton, Fla., is, but he writes a very pertinent and sensible letter to the Jacksonville Citizen, a gold standard paper, from which we make the following extract:

"I would like to know what the national Democratic platform means when it says: 'We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country, and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal, or charge for mintage."

'Now if that doesn't mean bimetallism in the strictest sense of the word, would like to know what it does mean. Furthermore, I would like to see this very great question settled as it is being settled in Georgia, by the voice of intelligence. Where differences exist (and differences do exist) we should discuss these questions upon their merits, neither condemning nor abusing anyone

"My humble opinion of the great question is this, that we ought to return to the good old doctrines of Democracy and repeal the tax of 10 per cent. on the issue of State banks. Give to the State the power to prevent the Wall Street gamblers from bringing on money panics and put silver and gold upon an equal footing, upon terms that will make each dollar buy a dollar's worth in the markets-each metal primary money and each dollar a money of final payment. This would enable us to increase the volume of the currency.

"The existence of State banks of issue would increase the use of and the demand for silver, because each bank would need to use it as a reserve fund to re-

tional agreement" referred to in its til at least four of the great Powers of the Western World" shall come platform and failing in that enact legislation providing for the free to an agreement as to the ratio, but Massachusetts is opposed to the free coinage of silver by independent coinage of silver and to any further action. But not one move has been purchase of silver bullion or th made in the direction of seeking in> coinage thereof on Government acternational agreement or in the way of effecting legislation looking to free count, which means that the men coinage without it. As a matter of who framed that platformy believe fact the platform has been ignored we have silver enough and that there and treated as a dead letter. Not must be no more coinage on any terms. In this they went consideronly that but the chief spokesmen of ably further than their Republican the gold standard, men who assume to speak for the Democratic party brethren who only went so far as to say that they were opposed to the and to pose as its interpreters and eaders, pronounce that platform free coinage of silver until there was political heresy, and the bimetallism a "prospect of international agree-

ment." But these Massachusetts which it declares for an incomprehensible absurdity. They didn't Democrats were not satisfied with sitting down on silver, but declare think so four years ago when they that the greenbacks must be retired, were endorsing that platform as very good Democracy, and its utterance and in as much as they will consent the right thing for the Democratic to the coinage of no more silver on party to do. any terms, this means that these The true Democrats of to-day \$346,000,000 of non-interest-bearstand upon that platform fairly and ing greenbacks must be destroyed and their places taken ogically interpreted and honestly by an equal amount of intercarried out and what they insist upon est bearing bonds, payable prinnow is that the same platform in

cipal and interest in gold. This bold substance be adopted, but in language declaration has at least the merit of so unequivocal that it will require no explanation, but be so plain that candor and we are glad that it has been made, for it is a plain announceevery one may understand it. If that platform had been carried out in ment of what we may expect if the gold men triumph. They will not good faith and in a spirit of loyalty be content with the ostracizing of to the party, there would be no agitation of the silver question now, no silver, but will destroy the greenbacks, and thus put the money systrouble over the monetary system, for that would be a solved probtem of the country absolutely in the control of the money-lenders and lem, and this country would, instead of being in a state of unrest, be tobond syndicates of the East. It requires the nerve of a pirate or the day one of the most prosperous councallousness of a professional hightries on the face of the earth. The gold standard men deprecate

they do.

wayman to endorse such a selfish, cold-blooded, plundering policy.

The reports from Michigan indicate that a strong, free silver delegation will go from that State to Chicago and will go with iron-clad instructions. So far a majority of the county delegates to the State Convention which meets at Detroit on the 29th instant, are avowed silver men, and the majority of these have been instructed. The gold men are kicking against instructions, but four years ago, although the delegation from that State was solid for Cleveland, they were still instructed. As this is a matter which rests with the State Conventions or may be left by the States for the delegations to de-

## A HOWLING MOB.

THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION AT MAXTON.

Pierce Fight Between the Bussell and Dock cry Factions-Both Appoint Delegates to the National Convention and Each Nominates a Candidate for Congressman. [Special Star Telegram.]

MAXTON, N. C., April 22 .- The Conressional Convention held here to-day usreportable. Such a howling mob never before met in a civilized community under the guise of representatives of the people.

The convention was called to order at toon and was opened with prayer by Rev. Hayes, colored; but it was of no use-no help came from above.

R B. Russell, chairman of the execu tive committee, appointed A. M. Long and John D. Cameron, of Richmond temporary chairman and secretary respectively, D. M. Morrison, H. I Quick, of Richmond, and K. R. Hammonds, of Anson, were appointed committee on credentials. Contests were announced from New Hanover, Brunswick, Union and Mecklenburg counties, The convention seemed to be divided between Smith and his opposition, or rather Dockery against Russell.

When the committee retired Speaking Henry Covington was called out by the Dockeryites, but being howled down by the Russellites was only able to make himself understood by placing his thumb to his nose and working his digits. The Russell faction called lustily for Swordsman D. B. Sutton, and that modest young attorney led the cry, making the walls ring for Sutton. This was kept up until 2 o'clock when a recess was taken. At 8 o'clock the committee reported, seating the regular delegates in all counties except Mecklenburg, where the Dockery contestants were admitted. A motion was made to adopt the report when "hell broke loose." Never since the "morning stars sang together" was such a scene witnessed. The Russell-

ites put up A. J. Walker, a Russel "savage" from New Hanover, for chairman, and J. W. Mullins, of Mecklenburg, for secretary, and headed by Sutton, the "big-un" from Bladen, proceeded to seat him; During the tussle which followed it looked as if both lactions would be wiped out, but the darkey was installed as chairman of his faction. The temporary organization was made permanent and Chairman Long, who kept as cool as a cucumber throughout, presided over the rest. Nominations were rapidly made and carried, so that in a few minutes two tickets were in the

field, as follows : Dockeryites: J. M. Smith of Richmond for Congress; J. M. Good o

#### SENSATIONAL STATEMENT.

Mr. Owen F. Love and Miss Mary Camp A Mejority of the Democratic Executiv Committee Ready to Join Hands with the Populists in a Political All'ages.

[Special Star Telegram]

Brady, of Fayetteville, to Mr. Owen F RALEIGH, N. C., April 21 .- Politics is Love, of Wilmington, took place vestertruly taking a sensational turn. Today afternoon in Fayetteville at St. night I learn that twenty-four of the John's Episcopal Church. Miss Brady is members of the State Democratic Exthe daughter of Mr. W. E. Brady, and ecutive Committee met in Chambers granddaughter of Major A. M. Camp Smith's office after the last meeting and bell, one of the oldest and most highly passed a resolution which stated that esteemed citizens of Fayetteville. The the day of partisanship had passed and church was beautifully decorated with that they were ready to co-operate with lowers most tastefully arranged, and a any organization that sought to secure a large concourse of friends of both bride change in our present financial system and groom were assembled to witness To-day a circular letter came from he ceremony. Washington. It was addressed to leading

Populists and emanated from Senato Butler and others. The letter was short and stated briefly that a majority of the chancel by the groom and his best man Democratic Executive Committee was Mr. Frank H. Stedman. The marriage ready to join handsjwith the Populists to ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Duc effect fusion. The letter did not oppose tor Joseph C. Huske, issisted by the an alliance between Populists and Dem-Rev. Joo. Huske and the Rev. Joseph N ocrats but rather favored it. Senator Starr, Major W. F. Campbell giving the Butler will make the same proposition which the Republicans refused, to the Misses Kate Underwood and Lizzie Democrats who control the committee. Brady, and the ushers were Messrs. A leading Populist says he is almost cer-Charles Gampbell, Archie Campbell tain that the proposition will be accepted, and he believes seventy-five per cent. of the Democratic party will cooperate. This new turn will no doubt create a sensation.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Called to Meet in the City of Raleigh Jun 25, 1896.

> RALEIGH, N. C., April 10, 1896. A Convention of the Democratic party of North Carolina is hereby called to assemble in the city of Raleigh on the 25th day of June, 1896, for the purpose lew personal friends. of nominating candidates for Governor and the other State officers and Presidential electors for the State at large; for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Demogratic Convention at Chicago, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly

come before it. The several counties of the State will select delegates to the State Convention in accordance with the plan of organiza-

tion this day promulgated. Done by order of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Smithfield, N. C. WILEY RUSH, Secretary.

(Democratic papers are requested to ublish).

As a result of the passage of the new lection law, many townships have been divided into voting precincts and no committees have been elected for these precincts: the several county executive committees are hereby requested to appoint, as soon as possible, committees for each new precinct, appointing whenever practicable the members of the old approximates 60,000 crates over last township committee resident in the new precincts. The committee thus apointed will serve until their successors shall be elected, which should be at the first precinct meeting hereafter held.

AMES H. POU, Chairman State Dem. Ex. Com. The Democratic press is requested to

### Democratic Plan of-Organization.

WEDDED IN FAYETTEVILLE.

bell Brady Married in Payetteville

The marriage of Miss Mary Campbell

The bride entered the church leaning

on the arm of her uncle. Maj. W. 1

ames Moore and George Underwood.

INTERESTING TO TRUCKERS.

Yesterday.

as Amended and Changed by the State Executive Committee.

The following is a carefully corrected copy of the Democratic Plan of Organization in North Carolina, as amended and changed at the recent meeting of the State Executive committee. All Democratic conventions hereafter will be held, and all Democratic candidates will be nominated according to this amended plan.

#### PRECINCT ORGANIZATION.

1. The unit of county organization shall be the voting precinct. In each precint there shall be an execu-Campbell, and wes' met just below the tive committee, to consist of five active Democrats, who shall be elected by the Democratic voters of the several precincts in the meetings first called by the County Executive committee. And said committee so bride away. The maids of honor were elected shall elect one of its members as chairman, who shall preside at all committee meetings.

2. The chairmen of the several precinct committees shall compose Numerous were the congratulations the County Executive committee, showered upon the happy couple, and the many handsome and costly presents which shall meet at the same time and place as the county convention

received showed the high estimation in which both Mr. and Mrs. Love are held first held in each election year, and not only here but also in Fayetteville elect a chairman of said county com-Mr. and Mrs. Love left Fayetteville for mittee, who need not be a member of Wilmington a short time after their the committee; and he shall preside marriage, being accompanied to the at all meetings of said committee, depot by a host of friends and well-wishand shall hold his place until his sucers. They arrived here about eight cessor shall be elected. A majority o'clock last night and drove to Mr Love's residence, where a most sumptuof said precinct chairmen, in person ous bridal supper awaited them and a or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. The county committee shall The STAR, in conjunction with other likewise appoint a central committee riends, unites in wishing the bride and of five, who shall act in its stead groom much happiness and prosperity when the county committee is not in session.

> 3. In case there shall be a failure on the part of any precinct to elect its executive committee for a period of thirty days, the county executive committee shall appoint said commit-

tee from the Democratic voters of said precinct.

4. The members of the precinct committee shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committees. 5. The County Executive commit-

from Florida has increased remarkably. tee shall call all necessary county Florida truck growers can ship fruit and regetables to New York and other large conventions by giving at least ten markets ahead of other sections and the days' notice by public advertisement business is highly profitable. in three public places in each pre-As an example of the-profits accruing cinct, at the court house door, and in rom early shipments of fruit and vegeany Democratic newspaper that may ables, it is stated that in Pasco county be published in said county, request-Florida, the money made on the strawberry crop alone last season far succeeded ing all Democrats of the county to the returns of any orange crop produced meet in their respective precincts on in the county. The vegetable movea common day therein stated, which ment over the Plant system this season said day shall not be less than three

ear's business. county conventions, for the purpose The crop this year has been largely ffected by the severe drought which has of electing their delegates to the been of long duration. In Manatee county conventions from the voters county especially, rain is badly needed; of meeting so held shall elect their other drawbacks were cold weather, heavy rains where none were needed, in the county conventions from the and high winds. Farmers in that sec-

MAJORITY RULE.

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Toledo, O.

bottle. Sold by all Druggists,

R. J. T.

Against the Western Union.

ent counties may disregard the vote of their respective counties to any candidate, provided two thirds ma jority of all his votes from the

county consent thereto. 2. The chairman, or, in his ab. sence, any member of the county senatorial, judicial and congressional committees, shall call to order their respective conventions and hold. chairmanship thereof until the convention shall elect its chairman. 4. The executive committee of the

senatorial, congressional and judicial districts, respectively, shall, at the call of their respective chairmen, meet at some time and place is their respective districts designated in said call. And it shall be their duty to appoint the time and place for holding conventions in their respective districts, and the chairmen of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairmen of the different county executive committees of the said appointment, and the said county executive committees shall forthwith call conventions of their respective counties in conformity to said notice, to send delegates to said respective district conven ions.

STATE CONVENTION.

The State convention shall be composed of delegates appointed by the several county conventions, Each county shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate for every one hundred and fifty Demo. cratic votes, and one delegate for fractions over seventy-five Demo. cratic votes cast therein at the last preceding gubernatorial election, and none but delegates or alternates so eiected shall be entitled to seats in said convention: Provided, That

every county shall have at least one vote in said convention. GENERAL RULES. 1. At all conventions the delegates

shall be selected, as near as may be, from the friends and supporters of the candidates voted for.

2. Such delegates-or alternates of absent delegates-as may be present at any Democratic convention, shall be allowed to cast the whole vote to which their precinct or county may be entitled.

3. In all conventions provided for by this system, after a vote is cast there shall be no change in such vote until the final result of the ballot shall be announced by the chairman of said convention.

4. All Democratic executive committees shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring in their redays before the meeting of the spective bodies.

5. The chairmen of the different county conventions shall certify the list of delegates and alternates to the different district and State' convendelegates to represent the precincts tions, and a certified list of saididelegates and alternates to the State voters of the respective voting preconvention shall be sent to the secretary of the State central committee. 6. It shall be the duty of the county committee, and of its chairman, to furnish such information and make such reports to the chairman conventions. In case no meeting of the State committee as he may desire.

he Outlook in Floride, Georgia and Virginia-Pecfit in Strawberries-Complaints of Drought. [Savannah News [ General Freight Agent F. B. Papy of the Plant system says that the freight JAMES H. POU. Chairman, traffic this year, especially in the vegetable line, is largely in excess of that of last year. The movement of vegetables

Asheboro, N. C.

deem its notes when presented. If that existed, we should not see the farmers in this country paying one-lourth of what they can get far a bale of cotton to have it picked and ginned. The people demand that this be done. They demand it in the interest of labor, in the interest of the producers of wealth, and because it is their interest. They demand it be cause it is right and they should have it. "To secure this legislation I do not

believe that we should be made to wait for the assent of foreign Powers. I concede that an international agreement on this question would be preferable. I would prefer that the silver question should be settled in that manner, but the contingency of an international agreement is too remote to wait upon. The Anterican people, who have asserted their undependence of the Old World, should not quietly submit to this wrong. Are we prepared to admit that our Government should not legislate in our interest until it first secures the approving nod of a monarch of the Old World."

M1. Strozier is a Democrat who writes from a Democratic standpoint, and as one of the people who speaks plainly, and believes in principle and pledges rather than in expediency. When he asks what the National Democratic platform means when it says "We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discriminating against either metal, or charge for mintage," he asks a very pertinent question and one that it would puzzle the gold advocates to answer. If that doesn't mean bimetallism in the full sense then language has no meaning. That declaration then meant and means now that there should be no discrimination against silver in the mints of the United States, that the way to the mints' should be as open to silver as to gold and that within the mints silver should stand upon the same footing as gold. That is what that phraseology meant and that is why it was phrased it was. It was intended to make the masses of American voters believe that the Democratic party was friendly to the free coinage of silver, and hence the two metals were linked and presented together.

The question of ratio was disposed of by reference to international agreement, to bring this country into harmony with other countries in which the gold standard then prevailed, but the possible failure to secure this agreement was anticipated by the declaration that in the event intemational agreement was not effected then we should provide for the free coinage of silver by such legislation as would maintain the parity of our different kinds of money. The meaning of this was simply, if it meant anything, that the Democratic party was in fasten upon it. That put up job of favor of the free coinage of silver the gold ring didn't work. But posand while, to guard against any possible complication by the sudden change in our monetary system it favored international agreement, still the party was in favor of independent action if the agreement alluded to was not attainable, and that we should have free coinage after the adoption of legislation to maintain the parity. The people who read that platform and supported the party for which it spoke and the candidates who ran upon it had a right to expect that one of the first things it would do after it got into power pected both declare for the gold would be to address itself to standard. Rhode Island is opposed

act upon which was a cause of inexpressible disappointment. The people don't hold the Democratic party responsible for these failures, but they do hold responsible the men who claim to be the representative leaders of the party, who have since discovered that the Democratic party must be tied to gold and float or sink with

the free silver agitation, but they

have themselves to blame for it, for

f they had acted in good faith and

carried out the platform pledges of

1892 in the spirit in which the plat-

form was framed and adopted there

agitation now.

would be no cause or occasion for the

The reference made to State banks

by the writer whom we quote is also

pertinent, for as little good faith

was shown in carrying out the pledge

to repeal the State bank tax as in

dealing with silver. That was a mat-

ter in which the South and the West,

(but especially the South), were vitally

interested, one on which they ex-

pected and had a right to expect

favorable action, and the failure to

MINOR MENTION.

gold.

The situation in Illinoss is becom ing interesting. A short while ago Secretary Carlisle went to Chicago ostensibly on the invitation of the working men of that city to make a "sound money" speech, which he did. It was soon discovered that

the object of getting him to Chicago was not so much to give his views on the money question as to make a starter for the gold organization, somebody by trying to make it apwhich was instrumental in getting pear that silver is not sound money. him to Chicago under pretence of enlightening the working men on this vital question. He performed crat Populist fusion in North Carothe task assigned to him with his lina? If, as is almost conceded, the Chicago Convention adopt a free characteristic zeal and with as much ability as it could have been percoinage ticket, every Populist who is

formed by any one, and as soon as honestly for free silver will support he got out of town the planning of the Democratic ticket, and a large the gold men began to develop and majority of those (and "their name the work of organization began. A is Legion") who have been disaptelegram from Washington a few pointed in getting office, will do likedays ago announced that there were wise. "some surprises in store for the free silver men" and that one of these

surprises would be forthwith sprung in Illinois. It intimated that the gold men had set a trap for Gov. Altgeld (a silver champion) and proposed to capture and silence him by favoring his renomination for Govappointed because he could not see ernor. This statement was verified the President that he hanged himself by the action of a "sound money" in the cell to which he was tempormeeting in Chicago a few nights ago arily committed as a crank. wherein a resolution was adopted favoring the candidacy of Gov. Alt-The Trusts are coming right geld, who it was well known had along. A few days ago a big \$8,

expressed his determination to retire and not be a candidate for renomination. But Governor Altgeld didn't even nibble at, much less swallow the bait, for he saw the hook in it and while believing that some of those who had expressed preference for him might have been sincere declared that the endorsement was

simply a blind to deceive and divide his friends. He went further and declared that for forty Governorships he would not suppress his honest convictions on the silver question nor lend his influence to fasten upon this country the plundering, paralyzing gold standard system which the gold leeches are trying to

cide for themselves after they get to Mecklenburg, and Z. F. Long, of Richthe National Convention, the probamond, delegates to the National Conbilities are that most of the delegavention; F. B. Rice, of New Hanovertions will go instructed for silver Presidential elector. The Russellites nominated R. M. Norfrom the silver States, and for gold from the gold States. The plat-

ment, of Robeson, for Congress; James B. Dadley, colored, of New Hanover, forms adopted ought to be instrucand J. W. Mullins, of Mecklenburg, elections enough. But under usage the tor. This faction adopted resolutions in majority have the right to instruct favor of Russell for Governor, Pritchard and there should be no kicking if for Senator, and McKinley for President. The Dockervites resolved for Dockery

for Governor. The delegates of the The New York Sun advises the Dockery faction go instructed, but are free coinage men to dispense with anderstood to be for Allison for Presithe "mystifying catch word 'bimetdent

allism,'" which according to the dic-Each side denourced the other bittionary means the free coinage of terly. The Russellites because the roll of counties was not called on the adopgold and silver. That's just what tion of the report of the committee, and we mean by it. Now let the New the Dockeryites because of the unpre-York Sun, "which shines for all," adcedented howing propensities of the vise its gold friends to dispense with Russellites. that fraudulent catch word "sound Speeches were made by H. C. Dockery, money," which they invented to fool

A. W. Scott, F. B. Rice, George W. Price and Henry Covington, all denunciatory of Judge Russell. Dr. Norment was pushed off the rostrum by a negro Why all this bother about Demoand did not speak.

Superior Court.

The case of J. L. Lockhart vs. Sol. Bear, suit for damages for alleged false imprisonment occupied the attention of the Super or Court yesterday. The counsel in the case are Thos. W. Strange, Esq., for plaintiff and Messrs. M. Bellamy & Son, Ricaud & Weill and J. D. Bellamy, Jr., for de 9.30 this morning.

C. on the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line railway. He was horribly mangled and was unrecognizable except by the papers found on the body. It is sup posed that he was killed by the Florida vestibule train last night. Bryant was a white man, thirty-five years of age.

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000,000 bicycle Trust was formed,

with headquarters somewhere in

Ohio, and now a big shovel Trust is.

announced which is to reduce the

output to 400,000 dozens, and has

already put up the price 20 per cent.

That's a nice way to encourage men

he Robesonian:

of Wilmington, was in town last week with "furbelows and fixens" for the girls.

Mrs. P. A. Fore, of Alma, narrowly es-Which is the better platform for caped injury last Thursday. A cow tore her dress off with her horns. Fortuthe South, one that suits an overnately her father was present and reswhelming majority of the Democrats cued her before further damage was of Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont

D. H. G. Hill addressed a few of Maxand Rhode Island, or one that is enton's citizens last Tuesday night on the dorsed by an overwhelming majority School question. The meeting resolved of the Democrats of Missouri, Alato raise not less than \$3,500 for a building for a high graded school. Messrs. J. bama, Mississippi, North Carolina McCaskill, T. B. Pace, M. McNair, W. Carter and J. B. Weatherly were

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew is mad funds. because New York courts have sus-- On May 1st, 1896, the Southern tained the legislation which requires Express Company will, by arrangement, the railroads to carry bicycles as assume control of the Express business baggage, free, gratis and for nothing. on that portion of the Southern Rail-In France the railroads have a rod way extending from Washington, D. C., in the baggage cars on which they to Lynchburg, Va., from Washington, string the bicycles and say nothing D. C., to Strasburg, Va., from Colverton, Va., to Warreaton, Va., from Washington, D. C., to Romney Hill, Va., and from Richmond, Va., to West Point, Va .-For Over Fifty Years MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has nearly five hundred miles. been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teeth-

ublish the place of organization and this note. THE POLICE BOARD

Taylor.

Met Yesterday and Elected City Clerk and Treasurer and Other Officials. The Police Commission met yesterday at 13 80 o'clock p. m. and elected the following city officers for the ensuing year, their term beginning on May

For Chief of Fire Department-Martin Newman. Superintendent of Health-Dr. A. H. Harriss. Tax Lister-Mr. O. A. Wiggins. City Clerk and Treasurer-John

The latter office has been filled by F. B. Rice since the "new issue", have had charge of the city appointments. Members of the Police Commission all had patent padlocks on their mouths after adjournment and consequently could not talk about the causes that led to Rice's removal. But it does not re-

corn later. quire the penetrating power of a ball fired from a Winchester rifle to understand the whole matter. Rice has been at personal enmity with Judge Russell Is It Not a Recognized Principle, of Dem for some time, and has made himself very obnoxious to the Judge's adherents during the county campaign. He enlisted under the Dockery banner and has a very strong flavor of common went to the Maxton Republican convensense: tion as a contesting delegate from New Hanover. This accounts for the decapitation of Frederick Bonaparte Rice. coinage, as now seems highly probable, Swordsman Damocles Bellicose Sutton being on duty at Maxton, a special exe-

cutioner was appointed. Mors Capital for Wilmington.

The STAR is very much gratified to earn from reliable sources that a party of capitalists have been in close communication with the enterprising fertilizer manufacturers, Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co., whose plant is situated on the northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, with a view of ealarging their plant to sufficient proportions to make it the largest fertilizer concern in

The establishing of a manufacturing enterprise of this magnitude in our city must be exceedingly gratifying to those of our citizens who zealously work for the upbuilding of Wilmington; and the the Democracy of Morgan, advantages of such a large capital being invested in our community are nunerous.

One of the Original Panel. The following is from an old and

valued subscriber at Wilson: WILSON, N. C., April 20, 1896. Mr. W. H. Bernard:

DEAR SIR-I was in Wilmington with Messrs. Petteway & Moore in 1867 when, in opposition to the Journal, you commenced the publication of the STAR, I read the first number of the STAR, and with but little intermission have read it ever since. For many year I have been a regular subscriber, both paying for it and advocating its merits. I, of course, like to see 'Sir Hubert" or any one else praise the STAR; but I have seen for myself and I praise it because of its merits as they appear to me. I send \$5.00 to pay for it another year. I pay for nothing more willingly than for the

tion are all preparing to irrigate their cincts, which delegates, or such of them shall attend, shall vote the full The cabbage crop for this season is Democratic strength of their respectreported as fully 25 per cent. short of last year's yield. The watermelon acreive voting precincts on all questions, age in Georgia in sections reached by the that may come before said county Plant system show a decrease of at least 50 per cent. from last year's, which was shall be held in any precinct in pur-10,000 acres, against a possible 6,000 suance of said call, or no election acres for this year. In Florida the inshall be made, the precinct executive crease on melon acreage is about 50 per shall appoint such delegates. cent., last year's acreage being 2,079 acres. PRIMARY. [Norfolk Landmark.] 6. At every precinct meeting there The protracted spell of dry weather

shall, before delegates to the county in this section is damaging the early convention are elected, be a vote crops of the truckers, particularly green taken for the different candidates peas, strawberries and cabbage. The for office, whose names may be pretruckers say if the rain does not come sented, and the delegates shall vote soon the loss will amount to a great in the county convention their resmany thousand dollars in the trucking pective precincts in accordance with belt. Radishes, asparagus, kale and spinach is about all the stuff shipping at this vote; that is to say, each candipresent, but Southern truck is going date shall receive in the county conthrough at a lively rate. Irish potatoes vention that propotion of the vote are well above ground and the prospect to which the precinct may be entitled is tavorable for a large yield. The which he received in the precinct grain growing farmers in the lower pormeeting. The chairman and secretion of Norfolk county have nearly fin tary of the precinct meeting shall ished planting corn. The truckers plant certify to the county convention the vote received by each candidate at

the precinct meeting. 7. Each precinct shall be entitled in the county convention to cast one vote for every twenty-five Democratic votes, and one vote for frac-The following extract from an editoria tions of thirteen Democratic votes of the Washington Post (gold standard) cast by the township at the last preceding Gubernatorial election: Provided. That every voting precinct It seems to us that whether the Chishall be entitled to cast at least one ago Convention shall declare for free vote, and each precinct may send as many delegates as it may see fit.

or shall take the other tack, that declar-The chairmen of precinct comation will be, to all intents and purposes, mittees shall preside at all precinct the authentic ascertainment and anmeetings. In their absence any nouncement of the party's policy in the other member of said committee may campaign of this year. By what right preside.

can a mipority set up a claim to dictate COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS to a majority? Is it not grossly offen-1. The several county conventions sive to assume and assert that the men shall be entitled to elect to their who stand on one side of the silver issue Senatorial, Judicial and Congresare less "solicitous for the country's sional conventions one delegate and political brethren on the other side? Take one alternate for every fifty Demo-Democratic Senators, for cratic votes, and one delegate for example, and compare the records of fractions of over twenty-five Demothose who favor free coinage with the cratic votes cast at the last Gubernarecords of the opposite faction, and who torial election in their respective would presume to say that the former counties, and none but delegates or are less patriotic, less honest, or less inalternates so elected shall be entitled telligent than the latter? Will any Democratic organ attempt to impeach to seats in said conventions: Provided. That every county shall have Harris. Cockrell, Vest, Voorhees and Turpie? at least one vote in each of said con-If the Chicago Convention-the Deventions. mocracy's court of last resort-should Provided further, That in all coundecide in favor of these men and the

y conventions in which delegates millions of honest citizens who believe as they do, what Democrat could conshall be selected to attend any State, Congressional, Judical or other consistently repudiate that decision as un-Democratic? Is it not a recognized prinvention, a vote shall be taken in acciple of the party that the majority cordance with the plan of organizashall rule? And are not all the particition as to the candidatas whose pants in a national convention, all the names may be presented to such factions that submit their contentions to county convention. The delegates that tribunal, bound to accept its deshall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted A case came up for trial before the Superior Court of Richmond county last week that is of general interest. It was that of Odom vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company. The action was based on delay in the transmission and

for in proportion to the number of votes he shall receive in such county are \$1.786.45 convention, and no other instructions shall be given: Provided further, That when only one candidate is presented and voted for at such county convention, it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate. delivery of a telegram, and plaintiff claimed damages to the amount of 2. At every county convention, \$1,950. The jury gave a verdict for \$550 false. before delegates to State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other will fuse with the Republicans if the conventions are chosen, there shall Democrats don't step in before them, be a vote taken for the different between now and the time for the concandidates for office, whose names vention. He says of the 61 instructed may be presented, and the delegates delegates Russell;has 38 of them. shall vote their respective counties in accordance with this vote: that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial, or other conventions, the proportion of the vote to which the county may be entitled which he received in the county convention. The chairman and secretary of the county convention shall certify to each convention the vote received by each candidate at the county convention, and no other instruction shall be given: Provided that where only one candidate is presented it shall' be lawful to instruct for him. At the State and district conventions the delegates from the differ- Store.

FIRE IN RALEIGH.

MACHINE SHOPS OF THE SEABOARD AIR LINE DESTROYED.

Loss Six y Thousand Dollars Fully Covered by Insurance-The Democratic Executive Commities-Baptiets Interested in the Case of Misrisner, D.ez-Political Gonip -P.lk Miller's Leotures.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH N. C., April 22.

The machine, boiler and blacksmith shops of the S.A. L. were destroyed by fire this morning at 4.30 o'clock. The building burned like a powder house. and before the fire companies responded was enveloped in flames. Nothing but the wall of the brick building and a

mass of ruined machinery remain. About 150 people are thrown out of employment. The shops were built 37 years ago. The building, of brick, was quite handsome, The fire companies fought the flames manfully, thereby saving much property. An oil and store room adjoined the shops, but was saved by heroic work. The loss is about \$60,-000. There is \$75,000 insurance on the property. It is likely that the shops will be rebuilt.

Hal Ayer will not say whether or not he received one of the circular letters from Washington yesterday. Whether he received one or not, jother people have, and they were sent all over the State.

The Democratic Executive committeemen who were present when the resolution referred to in the STAR yesterday was passed, were pledged to secrecy, so it is said. Very little is known of any other action taken by the committee

The Baptists of Raleigh are very much interested in the case of Missionary Diaz under arrest in Havana. The Baptist papers of the State and the entire country will in this week's issues demand that Rev. Diaz be given a fair and speedy trial, which his friends assert will result in his release. Mr. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, said in speaking of Rev. Disz; "The Baptists. numbering 1,500,000 in the South, are aroused over Diaz's detention, for they fear he will be shot before anything can be done for him. Baptist churches everywhere will pass resolutions asking our Government to see that justice is done Rev. Diaz. He is probably the greatest

missionary in the Baptist Church. E. C. Duncan, of Old Hundred; Frank Reynolds, S. Gibbert and S. S. Packard! of Pine Bluff have been appointed additional delegates to the Southern Pines Settlers' Convention.

The net receipts derived from the Polk Miller lectures amount to \$743 69 The total receip:s for the Vance fund

The Citizens' National Bank received deposit from Japan to-day.

Mr. F. P. Axley, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, of Cherokee county, is here to day. He says that county instructed unanimously for Russell, and that all other reports are

Jim Young says that the Populists

tor, N. C. [Special Star Telegram.] this country. From the Maxton correspondent of

Mr. C. H. Fore, of Johnson & Fore,

who want to take healthful exercise. Blanch, the little daughter of Mr. and

appointed a committee to raise the STAR.

fendant. The examination of witnesses was in progress when the Court A Chicago man in Washington about 630 p. m., took recess until who wanted to see the President to show him two inventions he had DEAD BODY FOUND. made, one an unupsettable boat which would run a hundred miles an Supposed to be J. D. Bryant of Lumber hour, and a gun that would kill fortyeight ducks at one shot, was so dis-

FAVETTEVILLE, N. C., April 20 .-- J D. Bivant, of Lumberton, N. C., was found dead to-day near Hope Mills, N.

sibly this endorsement of the "sound money" men may have the effect of making him the candidate of the silver men, and it looks that way for Chairman Hinrichson, of the State Democratic Committee, has declared for him. Hinrichson asserts that nine-tenths of the counties in Illinois about it.

and Virginia.

are for free silver and will so instruct in their conventions.

\* \* Two Democratic Conventions in the New England States-Massachusetts and Rhode Island-have spoken, and as might have been exthe work of securing the "interna- to the further coinage of silver "un- and take no other kind.

When aravelling.

of mothers for their children while teeth-ing, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain cures wind colic, and is the bes' remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little suffdrer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow s Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Whether on pleasure bent, or business, take 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.

Plan of Organization The STAR prints again to-day, on third page, the new or amended plan of organization of the Democratic party. Some important changes are made, and it will be well for every Democrat to preseve the STAR of to-day. The new provision in regard to minority representation is somewhat complicated and should be studied carefully.

> Cure for Headache. As a remedy for all forms of Head

ache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best, It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once, Large bottles only Fifty cents at timonials sent free. Price 75c. per R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

nd defendant appealed. Mr. Frank McNeill of this city, and Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Rockingham, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Geo. V. Strong, of Raleigh, represented defendant. How's This ! We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. . Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all busi-ness transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Tes-

Sheriff Page yesterday received a note for two pounds sterling from a former Raleigh negro, now living in Leeds, Eng. The note was for two years' back taxes. The Discovery Saved His Life. Mr. G. Calllouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discov eryI owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe andtried all the physi-cians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in mys tore I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at R. R. Bellamy's Drug