its price would be governed by the times war against each other, one

money, just as the price of silver is. pay the cost of the squeezing. For

demand for it in the arts, and in

those countries which use it as

They say that gold retains its

value because it is a money metal

the world over, which is true, and so

would silver have retained its value

the world over if it hadn't been de-

monetized. Who demonetized it?

It wasn't the people. It wasn't the

commercial bodies of any of the

countries. It was the same men, the

same Shylocks and money lenders

who add to their wealth by

manipulating money and lend-

ing to nations in need, who

did it, as the Rothschilds did it in

England in 1816 after they became

rich from lending money to the na-

tions involved in the Napoleonic

wars. Men like these moved for the

demonetization of gold when the

gold fields of California and Austra-

lia began to yleld largely and it was

feared that gold might become too

plentiful. They moved to demone-

tize it in this country in 1850, did

partially demonetize it in some Eu-

pean countries and stopped the coin-

age of it altogether in Holland in

1852, when silver became the favored

money in that country. This same

class of Shylocks and money manip-

ulators it was who brought about the

demonetization of silver in this and

in other countries which followed

the example of Great Britain, which

was dominated in that by the Roths-

childs, and they would, of course,

oppose, as they are doing, its remon-

etization, for that means a cutting

down of the tribute they levy upou

They will never consent to its re-

monetization and the only way to se-

cure that is for the people to force it

in spite of them wherever they have

a voice in their own government.

Some nation must begin, and the one

to begin is this one. When we do it

that will encourage the friends of

silver in other countries to fight for

it and to make an aggressive fight,

so that when we win a victory for

silver here, we help to win a victory

for it in other countries where it has

been demonetized. Restore its stand-

ing and we restore its price here and

MINOR MENTION.

In 1892 both of the great politica

parties-the Democratic and Repub

lican-declared for bimetallism on

international agreement. There was

not a gold standard paper in the

country which objected to that decla-

ration. The fact is it was put into

both of the platforms by the gold

men to placate the silver men and as

a compromise which the more con-

servative of the silver men accepted,

with the expectation that some effort

would be made to bring about inter-

national agreement. But the gold

organs have made a considerable ad-

vance on the gold line since then

and now laugh at the suggestion of

international bimetallism. Entirely

ignoring the platform on which they

stood four years ago they demand a

straight-out declaration for gold, and

gold only. Here are a couple of

sample paragraphs from the Phila-

"The Rhode Island Democrats adopt-

ed a Sound Money platform yesterday,

but it was marred by the customary ex-

pression of a des re for the unattainable

in the shape of International Bimetal-

ism. The belief in the possibility of a

double standard dies hard; but as long as

such a belief shall be honestly entertain-

ed the wary politicians will modif, their

platforms to suit, in the hope of catch-

And here is the way it pays its re-

spects to the Hon. Wm. R. Morri-

"Hon. William R. Morrison is in favor

of International Bimetallism; but he sees

no way of bringing it about. No doubt,

Mr. Morrison is a'so in favor of the mil-

ennium. But why not stick to things

of this earth carthly, and let the politi-

cal dreamers dream dreame? Bimetal-

never was, and never will be."

lism is a beautiful impossibility that

"A beautiful impossibility" now, i

wasn't in the estimation of these

gentlemen a beautiful impossibility

four years ago when they were sup-

porting it. An impossibility perhaps

it is, for the present at least, from an

international standpoint and that's

why the silver men who were caught

in that trap do not propose to be

caught in it again, and insist on the

free coinage of silver by this country

independent of what other countries

may say or do about it. The Record

is, however, entitled to credit for its

candor, for when they taik that way

we know just where and how to meet

Trusts were never heard of in this

country until the Republican policy

of tariff protection became the estab-

every thing consumed by the Ameri-

can people. There are meat Trusts,

flour Trusts, sugar Trusts, salt

and steel Trusts (covering all the

delphia Record:

the world over.

squeezing the other, the American

people are the victims and have to

some time the protectionists have

been howling for more protec-

tion for the tinplate makers, who

are suffering because the Steel Plate

Trust has run up the price of black

plates. They were getting along

pretty well until this was done, and

now the proposed remedy is to in-

crease the duty on tinplates to com-

pensate the tinplate makers for the

raise in the price of the black plates,

when the proper way would be to re-

duce the duty on black plates so as

to give our tinplate makers the ben-

efit of foreign competition and thus

enable them to defy and successfully

fight the home Trust. Protection is

the prolific mother of Trusts; the

more protection the more and the

The gold standard people hold up

Mexico and Japan as two of the

standard, when as a matter of fact

silver standard in that country, as

suggesting two propositions in reply

to two of those laid down by Secre-

tary Carlisle, one of which is: "There

is not a silver standard country in

the world to day whose producers

and manufacturers are not more

prosperous than they ever were be-

fore." The other is: "There is not

to day whose producers and manu-

facturers are as prosperous as they

have been in the past." Neither of

these propositions can be successfully

disputed, for the current history of

the times proves the truth of both.

Every gold country in the world has

depression and financial embarrass-

ments, for which the gold standard

reasons, but never admitting the

The humorous make up fellow of

the Philadelphia Record is such a

little respecter of persons that he

dropped a cut representing the meet-

ing of the two distinguished Penn-

sylvania politicians, Quay and Har-

rity, into an account of the arrest of

two bankers, who were accused of

some unlawful liberties with their

depositors. Messrs. Quay and Har-

rity have doubtless both at times

found themselves in peculiar situa-

tions, but we venture to say that

they never before found themselves

The Washington correspondent of

the Atlanta Journal telegraphs that

"The action of the Democratic com-

mittee of Illinois in conceding to Chi-

cago one-third of the State convention

makes Illinois certain against free coin-

How? And why? The commit-

tee was divided as follows: For free

silver, 22; for gold, 8. On the prop-

osition referred to above the vote

was unanimous. Surely, the 22 free

There is talk not only of one cent

postage, but of scented postage

stamps. Congressman Cullom, of

be so likely to carry it around for

An 1100 pound hog was killed a

few days ago in Delaware, said to be

the biggest hog ever raised in that

State. That was doing pretty well

for a small bailiwick like Delaware,

where there isn't room for a hog to

grow, but down this way smaller

hogs than that are looked on as

Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader in

the German Reichstag, is a festive

cuss who succeeds in raising semi-

occasional pandamoniums in that

There are six of our citizens who were

classmates at the University of North

Carolina and who graduated in the class

of 1853. They are Messrs. David G

Worth, John D. Taylor, DuBrutz Cutlar,

Wm. L. DeRosset, Alfred M. Waddell

and Walker Meares. As these gentle-

men are all young and robust, and the

STAR wishes to make no "odious com-

parisons," we will state that their ages

aggregate 885 years. We might very

properly add to the list another member

of the same class who is largely inter-

ested in property here and who spends

much of his time among our people.

This is Col. Kenneth M. Murchison. If

we add his age to 885 the total would

be-but we forbear, for that would tell

the Colonel's age. Of the class of 1853,

- Maxton Chief: "Our clever

townsman, Mr. J. M. Burke, says he has

beat Robeson's foremost trucker, Mr. T.

B. Pace, raising peas this season. Mr.

bushels of strawberries to Northern

Burke had new peas for dinner Sunday.

twenty-four are known to be alive.

congregation of Germanic solons.

a month in his pocket.

silver members are not fools.

in a situation like this.

paper as follows:

Illinois,

mightier the Trusts.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

10040000000001010888

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.

METROPOLITAN NONSENSE.

Some of the so-called "great dailies," of the great metropolitan city of New York, indulge in a great deal of nonsense sometimes when discussing the financial question. With few exceptions they are either owned or influenced by the money syndicates of that city, or are so imbued with the money ideas peculiar to that great gold speculating, stock jobbing center that they can see only one side of the money question and that is the gold side. The World, which has become wealthy, whose 1 raprietor lives (like the proprietor of the Herald) most of his time in Europe, commenting upon the demand of the free silver advocates that silver be restored to its condition prior to 1873, that is, that it be admitted to the mints on the same terms as gold, wants them to begin "by increasing the price of silver from 68 cents an ounce to \$1.30 cents an ounce." This is simply unmitigated nonsense. Men who talk that way would show just as much sense and consistency if they knocked a man on the head, cracked his skull and then told his friends to mend his skull and restore him to the condition he was in before talking of asking help from any other source. These fellows struck silver in 1873, crippled it and deprived it of onehalf its vitality, so to speak, and then insist on the vitality being restored before they consent to the removal of the cause which did the

Isn't everything which becomes an article of exchange between people or nations governed more or less by the law of supply and demand? Are not gold and silver, and other things which have a higher value than either gold or silver, governed by the same law? Gold and silver are not governed so much by it as wheat and corn and cotton because they are coin metals and the coin stamp upon them keeps the value up provided the amount produced does not exceed the coin demand. When all the gold and silver produced had access to the mints and the metals coined were recognized as money by the nations the metals maintained their relative value, and silver bullion and gold bullion were worth as much as the coined metals were. As there hasbeen no discrimination against gold, which still has the right of way to the mints, its value keeps up notwithstanding the increase in production, but when silver was ostracized, excluded from the mints, and demonetized, then came a surplus, it became a mere metal of commerce and its price was governed by the demand just as the price of grain, iron, copper or any other commodity is. When it was excluded from the mints, one half its market was destroved and the price fell for it couldn't do anything else. Open the market that was closed; that would put an end to the surplus and the price would go back to where it was before the market was closed. Every ounce of silver would be worth as much as an ounce of coin. We would

ounce silver or 50 cent dollars. The value of gold is kept up in double way, one by coining it and | them. the other by the law of England, one of the greatest gold producing countries, which makes the price of gold bullion the same as coin. If it were not for this the surplus which was lished order. Since then the Trusts not coined would become a subject have sprung up, grown and multiof speculation and its price would plied until they have covered about fluctuate as the supply was large or small. But the fact that it is treated as a money metal, has free access to the mints Trusts, oil Trusts, glass Trusts, hon of this country and has the additional protection in the law to which articles made of these), agricultural we have referred above, its value implement Trusts, bicycle Trusts, keeps up regardless of the amount | coal Trusts, ice Trusts, and many produced. Demonetize gold as sil- others, so many that it would be J. C. McCaskill, Esq., shipped several ver has been demonetized and it difficut to name any article of large would become a mere commercial consumption in which there is not a markets Monday, and received twenty charge over five cents a shine. These metal just as silver has become, and Trust. While these Trusts some cents a quart on the consignment." metal just as silver has become, and Trust. While these Trusts some- cents a quart on the consignment."

hear no more talk about 68 cents an

E WEEKLY STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

THE CITY BY THE SEA.



Outline Map of Wilmington and Its Connections By Rail and Water. Prepared By The Seaboard Air Line for Its Publication "Salmagundi," and Adopted By The Chamber of Commerce to Advertise Wilmington.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

frightful examples of the silver EXCHANGE OF COURTS BETWEEN there are no two countries, in the JUDGES GRAHAM AND ROBINSON.

world to-day which are making as much progress as Mexico and Japan. Political Gossip - Richmond Pearson's Speaking of Mexico the Omaha Chances for Congress Rain and Hail (Neb.) World-Herald quotes a resi-Storms-Bise Ball-An Ice Combine. dent of Mexico, who is writing of the

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 25. Gov. Carr has authorized an exchange of courts between Judges Graham and Robinson, whereby Judge Graham holds the May term of Beaufort court and Judge Robinson the May term of Hal-

A prominent Democrat from the West says that J. Frank Ray can beat Richmond Pearson for Congress by 2,000 a gold standard country in the world votes. Ray will have much opposition in seeking the nomination. It will be remembered that Pearson swung Mitchell county into his district at the last session of the Legislature, thereby increasing the Republican vote 1,000. Comparatively speaking Pearson's chances are better than before.

suffered more or less from industrial and came as a blessing to the farmers, as well as to our dust-laden city. Hail fell at a number of places in the county. Hail-stones as large as acorns fell at the advocates have been giving various Penitentiary. The University base ball team went to

Nice rains fell here vesterday and last

Danville yesterday morning, where the team meets the nine from the University of Virginia. Only a small following of students accompanied the team, on account of the proximity of the Spring examinations. Young Pearsall, who has developed to be Carolina's star twirler, will begin the game as pitcher for the Varsity. Hill may finish it.

This year the senior class at the University will stand their final examinations ten days prior to the regular examination period. This gives the seniors a

short senior vacation The ice companies in the city have formed a combine to increase the prices. Last year they fought each other and ice sold for 23 cents per hundred. This year the minimum is 85 cents per hundred in thousand pound quantities Republican Conventions will be held in four countles to-day. Claude Dockery says there were no

fights at Moxton. He says the delegates simply pushed each other.

DR. HOGE WILL REMAIN HERE. He Has Declined the Call to the Independent Presbyterian Church Savannah.

Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., has declined the call tendered him by the Independent Presbyterian church of Savannah. This conclusion was clearly foreshadowed in the STAR when the question was first mentioned in the newspapers. Dr. Hoge is too much attached to his Wilmington charge, and they are too much attached to him, to have the ties severed that have so long bound them together. As soon as it was known that Dr. Hoge had received call to Savannah a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church thinks 'they ought to be was held and a resolution was unaniscented. This wouldn't be a bad mously adopted urging him to remain idea, for then the fellow whose wife gives him a letter to mail would not

The STAR congratulates the First Presbyterian Church and the citizens of Wilmington generally on Dr. Hoge's decision. He is one of the ablest and most faithful ministers that have ever labored in this field, and it will be gratifying to our whole people to know that he will remain with us.

Storm at Magnolia-Buildings Struck Lightning-Mare and Colt Killed.

A correspondent of the STAR, writing from Magnolia, says that a very heavy thunder storm passed over that place Friday afternoon. Lightning struck the stables of Mr. G. D. Herring, about seven miles west of Magnolia, and killed a mare and colt. Several buildings near there were struck by lightning but no serious damage was done.

The rain was much needed and means many thousands of dollars to the berry growers. Shipments of strawberries will begin in earnest this week.

Truck Shipments. The recent rains in this section were worth thousands of dollars to truck farmers, especially growers of strawberries. Shipments of strawberries are steadily increasing; about 200 crates were shipped from here yesterday and over the line of the W & W. ten solid cars of truck went forward to Northern markets. Prices for berries now average from 15 to 85 cents per quart.

After the Beotblack.

The municipal authorities of Charlotte are after the bootblack. The News says: "The Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon took up the bootblack problem and had another try at it. The bootblacks have been a nuisance about the streets for months past. They are not only numerous, but noisy. The al-dermen have endeavored to abate the nuisance and have placed restrictions

WHY DIAZ WAS RELEASED. Spanish Minister Asked for Their Freedom Because He Feared More Trouble from This Country. [New York Journal.]

WASHINGTON, April 23.-The action General Weyler in deciding to release Missionary Diaz and his brother was taken in pursuance of the advice of Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister here. When the Baptist mis sionary was first arrested Minister de Lome called at the State Department and volunteered the information that Diaz was guilty, and that no sort o clemency would be extended to him. He declared that Weyler intended to make an example of Diaz, for the purpose of deterring other teachers of religion, both Protestant and Catholic, from giving aid

and counsel to insurgents. Minister de Lome soon discovered that wise policy prompted lenient treatment of the Diaz brothers. Their arrest had aroused a feeling of indignation and resentment among the people of the United States that threatened great trouble for the Spaniards in Cuba. He realized that the case was about to

provoke a religious onslaught on Spinish rule in Cuba. He was quick to see the power of the influence that would be exerted upon the President and the Secretary of State. He cabled Weyler to get out of the trouble he had brought upon himself on the easiest terms pos-

THE BERMUDA SAILS AGAIN. She Has on Board Arms and Ammunitio

and Her Nominal Pert is Honduras. PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 23, 1896 .-The British steamer Bermuda left this port shortly after three o'clock this morning, bound for Porto Cortes, Honduras via Key West, Fla., for orders, in charge of Captain John O'Brien. It is hinted that the Bermuda had on board arms and ammunition when she sailed this morning, and that her stop at Key West will be for the purpose of securing

more ammunition. The Bermuda's passenger certificate now calls for the carriage of thirty seven persons, and she can take these on board without any interference on the part of the Government. It is stated that with these passengers the Bermuda will take on the amminition and will land all at Cubi, then proceeding to Honduras.

Mrs. Failes, who lives on the Bradley place at Wrightsville, was accidentally shot in the leg by a colored boy about thirteen years old who works on the place, last Wednesday night. It seems that the boy was carelessly playing with a gun which was supposed to be unloaded. Dr. A. H. Harriss was telephoned for. He responded promptly and dressed the wound, which, although painful, was not considered dangerous.

Standard Oil Company's New Enterprise The new enterprise of the Standard Oil Company to make Wilmington the distributing point for its products in the States of North and South Carolina and Georgia, was inaugurated yesterday by the arrival of the first tank steamer the Maverick, from Philadelphia, with cargo of 5,000 barrels of kerosene oil in bulk. The steamer is lying at the wharves of the A. C. L., where she will discharge her cargo through pipes laid for the purpose into the reservoir at the company's plant about six hundred vards from the river front. Captain ubello, master of the Maverick, says the entire cargo, with the aid of the powerful pumps on the vessel, can be emptied into the reservoir in three

In a Critical Condition. Mr. Bradley George, who was seriously

hurt last Tuesday by a wagon loaded with lumber colliding with the cart in which he was driving, is reported to be in a critical condition at his home on Masonboro Sound. His collar bone was broken and shoulder dislocated. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the driver of the wagon, but it is said he has Black Gum Against Thunder.

The McNairs of Robeson county are o fond of playing checkers that they play against each other when they can't find a victim outs de the family. Howard C. McNair, of Alma, ex champion of the State, and his brother Murphy McNair, of Maxton, have just completed a series of twenty games with the following result. Murphy NcNair 6; Howard McNair, 4: drawn, 9. H. C. will never stop at this. He will play Mur-

Summer." "Not a Thing Wrong Except-" [Lincoln Democrat.]

phy until he beats him "if it takes all

The Wilmington STAR was 281/2 years old last Sunday. The STAR is the oldest daily paper in the State. There is not a thing in the world wrong with the STAR except it is for free silver. But for all that we wish its editor good luck, hoping he may some day come around all right on that question, too.

A Brunswick Delegate Explains.

Thursday one of the Brunswick delegates to the Maxton convention gave the Hon. Demosthenes Lycurgus Russell a graphic description of the "proceedings" of that dignified body. He said he never witnessed anything like it before. He pictured to Lycurgus the wrangling, fighting, swearing, &c., and when he had finished, Demosthenes on it that will do some good. A license fee of \$1 per month in advance, is required and no license is transferable.

No boy over 15 years of age can engage threw himself into a dramatic position and shouted: "Why the Devil and Tom Walker;' did you think you were a in the business and no bootblack can delegate to a Sunday school conven-

LETTER FROM MACEO.

He Considers His Becent Battle With the Spaniards the Most Importantiof the War -His Soldiers Eager to Fight, The correspondent of the New York Journal has secured the following interesting letter from Gen. Antonio Maceo: IN CAMP IN CUZCO HILLS,

PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. CUBA, April 14, 1896.

W. R. Hearst. Journal. New York: Responding to the request of your correspondent, I have to say that I consider the battle of last Saturday, when my troops put to fight the Alfonso XIII. Battalion, the most important accomplishment of the Cuban army during the war, because it taught the men confidence in themselves, and also be cause it gave the Spanish to understand that they have no contemptible foe to deal with. The rout of that battalion will make cowards of the common Spanish soldiers who may be sent to fight us in the future. Since the battle my soldiers have been filled with desire to meet the men on the trocha in combat. I can hardly restrain them, and I feel satisfied that if it was my policy to attack the trocha at this time the Span-

ish army would be cut to pieces Nothing that I could say about the kindness of the American papers, especially the Journal, in the cause of Cuban liberty could adeq sately express the gratitude that fil's my heart and the heart of every true Cuban. You have armed the weak and made us strong to go on to victory. Freedom for Cuba was never clear to realization than it is now. Your correspondent informs me that doubts have been cast upon the victory at Pinar del Rio. Let me assure the Americans that we struck that city a heavy blow, putting the troops to flight, burning many houses and capturing enough arms to p'ace weapons in the hands of many of my men who had none before.

ANTONIO MACEO. The above dispatch was sent from Havana to Key West for transmission to the Journal, the censorship preventing it from being sent direct from the Cuban

WHO IS HEMMED IN?

With Half of the Cubans on One Side of the Trochs and Half on the Other the Spaniards May Be in a Bad Fix, The following from the Philadelphia Ledger indicates that it is a debatable question whether it is Maceo or Weyler

that is "hemmed in :" It may be that General Weyler's "trocha" would work all right if all the insurgents were on one side of it. Then t would be, if not a trap to catch them, at least a fence to keep them penned in the province of Pinar del Rio until troops could be concentrated to destroy them-if they could. But, under the circumstances, with half of the enemy on one side and half on the other, the strong line is very much like an with a foe on each flankarmy it must be defended both ways at once, provided Gomez and Maceo can operate in conjunction, of which there eems to be little doubt; and as it is said to have been constructed with a view to attack only from the west, Gomez's advance upon it from the east will be virtually an attack in the rear-and every commander knows how dangerous that Meanwhile, the great bulk of Weyler's available troops are stationed along the trocha and kept there, as the only means of making it an effectual barrier and thus the forces under Gomez are left at liberty to raid as they please all over the eastern provinces, while Maceo is almost equally unmolested in the west, Between the two it is a doubtful question whether Weyler has bemmed in Maceo, or Maceo and Gomez have

hemmed in Weyler. THE MAXTON MESS.

The Delegates to the Republican Congres sional Convention-Executive Commit-[Charlotte Observer.]

Of the twenty-eight delegates all told the Dockery crowd polled eighteen while ten bolted. Those bolting were: Two from Columbus, two from Brunswick, two from Robeson and four from New Hanover.

The Russell delegation claim that they finished their business and adjourned. They held no separate convention. They claim to have carried wenty delegates counting the contested delegates. They further claim to have put up and elected the chairman of the convention. It was done in such an uproar that no one could tell how things were going. Both sides claim to have elected the chairman first, and to have run conventions in the same hall. The following were elected as the Ex-

cutive Committee for the next two Mecklenburg, J. M. Goode, M. B. Williams; Union, J. S. Hasty; Anson, J. L. Mattheson; Richmond, W. A. Mc-Donald, J. P. Cameron; Robeson, R. B. Russell, E. K. Proctor; Columbus, Spaulding: New Hanover, F. B. Rice,

H. C. Greene; Pender, R. M. Croom,

Brunswick, Jas. Edwards, with R. B.

Russell chairman and J. P. Cameron

secretary. Latest From Russell Headquarters. The following is the latest bulletin issued from the Russell headquarters in this city, and is vouched for by Swords-

man Damocles Bellicose Sutton: Conventions, held yesterday in Carteret, Caldwell, Oaslow and Bladen declared for Russell; Johnston, divided; Granville, uninstructed, but said to be divided between Boyd and Russell; Chowan, one certainly and one probably, for Russell; Durham and Cabarrus for Dockery; Person for Boyd.

- Hon. Chas. M. Stedman arrived here last evening and will spend a few days on business and pleasure.

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DEMOCRATS MAY WIN IF THEY NOMINATE A FREE SILVER DEMOCRAT ON A FREE SILVER PLATFORM

Not a State Can Be Named With Certaint That Could Be Carried by the Democrats On a Gold Standard Platform-An Betimate of the Electoral Vote With Free Silver the Issue.

Special dispatch to the Cincinnati En-

Quirer | WASHINGTON, April 21.—It is now generally conceded among politicians of both parties that the Chicago National Convention will by a decided majority decide for a free coinage platform, and nominate a candidate who holds these views. The administration politicians are of course very auxious to defeat such a policy, and one of the methods they employ is the preparation of tables intended to show that on a free coinage platform the Democrats are bound to be beaten in the Presidential election. How the Democracy is to have any possible show on the other or gold standard they do not undertake to explain. For a long time past it has seemed as if the administration element would be content and happy if they could capture the Chicago Convention, as then, even if the election went by default to the Republicans, they would in any event have gold standard man in the Presidential chair. In fact, nobody seemed to think that the Democrats had any chance of electing a President until it became apparent a few days ago that the silver men were going to run the Chicago con-

Since then a very hopeful feeling has prevailed here and predictions of Democratic success in November made by the most sagacious and well balanced politi-cians have been frequently made. With such an issue confronting them instead of the tariff, the Republicans have abated a good deal of their tormer confidence, and their leaders feel that they have a severe and doubtful struggle before them, even if they carry the East solid for the gold

The administration tables, in order to make out a case, put several States in the Republican column which are claimed to be Democratic on a square free coinage issue and a still larger number of electoral votes in the doubtful column, which would be probably lost on a gold standard platform.

It is admitted that 'a declaration at Chicago for free colnage would attract to the Democratic party a very large number of Populists, who left the Democracy on account of Wall street leadership; also a large number of silver Republicans in the Pacific coast and mountain States, as valley, and also the entire membership of the independent silver party which few months ago nominated Mr. Sib ley, of Pennsylvania, for President. These great accessions cannot be dismissed or put aside in any intelligent estimate of the campaign, and they are now giving pause and anxious thought to the shrewd Republican managers

The following may, in view of such reinforcements, be accepted as a very conservative estimate for the Democracy, in case of a-free coinage platform and candidate, of the electoral votes to be cast for the Democrats and for the Republicans, with the doubtful list of

he fairly debatable States. Democrat-Alabama, 11; Arkansas, California, 9: Colorado, 4; Florida, 4 Georgia, 18; Idaho, 8; Indiana, 15; Kansas, 10, Kentucky, 18; Louisiana, 8; Mississippi, 9, Missouri, 17; Montana, 8; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 8; North Carolina, 11 North Dakota, 8: South Carolina, South Dakota, 4; Tennessee, 12; Texas 15; Utah, 8; Virginis, 12, Washington,

West Virginia, 6; Wyoming, 8. Total Republican - Connecticut, 6; Dela ware, 8; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 15 Minnesota 9, New Hampshire, 4; New York. 86; Pennsylvania, 82; Rhode, Island, 4; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 12

Total, 181. Doubtful-Iilinois, 24; Iowa, 13; Mary land, 8; Michigan, 14; New Jersey, 10 Ohlo, 23; Oregon, 4. Total, 93. The number of votes necessary to elect

SITUATION IN NEW YORK In this calculation New York is con ceded to the Republicans, although their arty losses by the Raines Liquor bill Rocsaveltism and other isms would probably more than counterbalance Wall stree: defections to the Democracy. If these losses shou'd balance each other the State would be naturally Democratic. In Michigan and Illinois the silver feelng is rampant regardless of party, and the Democrats would have the best chance of success. I wa would a so be a fairly debatable State on the silver issue, unless Mr. Allison should be the

Republican nominee. As the silver issue is thus pressed rapdly to the front, the tariff is relegated to the rear. It is a matter of history that n Presidential fights only one great issue occupies the m nds of the American voters. If McKinley should be nominated he will have to give up his Ohlo silver straddle, quit a'l tariff talk and come out squarely for gold-no matter f it kills him in the election and stultifies his entire record.

The administration statisticians are so far not able to specify a single State that they could carry for the Democracy on the gold standard line. If in the East they attempted to win electoral votes on such an issue, the Republicans would reply that they had as a party successfully demonetized silver as far back as 1878-that it was their thunder, and that this was merely a fraudulent attempt of Democrats to pirate their patent. The Republicans would in such case have a walk-over, as they are unquestionably the original Jacobs, and entitled to priority of invention. The logic of a gold standard declaration at Chicago, or even a straddle of the issue, would be the election of the Republican candidate, and the voters would certainly look at it that way. The prospect of a silver, platform at Chicago, on the other hand, is sadly disturbing the Belshazzar teasts of the administration, and the Republican leaders, and makes worthless all their calculations.

NAVAL MILITIA.

Allotment Made of the Angual Approprise By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 25 - Secretary Herbert has made the annual allotment to the several State naval militia organizations of the country, on the basis of the returns of the strength of the naval militia up to April 1st. These returns show that in fourteen-States there are organizations composed of 293 officers and 3,839 enlisted men. The appropriation was \$35 000, from which \$1,000 was deducted for the purchase of books of instructions to be isued pro rata.
Southern States—North Carolina, 17

officers, 169 men, \$1,164; South Carolina, 21 officers, 165 men. \$1,186; Georgia, 8 officers, 98 men, 704; Louisiana, 15 officers, 211 men, \$1,115.

Shortly after noon to-day the boiler is portable saw mill operated by J. B Burgoon, at Flinton, Cambria county, Pa, exploded. Three men, including the proprietor, were killed and others were badly injured.

Have Been Incane. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ROCKVILLE, April 25,-This morning at 7 o'clock Peter Egbert, a young man 28 years of age, shot and killed Mrs. Hermann Hascke and her two children, Hermann and Aggie, Sheriff W. D. Mul and Lonstable William Sween. He then killed himself, and his sister, Miss Florence Egbert, who was lying very ill with typhoid fever, died shortly after the tragedy of the shock.

About 7 o'clock young Egbert was

AN INDIANA TRAGEDY

RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF SEVEN PERSONS.

Peter Egbert Killed a Woman and Her Two Children, a Sheriff, a Constable, His Biater and Himself-The Murderer Supposed to

sent into the back yard to saw some wood for family use. Shortly after, while Mrs. Hascke was milking her cow, Egbert secured a double-barrelled breechloading shotgan, and going into the Hascke house, which was next to his home, shot the little daughter (a child of 10 years) dead, and wounded the boy (two years younger), who ran out on the porch, where Egbert shot him again, killing him instantly. The murderer then went out into the alley and levelled his gun at Mrs. Hascke, who seeing his intention attempted to escape. He shot her, however, the charge taking effect in the top of her head. Mrs. Hascke lingered in an unconscious state for about two hours, when death put an end to her sufferings. Having completed this work of butchery, Egbert shouldered his gun and deliberately walked up into the business part of the town. Sheriff Mull and Constable Sween were planning a means of capturing the murderer. Egbert was walking across the north side of the square, holding his gun in position with both barrels cocked. When he saw Mull and Sween crossing the street toward him he called out to them not to come any nearer. The two officers then retired into a stairway in the National bank building for a moment's consultation, when Egbert turned and coming upon them suddenly shot and instantly killed both men. He then started to run, taking a westward course toward the fair grounds, with a number of citizens in close pursuit. He ran like deer until, while crossing an open field ust west of town, a shot from his putsuers took effect in his heel. This crippled him and though he managed to scale the enclosure of the fair grounds he was unable to run further, and crawling into a stall in the fair grounds, he shothimself in the right breast. The fire from his gun ignited his clothing, which was partially burned when he was found. Business is suspended. The dead are being prepared for burial, but no arrangements for their funerals have been made. Egbert was at one time confined in the insane asylum, but had been discharged as cured. The general belief is that insanity must have been the cause of the

CUBAN WAR NEWS.

Reports of Bogagements From Spanish Sources - Warships Looking for the Steamer Bermuda.

KEY WEST, April 25 .- The Spanish

warship Reina Mercedes anchored just outside of the reel this morning and ent in dispatches to the Spanish Consul. Her purpose in coming here, it is thought, was to locate the steamer Bermuda, which it is reported would stop here on her way to Porto Cortez, Honduras. The Mercedes left this afternoon about dark.

Walter Grant Dygert, the American imprisened in Gunez since February 23rd, was released on the 23rd inst., and was a passenger on the steamer Mascotte to-night. He states that he will claim da nages from the Spanish Government, all of the reports sent out about his being in sympathy with the insu, gents baving been manufactur by Spanish officers. He claims when put in prison everything of value he had upon his person wis taken from him and nothing returned. He had a few dollars when firs: arrested that

escaped detection, but which he was compelled to use to have word sent to friends that he had been imprisoned. Night before last when about to be released, the officials endeavored to have him sign a paper the writing of which was in Spanish, which he refused to do, and they then turned him loose after midnight without a cent and without friends. He will stop over at Tampa

for a few days. HAVANA, April 25 .- A force of marines on a tug engaged in towing a scow on the Canimar river was attacked by a body of rebels to day. The marines succeeded in repulsing the insurgents after firing several volleys.

News has been received that Col. Hernandez defeated the rebel bands under the insurgent leaders Collazo and Acea, near Penalver, and at Gurra del Mela, in the province of Havana. The fighting was of a desperate character, and mainly hand to hand. The Spanish forces used their machetes with deadly effect. The rebels were completely routed, and left 90 dead. The Spanish ad only eight wounded.

HAVANA, April 25 .- Col. Hernandez eports meeting a party of 600 insurgenss under the leadership of Maceo ind Collazo, and dispersing them after a hot skirmish. The rebels left 20 dead on the field. The troops did not lose any men.

The U. S. Treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday stood at \$125,577,000. The withdrawals for the day were \$44,600.

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