We are again sending bills to our to pay for a newspaper.

ACKNOWLEDGING A FRAUD.

There are very few persons who knew anything about the freedom with which the Republican party platform builders make pledges which they have no idea of carrying out, who attached any importance to their declarations of friendship for silver in the platform adopted at St. Louis. It was pretty well understood by those who could see through the trickery that the motive behind the coinage of silver on "international agreement" was to deceive people who believe in bimetallism and thus only bimetallism which it held to be practicable and effective.

This was really the plank which saved the Republican party, for there are thousands upon thousands of bimetallists who voted for it as the safer thing, and preferable to independent action by this country on a 16 to 1, or any other ratio, who would not have voted for it if it had repudiated bimetallism and declared for gold monometallism.

No Republican organ or speaker in he campaign from Mr. McKinley down dares to hint at gold monometallism, or to confess that the party was not in earnest and didn't mean what it said when it incorporated that plank in its platform. In accounting for the change of sentiment in the West and the vote of the farmers, which was so much larger than expected, for McKinley, Mark Hanna said the farmers were won by the assurance that the Republican party meant what it said in its platform, that it was for bimetallism and not for gold monometallism, which was virtually saying that if the Republican party had been believed to be for gold alone it 'would have been beaten, as it undoubtedly would have been, in spite of Hanna's "pilgrims," his meandering generals, his eclesiastical circulars and his millions of dollars. They didn't dare to hint at gold monometallism then, and it is only since the election that any of them has ventured to confess the fraud that was perpetrated on the people, deliberately perpetrated with the intention of holding the votes of Republicans and winning the votes of "sound money" Democrats which otherwise might have been cast for

Wm. J. Bryan. The New York Sun, which claims to be a Democratic paper, is a better Republican paper than nine-tenths of the Republican organs in this country. In the past campaign it was one of McKinley's most vigorous supporters and supported him mainly on account of the financial plank, which declared for bimetallism and for the free and unlimited coinage of silver on international agreement, with the supplemental pledge to use its best endeavors, if entrusted with power, to "promote" such agreement.

The Sun professes to be a sincere, honest journal, which despises and abhors frauds. It supported Mc-Kinley and advised Democrats to Vote for him on this very plank, and yet but a few days ago it gave utterance to the following:

A good many Democrats, some Republicans, of more or less eminence, and he British Bimetallic Laague are still talking about bimetallism and the prospect of some change or other from our gold monometallism, of sixty years standing, to bimetaliism. A circular of the aforesaid B metallic League, of which 'Aldenham,' that is Lord Aldenham, is President, informs us that the recent campaign in this country resulted in a victory for international as opposed to national bimetallism. Of course the national bimetallism which failed was silver monometallism ; but that slip needn't be discussed. Then the circular quotes this passage of the St. Louis money plank and builds more hopes

We are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, except by in-ternational agreement between the leading commercial nations of the worl which we pledge ourselves to promote.

"This was a continuous text in Bryan's speeches. 'As the Republican party hereby confess,' said that smart young man very frequently, 'that the gold standard is not a good thing, why

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shouldn't the United States discard it "The Republican party confessed no such thing. This international agreeent plank was never of practical imbat was meant by it was that, out of deference to a decaying but still wide-spread superstition, the Republican party was willing to hear again what ould be said for silver, and to discuss the currency question with other na-tions; but sense and experience forbade and forbid the idea that anything could

"Bimetallism is a dream, and always has been a dream. The delusion that gold and silver were ever coupled in veritable bimetallism must come to an end like the ancient coupling of brass and iron. There isn't going to be any bimetallism, because there can't be; and that's the whole of it. Gold, alone, is the standard, as a simple and oredesthe standard, as a simple and predestined feature of progressive civilization, to be superseded by some other metal when one more convenient becomes available. Bimetallic talk can only make mischief; it cannot make bimet-

The Sun may not be authorized to speak for the Republican party, we subscribers. In the aggregate they do not think it is, for we do not amount to a very large sum. I any think it ought to be authorized to of our subscribers are respon ing speak for any party, but it can and promptly. Others pay no attenti n does speak for the men who control to the bills. These latter do not the financial policies of that party, seem to understand that they are and dictated the financial plank of under any legal or moral obligation | the platform adopted at St. Louis, and now we find it substantially confessing, fifteen days after the election, that this plank was a fraud, inserted "in deference to a decaying but widespread superstition,' that is to humbug the voters who might still be under the influence of this "superstition." It didn't mean anything more, wasn't intended to mean anything more, simply a fraud deliberately uttered, that's all."

The Sun and other "sound money" gold monometallists, who made good use of this fraud in the campaign up declaration for the free and unlimited to the day of the election, now see Bryan, called the Canton statesman signs of a disposition to take the party at its word, to construe this platform as meaning what it said. secure their support for the party Bimetallists are beginning to urge takes the reins of Government it published by the New York Journal, proceed to carry out its pledge by gives the amount of contributions endeavoring to secure an Interna tional Congress, with a view to do ing something to restore silver and give us the bimetallic instead of the single gold standard. To offset this movement and de

feat it, if it can, the Sun, con tends that there was nothin in that platform; that it wa merely impracticable talk, by which the party is not bound and by which no sensible man would suppose it to be bound. It goes further now than it would, with all its claims its claims to honesty, dare to have gone before the election; goes further than even the Indianapolis decoy convention went, which did not declare for by the McKinley organs during the gold monometallism. They are afraid now that the fraud may react on them and that the party will be asked to do what it promised so positively and solemnly to do if given the opportunity to do it.

We are waiting to see how many of the McKinley supporters will follow the Sun in confessing this

MINOR MENTION.

Immediately after the election there was a grand flourish by the papers that supported McKinley over the increased activity among the manufactories, and the indicated revival of business generally. This was heralded as a verification of the predictions that the election of McKinley would result in a return of prosperity and good times. Commenting on these rejolcings we took occasion to say that we thought they were premature, and that while an increase of business and some improvement might reasonably be looked for, no boom need be expected, for there was nothing in the conditions to create a boom. These rose colored announcements much to excite expectations which have not been realized, and the result is the disappointment of many who had based calculations on speedy, material and permanent improvement. The commercial reports have not justified the exaggerated statements made as to the revival that had taken place and the predictions of the continued growth. Bradstreet's for the past week says:

Jobbers and other wholesale dealers in general merchandise do not report the anticipated increases in the volume of goods distributed this week. There of goods distributed this are increased purchases of holiday goods, and the tone of the market for staples is one of encouragement. Relatively the heaviest demand has been for dry goods, shoes and groceries, but even in these lines, particularly dry goods, the volume has been smaller than expected and disappointment is a result.
The many industrial enterprises which have started up continue a feature of each day's news bulletin, but there is reason to believe the significance of these exhibits has been over-emphasized in some instances.

In addition to the failure in the anticipated increase of business, every day brings reports of the closing up of industrial establishments and failures that would have been charged to the "silver agitation" if they had occurred before the election. We do not believe in looking on the dark side, that's not our habit, but it isn't well to excite expectations that cannot be realized, and must result in ent that may prove very

We suppose General Miles, of the U. S. Army, understands his business, but it seems to us that for commander of the army he shows remarkable freedom in discussing with the newspaper reporters the weak. ness of this country from a military standpoint, especially in view of the war talk that is now being indulged in, as the possible outcome of the situation in Cuba. Gen. Miles is reported as saying to a reporter in Cincinnati that our regular army was too small by one-half for emergencies, that in the event of war the Government would be compelled to rely upon the militia (which, by the way, it always does), and that while the personnel of our army is superior to that of any country in with and it takes two years to make | sprout in this State? a high power gun, all of which may be so, but all of which, in our opinion, is not just the kind of information that should be given to the world at a time when it might do a good deal of harm and encourage some fool power like Spain to buck up against us and take advantage of our supposed weakness. We do not think there is any probability of a serious brush with Spain, but this continued talk about our defenceless condition, especially when coming

The newspapers and stumpers and 'financiers" who opposed the election of Wm. J. Bryan and the free and unlimited coinage of silver, have boasted much of the "grand verdict of the people which relegated M to the front and "settled the silver question." They won the victory; there is no doubt of that -but it was a "verdict" which cost a good deal

from men high in authority, would

against us to show its teeth.

	by States and sections:	
-	New York	\$3,000,000
d	Pennsylvania	2,500,000
e	Connecticut	1,000,000
겳	Massachusetts	
	Maine New Hampshire and	
	Vermont	500 000
	New Jersey	1,000,000
•	Illinois	1.000,000
g	Ohio	4 040 000
8	Southern States	
h	Western States	
	Total	916 000 000

This looks like a very large sum for election purposes, to help the people render a "verdict," and it is, but the Journal says it has been well ascertained that this sum was contributed. It was openly boasted campaign that Mr. Hanna's money resources were practically unlimited; that he had all the money he could use, and could get as much more as he asked for. This money was used (it could not have been honestly used) in one of the most original and remarkable campaigns ever witnessed in this country, and yet they talk about "the verdict of the people."

The Baltimore students who showed their esteem for Rip by unhitching Joe Jefferson's horses, and pulling the carriage around town themselves, were conferring a marked distinction on Mr. Jefferson. They also distinguished themselves asses much in need of a keeper. A man never honors another by degrading himself. Joe was doubtless disgusted, but couldn't help himself, as the young men had unhitched the horses and started off before he became aware of what they were doing.

The frog industry, which has for some time been hopping lively in New Jersey, is spreading into Maryland and promises to be a flourishing one. These frogs are shipped to the large cities where they are in great demand and bring good prices. They do not serve only the hind pedals as formerly but barbecue the vocalist and serve him whole.

Hon. Henry Watterson sees danger ahead for this country in the sectional spirit between the Bast and the West. In the meantime he is trying to make himself comfortable and get as much fun out of life as he can in a country where the wine is as thin as it is over there in Switzer-

It is said that some of the Georgia statesmen, who voted for Alexander | Champion compress, Stephens Clay for Senator, thought they were voting for Alec Stephens, of whose demise they hadn't heard. But as this story comes from South Carolina, its accuracy may be questioned.

If the X ray restores the sight of the blind as it is now predicted it will, there will be hope for some of those people who voted at the last election for the perpetuation of the British money standard in this coun-

Gen, Pettus, who has been elected to the U.S. Senate from Alabama to succeed Senator Pugh, is seventyfour years old, and a resident of the same town-Selma-in which Senator Morgan resides.

Mr. John Wanamaker, of Phila- Mollach'n-Dukes. delphia, says he is willing to serve as U. S. Senator "if the people want him." But he isn't going around asking the people whether they "want him" very bad. He is in the ring and is going to take his chances

on that. Hon. Bourke Cockran, of New York, advises the Democrats in Congress to "pass the Revenue bill." We hardly think that, under the circumstances, Bourke's advice will pass among the Democrats in Con-

There will be eleven colored Solons in the next North Carolina Legislature, nine in the House and two in the Senate. Who says there the world, we have no guns to fight | is no chance for colored genius to

> The New York World says the largest contributor to the Republican campaign in the past election was W. K. Vanderbilt, who chipped in \$150,-000. Cornelius threw in \$50,000.

It is Mr. Wanamaker's opinion that "no one has a patent right on a Senatorship from Pennsylvania," but there are some gentlemen who have a pretty tight grip on it all the same.

Palmer, the veteran theater manager of New York, went under a few days ago. Palmer, the veteran debe well calculated to encourage ancoy of Illinois, went under a short other nation which had a grievance while before.

> The city of Brooklyn has an elephant on hand, in the shape of a big safe which it bought and found too large to get into the house without taking a wall out or the root off. The "era of prosperity," of which

Wm. McKinley was the "advance agent," may have set in, but we notice a good many failures, daily, all Li Hung Chang is getting disgusted and wants to retire. Secre-

tary Carlisle is not the only disappointed statesman. Mr. McKinley is said to be a teetotaler, and will allow nothing stronger in the White House on fes

tive occasions than tea. The Republican National Commit tee spent \$2,500,000 and has about \$90,000 to start business on next

DEATH OF MR. JOHN M'EVOY. Confederate Veteran and Much Esteeme

Citisen of Wilmington. A death occurred in Wilmington yes terday which was heard of with sincere sorrow by every working man in the city. It was the passing away of Mai John McEvoy, who has been a machinist and carpenter at the Atlantic Coast Line shops for the past thirty years, and was a true, honorable and upright man every walk of life and highly respected by his fellow employes. He was 74 years old at the time of his death which occurred at 10 o'clock yesterday at his residence, No. 810 North Second

Mr. McEvoy was a native of Ireland and served in the British army. Coming to this country, when the war between the States began he volunteered in the Confederate service and was promoted o a lieutenancy in a company in the Second regiment, N. C. State Troops. and served with credit and distinction throughout the war. He was a member of the Hibernian Benevolent Society ever since its organization in this city thirty years ago. His face was always familiar in the ranks of the Confederate Veterans and the Hibernian Benevolent Society. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Jno. C. Rowan.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock from St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral. The Hibernian Society will atend in a body; also, Cape Fear Camp Confederate Veterans.

For Coast Defences. Sealed proposals for constructing gun emplacements near the mouth of Cape Fear river were opened yesterday in the office of Lieut. Col. D. P. Heap. corps o' engineers, U. S. A., in this city. There were six bidders, J. J. Shipman, Washington, D. C.; J. L Grim, Philadelphia; Louis H. Skinner, Wilmington, N. C.; J. Friday, Pittsburg, Pa.; Stewart Contracting Company, Columbia, S. C. and A. B. Cook, Petersburg, Va. The bids were for labor and material. It was recommended that the award be made to J. L. Grim. Philadelphia, whose bids, aggregating \$66 618 45 were the lowest.

Messre. Alex. Sprunt & Son cleared vesterday evening the British steamship Taneta for Liverpool, Egg., with cargo of 11,896 bales of cotton, valued at \$418,-000. The Janeta is a vessel of 2,179 tons. She received her cargo at the

Mr. J. H. Sloan cleared the British steamship Sheerness for Ghent, with cargo of 6,980 bales cotton, valued at \$280,000. The Sheerness' registered tonnage is 1,414. She received cargo at the Wilmington compress. A New Steemship Line to Connect Boston

with Wilmington.

The STAR is enabled to state, trustworthy authority, that a direct line of steamships from Boston, Mass., to Wilmington and other Southern ports will soon be established, under control of the Clyde Line. The first steamer of the new line will sail from Boston on or about the 10th of December. The service will probably be weekly.

- The road from the second toll house to Masonboro Sound is being covered with shells by the county, under the supervision of Mr. J. D. Walton.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

A correspondent of the STAR writes:
"At Laurinburg in the Baptist Church Wednesday night, Mr. John T. Mc-Eachin, one of that town's young merchants, and Miss Hannah Dukes were noited in matrimony. The decorations were charming and the ceremony beautitully performed by the pastor, Rev. Mr.

lones. After the ceremony an elaborate reception was tendered the bridal party. "Before the entrance of the wedding party the sweet voice of Miss Mary Mc-Call rose in clearest tones from behind an embankment of ferus concealing organ and singer, and at the close of the song "Oh, Promise Me" there came from the organ a burst of melody under the touch of Mrs. W. DeB McEichin, with violin strains drawn forth by Mr. Hinton ames, and the party marched to Men-

delsohn's melody. "The attendants were Mr. T. C. Mc Eachin and Miss Mary Staunton, Mr Maxcy L. John and Miss Janie Mc-Eachin, Mr. Frank L. Bundy and Miss Janie Napier, Mr. Rod McRae and Miss Lydie Gill, Dr. E. J. Gill and Miss Bue-lah Cameron, Mr. W. D. McLaurin and Miss Roberta Everett."

United States Minister Ransum ar ived at Weldon Monday from Mexico and proceeded straight to his home, in Northampton county. He was in time for the funeral of his son, Mr. Thomas Ransom. Rev. Mr. Pilard, of Jackson conducted the funeral service at the resi ience Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock. A large crowd of people was present, esti-mated at five hundred. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. The interment was at the old homestead, and the remains were reverently laid to rest by the side of a loving sister, who died some years ago.

Exports Poteigo. Messrs Alex Sprunt & Son cleared yesterday the British steamer Wraggoe for Bremen, Ger., with cargo consisting of 9,950 bales cotton, weighing 4,800,-655 pounds and valued at \$360,000.

Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared the Norwegian barque Ararat for Manchester, Eng., with cargo of 4,118 barrels rosin, valued at \$7,060.

The receipts of cotton at this port continue largely in excess of receipts last season; the total up to yesterday since September 1st being 156 481 bales; against 95,988 bales for the same time last year, showing an increase of 60,493 bales. The receipts for the week ended yesterday are 17,017 bales, against 7,688 received the corresponding week last

The stock at this port is 29,975 bales; at same date last year, 19,006.

- The schooner William Linthicum cleared vesterday for Port Marie, Jamaica, with 159,926 feet lumber and 80,-000 shingles, valued at \$3,198.78. Vessel by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.; cargo by Chadbourn Lumber Company.

NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS. Labeville the Next Meeting Place of Western Conference.

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 17,-The second day's session of the Western North Carolina Conference was called to order this morning by Bishop Gallo-Rev. G. A. Oglesby, missionary secre-

tary of the North Carolina Conference. and Rev. George G. Smith, of the North Georgia Conference, were introduced to the conference. The special order for hearing the report of the commissioners from the North Carolina Conference in regard to the Church paper was taken up. The whole matter was on motion referred to the Book and Periodical Committee, with instructions to appoint a like commission from this conference if they deemed such a course expedient

N. M. Lawrence, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, was introduced to the conference, and spoke briefly of the needs of his large family of 212 children. He asked the convention to take up a collection for the asylum on Thanksgiving Day.

Nine more preachers passed the examination of character and blamelessness of official administration and made

Asheville was selected unanimously as the place for holding the next confer-

GEN. MILES TALKS OF THE ARMY Plenty of Volunteers, But No Guns

CINCINNATI, OHIO, November 19 .-Gen. Nelson A. Miles arrived to-night to attend the Commercial Club banquet. previous to which he said to a reporter "In the event of a war the United States would have to call on the State militia. Our army is the only department of the Government that has not grown with the country. It has been reduced from 51,000 in 1866 to 25,000 now. It should be at least 81,000, capable of being increased to 62,000 in case of threatened war. Our navy is half as strong numerically as the army. No civilized nation on earth ever tried to maintain such a proportion between army and navy except China, and she was whipped by a nation one-twelfth her size with a loss to the conqueror of but

640 men killed. "Our army is, in its personality, far superior to that of any other nation, In the event of war we could get any number of volunteers, but we lack the guns to fight with, and it takes two years to make a high power gun-one year to make the tools and one year to make the gun. A war now would be lought at long distance. It would be brief, and the loss of life less than in former years. The improvement of engines of destruction, instead of jeopardizing the lives of soldiers, saves them."

HON. WM. J. BRYAN

Greeted on Arrival at Springfield, Mo., 1 - Two Addresses by the Bilver Champion. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 21,-The V

Bryan hunting party was greeted upon arrival here this evening by an enormous crowd. Notwithstanding the adverse weather, excursion trains brought in hundreds from neigh boring towns and farmers assem from every direction. There were two addresses made by Mr. Bryan this evening, one in North and one in South Springfield, and the ante-election enthuliasm was fully equalled by to-night's iemonstrations. Mr. Bryan reviewed briefly the recent campaign and coun-selled continued agitation of the silver propaganda. He expressly desired that his identity as the leader of the faithful

should be sunk.

At 11,30 p. m., Mr. Bryan left on a regular train for Kansas City, where he will be joined to-morrow by Mrs. Bryan and proceed at once to Lipcoln.

POPULISTS OPPOSED TO PRITCH-ARD'S RETURN TO THE SENATE.

organiss State Charitable Institutions-The Argument Against Leasing the A. & N. C. Bailroad-Freight Train on Southern Railway Wrecked. Special Star Correspondence.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 20. Dr. A. S. Peace, a member of the Populist S ate Executive Committee, is in the cty. Mr. Peace expressed the opiaton that Pritchard would not be returned to the Senate. He does not think that the Republican Senator will be able to poll any Populist votes. Tuesday next, at Halifax, the tempo

rary injunction restraining the stock-holders of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad from leasing the road will be argued before Judge Boykin. Attorney Purnell, who instituted the injunction proceedings, declined to-day to out-

When the Republicans attempt to reorganize the charitable institutions they will find a great deal of opposition. Two of the leading Populists in the State tell me that they will fight any attempt to remove Prof. John E. Ray from the principalship of the Deaf, Dumb & Blind Institution. Uncle John Nichols is hankering after this place. Bailey of North Carolina went around

to the Agricultural building a few days since and took an inventory. He reports that there are fourteen officials and Populists are saying that they will be awarded the speakership of the House this time. Republicans fail to confirm

the statement. A Southern Railway freight train was wrecked just outside the city limits this morning by a part of the coupling falling on the track, Six cars were piled upon top of one another. The track was blocked for six hours and all trains delayed.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

WEYLER FAILED IN HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MACEO.

Despondency in Havans-The Oatlook Gloomy-Spaniards Indignant at Weyler's Failure-Gen, Paudo Will Probably be His Successor-Iuoreased Activity of the Insurgents - Gom s' Fores

Marching Westward. By Telegraph to the Morning Star KEY WEST, FLA, November 21 .-Passengers who arrived from Havana to-

night report that it is currently admitted that Weyler has failed in his campaign against Maceo. Though no accurate date is obtainable as to the latter's movements, all reports agree he has di vided his forces into small bands who harass Spanish troops but present no chance for pitched battle or decisive re-Weyler's marches have been painful

and his soldiers have suffered great hardships. In consequence 1,800 soldiers have been sent to Candelaria sick. Most of Weyler's staff are ill and are returning to Havana. He also is falling back and will establish headquarters near Artemisa, at the estate Pilar, which he claims is a better base of operations. The Spaniards in Havana are indignant at Weyler's inability to crush the insurrection in Pipar del Rio, and mutterings are heard. Gen. Paudo, who is oming with new reinforcements, is tndicated as Weyler's probable successor All are despondent in Havana, and con-

ider the outlook gloomy. At the meeting to take part in the opular loan of Spain no spirit was hown. All held back, and only through the pressure of the Civil Governor, wh was present, was fifty-five thousand dollars raised as a free gift to Spain Not a cent has been added since Luciano Ruiaz, a prominent banker, and desada, mayor of the city, left the neeting without contributing to the

Rebels in other sections of the island continue active. It is said that the imortant town of Victoria de Las Tunas, Santiago province, is besieged by a strong force of insurgents.

The train starting from Cardenas yesterday was obliged to return on accoun of large masses of rebels crossing the ine. They are said to be the vanguard of Gomez, who is reported already in

Santa Clara province, marching west. MADRID, Nov. 21 .- Senor Castellano Minister of the Colonies, denies the troth of the story cabled that there is robability of a rising in Porto Rico, espite the tact that the story was based upon official advices from that island, but El Dia affirms the accuracy of the story and declares that the Government has received advices showing the existence of a conspiracy to raise an insur-

El Serroe gives expression to the general leeling of dissatisfaction with Gen. Weyler and asks when Gen. Azcarraga, Minister of War, is going to take command of things into his own hands. Advices from Havana announce the arrival there of Gen. Munoz from Pinar

del Rio.

C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD. Gill Will Remain Sole Beceiver for the Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, November 21.—Gen. John

Gill, of Baltimore, will remain sole re-ceiver of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley mer's Loan & Trust Company, of New York, in which C. Adolph Lane, Wm. E. Strong and Geo. F. Baker applied for the appointment of a co-receiver with Gen. Gill of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley property, came up before Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, in chambers to-day and was argued by Mr. Charles Steele, of New York, attorney for the applicants. Judge Ed. J. Cross, of Baltimore; Judge G. H. Hudson, of South Carolina; R. O. Burton, of Raleigh; Mr. Geo. Rountree, of Wilmington, and H. B. Turner, of New York, argued against the appointment of another receiver, and when they had finished Judge Simonton promptly announced that he would dismiss the peti-

Pennel C. Higgins, a brother of ex-United States Senator Anthony Hig-gins, of Delaware, also a brother of Jac. C. Higgins, the regular Republican candidate for Governor in Delaware at the late election, committed suicide yesterday in Philadelphia by inhaling illuminating gas.

tion, and an order to that effect was

The weekly statement of the asso-clated banks shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$6,801,650; loans, increase, \$9,558,400; specie, increase, \$4,206,500; legal tenders, increase, \$7,078,600; deposits, increase, \$21,987,800; circulation, decrease, \$167,-200. The banks now hold \$29,805,575 in excess of legal requirements.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE. STATEMENT OF THE POOLING COM-MITTEE OF THE STOCK-HOLDERS.

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of the Agreement Which Los Than Helf the Stockholders Voted to Confirm. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Nov. 21 .- Messrs. Louis McLane, of Baltimore, Moncure Robinson, of Philadelphia, and Judge Leigh R. Watts, of Portsmouth, the pooling committee of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad stock, to-day gave out the fol-lowing statement regarding the committee's recent negotiations with Thomas F. Ryan for the sale of the road :

"Early in October it was ascertained that General John Gill. President of the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company f Baltimore, the financial agent of the seaboard Air Line, (Gen. Gill being director in the Carolina Central R. R., one of the roads comprising that system, and also a member of the Seaboard Air Line committee,) was endeavoring to obtain options on stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, which company controls the Seaboard system. "The management, apprehending that

stockholders knowing General Gill's reation to the president and the position held by him, might suppose that he was buying the stock at their suggestion, or at least with their knowledge and ap proval, Mr. R. C. Hoffman, president after a consultation, issued a circular letter addressed to the stockholders, advising them of the real facts and disclaiming any connection with Mr. Gill's efforts. This was followed by a letter from General Gill attacking Mr. Hoffman's management and charging that the property of the stockholders was being impaired in value by what was called the rate war. It was then for the first time realized that General Gill was hostile to the management, of which he had been a prominent supporter, and it was determined to form a pool for the mutual protection of the stockholders who should become parties thereto. "A pooling agreement was prepared

October 2nd, and parties owing stock to the aggregate amount of 1,879 shares signed the same before the annual meeting of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, held at Portsmouth, Va., October 6th.

"The committee named in the pool ing agreement of October 2d, to-wit Louis McLane (chairman), Leigh R Watts and Moncure R. Robinson, held a conference October 5th on the Bay Line steamer with Col. Harvey, of New York, who stated that he represented a gentlemen who desired to purchase a controlling interest in the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad. This conference, at which, in addition to the committee and Col. Harvey, there were present R. C. Hoffman (president) and C. D. Fisher, of Baltimore, was without

"On the morning of October 6th, before the annual meeting of the stockholders called for that day convened, the pooling committee had a conference with Thomas F. Ryan and Col. Harvey the result of which was a contract be tween said pooling committee and the said Thomas F. Ryan. Type-written copies of the pooling contract were in possession of the members of the committee, but to facilitate matters it was agreed to have said agreement printed and a copy mailed on the afternoon of that day to every stockholder of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, accompanied by a circular letter uesting them if they approved of the arrangement and were willing to become parties to the agreement, to sign the same and return it to Louis McLane,

chairman, prior to October 18th. "The terms of this agreement were well known to Mr. Ryan and his friends when they treated with the committee, and he fully understood that the three gentlemen were treating with him as a committee, and on the afternoon of the 6th, after the conference had adjourned, he telegraphed a member of the committee, requesting that a copy of the agreement be mailed to him that night, at his office, No. 82 Liberty street, New York. In compliance with his request a copy was mailed him, and on the th of October he acknowledged its re-

"The pooling agreement expressly provided that no sale could be made of the pooled stock unless at least threefourths of the aggregate number of shares signed agreed to such sale, and Mr. Ryan understood at the time the agreement with him was made that the committee had no authority over the pooled stock except that conferred by he pooling agreement, and he knew, or certainly should have known, that uness three-fourths of the stock pooled voted for a sale no sale could be made. The committee positively declined to sell a single share of the stock unless every stockholder had the privilege of selling his or her holding at the same price. Mr. Ryan insisted that the committee should take no active steps to induce stockholders to sign the pooling agreement and requested that the price he agreed to pay be regarded as confidential. It was his avowed object to have General Gill purchase as much of the stock as he could secure at \$100 per share. On the 18th of October he was promptly advised of the number of shares of stock pooled and after some correspondence with him the committee submitted to the signers of the poo the question whether they would accept or refuse Mr. Ryan's offer of \$125 per share. With very few exceptions ever stockholder signing the pool voted, and instead of three-fourths voting in favor of the sale less than one-half were recorded in the affirmative. Mr. Ryan was at once notified of the result of the ballot, and that the stockholders declined to sell at the price named His \$60,000, the amount deposited, was returned to him. No representations of any kind were made by the committee to Mr. Ryan, nor did they obligate themselves to deliver any stock at the time the contract of October 6th was made, as before stated, very few stockholders had signed the pooling agreement. The stockholders were unknown personally to the committee and the committee had no knowledge of how many shares General Gill had secured, and hence it for the purpose of affording such aid as any assurance of any kind in

premises. The committee held the pooled stock as agents, and their authority over the same was limited and defined with the agreement creating the pool. The proposition of Mr. Ryan was submitted to every stockholder fairly and the committee did not seek to ce or control their votes. "The action of the committee in the connection will bear the closest scrutiny, and it is deemed unnecessary for the entlemen of that committee to say any-

thing in reference to any personal reflections made by Mr. Ryan. Whether Mr. Ryan represented the Southern Railway Company in the proposed purchase is a matter with which the committee had no concern, and they are not respond for what seems to be the universal opinion of an intelligent public, that the real object of the proposed purchase was to destroy and absorb the only competitor of that great monopoly and leave the South with its wast business interests completely at its mercy."

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY GOV-CARR TO THE TAMPA CONGRESS.

The Caucasian Newspiper Trouble-Republican Claims-A L'quer Dealer's Failure-The Cumnock Mine Troubles-Oor flict of State and Federal Laws in Regard to Meeting of Presidential Electors.

Special Star Correspondence. RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 28 Governor Carr has, at the request of the Governor of Fiorida, appointed the following delegates to attend a Congress to be held at Tampa, Fla., January 20th. for the purpose of discussing methods for the proper defence of the Gulf and South Atlantic scaports, and to devise means for their betterment, viz.; Messrs. James Sprunt, Wilmington: Dr. W. G. Curtis, Southport; Jas. L. Fowle, Washington; Maj. A. J. Galloway, Goldsboro; Col. R. B. Creecy. Elizabeth City: W. S. Battle, Rocky Mount; J. E. Pogue, Raleigh; Peter D. Price, Greensboro; Dr.

J. H. McAden, Charlotte; Wm. M. Cooke and Wm. E. Breese, Asheville. Mr. R. C. Rivers, foreman and business manager of the Caucasian, has rewent to see Senator Butler relative to the recent trouble of that paper. Senator Butler was unaware that the Caucasian had been levied upon. He made arrangements to have the paper taken out of the sheriff's hands, and this will be done to-day. Editor Ayer's course in regard to the paper's difficulty, is strange, to say the least. He could have settled the matter the first day, but flat-

ly declined to do so. The Republicans now a will have seventy-one members of the Legislature on joint ballot, with the prospect of an additional member from ackson county.

D. C. Mangum, a local liquor dealer, made an assignment to-day, naming J. C. L Harriss as assignee. The Southern Distillery Company, of Wilmington, N. C., is a creditor to the extent of \$275. The Langdon-Hinszey-Waites suits will hardly come to trial at the Dece ber term of Federal Court. All the

papers have not been served as yet. The State and Federal laws seem to conflict as to the time when the electors shall meet in this city and cast their vote. The Federal law says that the electors shall meet in Raleigh on the second Monday in January, while the State law says they must meet here at moon on the Tuesday preseding the area. Wednesday of December.

Governor Carr holds that they must meet bere in December, in compliance with the State law. Rev. Charles Utley, the Populist Senator-elect from Wake, declines to state whether he will vote for Pritchard.

A STRANGE SUICIDE. Man Worth a Half a Million Kills Him

self Without Apparent Cause. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.-Helmas Romaine, ex-Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of New Jersey under Secretary Rusk, committed suicide last night

at the Romaine homestead on Saddle river, in Bergen county, New Jersey, under somewhat peculiar circumstances. Mr. Romaine's residence has been in Paterson, with his family. Yesterday morning he called at the place, visiting his cousin, John Romaine, who runs the old family mill, and then spent the rest of the day with Frank Post, who is keeper of the homestead, living in a small house near the mill. After tea Mr. Romaine having learned that Post and his wife were going to accompany John Romaine and wife to a party urged them to drive the horse with which he had come from Paterson because it was better than the farm animals. This was done. Mr. Romaine remained at Post's house

with a lad named Cornelius Newell, who helped on the farm. When the Romaines and Posts returned from the party at 5 o'clock this morning, they tound Helmas Romaine lying on a lounge in Post's house dead. His legs were crossed, one hand holding a revolver across his breast and there was a hole in the head above the right ear. The relatives of the dead man can think of no cause for the act. Mr. Ro-

maine has always been considered a wealthy man, his possessions being put as high as \$500,000. He was a very successful larmer and made an excellent reputation as Commissioner of Agriculture. The place where the suicide occurred is one of the oldest mills in Bergen county, and is widely known under the family name, it having been conducted by the Romaines for several gen-

U. S. REVENUE CUTTERS

Coast to Aid Vessels in Distress. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 21.-Upon ne recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, this afternoon, the President ordered the revenue cutters Woodbury, Dallas, Dexter, Hamilton, Windom and Morrill to cruise along the Atlantic coast from December 1st to April 1st The assignments are as follows: The Woodbury, from St. Croix river, Me., to Cape Ann; the Dallas, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Viseyard Haven, Mass.; the Dexter, from Nantucket Shoals to Sandy Hook, both inside and outside the sound; the Morrill, from Cape Lookout to Charleston; the Windom, in Che peake Bay and from the Capes of Virginis to Hatteras, and the Hamilton, from Norfolk and the Capes of Virginia to New York.

By the bursting of a large emery wheel in the works of the Blacklock Iron Foundry, at South Pittsburg, Tenn., George Howk was instantly killed and George Weish was struck by a flying fragment and so badly hurt that he will die. The shop was badly torn up.

T. S. Jones, the defaulting city sheriff of Augusta. Ga., arrived there last night and was delivered over to his bondamen. He refused to talk.