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of land? Some will say it is over-

production, but that is not it. It is

the scarcity of money, which makes

money high and land low. The

moral, again, is that if the money

lenders of the East want to get their

money back they should not insist

on a money system which impover-

ishes their borrowers and makes

them unable to pay their debts. Un-

der the present monetary system,

which is controlled by the East, the

South and the West are compelled

to depend on the East for the main

portion of the borrowed money they

have use for. It costs them, as we

have stated, a good deal to get this

money, and if they fail in their vent-

ures the security is sacrificed, sacri-

ficed because of the scarcity of money

which makes the sacrifice necessary.

With a reasonable amount of money

in circulation in the West and South

there would be no such depreciation

of lands, and consequently no such

sacrifices. Neither the South nor

the West can have all the national

banks they need, but if they had

State banks under good systems they

would have all the money they had

any use for and a kind of money

that would be kept constantly in

circulation, because it would not be

hoarded nor sent to the Bastern

money centers. The Eastern banks

would not find so much demand for

their money in the South and West

then, but they could take their sur-

plus money and banking capital and

start State banks in those sections,

thus find "investment for much

more of it, and do a safer business at

shorter range, and at the same time

help to build up these sections,

which would require more money as

the capacity to use more increased.

But before we can have State banks

that arbitrary bank tax must be re-

MINOR MENTION.

Notwithstanding the frequent as-

sertions of the gold organs that the

Democratic party was disintegrated

by the platform adopted at Chicago,

Wm. J. Bryan polled a larger vote

than Grover Cleveland did four years

ago by nearly 700,000 votes. The

following table shows how the

vote for Bryan stands in the South-

Cleveland.

129,361

175.461

87.622

40.288

54,692

189.874

239 148

This shows a gain of 350,344 votes

with all this the Democratic party

The following table gives the to-

tal official vote for the respective can-

didates for State officers as cast at

Taking the votes cast for the re-

spective candidates these figures do

not show much scratching in such a

Bryan

131 214

110.108

217.829

77,096

63 253

359,114

174,488

57.968

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for Cleveland four years ago.

South Carolina...

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Total......... 1,626,907

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Second Class Ma er.

SUBSCRIPTION P.ICE. The subscription price of the We - ly Star is as

We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum. ? any of our subscribers are respon ing promptly. Others pay no attenti n to the bills. These latter do not seem to understand that they are under any legal or moral obligation to pay for a newspaper.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

We clip the following from the Baltimore Sun, a gold standard paper:

'According to the Boston Herald twenty-two savings banks in New Hampshire bave failed in the past eighteen months, with deposits of \$17,-00),000. The depositors will lose \$4,-500,000, all of which was sunk in Western land investments. During the camnign the Western press, which supported the silver candidates and the orators who proclaimed their virtues from the hustings, vehemently denounced the East because it loaned its capital in a business way on Western farms or to Western land companies. securing the investments, of course, by mortgages, just as the Western capitalist would do if he placed his investnow on the other leg, however, so far as 'cruelty' is concerned, for, while the land is still in the West, the unfortunate savings banks which have been compelled to close their doors have been unable to recover the good money with which they sought to work the destruction, as Weller puts it, of the Western borrowers. If the proportion of losses in the West holds good in the case of other Eastern banking institutions which have failed, the Western borrower has no cause to complain of Eistern 'cruelty.' for none of the profit have been absorbed by the lenders."

statement is correct as to the number of bank failures, the losses and the cause, we reproduce this article from the Sun because it is a story with a moral and an object lesson combined. Here we have twentytwo savings banks in an Eastern State, and not a very pretentious State either, seeking investment for their money, -or rather the money of their toiling depositors-nearly all poor people -who put it in dollar by dollar if not in smaller sums. Why was this money of these toiling people sent West for investment Because money was scarce in the section to which it was sent and the interest rates higher than could be commanded in the East. This fact ern States as compared with the vote attests the unequal distribution, and the higher price the West has to pay for the use of the money which it

Taking it for granted that this

Alabama..... 188,188 Arkansans 87.834 We do not know what rates of interest were charged for the New Hampshire money sent out there and Mississippi sunk, but it is evident that the rates were higher than the Eastern rates, North Carolina... 182,951 or the money would have remained in the East and never gone West. Where is the equity in a financial system shaped and controlled by national legislation which makes the borrower in one section pay for the over the vote for Cleveland, notwithuse of money a higher rate of instanding the systematic and organterest than is paid by the borrowers ized fight made and supported by the of another section? The answer of administration in several of the course will be that the fault is not Southern States, notably Virginia in the financial system, but in the North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia fact that there is more money in the and Florida, which resulted in giving low-rate section and the abundance Palmer 28,789 votes in the South; of the money to loan makes the and McKinley a good many, how cheap rates. This is true, but under many is not definitely known. But this system the great banks of the East have gotten control of the cast 350,344 votes more than it did money of the country, and prefer, if they can, to lend it near home where | four years ago. In view of these facts they can keep their eye on it, as it and these votes it is amusing to were, and see how it is getting along. listen to talk of reorganizing the The result of this is that the Eastern Democratic party on Indianapolis lines, and to ask 1,977,251 voters to borrower gets his money at a small gather around the 28,789 "nucleus" cost while the Western borrower pays a high price, giving the Eastern man | and let the nucleus frame the plata decided advantage as a competitor forms and run the party, which in business with the Western man. would be a grotesque illustration of Suppose, for instance, that a Western | the self-amputated tail wagging the or a Southern man wanted to build | big dog. a mill or other manufacturing esta lishment, an Eastern man wanted to do likewise and each had to borrow the money to do it. The Eastern man could borrow his for about the last election : or Western man would have to pay at least double as much if not more. Isn't it apparent at a glance the advantage the Eastern man has in this and how much easier it is to estab. lish manufacturing plants in the East than it is in the South or West? The moral in this is that the Government should not, even indirectly, discriminate against the people of one section in favor of the people of another section, and that it should large vote. Treasurer Worth leads,

cess from the path of the other. But why did these banks lose the | monstrated by this election, and that | licanism.

not handicap one and remove in as Thompson and Ayer follow, these

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1896.

The New York World remarks SENATORIAL QUESTION. that

money they had invested in the is that the Populist vote was West? The security they held was cast 'by men who were ands, improved and unimproved, formerly Democrats, and most of it no doubt improved more | the only effect that this party has had or less. As business concerns, of or can have on our politics has been course they took reasonable precau- to build up the Republican party tion to ascertain the value of the and to give a few Populist politi cians the offices they were striving lands upon which they lent so much for. Having demonstrated that they money. They found the tax valuations and governed their loans accan elect candidates without Populist assistance, the Republican leaders cordingly. The money they lost, four and a half million dollars, would will henceforth care less for fusion, not have been lost if the lands had throw the Populists overboard as soon as they can and go for all there not depreciated to that extent; proof conclusive that lands in the secis in sight. This is about what we tion in which these investments expected when the fusion business began, and we have said as much were made are not worth as much more than once. As far as Populism to-day as they were eighteen months in our State is concerned it is an utter failure, and the same might be Why this depreciation in the value

said of it from a national standpoint.

We take it that the big meeting of Cuban sympathizers which was held in New York, Friday night, addressed by Hon. Bourke Cockran, Chas. A Dana and others, is the first of similar meetings that will be held to influence the action of Congress on the Cuban question. Mr. Dana has been one of the most vigorous and persistent advocates of recognition of Cuban independence, and has doubtless done much to mould public sentiment. Some of his most trenchant excoriations of Mr. Cleveland have been inspired by the tardiness shown by the administration in taking a more emphatic and aggressive position in favor of the Cuban strugglers. We do not know what Mr. Cockran's position has been heretofore, but in this speech, which is pronounced an "impassioned" one. he declared unequivocally for recognition not simply of belligerency but of independence, with annexation as question to be decided in the fu ture, a sentiment which was heartily and vociferously responded to by the audience. We believe that this meeting fairly represents American sentiment, and that by the time that Congress gets down to work there will not be much doubt as to what that sentiment really is. If Gen. Weyler is going to do anything to change the situation he must do it speedily.

The latest from Cleveland, Ohio, is that Hanna is to be made U. S. Senator to succeed Sherman and that Sherman will go into the Cabinet to make room for Hanna. We are no admirer of Mark, but we hope this programme will be carried out if that is the only way to get John Sherman out of the Senate. When he comes out the people of this country may be congratulated.

If this thing goes on Mr. McKinley may soon start a menagerie. Since the election he has been presented with three eagles, four coons, two roosters, a jack rabbit and a lamb. The lamb is supposed to represent those confiding "sound money" Democrats who voted for him as the representative of sound money.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Republicans are bound to do something to show their high appreciation of Hon Mark Hanna. There is a movement on foot to send him to the Senate. This may make it interesting for Hon. John Sherman, who thinks he has a pre-emption right on the seat which he holds.

Charles T. Crisp, eldest son of the late ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, will be sent to Congress, without opposition, to fill out his father's unexpired term. We do not know much about the ability of young Mr. Crisp, who is 26 years old, but if there be anything in ears he will achieve distinction.

Mexico is becoming a tobacco growing and exporting country. In 1889 90 the exports amounted to \$948,332, this year to \$1,700,000. It is said that the soil in the tobacco growing region is practically inexhaustible, and the area a hundred times as great as the tobacco area of

There are said to be 400 deserted wives in the city of Topeka, Kansas, which indicates that Kansas women make very poor wives or Kansas men very poor husbands, but we incline to think the latter, as he is at least a cowardly husband who runs awayfrom a wife.

Ambassador Bayard was "commanded" to dine with Queen Victoria on Thanksgiving day, and therefore gave the American colony in London the cold shoulder, after he had accepted an invitation to Russell,..... butcher the turkey for them.

> For some time electricians have been working to produce electricity from coal without the employment of fire as an agency. Dr. Jacques, of New York, claims to have solved the problem, which means much, if it be true.

Queer kind of pilgrims who visited Canton during the campaign. They actually stole and carried away the fences around McKinley's lot, which far as it can the impediments to suc- three receiving the full fusion vote. have now to be replaced. They thus There is one thing pretty well de- demonstrated their orthodox Repub-

that "Mr. Hanna represents the skeleton in the Republican party's closet." A pretty healthy looking skeleton, by the way.

A county judge in Kentucky is receiving anonymous letters notifying him that if he puts any of the toll gate regulators in jail they will regulate the jail and him too.

A good many foreigners who settled in Missouri have moved from that State to Maryland, and still that movement goes on.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Mr. Charles Bonham a Truck Farmer, Missing-Fears of Foul Play-A Nezro Woman and a White Man Arrested on Buspicion.

Mr. Chas. Bonham, who lives on a truck farm about four miles from the city, has mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Bonham is about 76 years of age. Friday last he came to town, and between 9 and 10 o'clock that night his horse and cart were found near the foot of Nun street and taken to the City Hall. Search was made for Mr. Bonham yesterday, but it proved fruitless. It was learned that Mr. Bonham, who was under the influence of liquor, had last been seen in company with a colored woman, Rose Hill, near Capt Skinner's ship-yard. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the woman, and special policeman Todd, who arrested her, landed her in the guard house. She denied knowing anything about Mr. Bonham's mysterious disappearance, but is held to await further developments. It is feared that Mr. Bonbam, in the dark, fell off the wharf into the river and

was drowned. Later in the day a white man named Bob Kendrick, a sailor, was also arrested and lodged in the guard house, upon information given by the woman, who said that Kendrick was in company with Bonham.

Before and Atter. In the first estimate of the probable vote for Governor made by the STAR short time before the election we gave Guthrie 30,000 votes. His actual vote as officially returned, was 30 933. In our last estimate, made the day be

fore the election, we gave Watson 143,-000 votes. His actual vote, as officially returned, was 145,416. In our estimate of the probable vote for Russell we were wide of the mark,

the colored gentleman in the woodpile being of much larger proportions than we had supposed. All will agree, however, that it was more difficult to estimate Russell's vote than that of the other candidates for Governor.

ENGINEER KILLED. Rear-End Collision on the Osrolina Central

Railread. An accident occurred last Thursday morning on the Carolina Central railroad, near Laurel Hill, in which engineer Will Clayton was instantly killed and several train hands were slightly in-

At 6 30 Wednesday evening a freight train, with sleeping car attached, left Wilmington for Hamlet and was followed two hours later by a freight train in charge of engineer Clayton. At Laurel Hill, when the combination car arrived, some freight cars had to be shifted to a siding. and the sleeper with two or three box cars were detached and left on the main track while the shifting was being done. Mr. E. L. Martin was in the sleeper There was a heavy fog and through th's the extra freight train came at full speed and dashed into the cars standing on the main line. Engineer Clayton reversed his engine and attempted to jamp from the cab, but was caught by the tender and crushed to death. Mr. Martin, the lone occupant of the sleeper into which the engine dashed, was thrown from his berth but escaped injury. Engineer Clayton's body was taken to Hamlet, where he resided with his wife and two children He had been in the service of the Carolina Central for twelve years.

New Hanover Truckers.

A meeting of the Truckers' Associa tion of New Hanover county was held in this city yesterday. Capt. Ed. Wilson Manning, President, and Mr. Sol, J. Jones, Secretary, were in their accustomed places. After routine proceedings, Messrs. G. W. Westbrook, F. T. Kline and Sol. J. Jones were appointed delegates to a meeting of the Eastern Truck and Fruit Growers' Association, to be held at Warsaw December 2d.

Quiet Home Wedding.

Miss Comfort Walton, daughter of Mr. I. G. Walton, of Masonboro, and Mr. Asa W. Allen, of Wilmington, were married yesterday afternoon at 580 o'clock, at the residence of the parents of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Walton, uncle of the bride. Many invited guests, relatives and friends of the bride and groom were in attendance and the young couple were the recipients of many handsome pressents. After the ceremony the brida party came to the city; where Mr. and Mrs. Allen will reside, at No. 125 South Eighth street.

Marine Repor . Capt. Mitchell of the schooner Cora M., reports: O:t. 231 in latitude 87.55, longitude 64 86, spoke the British steam-

ship Wesley Hall, flying signals of distress. The cargo, supposed to be cotton, was on fire. The master of the steamer wanted no assistance, but asked to be reported. Reliable Almanacs. "Branson's Agricultural Almanac" for

1897 has been received at the STAR office. It is full of valuable information. Published at Raleigh, N. C., by Levi Branson, Turner's North Carolina Almanac for

1897 is also issued. It has been regu-

larly published for fifty-nine years, and the older it gets the better it is. - At Charleston, yesterday, cotton was quoted steady at 7 cents; at Savannab, quiet at 6 15 16; at Wilmington, firm at 716. Moral: Ship your cotton to

A DEAD-LOCK LIKELY TO RESULT IN THE ELECTION.

Republicans Do Not Propose to Let Butler Do the Bull-Doning-Many Candidates in the Field-The City Charter to Be Changed-Republicans Delaying Lease of the A. & N.

C. Railroad. [Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH N. C., Nov. 25. A member of the Republican Execu

tive Committee, and a leading member of that party in the State, said to day that it was possible that a dead-lock might result in the election of a Senator. He said that If Butler pursued his present policy, the possibility of an election would be remote. "The Republicans," he stated, "would support no one savé Pritchard. We do not propose to let Mr. Butler bulldoze the Republican party in this State. Butler wants Pritchard to divide the patron age of the Senate, as well as the Federa atronage, but this will never be done. Not a Democrat will be removed from office until the Senatorial question is settled, and if the Populists defeat Pritchard we will see that they do not get a thing. There will never be an-Populist Congressman from Carolina if Pritchard is de feated. We want this understood at the start. I speak the sentiment of every true Republican."

The above statement, coming from the source it does, puts a new phase on the situation. Can this be the lever to break the backbone of Marion Butler? A gang of wild Populists clamoring for

fice will go to most any extreme. I made the rounds among the politi cians to-day, including two of the State chairmen, with the purpose of obtaining a complete list of Senatorial candidates to date. While some few boomlets may have been overlooked, the majority of them were spotted. The Republicans only have one candidate and he is Jeter Pritchard. As to the Populists, why they are all in the race. But the more avowed candidates are Cy, Thompson, L. C. Caldwell, Maj. W. A. Guthrie, Walter R. Henry, S. Otho Wilson, J.W. Ramsey, Harry Skinner and Oliver Dockery. Dr. J. J. Mott was put down as a free silver Populist Republicans declare that Dr. Mott

carried Rowan county for the Demo-

[Special Star Telegram.] Notice is given in a Republican paper that application will be made to the General Assembly to change the city charter. Republicans desire to gerry-

It is asserted that Republicans are de aying the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad until Russell takes office, so that the road can be placed under Republican management There is talk of the Methodist Conerence, which meets at Kinston, estab-

ishing a paper for the East. It is generally understood that the ninistration will take the oath of office Wednesday, January 18th, the day after the returns are canvassed by the Legislature.

AT KENANSVILLE.

Marriage of Mise Winnie Dayle Bowden Mr. Jos. C. Shepard, Jr. [Special to the Star.]

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Nov. 25. "Happy is the bride the sun shines on." And it was such a glorious day. Not warmer than the many hearts that beat in unison for the fair young girl that was married to day. At an early hour we were all on the qui vive, from old mammy "Jinsey," or days ante bellum, who came to do the last "good turn" for her young mistress, to the young mistress herself, who felt that her quiet old

nome was so dear. A beautiful and delicious luncheon was served soon after the bridegroom came for his bride, at 19 85 p. m., after which relatives and friends, who are egion, assembled at the Presbyterian church, which had been exquisitely decorated with evergreens, chrysanthemums and ribbons by Misses Annie Kenan and Carrie Archer, who also presided at the organ. Accompanied on the violin by Mr. Lee, Miss Archer sweetly sang "I Love Thee," and played the wedding march, when immediately the four ushers-Dr. E. W. Ward and Messrs. Robert Bowden and Lon Grady of Kenansville, and H. L. Fentress, of Wilmington, N. C .- preceded the bridal

First came the groom, Mr. Jos. C Shepard, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., with his best man, Mr. D. Davis Hankins, also of Wilmington, N. C. Then the Maid of Honor, Miss Henrietta Shepard, sister of the groom, followed by little Miss Eila Cooper and Master James Middleton, who strewed flowers before the bride, Miss Winnie Davis Bowden, who came last, leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. James J. Bow-

den, who gave her away. The ceremony was performed very im pressively by the Rev. Peter McIntyre. The bride wore a tailor-made French gown of blue boude cloth trimmed braid, satin and exquisite lace; a hat of hine silk beaver velvet and red roses The bride and groom, accompanied by Dr. J. C. Shepard, the Misses Shepard Miss Bessie Hankins, Messrs. L. Tate Bowden and D. Davis Hankins, ail of Wilmington, and Mr. M. D. Clarke, of Manchester, N. C., a cousin of the bride, returned to Wilmington on the 4.15 train, where the bride will be at home to her friends at the residence of Dr. J. C. Shepard, South Fourth street.

HAVANA ADVICES. Weyler Again in the Field-Insurgent

Waiting to Give Him Battle-Political Prisoners Deported. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. KEY WEST, FLA., Nov. 28 .- Passen-

gers by the steamer Olivette to-night report that Weyler left Havana last night for Mariel, going by steamer. It is reported that 18,000 insurgents are waiting on the road to Mariel to intercept and give him battle.
One hundred and forty-three prisoners

were deported to-day. Seventy-nine were nanigoes and the balance suspects. Fourteen were arrested yesterday, tried by drumbead court martial, convicted

and sentenced to-day.

Coloms, while being led to execution on the 26th, was slapped in the face by a Spanish official for a trivial remark. He died game. His last words were "Cuba Libre!"

Passengers also report that Oran Molton is very sick, and very ill treated.

Eight hundred wounded Spanish soldiers were brought into Havana yester-C. B. Pendleton arrived in the city to

night. He claims there was nothing irregular in his passports. The Spanish officials simply wanted to detain him on account of his bringing important dispatches to this city.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

OFFICERS Show That the Populists Had Not Over 31,000 Votes in the State-Thanksgiving Day in Raleigh-Claude Dockery a Candidate For Speaker of the House - Foot Ball.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 27. Thanksgiving was more generally oberved in Raleigh than ever before Business places were closed and all the s'ores took boliday in the afternoon. The day was an ideal one.

Mr. Claude Dockery, representative from Richmond county, is very favorably spoken of as a candidate for speaker of the House. Mr. Dockery, it is said. already has the active support of a number of Republican members of the lower branch of the Legislature.

The official returns for all the candidates for State offices was completed in the Secretary of State's office vesterday. The returns show that the total vote cast is in the neighborhood of 881,000 Watson received 145 416 votes; Russell 154,052, Guthrie, 30,982; Mason, 144 930; Reynolds, 152,915; Dockery, 82,910 Cooke, 145,109; Thompson, 184 085 Ayer, 188.521; Furman, 145,087; Aycock 144,666; Worth, 184,948.

As a Republican remarked this mornng, the Populists have at last been made to show their hands and their claims are found wanting. Months ago the ancouncement was made officially by Chairman Aver that the Populists had 65,000 voters in the State and possibly nore. All the Populist shouters hollered louder, some claiming as many as 90,000 votes.

The vote shows that the Populists have not over 81,000 votes in the State. Maj. Guthrie came within 1,000 of polling the full Populist strength. It was only in Wake and one or two other counties that the Populists scratched their candidate for Governor. Guthrie's vote of 80,932 and Russell's majority of 3,686 gives 31,568, which is the total fusion vote. These figures show the exact Populist vote.

Horner's school foot ball eleven deeated the eleven of the Raleigh Male Academy at Oxford yesterday in an exciting contest. The score was 4 to 0. By Southern Associated Press.

RALEIGH, Nov. 27 .- North Carolina's vote for Congressmen was officially can vassed to-day and is as follows: First District-Harry Skinner, Popuist. 20.875; Wilson H. Lucas, Democrat,

Second Distr'c:-George H. White colored) Republican, 19838; F. A. Woodward, Democrat, 15,868; D. Moss. Populist, 2,788. Third Datrict-John E. Fowler, Populist, 17,989; Frank Thompson, Demo-

crat. 12,586. Fourth District-W. F. Stroud, Popu ist, 20,947; E. W. Pou. Democrat, 16,450 Fifth District--W. H. Kitchin, Democrat. 19.088; Thomas Settle, Republican 18,689; A. J. Dalby, Populist, 507. Sixth District—C. H. Martin, Popu-

ist, 23,051; J. A. Lockhart, Democrat Seventh District-A. C. Shuford Populist, 17,669; S. J Pemberton, Democrat, 14,291.

Eighth District-R. Z. Linney, Republican, 19 419, R. A Doughton, Democrat, 18,006. Ninth District-Richmond Pearson Republican, 20,495; S. J. Adams. Demo crat, 19 899; Miss Helen Lewis, 5 This is the first vote ever cast in North Caro-

lina for a woman.

RAILROAD MATTERS. Editor Morning Star:

The following is from a recent issue o the Atlanta Journal: "The recent effort of Mr. Ryan and others to obtain control of the Scaboar Air Line road emphasizes the import ance of this line to North Georgia and indeed, to the entire State. It is the only route connecting this region with the East which is entirely independent of the Southern Railway, Its officers have claimed that freights can be successfully and ported from the East into Georria at rates much less than those

now charged. Shall this line be allowed to fall into the possession of competing ines or shall it be permanently preserve as an independent line? This is a mos mportant question. If it should fall in to the hands of competing lines the plai rovisions of the constitution of the State f Georgia would be violated. The char ter of this road was granted under the constitution of 1877. Is it not possible or the Legislature to enact laws to enforce the provisions of the constitution of the State so as to prevent the Seapoard Air Line from ever being absorb ed by one of its competitors? If any thing is to be done on this line, now the time to do it."

Apropos of the above, we think it we

to call the attention of our readers to a scheme which has been quietly at work to strangle one of the enterprises which every citizen in this State has looked forward to for many years as necessary to place this portion of the South Atlantic States in direct communication with the great West and Northwest We refer to the struggle for the posses sion of the Cape Fear & Yadkın Valley R. R. for the purpose of dismembering t. Those who undertook this enterprise believed that great benefits would accrue to North Carolina as soon as the road was completed to the Virginia line, and to aid in its completion, the cities of Wilmington, Fayetteville and other municipalities made liberal subscriptions to the capital stock. But for the pressure of hard imes and financial disturbance incident to the panic of 1898, which caused this property to be placed in the hands of a receiver, the object of its promoters would have been realized—an independent through line to the West, which would give our citizens competitive rates of freight-would have been secored, and cheaper coal for manufacturing and other purposes could be delivered at our very doors. Is, it not time for our Legislature to consider whether avenues of commerce shall be choked and placed at the mercy of rival roads because of the possible interference with other plans of operation? In the neighboring State of South Carolina legislation has prevented one railroad system from monopolizing all other lines, and we do not see why the same kind of legislation would not be beneficial to our citizens. We want the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad preserved as a whole, sold in its entirety and operated in the interests of citizens along its entire line. WILMINGTON.

At the Reformatory, a few miles above Richmond, Va., Friday, Edward Tinsley, a guard, had several of the boys out stripping logs, when one of them, Chas. Fourshee, struck Tinsley with an axe. inflicting a wound that proved fatal. Fourshee admits that the blow was intentional.

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FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES FOR STATE POPULISTS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ES-TIMATE OF THEIR STRENGTH IN THE LEG SLATURE.

Republican Headquarters Permanently Closed - Populists Will Caucus Alone and Mominate a Candidate for Senator, [Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 28. Secretary Hyams, of the Republican Executive Committee, left for Washington, D. C., in order to be present at the opening of Congress. Republican headquarters were permanently closed to-day. The big banner has been taken down and will be stored away until the next campaign opens.

E. D. Stanford, who received the endorsement of the last Legislature for State Librarian, announces that he will not be a caudidate for the position this

The pavilion at Brookside Park was destroyed by fire last evening. Tramps had been quartering there since the

close of the Summer season. Chairman Ayer says he is still unable o give an estimate of the strength of the Populists in the Legislature. It is a singular fact, but no one has been able so far to give an accurate estimate. He was asked now many Populist members of the Legislature had gone on record as opposing Senator Pritchard's re-election, and he replied that he did not know. The Populist chairman did say. however, that there were enough silvermen in the Legislature to elect a silver Senator.

"Is Pritchard regarded as favorable to silver by Populists." Mr. Ayer was asked. "Read the Caucasian," he said.

From another source it is learned that the Populists have virtually agreed to go in caucus by themselves and nominate a candidate whom they will support throughout the session, if necessary. The Populist leaders do not hesitate to say that they will elect one of their number. Col. Dockery is said to have a stronger support than any other one candidate in the Populist party.

CLEVELAND TALKS.

Gives His Views at Langth Upon the Puture of the Demogratic Party. By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

WASHINGTON, November 28 .evening paper here prints an account of a conversation between President Cleveland and a prominent Democratic politician, in which the former expressed at length his views upon the future of the Democratic party. The President believes, according to the story, that while a blunder was made by the leaders who controlled the convention at Chicago last July, he is hopeful that many of the men responsible for that action will be convinced of their folly in the near future. He expects to see the organization brought back into the true Democratic path and he is confident that the party, by repudiating at the first opportunity the doctrines proclaimed at Chicago, can quickly recover much of the ground lost in the late campaign. It is to those Democrats who followed Bryan solely on the ground of "regularity" and to their prethren who organized the movement leading to the Indianapolis convention that Mr. Cleveland looks for the reorganization and the rehabilitation of the Democratic party. He is confident that they will not follow the free silver extremists into the Populist camp, but will gladly come back into the Democratic fold when the "parting of the ways" is reached, as it will be very shortly, in his opinion. The num ber of these Democrats is much greater, Mr. Cleveland believes, than most persons suspect. It is his estimate that in many of the Southern States particularly, probably a third of the votes given Mr. Bryan were cast by Democrats who were influenced in registering their ballots exclusively by the idea of "regu-

Mr. Cleveland is said to expect that the radical element of the party, com posed as it is of men who enthusiastically ndorse all the dangerous doctrines proclaimed at Chicago, will shortly be swal owed up in the Populist organization. It is the President's idea that the sooner they go the better it will be for the Democratic party. He wants the reorganization to be effected along the lines laid down in the Indianapolis platform, which he regards as the embodiment of essen tial Democratic principles.

The President insists that it is only to the Democratic party, purified and rejuverated as he hopes it will be by the strengthening off process and by accessions from the Republicans and inde pendent voters, that the people can look with any degree of hope of confidence for relief from their burdens. He thinks the greatest dangers which now menace the country are the greed of organized wealth and the rapacity of corporations. He sees in the return of the Republican party to power no prospect of the abatement of these evils

OLD FORT RALEIGH.

Commemorate the First English Settlement in America. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH N. C., November 28 .- Today a memorial was erected on the site of old Fort Raleigh, on Roanoke Island, in Dare county, to commemorate the first English settlement in America. It was erected under the auspices of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association. The base is of North Carolina granite and the tablet of Virginia granite. The tablet bears the following inscription: "On this site, in August, 1585, the colonists sent from England by Sir Walter Raleigh built the fort called the

New Fort in Virginia." The colonists were the first settlers of the English race in America. They returned to England in July, 1586, with Sir Francis Drake. Here was born on the 18th of August, 1587, Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents born in America, the daughter of Ananias Dare and Eleanor White, his wife, members of another body of colonists sent out by Sir-Walter Raleigh in 1587. Two days after her birth she was baptized.
Mantee, a friendly chief of the Hatteras
Indians, had been baptized on the Sunday preceding. These baptisms were the first celebrations of the Christian sacrament in the territory of the thirteen

original United States. The monument was dedicated with appropriate religious exercises, and an address was delivered by Graham Daves, president of the Association. The out-lines of Fort Raleigh are distinctly visible, and the angles are now permanently marked by granite pillars.

At Jackson, Miss,, the weather last night was about forty degrees colder than twenty-four bours before, and was getting worse. A freeze was confident-ly predicted, the first of the season.



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A' STARTLING STORY TOLD THE CUBA JUNTA AT NEW

YORK CITY. Three Thousand Spaniards Killed in an Engagement with Macco's Forces Before Weyler Took the Field-Reports of Op rations of the Cuban Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, November 28 -Lieut Jose Felix Rios, a special messenger from the Cuban Government to the Janta in this city, arrived here last night on the Clyde steamer Algonquin from Jacksonville. This alternoon he told a startling story in the headquarters of the Cubaffs in this city, which would go to show almost beyond doubt that a battle which took place in the Rubi hills in October last, and in which 8 000 Spaniards are said to have been killed. had been construed into an engagement with Weyler's troops in the same territory about a week ago. The details of the October battle are strikingly similar to the details of the story of Weyler's alleged engagement, which was attributed to Lieutenant Rios, although he now denies that he ever gave out such an interview. He declares, instead, that what he said about the alleged engagement with Weyler was simply common talk in Jacksonville while he was there.

His story is as follows: "I am a Galician and went to Cuba when eleven years of age. For a long time I have been in the commission business in Havana. Having worked hard for the Cuban cause, I was some time ago appointed a lieutenant in the Gomez army. On October 28d last I was given documents by Gen. Gomez and by the uban Government, represented by Ger Cisneros, at a town called Arancana and encampment near Camaguay. With eight men I left a certain part of the sland in a small boat and set a course for Nassau. We arrived there in five days. A Spanish gunboat, which had been hunting for us, got into port two hours later, but she was quarantined and we were sale. From Nassau, after some

lelay, we went to Jacksonville, thence to Some shrewd questioning at this point led Lieut. Rios off the subject of his story and into the details of a fight that he said occurred in the Ryof bills just where Gen. Maceo's engigement with Weyler's troops is said to have taken place. He declared that he knew it to be an absolute fact that the Spanish General Melquizo, with 15,000 men, he exact number that Maceo is said to have engaged a few weeks ago, came suddenly upon Gen. Maceo with 5,000 Cuban patriots behind him. As usual the Cubans got to work first fand efore Me'quizo could get his line in shape he was greeted with a shower of eagen hall that mowed great gaps in his ine The battle continued for some time before Maceo, who had evidently been waiting for Spain's soldiery, began to slowly retreat. At this point as in the tory of the alleged Weyler engagement, the dynamite incident comes in. Hundreds of Spanish soldiers were killed instantly by the discharge of the deadly substance almost under their feet, The carpage was terrible. Maceo still retreated and was followed slowly by the broken lines of the Spanish forces. Then, from this eminence—this same emisence is mentioned in the al-Weyler engagement - Maceo brought a dynamite gun to bear on the Spanish troops and killed off several hundred soldiers before darkness ended the fighting. Maceo and his victorious roops got away. Lieut. Rios declared ere that the Cuban loss was only thirty.

The Spanish force, he declared, lost Lieut. Rios was then asked if the story dated November 26th, from Jacksonville. Fla., and purporting to be an interview with him, was true. He replied hrough an interpreter, that the Weyler story he knew nothing about, but explained when he was told its purport that he had heard the same thing pelore leaving on the Algonquin for this

"Do you know whether it was true?" ne was asked. His reply was that he knew nothing at all about it. This seems to settle the story of Gen Weyler's engagement with Maceo's men n the Rubi hills district, which he has declared was an untruth and which the

Cubans have said was a fact. Lieut. Rios says, regarding the occupancy of the province of Camaguay by the Cubans: "The Cuban Government is in healthy operation in this district. The Spaniards have given it up. In the nountains, under the roofs of old farm houses, the new Government of Cuba Libre conducts schools for the children of the patriots. The pupils range in age from 7 to 18 years, all the boys of a greater age than that being engaged in the fight for the island's liberty. In the provinces of Camaguay and Orienti, they have shoemakers' shops for the shoeing of the Cuban soldiers and blacksmith shops for the shoeing of the patriots' horses. A sort of tax is levied there by the Government, but it is not compulsory. These provinces the Civil Governors Mendosa and Manuel Cespedes are in charge of. A very small force of men is all to project the people

He was accompanied to this city on the Algonquin by Captain Dupler and another Cuban. The documents sent by Gomez and Cisneros are in the hands of the Cuban Junta.

INTERNAL REVENUE

Collections for October Bhow a Decreate as Compared with the Same Month Lant Year. By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

WASHINGTON, November 28 .- The collections of internal revenue for the month of October were \$18 275,205, a decrease from those of October, 1895, of \$475,008. The amounts credited to the \$475,008. The amounts credited to the several sources are: Spirits, \$7,903,945; tobacco, \$3,588,167; fermented liquors, \$3,597,599; oleomargarine, \$97,874; filled cheese, \$818; miscellaneous, \$86,805. The only increase was \$23,087 from fermented liquors. For the four months ended October 81st, there was a decrease of \$494,600 in the total receipts from those of the same period in 1895.

The official vote for Oregon gives Mc-Kinley electors 48,711; Bryan 46,789.