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There is a gorge of money in our banks, for which in the general stagnation there is no demand. We have in our own vaults \$2,000,000 that we would be glad to lend at 1 1/2 per cent. on good security, but we can't find takers.

Returning home our friend met on the train a resident of the State of Connecticut, a prominent citizen and a capitalist of that State, who was going to spend some time in Florida.

He is a Democrat and was a delegate from his State to the Chicago convention. He was a gold standard man and like the rest of his delegation bolted when the convention adopted the free silver plank.

He illustrated by saying that several years ago he and others of his State had loaned to a land company in Nebraska \$100,000 on landed security. For a time the interest was paid, but as money became scarce in the West and prices continued to fall the company defaulted on the interest.

Here are the views of two Eastern men, both gold standard men, both money lenders, both supporters of McKinley and both of whom would prefer to speak differently if he did not speak so honestly to us.

MINOR MENTION.

The question of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad will come up in the Senate within the next few days. What the result will be it is difficult to forecast, for victory is claimed in advance by both sides.

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Mr. Hill, President of the North-western Railroad system, who claimed to be a life-long Democrat, but bolted the Chicago Convention, and used all his influence to secure the election of McKinley, as a "sound money" man, declared just before the election that prosperity was just two weeks ahead, but after

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A BIG FIRE.

SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED. Several Narrow Escapes—Y. M. C. A. Building and C. F. & Y. V. Warehouse Threatened—Casualties—Losses and Insurance.

Last night at 11:10 o'clock, the dreaded cry of fire rang out upon the still night air, and the people living in the neighborhood of Front and Grace streets were aroused from their slumbers by witnesses of one of the largest conflagrations that has visited Wilmington in years.

The fire started in the rear of B. Marks' clothing store, which is a two-story wooden structure on Front street, near Grace, on the western side of Front street. From Marks' store the fire spread to the rear of Mark's clothing store, which was wrapped in flames. She immediately gave the alarm and Police Officers R. L. Sallings, R. G. Holmes and J. F. Huggins, who were on duty in that neighborhood, started for the scene of the fire and to give the alarm.

THE PATH OF THE FIRE.

From Mark's clothing store the fire communicated to a shoe repairing store, adjoining the rear of A. S. Holden and Berry's hardware store and on to a vacant store adjoining. From there the fire went to Joseph H. Lucas' (colored) barber shop, to the rear of the store of Sternberg Bros., grocery store, on the corner of Front and Grace streets. Next the fire swept around the corner on its voyage to destruction, and entered the rear of the late Mr. J. Mauser, the news stand, of W. H. Moore, colored, Mrs. Mary Williamson's dance hall, Newbury's grocery store and several small wooden buildings near and around the main buildings. All the buildings mentioned were entirely consumed.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN.

Mr. Hays White (Beatty), of Bladen County. The STAR regrets to announce the death of Mr. Hays White (Beatty), in the 85th year of his age.

HON. A. S. SEYMOUR

Dies in New York, Where He Had Gone for Treatment. [Special Star Telegram.] NEWBERN, N. C., Feb. 19.—News has reached here of the death of Hon. A. S. Seymour, Judge of the District of Pamlico, New York city, on Monday. He resided here, but had gone North for treatment. His family were with him.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Domestic Troubles Said to Have Been the Cause. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20.—William Sheerer, an electrician from Philadelphia, about twenty-five years of age, attempted to commit suicide in the Capitol Square here at 1 o'clock to day. He shot himself in the head with a .44-caliber pistol, but the ball passed around the skull, inflicting a slight wound only. Sheerer is the son-in-law of Andrew Barry, of this city, and is said to have had a tiff with his wife before he made his attempt at self-destruction.

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RALEIGH NEWS LETTER. MARSHALL MOTT OPPOSED TO PROPOSED CHANGE OF WILMINGTON'S CHARTER.

Rev. R. H. W. Leak the Victim of a Practical Joke—Minority Opponents to Divide the Offices Allotted to Them—Gen. Bascom Spoke of as a Successor to Judge Seymour.

Marshall Mott is violently opposed to the bill introduced to change Wilmington's charter by giving the Governor the appointment of fire aldermen. "I," says Mott, "there is one thing the Republican party is in favor of it is local self-government. For twenty-five years we have denounced the Democratic party for electing magistrates by the Legislature, but the attempt to throw the cities and towns of the State into Republican hands by Executive force is ten times worse than the election of magistrates by the Legislature. It is the most outrageous attempt at political tyranny ever attempted in the State. You can say for me that I will believe the Governor is a party to it and believe that it will meet with his unqualified disapproval."

It is rumored on what seems to be good authority that President Cleveland will appoint Minister Matt Ransom Judge, to succeed Seymour. It is believed the Senate would confirm Ransom's appointment.

AN ELOPEMENT.

Mr. Jacob Battis, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Mattie Wash Wright, of Petersburg. [Special Star Telegram.] PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 18.—Mr. Jacob Battis, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Mattie Wash Wright, of Petersburg, eloped to Washington last night, where they were married this morning. The groom is a son of Judge Jacob Battis, of Rocky Mount, and is about 31 years of age. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. William Wright, of this city, and a granddaughter of Mr. Richard Wright, a prominent merchant of Petersburg. The elopement was a great surprise to the relatives and friends of the couple here.

BODY SNATCHING.

Superintendent of the City Cemetery, Lynchburg, Va., Arrested on the Charge. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LYNCHBURG, Va., Feb. 20.—N. J. Farmer, superintendent of the city cemetery, was arrested to-day on the charge of disintering a dead body, and was released on \$500 bail to appear for a preliminary hearing next Friday. Ella Jamison, a woman of bad reputation, who committed suicide, was buried at the city's expense on Friday morning. On account of rumors that had reached them, the police determined to keep a lookout to see if the body was disturbed. Early this morning, Policeman Adams saw a wagon drive up to the railroad station with a big black barrel on board. The inquiry of the driver what it contained, he replied that it was the body of Ella Jamison. The body was sent back to the cemetery, where it had been buried. The Mayor, and Farmer was arrested, and also were two negroes charged with being accessories. Farmer admitted that he had shipped a number of bodies, all shipped to the southward of Andrew Barry, of this city, and is said to have had a tiff with his wife before he made his attempt at self-destruction.

A NASHVILLE SENSATION.

But for a Divorce Brought by a Prominent Society Lady. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NASHVILLE, Feb. 20.—A sensation was created here to-day in Nashville select society by Mrs. Sallie T. Sawrie filing a bill of legal separation from her husband, W. S. Sawrie. The defendant is a leading wholesale grocer in this city and is now at his orange grove near Orlando, Fla. The wife charges that her husband returned from the Capitol Square here at 1 o'clock to day. He shot himself in the head with a .44-caliber pistol, but the ball passed around the skull, inflicting a slight wound only. Sheerer is the son-in-law of Andrew Barry, of this city, and is said to have had a tiff with his wife before he made his attempt at self-destruction.

IGURE FITS. When I say I care I do not mean merely to sleep in a room and have them return again. I mean a radical cure. I have made the discovery of a remedy. I want you to know the remedy. Because others have failed to cure me, I am now receiving a cure. Send me one for a trial. I will pay for it. Write to me at once for the name and location of the doctor. Prof. W. H. PEECE, P. O. 4, Cor. 1st and 2nd Sts., New York.