The subscription price of the We- ly Star is a

amount to a very large sum. Nany 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.

ard papers, both the Republican and so-called Democratic, confidently predicted that if Bryan and free silver were defeated "confidence would be restored," there would be a turning loose of locked-up money, an inflow of foreign capital and good times would come apace. Just after the election when the manufactories went to work to fill the held-up orders they loudly and jubilantly proclaimed that these predictions had been verified, that the industrial revival had already come, the money was being turned loose, more gold was going into the Treasury than there was room for, the railroads were preparing for an immense business and were giving out big contracts for freight cars, rails, &c., and that we might now stand flatfooted and look cheerfully to the future. The spurt lasted about two weeks, or until the held-up orders were filled, and then the dead calm came. and we have had a dead calm ever

But from time to time some comforting prophet who supported Mc-Kinley, the "advance agent of prosperity," rises to announce that the revival and the good times are not far off, just around the bend, as it were, and some of the organs assure us, on the authority of Mr. Carnegie and other gentlemen who look through telescopes and kaleidoscopes and other devices that cover things at long range or present them with prismatic hues, that "the wave of prosperity is already in sight."

We took occasion just after the election to give our views on the outlook when these jubilant organs were jollifying over the arrival of the long looked for good times, and to remark that the organs were entirely too previous, and asked what was there to bring us any better times than we had when we were confronted by the very same conditions that produced the bad times ? And so now, in answer to the assurance that "the wave of prosperity is in sight," we ask is there to bring it? The West and the South are like squeezed lemons - there is no money in them, and at present prices they have nothing to bring money. The farmers of the West who had wheat to sell sold it, but the buyers who had pretty well gotten possession of the marketable crop before the rise in prices came, made the money. The farmers didn't make it. The bulk of the cotton crop has been disposed of at figures that have left very little margin for profit to the planter. Corn, oats, potatoes, apples, &c., are so low that it will not pay the farmer to market them. With these facts in sight, what is there to warrant the assertion that "the wave of prosperity is in sight?" We wish it was. We would like to catch a glimpse of it, as millions of our fellow citizens

The business men of the Northern cities who are now moving for, urging and demanding a reform in our currency system to relieve the country from the pressure do not see the "wave in sight," for if they did they would not be working for a change in the monetary system, and some of the men who are identified with some of the largest money-lending institutions in the North do not see it either, because they take a coolheaded instead of a partisan view of the situation present and prospec-

Agentleman of this city who recently visited New York met and conversed with one of the leading officers of one of the largest trust companies in that city, a company which handles many millions of dollars annually. In aswer to the inplied: "We have not reached

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come too plentiful, but the proba-

bilities are that if he expressed his

honest sentiments now he wouldn't

object to at least a small increase.

Experience sometimes knocks out

the theories of even bigger men than

To-morrow will be the 165th an-

niversary of the birthday of

"The Father of His Coun-

try." He hasn't been forgotten

but unfortunately a good many of his

be proud of the Republic that Wash-

MORE ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

and lasurance-Mr. I. Shrier

Will Rebuild.

It was stated in the account of the fire

of night before last that George Cox was

supposed to have perished. A search in

the rubbish and smouldering timbers

vesterday morning revealed his body-

or a smoked and charred semblance of it.

The arms and legs had been burned

completely off and what remained

showed small signs of having been a

few hours before a strong, active man.

The body was wrapped in a blanket and

carried to an undertaker's shop on

Second street to be prepared for burial

An inquest was considered unnecessary.

his escape in the same way others did.

But it is supposed that he was dazed and

lost his presence of mind. One report

has it that he was drinking. A gentle-

man who knew him well, however, says

He leaves a wite and two children,

who were carried to the City Hospital

Friday night. He was a patent medicine

The following facts about losses and

nsurance were ascertained yesterday :

The store on Front street owned by Mr.

Shrier and occupied by Mr. C. D.

Jacobs and Joseph Lucas was valued at

\$3,000. It was insured for \$1,500, of

which \$1,200 was with Willard

& Giles, \$200 with W. W. Hodges and

\$100 with Atkinson & Son. Mr. Shrier

will shortly give the contract for the

erection of a handsome two or three

story brick store on the site of the one

that was burned on Front street. The

store on Mulberry street, occupied by

W. H. Moore, stationer, also belonged

to Mr. Shrier. It was valued at \$750.

and insured with Atkinson & Son for

\$300. Moore had his stock insured

for \$200 with Dr. W. W. Harriss. He

has moved to Water street, near Mul-

There was only \$600 insurance on the

entire property belonging to the estate of

the late John Maunder. The value of

the property was estimated as being not

less than \$3,000. Insurance with Col.

Sternberger Bros. had their stock in-

moved into No. 10 Market street.

The insurance on furniture belonging

to Mr. A. S. Holden was \$600, with J.

H. Boatwright & Sou. The property

was so badly damaged that Mr. Holden

thinks the insurance will not more than

cover the loss. Mr. J. Clemmons.

who also occupied rooms in the Caro-

lina Central building, had his furniture

insured for \$800, with J. H. Boatwright

The STAR regrets to announce the

death of Mr. Nathaniel Hill Ogince.

which occurred vesterday in Dublin.

city up to two months ago, when with

his family he went to Dublin, Ga., to

accept a position with the Pritchett

Bros., dealers in naval stores. Soon after

his arrival in Dublin he was taken sick

with the grip, which afterwards devel-

oped into pneumonia and caused his

The deceased was for many years

bookkeeper for Holmes & Watters.

Bridgers & Rankin, Vollers & Hasha-

gen and other business firms in this city,

and was for a long time purser of the

Carolina Yacht Club. He was a son of

the late John Baptist Quince, and a

brother of Mr. Geo. Quince, of Florida,

Mrs. Geo. Myers and Mrs. Geo. LeGrand,

of this city. He was in the 39th year of

his age and leaves a wife and two chil-

The remains will arrive in the city to-

morrow, and the funeral will be held at

Death of Mr. Nat Quince.

death.

Walker Taylor.

berry (next to Mr. Steljes' saloon).

that he was not a drinking man.

It seems strange that he did not make

bequeathed to men.

New Hanover, Etc. [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, February 20.-Bills intro duced in the House-To make it discretionary with the State Treasurer when to pay annual appropriations-monthly quarterly or annually; to provide a dis-

pensary for Asheville; to allow the Clerk of the Court of Bladen county to be absent Mondays; to pay solicitors \$200 s month after January 1st, 1898. By Hileman-To provide that the Treasurer shall collect from all persons or corporations doing a banking business under State license one per cent, of the capital stock which has been actually paid in by the stockholders, and that he shall use this fund to pay guar- | FRUIT GROWERS' AND TRUCKERS' AS antees against any loss to the State: banks which refuse for ten days to pay this one per cent. shall be closed and a

receiver appointed; to adjourn February 22d in honor of George Washington; to provide for working convicts on public roads in Wilson and Wayne counties; to make an itemized statement of an ac count properly verified prima facile evidence of its correctness; to incorporate Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., W. A. Erwin, Robert Strange, W. J. Green, Thos. F. Davidson and others, trustees of St Mary's School at Raleigh or at such other place as may be determined; to pay survevors for surveying lands in dispute five

world has ever seen, or probably sonal privilege, said the News and Obever will see. We may have our server's charge that his committee acted shortcomings, but whatever they be, on bills without a quorum was false. as Americans we all have reason to

Sutton, of New Hanover, said the same. He said he had at the committee ington and his heroic compatriots meeting brought up a bill to change the left us, the grandest inheritance ever charter of Wilmington and declared that it was not objectionable and did not injure the best interests of the city and that the bill had been favorably reported unanimously.

Walters said that he had never read the charter of Wilmington in question; that a bill to amend the charter had been referred to a committee of which Schulken was chairman; that Schulken had turned this over to him; that he was informed by Sutton, of New Hanover, that Governor Russell wished to see the bill; that he gave it to Schulken to hand to the Governor; that last night Sutton gave him a typewritten copy of the bill; that he he had never read the bill before; that Fagan, Cathey and others had not read it. Sutton, he said, when the bill was before the committee, asked that a favorable report be made; that the bill was not read because of right. Fagan said he had stated

statement that it was all that he did not know all that was in the bill; that it was not read, but at the meeting and did not know anything of the bill; that the use of his name publicans and "also thrusting their firebrands at Populists." Eddins said he mington; that once or twice he had not attended meetings; that in signing a minority report he had simply done his duty regardless of politics. Walters said no one had made any positive insinuations that he had not read the bill to amend the charter which was before the Committee on Corporation; that he did not believe two members of the committee would say they had read the bill which was before the Committee on

so. No one rose. The House took up the special order, bill making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes of any kind, the penalty to be a fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

spoke strongly in its behalf. Blackburn said the law would hurt tobacco growers; that he opposed any

sured for \$1,200; \$500 with J. H. Boatwright & Son, \$300 with Col. Walker prohibitory legislation. Taylor, \$200 with F. H. Stedman, \$200 with Atkinson & Son and \$200 with Willard & Giles. This amount will should be manufactured in the State. hardly cover the loss. The firm has

Lusk offered a substitute, making i unlawful to give away clgarettes to minors or for any minor to make them, and making it a misdemeanor; also allowing minors to be introduced as witnesses when caught with cigarettes to give evidence against the persons who

Eddins said the cigarette interests

Duffy said he did not believe the State was a tobacco raiser and favored the yeas 46, nays 84. The substitute then became the bill and it passed third read-

veas 66, navs 28. Duffy, rising to a question of personal privilege, presented a protest, signed by all Democratic members, against the ruling of the Speaker last night in the bill appointing cotton weighers for Wadesboro, Lilesville and Monroe. Lusk, in the chair, refused to allow the protest to be spread on the journal,

holding it was not in order. The bill to amend the charter of Raleigh, making election of all city officers

by popular vote, was introdued. Senate bills introduced, to authorize sale of standing timber for partition in common among tenants; for relief of sureties of J. M. Brown, of Bladen; to protect innocent persons from misrepresentation; by Cannon, bill to appoint Board of Finance of New Hanover; to prohibit sale of liquor within three miles of Tabor Methodist church, Cumberland county.

Bills passed : To refund bonded debt of Cumberland; to allow express matter to be transported Sundays; for the relief of ex-Sheriff Demant, of Brunswick; to STROYED. amend the resolution of the Legislature, ratified February 16, 1877, relating to

Cumberland county; to authorize commissioners of Brunswick and Duplin Losses and Insurance. counties to levy special tax. Last night, at 11.10 o'clock, The "fellow servant" bill, prescribing liabilities of railways, passed unanimously, and is now a law.

Bills introduced: To prevent discrimnation in jury lists. By Mr. Butler, to improve the public

school system. The bill to investigate complaints of Mrs. Pattie B. Arrington, appointing a committee, consisting of Senators Mc-Caskey, Maxwell and Person, of the House, was taken up. Mr. Smathers favored the bill; while Messrs. Parker and Butler opposed it. A motion to table was defeated-yeas. 17; nevs. 22. Bill parsed third reading.

SOCIATION.

New Members Admitted-Delegate Ap pointed to the Meeting to be Held at Wallace-Questions of Importance to Truckers and Fruit Grow-

ers Discussed. The New Hanover County Fruit Growers' and Truckers Association met the grand jury's room of the court house at 5 p. m. yesterday. In the absence of the president, Capt. E. W. Manning, the vice president, Mr. G. W. Westbrook, called the meeting to order and asked the secretary, Mr. Sol. J Jones, to read the minutes of the previous meeting These were read and no corrections being offered were considered approved.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Westbrook Messrs. Geo. A. Woodard and C. H. Heide were admitted to membership in the Association.

Under the head of reports from com nittees, Mr. G. W. Westbrook reported for a committee appointed at a previous meeting to confer with the railroad autnorities with reference to the reduction of freight rates. He said that as yet ne committee had had no meeting.

Mr. Westbrook then stated that the neeting had been called to take action with regard to the representation of the New Hanover County Association in the meeting of the Executive Committee and Directors, which is to be held in Wallace Tuesday next. He said, in this connection, that the members of this Association did not have sufficient notice of the meeting of the general Asso. ciation at Wallace some time ago to at-

At that meeting Mr. G. W. Westbrook vas appointed one of the directors of the General Association and now requested that the local Association confirm his appointment, so that he could go to the meeting at Wallace in a position to represent the New Hanover County Asso-

Mr. S. J. Jones moved that Mr. Westbrook be authorized to go lto the meeting at Wallace with full power to represent the New Hanover County Asso-

Here there arose an informal discusion of the recent meeting of the General Association at Mount Olive. It was stated that at that meeting there was some disposition to object to the use of C. F. T. cars. Mr. S. J. Jones said that n his opinion it would not be well for sub-association to take final action in the matter, it being more properly the business of the General Association.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting at Wallace was to decide whether a shipping master should be employed, and a package tag be used. He wished to get the opinion of the New Hanover truckers so as to be able to represent them intelligently. The daty of the shipping clerk, he explained, will be to so distribute shipments as to prevent the glutting of the markets; to furnish information to any member of the Association desiring it to see that cars are properly cared for, and, in general, to exercise an oversight over the interests of the truck farmers so far as shipping and the choice of commission merchants were concerned

It was stated that free transportation had been tendered to the shipping master, in case one should be appointed, as well as a committee to go North to select commission merchants.

The use of package tags was thought advisable, as by selling them to individual members needed funds could be raised, and, bearing the name of the General Association, they will entitle the smallest shipper to the same advantages

After a discussion, in which Messrs. C. H. Heide, W. A. Wright, Capt. S. W. Noble and others took part, it was moved to authorize Mr. Westbrook to exercise his own judgment in the mat-

It was suggested by the chairman that the different commission merchants had deposits in one or more of the Wil mington banks it would save the small shippers, who have no bank account, the expense of collections. So it was moved that the secretary write the commission hants requesting them to make de posits as described.

After a vote of thanks to the newspaper representatives and a few remarks by Mr. Woodard, of the C. F. T. Company, the meeting adjourned.

Death of Capt. Allen, of Bladen County.

Capt. R. P. Allen, a prominent merchant and planter of Bladen county. died, after several days' illness, at his home, Kelly's Cove, last Thursday night. "Grip" developing into pneu-monia was the cause of death. He was about sixty years of age, served with distinction in the late war, and leaves a wife and five children. A few years ago he was a member of the State Senate. Capt. Dick Allen was universally liked and there are numbers of people in this city and elsewhere who will be sincerely grieved to learn of his death. He was particularly known for the generous pospitality which he and his good wife always extended. The traveller never failed to find a home and a welcome at Captain Allen's.

A BIG FIRE. SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES

Several Narrow Hecapes-Y. M. C. Building and C. F. & Y. V. Warehouse Threatened-Casualties-

dreaded cry of are rang out upon the still night air, and the people living in the neighborhood of Front and Grace streets were groused from their slumbers to witness one of the largest conflagra-

The fire started in the rear of B. Marks' clothing store, which is a twostory wooden structure on Front street, near Grace, on the western side of Front street. From Marks' store the fire spread onward, until the whole of the northern portion of the block was enveloped in flames. THE STORY OF THE FIRE.

Last night at Mrs. Mary Williamson's dance hall, on Grace street between Front and Water, a dance was in full blast. About 11.10 o'clock Rose King. colored, one of the dancers, left the hall went into the back yard and there discovered that the rear of Mark's clothing store 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. From one fire-alarm box to another went the policemen, but each in turn failed to send in the alarm. Officer Jas. Smith, who had arrived upon the scene. telephoned the alarm to the different engine houses. In the meantime Officer Sallings, with the assistance of a sailor, had been rendering valuable assistance to the inmates of the burning houses, who upon being rudely awakened were dazed and seemed unable to help themselves. Adjoining Mark's clothing store is a shoe repairing establishment, and above that is a boarding house. Marks and his family also lived above his store. All the inmates made narrow escapes Mrs. Ann Anderson and two children were carried out of the burning building by Officer Sallings and the sailor

A white man by the name of Cox is supposed to have perished in the flames. He boarded in one of the burning buildings, and upon being awakened rushed to the window, looked out and started back into the room again. Officer Sallings holloaed to him to come back and make his escape while he could. The paid no need to the officer's warn ings, but plunged into the room and to his death, it is thought, as he has not

THE PATH OF THE PIRE From Mark's clothing store the fire communicated to a shoe repairing store. adjoining, then to Breckinridge & Beery's hardware store and on to a vacant store adjoining. From there the fire ber shop, to C. D. Jacobs' restaurant and Sternberger Bros, grocery store, on the voyage of destruction, and the marble yard of the late Mr. Jno. Maunder, the news stand, of W. H. Moore, colored Mrs. Mary Williamson's dance hall Newbury's grocery store and several small wooden buildings were soon wrapped in flames. All the buildings mentioned

The Seaboard Air Line building and a small two story house in the rear also caught fire, but were finally put out after a hard fight by the firemen. At this writing, 245 a. m., the fire is still raging. Most of the furniture was saved out of the S. A. L. building. Mr. A. S. Holden and family live in the second story of the building, while the offices of the railroad and an office of Mr. Frank H. Blodgett take up the lower floor. The inmates of the other buildings, Mr. C. D. acobs and family, Mr. B. Marks and family. Mrs. Ann Anderson and family

At one time it was feared that Mr, W B. Cooper's store and the C. F. & Y. V. depot would catch. Bits of burning wood and myriads of sparks were carried in the direction of these buildings but they were soon cut off by a stream of water and the danger in this quarter

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DAMAGED. The heat from the fire was so great that the wood-work on the southern side of the Y. M. C. A building was several times on the point of igniting, and would have caught most probably but for the streams of water which were diverted from the fire and turned upon it. The warping of the wood-work, the breaking of window lights and the soiling of the interior with water constituted the damage sustained by the building.

Kerosene or kegs of powder exploded in the Newbury store and severely injured Mr. A. W. Rivenbark. He manages the store of Mrs. Newbury, and was making heroic efforts to save the merchandise. At the time of the ex plosions Mr. Rivenbark was trying to make his way to the safe. His face and hands were burned, and his hair and beard pretty well singed, besides the shock from the explosion.

Tim Washington, a colored man, was standing by the Y. M. C. A. building when the explosions occurred, and had his hand badly cut by a piece of glass. the jar from the explosion together with intense heat, causing nearly all of the lights in the building to break and

Sam Clark, colored, while assisting in removing furniture, etc., from the burning buildings, received severe cuts on he left hand, right wrist and in the right

n and dressed the wounds of the injured. Four borses, three in the rear of the Sternberger Bros.' store and one in the rear of Mr. W. B. Cooper's store, came near perishing in the flames. There was great danger to the onlookers from live wires which the hest

Drs. Jewett and Bellamy were called

melted and caused to fall. A message was finally gotten, however, to the Gas Works, and the current turned off before any one was injured. The electricity at the Power House of the Wilmington Street Railway Company was also shut

PROPERTY INSURED. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the general excitement, it was difficult to find out the insurance carried by the victims of the conflagration, but below is given a partial list:

B. Marks, store, \$1,000, with Col

Walker Taylor; furniture, \$500, with] H. Boatwright & Son; Breckenridge & Beery, stock, \$300, with J. H. Boatwright & Son; Jos. H. Lucas, store fixtures, \$250, with Col. Walker Taylor; I. Shrier, building occupied by Lucas and Jacobs insured with Willard & Giles; C. D. lacobs, stock and fixtures, \$350, with H. Boatwright & Son, and \$450 with Dr. W. W. Harriss; A. S. Holden, fur-niture, \$600, with J. H. Boatwright & Son; John Maunder, building occupied by Sternberger Bros., and marble yard, \$600, with Col. Walker Taylor; Sternberger Bros., stock and store fixtures, \$300, with J. H. Boatwright & Son, and also insured with Willard & pross and Postoffice address.

Giles: F. A. Newbury, building \$1,000 Prof. W. H. PEERE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York his attempt at self-destruction.

with Col. Walker Taylor and \$700 with J. H. Boatwright & Son. stock \$300 with J. H. Boatwright & Son. \$500 with Col. Walker Taylor and \$200 with F. H. Stedmes; W. H. Moore, stock \$200 with Dr. W. W. Harriss; Mrs. M. C. William son, household effects \$500, with J. H. Boatwright & Son; T. J.

Male Jebra

NO. 18

Kenan, building occupied by Mrs Williamson, \$8 300; Breckinridge & Beery also carried a policy with Dr. W W. Harriss for \$200 At 8.80 o'clock this morning the firemen, who have been fighting diligently and bravely, have the fire under control

FIRE ACROSS THE RIVER. Sparks ignited the rosin yard on the other side of the river, and it was feared that there would be a repetition of the big fire of two years ago. No attention could be given from this side, but with the aid of the steam tug Marie the fire was extinguished before it spread to any

onsiderable extent. NEW HANGVER COUNTY.

Bill Providing For the Appointment of Board of Figspoe.

The following bill was introduced in the Senate Saturday by Senator Geo

W. Cannon, of Brunswick: An Act to appoint a Board of Finnace for the county of New Hanover.

The General Assembly of North Caro ina do enact:
First, That J. W. Norwood, DeWitt Love, J. G. L. Gieschen, John S. Armstrong, Henry C. McQueen, Will-

lam H. Chadbourn, Samuel Bear, Jr., D. L. Gore, and John L. Divine, of the city Wilmington, be, and they are hereby, ppointed special commissioners, who hall constitute and be styled "The Board of Finance of the County of New

Second. The three Commissioners first above named shall continue in office until the 31st day of December A. D. 1898; the three next thereafter named until the 31st day of December A. D. 1900, and the three last above named until the 81st day of December L. D. 1909.

Third. The members of said Board shall not receive any compensation for their services, and shall not be or deemed to be regarded as holding an office of trust and profit, within the purview of he constitution or law of the State of North Carolina.

Fourth. Before entering on their du-ties the members of said Board shall, before some justice of the peace, take and subscribe the oath prescribed in section four of Article VI. of the Constitution of North Carolina.

State shall fill any vacancy occurring among the members of said Board durng their term of office, and shall, at the expiration of the terms of the Commissioners herein appointed, appoint from among the electors of the county of New Hanover discreet and proper persons to fill their said places, who shall hold their offices for six years thence next casuing their appointment. Sixth. The Board of Commissioners

New Hanover county shall levy no tax whatever for county purposes on the real and pernal property of said county, unless an estimate and the rate of assessment of the taxes so to be levied shall be first submitted to the said Board of Audit and Finauce and approved by at least five of the members. The said estimate the fiscal year for each and every purpose whatsoever, and the amount which will be required, so nearly as can be estimated, to meet the necessary expenditures of the county government.

Seventh. That said Board of Finance shall prescribe the compensation of the chairman of the Board of Commissioner of New Hanover county.

Eighth. That whenever a tax shall be evied for a special purpose, the amount collected therefrom shall be applied to no other purpose, and shall any amount remain after the special purpose for which t shall have been levied has been met, and paid for the current year, then such urplus shall be held by the Treasurer of New Hanover county as a sinking fund to be only used for and exclusively applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonded debt of the said county of New Hanover. Ninth. That all laws and parts of law

n conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed and this act shall e in force and take effect from and after the ratification of the same.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN.

Mr. Hays White Beatty, of Bladen County. The STAR regrets to announce the death, at his home in Bladen county, of Mr. Hays White Beatty, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Beatty was the son of Wm. H.

and Sophia Gibbs Beatty, of Bladen county, and was brought up in the luxurious and hospitable home of his parents, with every indulgence that could be accorded to the youngest child in such

He lived in Wilmington for many years and was one of its most popular and highly esteemed citizens. He married here his second wife, Miss Catherine McLaurin. His first wife was the daughter of Dr. Benjamin Robinson, of Favetteville, where Mr. Beatty also had many warm friends.

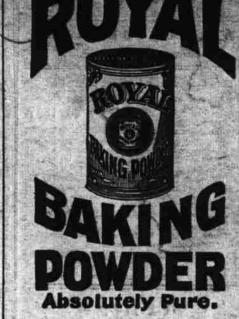
Many troubles came to him late in life, when they are harder to bear, but no word of bitterness escaped from his lips. Brothers and sisters and children died and the old home of his youth was consumed by the flames, with all its precious memories and relics of the past, but for all he found consolation in the promises. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington and afterwards, and until his death in that of Black River chapel. His wife and four sons survive him and they have the deepest sympathy of friends in their

HON. A. S. SEYMOUR Dies in New York. Where He Had Gone for

Treatment, Special Star Telegram. NEWBERN, N. C., Feb. 19.-News ha reached here of the death of Hon. A. S Seymour, Judge of the District of Pamsided here, but had gone North for treat-

ment. His family were with him, [By Southern Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Judge Augustus S. Seymour, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina! died at 6.15 o'clock this

morning in this city. Judge Seymour's death was caused by a cancer of the stomach, from which he had been a sufferer for some time. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow. His body will be shipped to his home at Newbern, N. C., for burial.



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RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

MARSHALL MOTT OPPOSED TO PRO-POSED CHANGE GF WILMING-TON'S CHARTER.

Bay, R. H. W. Leak the Violim of a Pence tical Joke-Minority Populists to Divide the Offices Aliotted to Them -Gen. Ransom Spoken of as a Successor to Judge Sey-

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 20. Rev. R. H. W. Leak announced from is pulpit last Sunday that he had been invited by President McKinley to be of his escort from Canton to Washington. Rev. Leak was for the next few days the recipient of much newspaper advertising. Jas. Young, Rev. Leak's deadly political enemy, was of course set back for the time being, but to-day Jim is exhibiting a letter from Maj. Mc-Kinley which states that Parson Leak has been the victim of a practical joke and that no such invitation has been sent him.

The minority caucus will meet Monday and nominate candidates for the various offices allotted them.

Marshall Mott is violently opposed to the bill introduced to change Wilmington's charter by giving the Governor the appointment of five aldermen. "If." says Mott, "there is one thing the Republican party is in favor of it is local we denounced the Democratic party for electing magistrates by the Legislature, but the attempt to throw the citles 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 do not believe the Governor is a party to it and believe that it will meet with his unqualified

disapproval." Jim Young has given up the idea of introducing a bill to give Raleigh a police commission. His idea is to have very officer elected by popular vote.

[Special Star Telegram.] It is rumored on what seems to be good authority that President Cleveland will appoint Minister Matt Ransom ludge, to succeed Saymour. It is believed the Senate would confirm Ransom's appointment.

AN ELOPEMENT.

Mr. Jacob Battle, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Mattic Nach Wright, of Petersburg. [Special Star Telegram.]

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 18 .- Mr. Jacob Battle and Miss Mattie Nash Wright eloped to Washington last night, where they were married this morning. The groom is a son of Judge Jacob Battle, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and is about 21 years of age. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. William Wright, of this city, and a granddaughter of Mr. Richard T. Arrington, 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, Ve., Arrested on the Charge.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 20 .- N. I. farmer, superintendent of the city cemetery, was arrested to-day on the charge of disinterring a dead body, and was released on \$500 bail to appear for a preliminary hearing next Friday. Ella amieson, a woman of bad repute, 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 plack barrel aboard. On inquiring of the driver what it contained, he replied that it was the body of Ella Jamison. The body was sent back to the cemetery and reinterred by order of the Mayor, and Farmer was arrested, as also were two negroes charged with he had shipped a number of bodies, all paupers, to the University of Virginia. but that the State law authorized such disposal of bodies of persons buried at

A NASHVILLE SENSATION,

public expense.

Suit for a Divorce Brought by a Prominent Bociety 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 drove her from their magnifi-

cent home in East Nashville more than

two weeks ago and then left the city.

The deserted wife charges that the step children were the cause of the estrange-ATTEMPTED SUICIDE,

Domestic Troubles Said! to Have Been the

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 20 .- William

Sheerer, an electrician from Philadelhia, about twenty-five years of age, atempted to commit suicide in the Capiol Square here at 1 o'clock to day. He shot himself in the head with a 44-calibre pistol, but the ball passed around the skull, inflicting a slight wound only.
Sheerer is the son-in-law of Andrew Birry, of this city, and is said to have had a tiff with his wife before he made

There is a gorge of money in our waiting four months for his predicbanks, for which in the general stagtion to materialize, he has revised nation there is no demand. We have it, and now says times will not imin our own vaults \$2,000,000 that we prove till the people begin to pay would be glad to lend at 11 per cent. their debts. This remark applies 222222222222222 on good security, but we can't find especially to the West, with which 82888887558888888888 takers. We have lent some at that Mr. Hill and his railroad system are rate on security that we have taken most closely identified. Now if Mr. 2282828355550-100 some chances on, I am sorry to say Hill will loom up and explain it, but I cannot at present see anyhow people who haven't any thing encouraging in the outlook. money to pay their debts can Mr. McKinley's supporters have pay them he will doubtless confer a promised too much. They cannot great favor not only on the people fulfil their promises." That's the of the West, but of other sections opinion of a cool-headed money where they are scuffling mighty hard handler, whose business it is to keep to get enough of the wherewith to a close eye on the business situation meet their daily necessities. Mr. and indications, and would naturally Hill thought we had an excellent be disposed to recognize and rejoice monetary system, and denounced as SUBSCRIPTION P ICE. a heresy the demand for free silver, in any good sign. Returning home our friend met on which would have added to the volthe train a resident of the State of ume of our currency and made it Connecticut, a prominent citizen and easier for people to get money to a capitalist of that State, who was pay their debts. He was dreadfully afraid that money would thus be-

We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they 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 went home and at the election voted for McKinley. He said he thought he was doing what was for the best PAYING THE PENALTY. in supporting McKinley because Mc-Before the election the gold stand-Kinley stood for "sound money," but he was now satisfied that he and

> come and he now felt sure they never could come on the narrow-gauge gold standard. He illustrated by saving 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 inter est, the value of the lands depreciated and they would now be glad to get 50 cents on the dollar of the money they had loaned. The only

hope he now saw was in a speedy

return to the double standard and

an appreciation in values that would

enable the Western people to pay

their debts. If he had to do it over

the rest of the Democratic polters

did the very worst thing they could

have done. The good times didn't

again, with the light of experience before him, he would vote for Bryan and the double standard. 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 they could honestly do so. They both

took their choice, took their chances, and are now paying the penalty.

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. Enough is known, however, to indicate that the majority either way will be small, with the chances rather in favor of letting the lease stand. It is proposed now by Senator Grant, of Wayne, who is said to be friendly to the leasing company, to investigate the lease, the object presumably being to ascertain whether there were any improper methods employed to what secure the 99 year lease. As far as we have seen there has been no charge of corruption and it is not likely that the investigation will develop anything that is not already known to the public. In discussing the proposed investigation the Ra-

leigh News and Observer makes the following points: "1. That the lease was made six years before the necessity of taking action. "2. That it was hurried up in the face of a request from the president of the

Seaboard Air Line stating that his road would like to bid if the directors could turn over the road. "8. That no public notice of the purpose of the meeting at which the lease

was consummated was made.

"4. That no advertisement for bids was inserted in any newspaper, or other effort made to secure competition. "5. That the directors were threatened that if they did not accept the terms offered, the Southern would parallel the North Carolina road and desrtoy its value in so far as it could be

Here are five statements of alleged facts, only one of which there is any question about, any one of which would be sufficient to demand and justify a reconsideration of the action taken, but all of which combind present an unanswerable argument in favor of reconsideration. If Ga. Mr. Quince was a resident of this under these circumstances the lease had been made for 30, 20 or even 10 years, the propriety of the action taken would have been questionaable enough, but when the lease could have been made for 30 years, the period of the former lease, there is no apparent reason or justification for a 99 year lease, which is tanta-

stipulated annuity. Mr. Hill, President of the Northwestern Railroad system, who claimed to be a life-long Democrat, quiry as to what he thought of the but bolted the Chicago Convention, outlook for a business revival, and used all his influence to secure he shook his head and re- the election of McKinley, as a dren. "sound money" man, declared just the bottom yet. The condition that | before the election that prosperity confronts us is beyond our control. | was just two weeks ahead, but after | St. James Church at p. m.

mount to a sale, on the payment of a

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. "Fellow Servant" Bill Beom The Cigarette Question-Bill to Amend Charter of Releigh Introduced To Ap-point Board of Finance For

teachings are, but for all that it is dollars instead of two. a great country, the greatest the Roberts, rising to a question of per

that it was favorably reported as Sutton stated. Cathey said he was not present was unauthorized and had injured him. Freeman spoke in defence of the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns and said it transacted business openly and said the paper was hitting at Reknew nothing of that charter of Wil-

Counties, Cities and Towns, and if he was not correct he called on them to say

Sutton, of Cumberland, its author,

Hancock offered an amendment, that no smoking tobacco or cigarette paper

furnished them with them.

ad a lobby in the House. had the right to enact such a law. White was applauded when he said he bill. The vote on Lusk's substitute was,