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SEEKING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

We have heretofore observed that it is a remarkable fact that while it is pretty generally conceded that currency reform is needed, it is very difficult to find any considerable number of the reformers who are agreed on just the kind of reform we ought to have. It is also a remarkable fact that the gold standard Democrats are the only advocates of retiring the greenbacks, if we except the bankers and bond manipulators, whose interest it is to have them retired. But even some of those who clamor to have them retired realize the size of the job they propose and the difficulties in the way of doing it.

Toe Philadelphia Record, which stands away up in the front rank of gold organs, reters to some of these difficulties in the following:

"The amount of greenbacks outstanding is \$346 681 016; the amount of unreacconed Treasury notes is \$111,834.-280-a total of \$458 015,298. The total original issue of greenbacks was \$150 -000,000, the total issue of Sherman Treasury notes was \$155 931,003 - naking an aggregate of \$805.931,009. There has been a gold redemption of greenricks at the Treasury since their first sie of \$595.599.051, and a silver reismotion of Treasury notes amounting to \$14 596 728-a total of \$610,195,778 It will be perceived that, though the whole mass of legal-tender notes has been once paid, more than \$100,060 000 still hangs as a menace over the public

"How to get rid of this floating debt without disturbing the business of the country; how to bring into existence a safe substitute binking currency, and how to restore the United States Treasury to its single proper function with reference to the finances of the Govern ment, are the immediate proplems that ront our statesmen. The vote against free silver coinage last year and the set-back to b metallism accomplished this year are two great forward steps. The next step is involved in doubt, owing to the fact that Congress toes not reflect the popular will; but the conditions favoring the re-establishment oon a gold basis of the currency of the country are most propitious.

In this the Record repeats that

often exploded assertion that not-

withstanding the fact that "the whole mass of legal tender notes has been once paid more than \$400,000,-000 still hang as a menace over the public credit." This is not true because the whole mass of greenbacks has not been paid. With the exception of the amount (about \$100,000, 000) which had been redeemed and destroyed before the passage of the act requiring the Treasury to re-issue them, none of them have been paid. They were simply exchanged for gold, and the Government used them in meeting its obligations just as it would have used any other money if it didn't have the greenbacks. If they are a "menace" to the Treasury or to the credit of the Government, it is not the fault of the greenback, but of the policy that stores gold and in vites runs upon the Treasury It may be observed that while for thirty odd years they passed freely among the people, questioned by no one and performing all the functions of money, they never gave the Treasury any trouble until the gold storing business began and the Treasury adopted the policy of giving gold in exchange for the greenbacks presented. Since the denometization of silver, gold has become a speculative metal and the speculators when they wanted gold instead of going u on the market to buy it, rushed to the Treasury with their greenbicks and got gold for them if it was

there to be got. It may also be remarked that if the Government's credit has ever suffered from the presence of this "menace" that fact has escaped the public, for to day its bonds are at a premium and every bond offered for sale to raise money sells at a premium, and a high premium, too. This doesn't indicate any waning credit, although there is nearly \$700,000,000 worth of this "menace abroad, if we include the other note" in the same category with the greenbacks, and they generally are so included by the retirers.

The New York Sun is also a gold regan, like the Record. It was once Democratic paper, or at least wore a Democratic disguise, but now it shines for Mark Hanna's party, and is doing much more vigorous work than it ever did for the Democratic party. It, too, realizes the size of the job proposed and realizes not only the difficulties in the way, but also the danger to the party that would undertake to retire the Government notes, and rings its warning

in this style : "All the use of the cry for currency reform of the "bank currency" sort is to provide Mugwumps with an apparent cause for complaint against the national Administration. Lagislation by Congress cannot possibly be among the results. Congress is not so constituted as to desire to cancel the notes of the United States for the sake of substituting and guaranteeing in some form or other the notes of private banks. No Congress of that character can be made, for the reason that, if at election time the redemption of the greenbacks for the gratification of the bankers were proposed. Bryanism would be returned in such overwhelming volume that al- | cannot regard the accepting of

most the last vestige of conservative sentiment would be ewept out of the

"In lashing the Republican party for not reforming the currency in accord-ance with the Indianapolis platform,now dead with the organization of National Democrats, the would be reformers are punishing a stalled horse whose oly possible move ueder their guidance would be to fall down a precipice.

"The country can rest happy in the fact that the currency of the United States is unassailable so long as the Government's revenue meets its expenses and that all danger can be removed from that side by a law to keep greenbacks received for gold as a fund by them selves, to be paid out for gold only. None the less, the continued agita-

tion of the bank currency fanatics for what is practically impossible, and perilous to any party seeking for it, is at once the beaviest burden upon the party of conservatism and the greatest help to Bryanism discoverable in the present condition of politics.

"Uatil these simple but undeniable truths are recognized by the commercial community so clearly that the carping of the currency reform agitation against the Republican party shall be treated as a manifestation of wanton hostility to the forces of law, order and conservatism, the desintegration of those orces will continue. And it will go far beyond the point of weakness revealed

at the recent election. "As a stimulus and help to Bryanism this sort of reckless and vagueful opposition to the Republican party on some ssue insignificant when compared with the momentous alternative of Republicanism or Bryanism, is more daugerous to-day than it was in 1896. In that year the showy campaign for the Indianapolis platform could't check the rush of honest-money Democrats to the honestmoney party sufficiently to leave the victory to the Democracy of Chicago. Under the title of 'Sath Low' or 'nonpirtizinship, however, it has just deteated the Republican party in the Greater New York and in the Empire

"Unless the conservative forces show igas of gathering together again under the Republican banner, the Democracy will triumph on a platform of radicalism that will make Chicago pale."

A paper which has played the peculiar role the Sun has cannot be expected to inspire much confidence, for there is no telling when it will be on the other side, but in this article it voices the sentiments of the representatives of the party for which it now professes to speak, for there isn't one in fifty of them who would dare to tackle the greenback and advocate a currency reform that meant its destruction. They would just as soon toy with dynamite.

But the Sun is more honest than either Secretary Gage or President McKinley who show a disposition to evade the law while pretending to respect it by proposing to hold the notes which come into the Treasury and pay them out only in exchange for gold. The Sun knows there is no law for that and hence says that it might to be done when a law is passed authorizing it-which law will not be passed by this Congress nor by the next.

The Sun evidently hasn't much use for "currency reform" nor for the men who clamor for it, and it gives them plainly to understand that if they do not tumble in under the Republican banner the jig is up with them and with the Republican party, too. Even in its wail of alarm it shows more lead mule sense than all the gold organs that are clamoring against the greenbacks put together.

MINOR MENTION.

The "National Sound Money League," which met shortly after the recent elections to compare notes and hear reports from the respective States, issued an address in which they pronounced bimetallism a failure and a reminiscence, and declared that the only thing for this country to do was to abandon the thought of it and get on the gold standard, pure and simplethat is, to declare for gold monometallism. But there are some quite eminent men in the Republican party who are not showing much disposition to bite at that gold baited hook. Among them is Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, who doesn't hesitate to publicly express the opinion, as the result of the late elections, that "if the Republican party permanently acquiesce in the existing gold standard and give up the struggle for bimetallism, that party will be defeated in the Congressional elections of 1898 and in the Presidential election of 1900." Another is Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, who declares that with the result of the elections and "the falling off in the Republican vote in New York, New Jersey, Ohio and other States, the Republican party is confronted with the incontrovertible truth that Bryanism and bimetal lism are not dead," and that if the Republican party would save itself it "must take steps at once, and emphatically, to settle this currency question beyond any hope of reopening it." Senator Chandler is a bimetallist. And these are pretty good indications that the Republican leaders still intend to play the bimetallic fake.

According to our Raleigh corresfor the party for which it now speaks | pondent Governor Russell is very indignant at the accusation that Judge Robinson totes a railroad pass and does not hesitate to pronounce the originators and propagators of the accusation as several different kinds of liars and scoundrels to boot. We don't know whether the Judge carries a pass or not and if he did he would not be any more of an offender than some other Judges and State dignitaries, save for the fact that he as a Judge has taken a pretty strong position against the pass business, but as the |Judge is presumed to be pretty well able to take care of himself and of the gentlemen, too, who have thus slandered him, it isn't quite apparent why the Governor should become so indignant. He certainly

passes as a grave offence when he admits that he has a "pocketful" of them himself and makes no apology for accepting and using them. Judge Robinson has, if falsely accused, a right to feel aggrieved and indignant, but no State officer who carries a 'pocketful" of passes has a right to do the indignation act for him. The pocket business knocks the indignation feature out and makes it somewhat farcical. Judge Robinson says he has accepted no passes since he has been on the bench, and that is more to the point than the Governor's indignation.

The United States ought to own Cuba if for no other reason than to astitute sanitary systems that would protect this country from visitations of the yellow fever which cause the death of so many of our people and the loss of so many millions of dollars, more than enough already to pay for Cuba two or three times at a reasonable valuation. Surgeon General Wyman says that thirty-five of the yellow fever epidemics which have appeared in this country since 1800, were brought from Cuba, and he theretore insists that this country, as a matter of self protection has a right to insist that the war in Cuba be brought to a close, for the longer it continues the worse the sanitary conditions become and the greater our danger of suffering from yellow fever and other diseases originating on that island and so quickly brought here on account of the proximity and intercourse. But whatever the duration of the war may be or however it may terminate, he maintains that i is the duty of this Government to insist that such sanitary reforms be instituted and carried out as wil tend to protect us from these frequeut and awful plague visitations. This is a feature of the situation in Cuba, as it affects this country, which has been little thought of and little discussed, and yet it is one of the most serious features, and one in which we are vitally interested.

Philadelphia had a real stirring sensation a couple days ago. A big anaconda in a museum squeezed most of his body out of a hole in his cage, coiled around the keeper, who was named Masher, and made a mash of him, breaking four or five ribs, and then grabbed a poor little pony and crushed the life out of him. Before he could do any more crushing, they lassoed him and dumped him back in his cage But t waked the old town up.

The New Orleans States, a gold organ, wants to know it there isn't some way of putting a stopper in the mouth of J. Sterling Morton, who "talks too d-n much," and it isn't much talk, either, for a man supposed to be endowed with reasonable mule sense. But the fact is Morton has got so much in the habit of talking offensive rot that he can't help it. He got an inflated opinion of himself from the importance that was attached to his utterances when he was in the Cabinet.

The daughter of Robert Lincoln of Chicago, ran away with a young fellow named Beckwith, to a town in Wisconsin, where they got married. Beckwith's chief distinction, aside from running away with the girl, is that he is a clever toot ballist and base ballist. But papa Lincoln is said to be reconciled to the match, and will probably give the young man a job on his Pu'lman cars, of which he is now president.

Col. Jack Chinn, of Kentucky, will run for Congress. He wants a seat among the other chinners.

Something to Know, It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwng off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and tonic. Try it. Sold for 50 cents or \$1 00 per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store.

WILMINGTON RAILWAY BRIDGE CO.

Annual Meeting of Board of D regtors-Old Officers Re-Bleeted. A meeting of the board of directors of the Wilmington Railway Bridge Company was held yesterday afternoon at 2.80 o'clock at the Front street office of the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Junius Davis, the president, and Capt. Jao. H. Sharp, of Portsmouth, the secretary and treasurer, were both present. The directors present representing the W. & W. Railroad Company were Messrs. H Walters and Junius Davis; representing the W., C. & A. Railroad Company, Messrs. Warren G. Elliott and H. B Short; representing the S. A. L. Raiload Company, Messrs. W. E. Spring

Jno. F. McNair and Jno. H. Sharp. After the transaction of routine business, the board of directors went into the election of officers. Mr. Junius Davis was re-elected president, and Capt. Jao. H. Sharp, of Portsmouth, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. There was no further business, and the

meeting adjourned.

Household Goods. The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the fam-ily. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money relund-ed. No household should be without the good angel. It is pleasant to take and a sale and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Wilmington & Weldon Rill ad and Br mobes-Officers Et eted-Bepons

of Officials fiend and Approved. The sixty second annual meeting of stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company was held in this city at noon vesterday at the office of the company. Junius Davis, Esq., was elected chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr, secretary.

Mr. William Calder was appointed to act with the secretary in examining credentials and verifying proxies. The committee reported 20,801 shares represented in person, which report was

Chairman Davis then stated that the meeting was open for the transaction of business. The secretary read the minutes of the

last annual meeting, 1896, which were Mr. Warren G. Eiliott was re-elected

resident of the company. Oa motion, the Wilmington & Newbera railroad was consolidated with the Wilmington & Weldon railroad: the stockholders of the fatter road consent-

ing and agreeing to the same. An election for a Board of Directors was then entered into, and resulted in the election of the old Board, as follows: B F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins, H. Walters and J P. McKay, Baltimore, Md.; Henry B Plant, New York; W. H. Willard, Raleigh: E B. Borden, Goldsboro; Hon. Gao. Howard, Tarboro. Dr. A. J. D: Rosset and J W. Norwood, Wilmington.

President Warren G Eiliott stated to the meeting that Dr. A. J. DeRosset, of this city, had been a member of the Board of Directors for fifty five consecutive years, and was probably the oldest living director of any railroad corporation in the United States, and perhaps

in the world. The annual reports of President Waren G Elliott, Vice President H. Walters and General Manager Ino. R. Kenly were submitted and adopted as their reports and as the reports of the Board of Directors.

The usual resolution regarding the next annual meeting, which will be held on the first Wedgesday after the third Monday in Novamber, 1898, was introduced and adopted.

The meeting thea adjourned. DIRECTORS' MEETING. A meeting of the Board of Directors was then held, and the following officers of the road were re elected, viz: Vice President-H. Walters.

Secretary and Treasurer-Jas. F General Manager-John R. Kenly. Traffic Manager-T. M. E person.

General Superintendent-John F. General Auditor-W. A. Riach.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad was held in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday aftergoon. Mr. J. T. Barroa was called to the

W C & A RAILROAD.

chair and Mr. Jas. F. Pist. Jr., elected Messrs. B. F. Newcomer and H. Walters were appointed as a committee on

credentials and reported 5,144 chares represented out bt a total of 9,600. The report was received. The old Board of Directors were reelected, as follows: B. F. Newcomer.

H. Walters, Michael Jenkins and Waldoe Newcomer, Baltimore, Md.; H. B. Plant, New York: Thos Wilson, Wilson, N. C.; C S. Gadsen, Charleston, S. C. H B Short, Lake Waccamaw; W. G. Elliott, Wilmington, and J. T. Barron, South Carolina. The augual reports of President El-

liott, Vice President Walters and General Manager Kenly were submitted, received and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned, and a meeting of the Board of Directors was then held, and the following officers of the road re-elected, v z: President, Warren G. Ethott; Vice President, H. Walters; Secretary and Treasurer, Jas. F. Post, Jr.; General Manager, John R. Kenly: Traffic Manager T. M. Emerson; General Superintendent, John F. Divine; General Auditor, W. A. Riach.

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN R R.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Newbern Railroad Company was held at 1.80 o'clock yesterday afternoon in this city. Out of 500 shares of the capital stock, 490 shares were represented.

Mr. H. Walters was called to the chair and Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr., elected

A resolution was introduced and adopted authorizing the consolidation of the Wilmington and Newbern railroad with the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, the latter road to assume all liabilties outstanding of the former road.

Oa motion, Mr. J. W. Norwood, of Wilmington, was elected president, with the following Board of Directors, viz: B. F. Newcomer and H. Walters, Baltimore, C. E Foy, Newberg, and W. A. Riach, Jno. F. Divine, Jno. R. Kenly

and J. W. Norwood, Wilmington. The meeting then acjourned sine die

OTHER MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the stockholders and Board of Directors of the Manchester and Augusta. Wilson and Summerton, and Florence Railroad Companies will be held in Florence, S.

C, to day. The annual meeting of stockholders and Board of Directors of the Cheray and Darlington and Northeastern Railroad Companies will be held in Charleston, S C., Friday.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. General Manager Kenly's report of the operation of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad and branches for the year ending June 80th, 1897, sum-

marizad, is as follows: Gross receipts......\$1,854.005 71 Operating expenses..... 1 088,840 98 Net receipts..... \$765,164.78

48 949.18

Percentage of operating expenses to gross receipts. . 58 8 per cent. Compared with last year: Gross receipts increased . . . \$50,809.25 Operating expenses increased \$1,634.04

Taxes....

Net receipts increased \$39,175 31 Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad and Conway branch :

Net receipts \$198,954 85 Taxes 97,917 15 Percentage of operating expenses to gross receipts 73 9 per cent Compared with last year :

Gross receipts increased \$50 016,9 Operating expenses increased 51 897 67 Net receipts increased \$8 119 80 Manchester and Augusta railroad and branches: Gross receipts..........\$302 523 06 Operating expenses 140,054 15

Net receipts...... 69 468 9 Taxes 14,160 23 Percentage of operating expeases to gross receipts 69 2 per cent. Compared with last year: Gross receipts increased 19 514 17 Operating expenses decreased 19,958 96

Florence railroad and branch : Gross receipts....... \$175,068.68 Operating expenses..... 78 032 01 Taxes..... 5 037.34

Net receipts increased 889,488 1

\$92 039 88 Percentage of operating expenses to gross receipts 44 6 per cent. Compared with last year: Gross recerpts increased\$1 825 60 Operating expenses increased. 8 049 01

DUDLEY-HOWELL. Marriage of a Popular Young Coople Gracs M. El. Church.

At 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon Grace M. E. church was a scene of pretty and happy event-the uniting of Miss Acore Hartridge Dudley and Mr. William Harriss Howell, two popular young people of this city, into the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place amidst a large gathering of friends and relatives of the contracting parties, and while the organ pealed forth in low sweet tone the beautiful s rains of "O, Promise Me." Snarply at the appointed hour, while the organ, under the skilled touch of Miss Fannie Corbett, emitted Mendelssohn's enchanting wadding march, the bridil party entered in the following order, v z : Messre. E. T. Huggins Wm. Whitney, Jao D. Bellamy, Jr 2ad, Jas. Black and Chas. Westbrook, of this city. and Mr. G:o. W. Thames, Jr. of Jick sonville, Fla , the lour ushs s. followed in turn by the maid of honor, Miss attired in a becoming old rose lady's cloth suit, and carrying a choice bougget of pink chrysinthemums; next the bride, habited is a hands sme tailormade suit of brown cheviot and carrying a large bong set of white chrysanthemums, entered, leaning upon the arm of ber brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Roberts. who gave her away. At the altar the groom, escorted by his best man, Mr. J. D. Norment, of Lumberton,

met the bride, and together this: two happy young people were united in marriage by Rev G D Bernheim pastor of S. Matthew's Lotheran church, assis ed by Rev. R. A. Willis, pastor of Grace M. E. church. Toen as Lohengrin's bridal chorus was being rendered on the organ, the party left the church and embarking in carriages were soon at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, from which place the new weided couple left on the 4 o'clock W. C. & A. train on a bridal

rip South. Both the bride and groom are exceedngly popular young people of this city, and were the recipients of many and hardsome presents. They will be at home after the 38d last, at No. 702

The interior of the church was pro fusely, handsomely and artistically decorated. Each one of the gentlemen at tendants were buttoceires of chrysanthemums.

GEORGE JOHNSON'S CASE.

The Negro Bavisher N at L'kely to Hans Thankeg ving Day-Commutation of His Sentence Probable.

It is not very probable that Geo. John son, colored, now in jul under sentence of death for feloniously assaulting Ber tha Brewington, colored, will pay the death penalty of his crime upon the gallows; if crime it be, and of that there is serious doubt. Johnson was convicted at the last term of the Criminal Court and the evidence there presented certainly warranted a conviction there is evidence now-and it was then in existence but not developed in the trial in the Criminal Court-that would, no doubt, have caused a different verdict, even if Johnson had peen proven to be a scoundrel of the blackest type. It is now stated, and upon good authority, that Bertha Brewington, whom it is alleged Johnson assaulted, in woman of bad character and well know as such in the community in which she lives, near Clinton, Sampson county, The cyldence given in the preliminary trial before Justice Bunting by an expert witness was contradictory of an mportant statement made by the Brewington woman upon the witness stand, but this expert witness was not introduced in the trial of the case in the Criminal Court; and it has also come to light that a certain reputable gentleman of this city, on the day that the alleged assault took place, while out driving with a horse and buggy on the road between this city and Meares' Bluff, near which road the alleged crime was committed, came upon Johnson and the Brewington woman walking, and a little ncident that there occurred goes to prove the innocence of Johnson of this

ends of justice, but only by the thought that Johnson is innocent of the crime he stands convicted of and of the sentiment of a number of our citizens, Deputy Sheriff W. W. King made up a petition some weeks ago (as told in the STAR) asking Gov. Russell to commute the sentence of Johnson from the death penalty to life imprisonment in the State prison. Yesterday the petition, which contains a long list of names, among which are members of the bar, was mailed to Gov. Russell. A letter received from Solicitor M. C. Richardson states that he (Richardson) and lawyer Geo. H. White, colored, who prosecuted Johnson, and Judge Thos. H. Sutton, who passed the death sentence, have all three petitioned Gov. Russell to commute Johnson's sentence So in view of these strong petitions and the evidence now in hand bearing upon ohnson's innocence, there is no doubt that the gallows will be cheated, and rightly so, of an innocent victim.

Diseases often lurk in the blood before they openly manifest themselves. Therefore keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BLADDER TROUBLES.

The bladder was created for one purose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

Sample Sent Free.

Unbealthy urine from quhealthy kidleys is the chief cause of bladder roubles. It is comforting to know hat Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root fulfills every wish in quickly curing bladder and urinary troubles. It corrects frequent calls, inability to hold urine and scalding or stinging pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the ight to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cears and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet ooth sent free by mail. Mention THE MORNING STAR and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietors of this paper guarante the genuiceness of this offer.

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE.

George Johnson's Reception of the New That He Will Met Have to Suffer the Death Peralty.

Gov. Rassell yesterday (18 stated in the STAR'S special from Raleigh) com muted the seatence of Geo Johnson colored, who has been in juil in this city since the last term of the Criminal Court under rentence of death for feloniously assaulting Bertha Brewington, colored, to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary.

A lew minutes after the receipt of the telegram from Raleigh last night, aunouncing the commutation of Johnson's sen ence, a STAR representative called at the juil to apprise the condemned man of the news. Johnson was asleep at the time, but was awakened to hear the intelligence that his sentence had been commuted to imprisonment in the penitectiary and that he w u'd not be made to suffer death as the penalty for the commission of a crime he is n doubt not guilty of. Johnson received the news calmly but joyously, and expressed his thanks to the representative for the stand the STAR had taken for athe commutation of his sentance, which was, however, only in accord with evidence in existence, but not introduced upon trial, bearing upon the innocence of Johnson. He also expressed himself highly gr fal to Deputy Sheriff King, through whose efforts, mainly, the commutation was obtained. Johnson stated that he had put his trust in God, and although innocent, he had become reconciled to the fate which seemingly awaited him.

THE POTTER SETTLE WEDDING. Prep rations for the Ceremony That Wil

Take Place To-day at High Moon in

St. James' Church. In St. James' Episcopal church to-day at high noon the nuptials of M se Eliza Potter, of this city, and flon. Thomas Settle, of G eensboro, will be celebrated. Extensive preparations have been going on for the event for some time past, and the marriage will be a brilliant eff ir: The maid of honor will be Miss Sarah Potter, s ster of the bride, and the best man will be Lieut. Dooglas Settle, U S A., brother of the groom. The bridesmaids will be Miss Julia Settle, of Greensboro, sister of the bride, Miss Sarah Burrett, of Washington, D. C; Miss Mabel Green, of Favetteville; Miss Ethel Gray, of Camden. N. J: Miss Alice Hennings. of Richmond, Va. and Misses Janie Strange, Martha Williams and Sue Meares, of this city. The usbers will be Mr. Rob W.lliams, ot Fayetteville; Mr. N. Gienn Williams, of Winston; Mr Tenche Coxe. of Asheville; Mr. Harry Martin, of Washington, D C; Mr. Percy Gray, of Greensboro; Mr. Will Atkins in, of this city, and Mersrs. Emple and

Marion Wright, of Philadelphia. O hers who will be in attendance will beiMrs. Russell and niece, of Philadelphis; Hon. Chas. Price, of Salisbury; Mr. O. H. Dockery, Jr., of Rockingham; Miss Jace Klutts, of Salisburg: Mrs. D. ugias Settle, Mr. David Settle and Mrs B C. Sharp, of Greensboro; Miss Alice Grav, of Camden, N J., and Mr. G. Holderness, of Tarboro.

Last night the bridal party held a rehearsal at the church, after which they retired to the handsome residence of Col. Thomas. W. Strange, on South Front street, and were served with

After the wedding to-day a breakfast will be served to about one hundred and fifty guests, and to-night L'Arioso Garman Club will tender to the ladies and gentlemen of the bridal party a dance at Germania Hall.

Robbery at Rev. Dr. Mendelshon's Resi-

Late Tuesday night or early yesterday morning the pantry at the residence of Rev. S. Mendelshon, D. D., on Chesnut street, between Fourth and Fifth. was rob sed in a mysterious manner. The pantry opens on the back piazza, which is surrounded by wooden lattice-work and connects with the yard by a door. Yesterday morning when the servant girl went to open the she discovered the door to pantry open and the pantry robbed of its contents. Several articles of nominal value were found missing from their customary places on the piszza, and yet the door of the lattice-work was secure ly locked. Dr. Mendelsohn says belore retiring Tuesday night he remembers distinctly locking both the pantry and lattice work doors.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Ca tarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a terspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address.

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TRUCK AND FRUIT GROWERS.

Prop edings of the 8-mi- tongel Convertion of the Bestern Carolina Arangia

The Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association met in semi-annual Convention at the county court house yesterday afternoon at 8 p. m.

Mr. W. L. Hill. of Warsaw, Pres dent of the Association, called the meeting to order, and the Secretary, Mr. D. H. Harpley, of Chadbourn, was at his post. Dalegates were enrolled from local Association, at Teachey's, Warsaw, Chadbourn. Faison, Mount Olive Burgaw. Rocky Point, Rose Hill and Wilming-

The minutes of the last meeting, held lune 23nd, of this year, were read and

Mr. C. M. Steinmelz, of Rosa Hill, secretary of the executive committee. made a varbal report showing the financial condition of the Association and naming the local Associations indebted

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, chair-

to the general body.

man of the Executive Committee, made his report. He stated that the efforts of the committee had been mainly directed to the devising of means for iquidating the indebtedness of the Association, believing that before the Association could be of the highest service to the members it was necessary for it to pay every dollar that it oxes. He explained that the committee had under consideration several plans for the ad vancement of the Association's objects, but at present felt that it was not wire to divulge them. He recommended that every member of the Association who failed to pay up his indebtedness should be debarred from enjoying the benefits of the Association. Mr Brown iso stated that the committee felt satis ied that their plans for the further re duction of the expense of marketing the crop would be successfully consummated. The report of the Executive Committee was adopted, on motion of

Dr. E Porter, of Rocky Point. On motion of Mr. G. Z French, o the New Hanover Association, the Ex ecutive Committee was invested with full powers to make all arrangements about transportation and kindred mat-

Mr. I. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive. for the committee appointed to consuit the railroad authorities concerning additional shipping facilities at Teachev's and Wallace, reported that he had the

promise of all necessary improvements. The Committee on Finances had no report and this fact argued well for the m. h ds of the Association, as it is some what there should be no compleints whatever from any member of an large a body. Under the bead of unfinished busi-

cessity that the branch organ zitlons take vigorous action to prevent delinquest members from holding their membership. The question was dis cassed freely, some of those who partici pated being Dr. E. Porter, Mesers G. Z. French A H. Paddison, J. S. Westbrook and H. J. Paison. It was finally decided to request the local associations to reduce their membership to those who have paid their dues.

The secre ary read some extracts from his report in the Farmers' and Planters Journal showing such of the expenses of the association as had been met and such as were still to be settled. Here warm discussion began over the unwillingness of the Mount O ive Association to pay the whole of its assessment. The delegates from that association contend ed that the assessment had been hased on the number of crates of berries shipped from Mount Olive, when the fact the berries shipped from Mount Olive was grown by members of the associa

At this point Messre. J. A. Brown and D. H. Harnley being compelled to leave Mr. J. Henry Moore, of Bargaw, took

the secretary's chair On motion the Mt. Olive Association was referred to the Executive Committee for a settlement of the matter in controversy, with the understanding that fif it should appear that the Asso ciation was assessed too high the committee should have the power to cover the consequent shortage by readjusting the assessments of all the associations.

The Association then adjourned.

Robbed His Employers.

John Galloway, colored, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a quantity of clothing from his employers, Messrs. A. David & Co. From time to time the firm have been missing clothfrom their store, such as coats, pants and vests. Suspicion fell on John Galloway, a negro boy employe, and to verify this suspicion Galloway came to work yesterday wearing one of the stolen vests. He was arrested and committed to jail in default of \$100 bond for his appearance before Justice Bunting for trial this morning at 10 o'clock. Deputy Sher.ff J. P. Flynn searched the house where Galloway resides and found three coats, three pairs of pants and several shirts, not one half. however, of the articles stolen,

Farmers' Mutual F.re Ineurance Association The first annual meeting of the Bruns wick and Pender branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Iosurance Association of North Carolina was held yesterday at 19.80 p. m., at the county court house. Mr. B. F. Keith was re elected president and the appointment of a secretary and treasurer was left with the president, The sixteen supervisors representing the townships included in the Brunswick and Pender branch were, with few exceptions, re-elected.

Mr. J. R. Hancock, who has been general manager of this branch for the last year, gives the reformation that it has 700 members and a capital stock of \$878'488 Its membership includes some of the leading farmers in the two coun

Quarantine Bemoved.

The inland quarantine system is now completely abolished. Yesterday communications were sent from Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, to the different railroads leading into the city and to the Southern Express Company, notifying them that the quarantine onfreight coming to the city from the yellow fever district has been abolished. This action was taken at a meeting of the Board of Health, Mayor S. P. Wright, M D, and Drs. G. G. Thomas,

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MISPLACED SYMPATHY.

ohn Evens Justly Convict d in the Sm. prior Court of Richmond County. Editor Morning Star :

Our people feel indignant at the relections upon them contained in an article in the Rileigh Press Visitor of the 15 h last, reterred to in the R deigh correspondence of the Charlotte Observer. in regard to the John Evans Case, entitled 'Will Evans Hang?' The article is unfair and nejust.

It is not true that a 'hanging sentiment" pervaded the community. On the contrary it was the prevailing sentiment that the accused be given a fair trial before an impartial jury and that the law should take i's course. Nobody wanted any doubt to exist as to the guilt of the party punished: but all wanted the guilty man to pay the penalty of his

It cannot be denied that he has had a fair trial. A more intelligent, a more honest and a more upright jury never sat upon a case in this, or Wake, or any other county. There were only two of the jurymen from Rockingham, the other ten being scattered from all over the county, from the extreme upper end to the extreme lower end. The prisoner did not exhaust his peremptory chalenges, and a venire of 800 men was ordered from which to select the jury, these 80) being drawn from the bex. Every juror took an oath that he was unprejudiced against the prisoner before he took his seat in the jury box. The superiority of the jury in character and intelligence was the surject of general

The court was presided over by Judge McIver, an able, honest and upright judge. The prisoner had assigned to nim as counsel Mesers. Claudius and O. H. Dockery, Ir., and Maxes L John. all able lawvers, who gave to his deferceall of their zeai and abilities, and their work in his ochall was highly spoken of by all who heard the trial. Every witness desired by the prisoner was cxam. med in his behalf. Not an exception was taken to any ruling of the court At the conclusion of the evider ce the State proposed to submit the case to the jury under the charge of the judge, without any argument on either side, which proposition was accepted by the prisoner's counsel. The charge of the judge was fair, the contentions of both the prisoner and the State were plainly stated to the jury and so distinctly that 'he who runs might read." And not an exception or objection to the charge has ever been raised, and no appeal has been taken. The jury, unswayed and unbiased by any appeals of oratory, retired to their room and gave to the evidence and the law a patient and careful consideration of three hours, alter which they returned into court and rendered their verdict against the prisoner.

This verdict meets with the approval of at least 90 per cent, of the people whom we have heard express themselves. We have beard some of those few who are favorable to the prisoner and express some doubt as to his guilt, say that under the evidence they did not see how the jury could have rendered any other verdict than they did

Now, who is most capable of passing on the guilt or innocence of the prisoner -twelve honest, sworn men, who have heard all the evidence, or those wise men speken of by the Press-Visitor, living in Raleigh, who have beard nothing but irresponsible rumors, or imperfect, incomplete and fragmentary newspaper reports

Who asserts or pretends that the prisoner has not had a fair trial? Who asserts or pretends that the jury who sat on this case have perjared their souls? Who charges that the judge was not impartial and careful of the prisoner's righte? Who claims that the prisoner's counsel did not do their duty by him ably and zealously? Who accuses the coursel for the State of doing anything more than their duty? Not a single person that we have heard of, except these wise men who manufacture "a

prevailing opinion" for the Press-Visi-

The great objection that is urged against peop'e taking the law into their own bands in rape cases or any other sort of cases for that matter, is that a jury ought to first decide that the party punished is guilty. The relatives and friends of Miss Cole have taken the case against her assailant into the court house, without assuming to decide it for themselves. Miss Cole herself, a lady of unblemished chastily and high character, has gone before the court and publicly told of her degradation and submitted to a crois examination concerning it. An indignant and outraged people have patiently waited for the result of this trial in court. And now that the trial is ended, all the saleguards allowed by law or humanity being thrown around the prisoner, and by the judgment of the court he is pronounced guilty and the sentence of the law meted out to him, on the heels of all this bere comes these soothsayers who grind out "a prevailing opinion" for the Press Visitor and say that a three days trial is all for naught and that 'justice

bas been perverted! If the courts are not allowed to speak and be heard and heeded, and their judaments to settle disputed questions of fact and their sentences carried into ffect, then of what use are the courts to the people? And what encouragement have an outraged people to appeal to the courts for the redress of their grievasces and the punishment of crime? W. N. EVEREIT, Mayor.

ED. PURVIS HANGED.

The Marderer of Flagman Blackwell Exprated His Crime on the Gallows-He Confessed the Murder. [Special Star Telegram.]

DUNN, N. C., Nov. 17. Edward Purvis, the negro tramp wa shot and killed Mr. W. J. Blackwell flagman on an A C L. train, near this place, on the night of August 14th last," was banged to day in the juil yard at Lillington, Harnett county. The execution took place in the presence of a crowd of about 400 people at 8 80 o'clock in the afternoon. Parvis was quite composed when he mounted the scaff ild. He talked for half an hour, confessing the crime, and admonishing the young to take warning by his fate: Purvis died in four minutes after the drop fell. The body was sent to Chapel Hill tonight, for the medical department of the

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