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TRADITIONAL STONES VS. BREAD

We published some time ago letter from Mr. Wm. A. Courtenay, of South Carolina, to the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin on State banks, in which he argued in favor of State banks and spoke of the fine system they had in his State up to 1861. The Journal of Commerce and Smercial Bulletin of Thursday seas, and that is that the financial contains the following from the same

gentleman: "In my humble opinion there is more sense in these dozen printed lines from The Journal of Commerce and Com-mercial Bulletin, than in a dozen columns of customary reading on financial topics:

The South insists on the right of State banks to issue notes upon the terms granted to National banks, and with that most of the Southern support of free silver and fit money would fall off. It is a question for sound money men to consider whether it would not be better to make friends with the State banks than to leave the Western and Southern agitations which are not unknown in the East for a cheaper unit and for more currency to work in collusion.'

The real truth is, the South has gold crop of \$250,000,000 or \$300,000, 000 a year, and is normally for sound money, but the monopoly of currency issues, vested in National banks with high priced bonds, restricted circula lation, and heavy taxation, compels a scarcity of currency, and bottles up the South financially. Give this and other needy sections the opportunity to use State bank issues, on the valid credits the South undoubtedly possesses, and Southern support of free silver and flat money would fall off. It is said drowning men catch at straws. Give Dixie a chance; when asking for bread, don't present the tra-

we published some extract from the editorial to which Mr. Courtenay refers, which was upon the resolutions adopted by the Bankers' Convention held in Atlanta last month, which declared for State banks, but made the mistake of favoring supervision by the United States. We commented upon that article which was in line with the position taken by the STAR four years ago when State banks attracted very little attention and were the subject of very little discussion

in the papers. The Democratic party in its platform of 1892 declared in favor of the repeal of the bank tax, and subsequently a bill was introduced in Congress to repeal the tax and thus clear the way for the establishment of State banks, but it was choked in the House Committee on Finances, of which Hon, Wm. A. Springer, of Illinois, was chairman, because it conflicted with a bill which he had prepared, which provided for the rapeal of the bank tax and also for a system of banks, which was simply an enlargement of the scope of the nitional banks, the main features being the same and the notes to be isued being national, not State notes, but to all intents and purposes the same as the national banks notes, good in any part of the country. This bill provided for Government supervision, similar to that of the national banks. Mr. Springer was too much absorbed in helping to repeal the purchase clause of the Shorman act to give much attention to his bank bill, and after the repeal of that clause was effected he probably lost interest in it and put it in his pocket and carried it home with him, for it never, as well as we remember, figured in the proceedings in Congress. Mr. Springer was left at home the following election, as he should have been, and his bill never came back, nor has there been

That isn't the kind of bank law Mr. Courtenay wants, nor the kind the South wants. His head is level, on the State bank question, and in the view he takes of his extract from the paper he writes to. He is right, too, when he says the pe of the South are normally for "sound money" because the people of the South have always regarded both gold and silver as sound money, and what they object to now is drawing the line against part of this "sound" money and discriminating against it in favor of the other part. He is right, too, in asserting that an abundance of money in the South would solve that question and give a long rest to financial agitation, which would have little in it to interest or excite the average man who had all the money he needed to meet the de-"sound money" because the people

anything on that line since.

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mands upon him and his business

Every one with two grains of sense

the tariff and other issues yet, with

the Republican party outside of the

breastworks and trying to get in.

If the question of the free coin-

age of silver come up the South

would favor it as a matter of right

and of good policy, and as a matter

of principle, because the silver dol-

lar had always stood upon the same

legal plane with gold until the Re-

publicans, obeying the dictation of

gold hoarders and bond holders at

home and abroad, made war upon it

and degraded it: but the same mo-

tive for aggressive action on that

line would not exist to make it a

cardinal issue in party contests.

But there is one thing just as sure

as that the sun will continue to

shine, the rain to fall, 'the grass to

grow and the rivers to run to the

agitation and the demand for free

silver will be kept up until the peo-

have free silver or those sections

which are deficient in currency have

the right restored to them of estab-

lishing their own banks under their

own laws and thus supplying the

currency they need. If the gold

men who are talking about the ne-

cessity of currency reform, but

have not vet condescended to re-

cognize the State banks in any plan

they have suggested, would take off

their yellow glasses long enough to

let the sunlight bathe their eyes, and

hope of their accomplishing some

thing in the way of currency reform,

and they might be instrumental in

solving this problem and in allaying

the agitation which they seem to re-

gard as so harmful and possibly

MINOR MENTION.

There are some amusing features

in the N. C. railroad lease fight.

with the Governor and his friends

on one side and the Southern and its

friends on the other. It is a sort of

a cat and mouse business, but it

isn't yet settled which is the cat and

which the mouse. If there be any

trick in the law that hasn't yet been

discovered and resorted to by one

side or the other, it is pretty safe to

say that it will be, for ingenious and

able counsel are employed on both

sides. A couple days ago Governor

Russell's 'commissioners were cited

to appear at Washington and show

cause why they shouldn't be dis-

ciplined for contempt of court

ing possession of the office in

the absence of the two bounced

commissioners. If they can put

them in jail, or force them to recog-

the supersedeas, then the old board

will continue in business until the

courts finally decide which are the

commissioners. In the meantime

the new commissioners are hustling

and trying to find out all they can,

and seem particularly anxious to find

out something about the passes

issued by the Southern Railroad,

and whether it gave Otho Wilson

any reduced rates on his mother's

furniture which was shipped to the

leased hotel, and the consequence is

that there is a hustling and a hiding

by some of the officials and R. R.

employes who have charge of the

books and are wanted. In the

meantime if the other side get in the

hold up they are playing for in the

U.S. court, the new commissioners

may get a forced vacation and then we

may not find out about that furni-

Prof. Booker T. Washington, prin-

cipal of Tuskegee, Ala., Colored In-

stitute, is one of the biggest brained

colored men living, and is doing

more to lead his race in the right di-

rection than any other colored man

in this country. He speaks and

writes much, and always speaks and

writes sensibly and to the point. The

following we find in the Jackson-

ville, Fla., Times-Citizen, taken from

a lecture delivered in the Opera

years slavery taught the Southern white man to do business with the

negro. If a Southern white man

House in that city:

ignoring that supersedeas

breaking into and tak-

disastrons.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1898.

simply stating facts. This business contact and this training in the matter of skilled labor on these plantations left us at the close of the war in possession of all the common and skilled labor in the South, but the great problem that is pressing upon us more and more as a race is, can we still hold on to this legacy in the matter of skilled labor that was purchased by our forefathers at the price of 250 years in slavery? We cannot hold our own in the industrial and mechanical world unless we do two things; First, we knows that the South is not so solid on the money question just for the one with two grains of sense knows that if the South and the West had a sufficiency of currency to answer their purposes the financial question in the free silver shape or in any unless we do two things: First, we must put brains and skill into the comother shape would never have reached mon occupations that are about our doors; and in the second place, we must dignify and ennoble common labor." the status of a leading issue between parties. We would be fighting over

If the negroes in the South would quit thinking so much about polities and listening to selfish mercenary demagogues white and black, and follow the advice that this level headed counsellor gives them there would be a vast improvement in the condition of the race, and their relations with the white race be vastly improved.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, got in solid chunk of truth in his speech in the Senate Friday when he said "It is perfectly plain that to-day the Republican party is the party of the gold standard, and it is equally plain that there is no distinction between the sentiments of the President and the Secretary of the Treasury upon the question." The only difference between them is that the President is more of a politician than his Secretary and keeping his eye on the party fears to speak candidly and honestly and therefore plays double The Secretary of the Treasury, being no politican, and being interested in the banks which he is identified than in the party speaks plainly without any regard to the effect his declarations may have on the party. If the President didn't agree with Secretary Gage would he retain in the Cabinet a man for whose views his administration is responsible. would give some attention to the and would he, when Secretary Gage State banks, there might be some expressed his willingness to resign, decline to accept his resignation? The President either agrees with Secretary Gage in his views or he is playing double while pretending to be laboring to secure international agreement, and is by this course trying to hold in with the bimetallists. while his Secretary holds in with the gold standard people.

Adulterating stuff that mortals and drink has become a fine art in this country. The chief of the health bureau in Connecticut reports that out of 795 articles in common use sampled by him, 247 were adulterated. He found for instance some sugar with a little sand in it, and some sand with a little sugar. Codfish was one of the things that he didn't find adulterated, but it is pretty hard to find anything to counterfeit codfish. That generally speaks for itself.

A Republican organ rises to remark that "Senator Teller proposes that United States bonds be paid in silver." Senator Teller doesn't propose anything of the kind. He simply proposes that the United States assert the right to pay the bonds in silver, which is merely a reassertion of the declaration of 1878, which is still unrepealed.

Mr. Hackenleiter, who is in jail in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a charge of having attempted to hack another fellow to death, had the good luck to fall heir to an estate in Austria. and thereupon he was immediately given more comfortable quarters. That was a lucky fall for him, and t also shows that the jail custodians in that town have considerable regard for heirs.

A widow hunting pension attorney recently discovered a widow in Denver, who in 1860 was married to young Dane who served in the army and died so long ago that she had almost forgotten all about him. But the attorney shook up her memory box, applied for a pension and raked in with back dues \$4,500, and yanked a good fee out of it.

One of the largest, if not the argest, fruit farms in the world is in Missouri. It contains 2,280 acres, and has 100,000 peach trees, 60,000 apple trees, 2,000 pear trees and 40 acres of blackberries. The farm, with buildings, canneries, storehouses, etc., is valued at from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Some of the Republican papers in Ohio are talking about the Judases and Benedict Arnolds that have put in an appearance in that State since "Under God, as bad as slavery was, in an appearance in that State since the prepared the way for the solving of the Senatorial racket began. Well, this problem by this method: For 250 if there is any organization in which these individuals would feel at home it would be in the Republican party.

> The Chicago Times-Herald, Re publican, wants a bill presented in Congress embracing the points favored by the report of the mone tary commission, and declares that "upon that issue we will go before the country." If they go on that longing to R. L. Fulford. The arrest issue they will go to the "demnition bow-wows."

During 1897, 174,420 immigrants arrived at New York, 60,980 less for the trial. The defendant gave bond gation. I regret my inability to at-

THE CRIMINAL COURT

Chief Melton and Police Officers Charged With Assault and Battery Acquitted.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

A Special Term of Court to Convene Tomorrow---Giles Anderson, a Watchman, to Be Tried for a Murder Committed Last October.

The Criminal Court convened at 'clock yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment. Cases against Chief of Police J. R. Melton and Officers C. O. Knox. Rowan Green and Frank Toomer for assault and battery on Deputy Sheriff William Quion inejecting him from the enclosure in the City Court room not long since were taken up, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., appearing for the defendants and Herbert McClammy, Esq., and C. P. Lockey, Esq., conducting the presecution. Defendants were clared not guilty.

The next case was that against Sam Levingston for secret assault upon one Bland near Levingston's home, Thireenth and Market streets, on the night of December 31. Bland's testimony was to the effect that he walked home with Levingston's wife on the night mentioned, and when he had gotten about fifteen steps from the gate Levingston opened fire on him; shot at him four times and then beat him over the head with the pistol: Levingston's story is that Bland opened fire on him and didn't cease firing until he, Levingston, knocked him down. Witnesses introduced to prove the character of both Bland and Levingston swore to the good charcter of both. W. E. Henderson, Esq., colored lawyer, appeared for defendant and C. P. Lockey, Esq., for the State. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. As there are certain facts in the case, ascertained privately, affecting the nature of Bland's relations with Levingston's wife, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs. GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The grand jury, D. L. Gore, fore-

man, handed in their report and were discharged for the term. It was lengthy and comprehensive, based upon a careful inspection of the court house, jail and home for the aged and infirm. The court house was in a satisfactory condition, the report stated, but for some slight repairs needed, and the dirty and filthy condition of the windows and gas fixtures. Repairs in the jail and improvements in the yard of both the jail and court house were suggested and recommended. A compulsory bath room in the jail to accommodate six persons at once, was named in the report as being necessary for health and cleanliness. The report reviewed at length the condition of the Home including the prison building, insane building, colored inmate department, ward for white female inmates, and the hospital building. In the main the condition of all these was de-scribed by the report as being good, such improvements as were needed such improvements as were being suggested. An inspection had also been made of the city hospital, showing that there are 7 white charity patients, 4 male and 3 female and 10 colored charity patients, 7 male and 3 female; 6 white pay patients, 1 male and 5 female, and one female pay patient in the white charity ward. The report showed that the grand jury had returned 57 "true bills"

"not true bills." SPECIAL TERM OF COURT. The special term of the court will convene Monday at 10 o'clock. The case that promises to be of the greatest interest is that against Giles Anderson for the murder of a fireman from a tramp steamer on the morning of October 31st, 1897. The defence will be conducted by C. P. Lockey, Esq., and John H. Gore, Jr., Esq.

FAMILY MARKET BASKET.

Retail Prices for Fish. Flesh, Fowls--Vegetables and Fruits in Fair Supply.

The city markets do not show an extensive variety of edibles at present, and the marketer is obliged to cas

about a good deal before finding exactly what is desired. Eggs could be had yesterday at 15 cents per dozen. Prices on other articles were as fol Vegetables-Lettuce, 21c per head

sweet potatoes, 15c. per peck; Irish po-tatoes, 25c. per peck; cabbare, 21c. per head; collards, 21c. per head; peas, 5c per quart; turnips, 5c. per bunch; celery, 15 to 25c, per bunch. Poultry-Chickens, half grown, 15 to 25c. each; grown, 25 to 35c. each.

Meats-Steak, 10 to 12tc. per pound stew beef, 5 to 7c.; pork, 10c.; sausage. 10e.: mutton, 12tc.; veal, 12tc. Fish-Trout, 25c. per bunch; mul lets, 15c.; drum, 10 to 20c. each. Oysters-New River, \$1.00 per gal

Schooner Sadie C. Sumner.

lon: Myrtle Grove, 60c. per gallon.

The schooner Sadie C. Sumner. Demerara to Delaware Breakwater, which put in at Southport in distress York. The tug E. V. McCauley, which is to take the schooner in tow, left Norfolk at 12 o'clock Friday night and was expected to arrive at 12 o'clock last night.

Colored Man Steals a Beat.

Christopher Franks, colored, was before Justice R. H. Bunting yesterday charged with stealing a boat bewas made on a warrant sworn out before Justice Jno. J. Fowler, but the for his appearance.

AT REST IN OAKDALE.

Funeral Services of the Late Mrs. Fulto and the Late Miss Eliza Reston.

The remains of the late Mrs. Cathe rine A. Fulton, formerly of this city, but who died on Wednesday last, at he home of her son-in-law in Portsmouth, arrived here at 12.05 P. M. vesterday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wright and family. They were met at the depot by the pall bearers and taken to St. Thomas' church, where they remained until the hour for the funeral.

The funeral took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon; the solemn services being conducted by Rev. C. Dennen. A solo, "Abide in Jesus." was rendered by Miss Maie O'Connor and there was another solo by Mrs. Jos. H. Watters, "One Sweetly Sol emn Thought." As the remains were being borne from the church, the hymn "Asleep in Jesus" was rendered by a choir composed of Miss Maie O'Connor Mrs. Jos. H. Watters Miss Marion Banks, J. W. Reilly, R. C. Banks, and James O. Reilly. The organ accompaniment to all the selections was played by Miss Mary Monk.

The interment was made at Oakdale Cemetery, and there was a profusion of handsome floral designs, as tributes of love and respect for the deceased The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Alves Walker, T. D. Meares, John Cowan, D. O'Connor, Jos. H. Watters, J. E. Crow. W. P. Price and Dr. W. E.

The funeral of the late Miss Eliza Reston took place yesterday morning from St. James' church, Rev. Robert Strange officiating, and being assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson and Rev. G. M. Tolsou. The bymns rendered were "A Charge to Keep I Have," and "Asleep in Jesus." After the services at the church were concluded, the casket was borne to the hearse and the funeral procession moved to Oakdale Cemetery, where the remains of this truly good woman were laid to rest under a mound made beautiful with flowers which loving hands had brought. The pall bearers were Messrs. Walter Smallbones, W. L. Smith, Jas. C. Stevenson, Jr., Clayton Giles, Jr., Cuthbert Martin and J. V. Grainger,

A DISABIED STEAMSHIP.

Corinthia with Cotton from Wilmington Towed Into St Michaels.

A press cable to the STAR says: Th British steamer Corinthia, Captain Roberts, from Wilmington, N. C., De cember 4th for Ghetn, has been towed in here by the North German Lloyd teamer Kaiser Wilhelm 11., from New

Previous advices from St. Michael have stated that the Corinthia was reported by the British steamer Glenarm lead, from Penarch for New Orleans which put in there January 1st, as naving been left by her with her mahinery broken down in latitude 40 ongitude 28. The Glenarmhead had lowed the Corinthia for a while and then had been compelled to abandon her on account of weather.

A RICHMOND WISH.

We Second the Motion on the Thirty Year Item.

[Richmond Times.]

The Wilmington, (N. C.) STAR apears in a new dress of type and takes occasion to make the interesting statement that "more than thirty years since, THE MORNING STAR was founded by the present owner and editor, and during that period there has been no change in the name, ownership and editorial management of the pa-

Editor Bernard, therefore, enjoys the distinction of being, in point of continuous service, the oldest member of the daily press in North Carolina. We extend the compliments of the sea son, with the hope that his useful life may be extended for fully as many vears to come.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Patal Accident to Mr. Robert Pigford, Venerable Citizen of Pender County.

Mr. Robert Pigford, a highly res ected citizen of Pender county, while walking in front of a team hauling wood to his residence at Long Creek last Wednesday, accidentally fell in the roadway, and the wheels of the loaded wagon passed over his body, causing injuries from which he died next day. Mr. Pigford was 83 years of age, and for the past fifty years a nember of the Baptist Church. He leaves a widow, -sister of Mr. R. M. Croom, of Pender county-two daughters and three sons. The funeral of the deceased took place last Friday and the remains were interred in the family burying ground near Long Creek.

Suicide at Florence, S. C.

Florence Times: "Last night about 10 o'clock Andrew J. Welch shot and killed himself in the Palace drug store. The weapon used was a 38-calibre pistol, and the wound inflicted was in the upper part of the stomach. After the deed was done Mr. Welch lived about an hour. He suffered intensely and death came as a relief.

a letter from the postoffice out of another's box. He was followed by the postmaster and words ensued. Both men drew pistols, but the wound from which Welch died was from his own weapon.]

The Late Mrs. Pulton.

A gentleman of this city received a letter yesterday from Cardinal Gibbons, from which the following is taken: "What a noble, religious woman she was! I cannot recall my life case was transferred to Justice Bunt- in Wilmington without associating ing, who named Monday at 4 P. M. her in my mind with the old congretend the funeral."

INTERESTING CASE.

Trial Of E. F. Hanna, Charged With Stealing a Life Insurance Policy.

DEFENDANT FOUND GUILTY.

Sentenced to Two Years Imprisonment In the State Penitentiary--- An Appeal Granted---Other Cases in the Criminal Court.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the Criminal Court resumed the hearing of the argument in the case of the State vs. E. F. Hanna, agent of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md. C. P. Lockey, Esq., addressed the Court for the State. He spoke for about an hour. contending: 1. That the State's witnesses showed that the defendant did not get the policy at all from Alice Faison; that the defendant's testimony was unworthy of belief, he being an interested witness and his evidence having been contradicted by other witnesses; 2. That he did get it from Alice Anderson and got it with felonious intent.

Counsel for prosecution argued that it was all a question of whether the jury believed the State's witnesses or the defendant and his witnesses; if the former, then it was a clear case of larceny, if the latter, then the defendant was not guilty.

The defendant's counsel read prayers for instruction as follows:

1. If the jury believe from the evidence that the policy of insurance in dispute was issued by the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company of Baltimore instead of the Immediate Life Insurance Company that the allegata and the probata do not correspond, and therefore they should find the defendant not guilty.

2. If the jury believe from the evidence that the said policy was taken out upon the life of the said Lovey

Faison, the child, payable at death, to Alice Faison, then the property is in-correctly laid, as the beneficiary is the sole owner of this property, and there-fore you should hold the defendant bata do not correspond

3. If the jury believe from the evidence and the Court should hold that Lovey Faison, who is now dead and was dead at the finding of this bill, that then the property is not correctly des-cribed as it should be laid in the administrator of said Lovey Faison and therefore the allegation and probate do not correspond and the jury should render a verdict of not guilty.

4. If the jury believe that Hanna, the defendant, had no intent to steal the policy, but that the said policy was taken him under the belief that he had a right to take it by a violation of a condition of the policy, or if he was car rying out in good faith the instruc tions of the company, believing that the said company had the right to can-cel the policy, that he would not be guilty of any crime except that of tres-pass, even though he had no right in law to take the policy.

5. There can be no larceny without

felonious intent, and if the jury be lieves from all the evidence that h was acting in good faith and had no felonious intent, he would not be

6. The jury must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt, first, that the defendant took the policy without the consent of Alice Faison; and, second, that he did not take it in good faith and under a bona fide belief that he had a right to take it. And if they have a reasonable doubt as to either one of these questions, they should give the defendant the benefit of the

doubt and declare him not guilty.
7. If the jury believe that the de-fendant Hanna believed that he had the right to cancel the policy on account of the health of the assured being falsely stated at the time the application was made), and did not cancel it, even if he took it by force, he would not be guilty.

His Honor gave prayer 5 and a part of prayer 6. His charge to the jury recited "the question for your consideration is whether or not the policy was obtained from Alice Faison, or Alice Anderson, whom she left in charge, by trick, deception, artifice,

or fraud, with a felonious intent." The jury, consisting of E. P. H. Strunck, B. F. Penny, T. W. Wood R. W. Merritt, I. Shrier, John L. Dudley, J. F. Hines, O. A. Wiggins, William Gerken, Henry, Penny, Thomas Green and P. D. Cowan, after being out about an hour, brought in a verdict of guilty, and the Solicitor prayed the judgment of the Court. Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., made a motion for a new trial, stating at length the grounds upon which the motion was made. He argued in support of the motion, as did also Thos. Mackenzie, Esq., of Baltimore, while C. P. Lockey. Esq., argued against it. The motion was overruled.

A motion made in arrest of judg ment on the ground of defects in the bill was also overruled and Judge Sutton gave judgment that the defend ant be confined two years in the State penitentiary. An appeal was taken and granted, an appeal bond of \$25 and an appearance bond of \$300 being required. The defendant made the deposit and was discharged.

PENDER COUNTY NEWS.

Wilmingtonians at Viola---- Gunning-Pretty Wedding. VIOLA, N. C., January

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Vollers and Miss Pattie Zibelin, of Wilmington, who have been here for several days, have returned home. While here they were the guests of Messrs. J. A. and C. H. Zibelin.

Messrs. Vollers and Zibelin had five-days hunt in which they bagged an average of five dozen birds and one an average of five dozen birds and one dozen squirrels per day, besides bringing down a large buck.

A pretty wedding was witnessed at White Hall recently, when Mrs. Katie Allen was married to Mr. Lee

Capt. J. J. Zibelin celebrated his 73rd birthday on Christmas day, and had as his guests Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Vollers, and Miss Zibelin, of Wil-

STEADFAST AND TRUE.

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Brother Furman Praises the Star and Grows Retrospective—He's is One of the Old Ones Himself.

[Raleigh Morning Post.] We lift our hat to our venerable riend of the Wilmington STAR, the ournalistic nestor of the State. On the first instant Bro. Bernard celebrated more than the thirtieth anniversary of his connection with the STAR, and naturally does so "dressed in his best suit of clothes," a bright, brand new suit at that, from tip to toe. During this third of a century our Wilmington luminary has been as steadfast to the true interest of the State and its best people, as its name sake around which the whole world it said to make diurnal revolution. May it continue many more years growing

in grace and good works.

Mr. Bernard, as he states, has continuously editing the STAR for more than thirty years. There are only four in the State now living, we think, who were connected with the State press thirty years ago; besides Mr. Bernard, Dr. Kingsbury of the Messenger, Col. Creacy of the Elizabeth City Economist, and this writer. What changes have taken place dur-ing that time. The four battled for good government during the dark days of reconstruction, and we are gratified that the four still live and ere still united in the same holy cause -resisting the rule and oppression of the wicked whom the people have been misled by bad men to permit to again obtain control. And may we all live to see the wicked flee from the wrath of an outraged and abused people as we witnessed it "twenty years ago, dear.Tom."

NO PUNISHMENT

FOR JNO. C. DAVIS The Notorious Swindler Released from

the Insane Asylum---Cases Against Him Nol Prossed. [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., January 8 .- Jno C. Davis was discharged from the Insane Asylum to-day, after being noti-

prossed in Wilmington. Davis leaves for Washington, D. C.

fied that criminal action had been nol

ousiness. [Solicitor M. C. Richardson, seen ast night, states that he has directed the prosecution to be deferred as long as Davis remains out of Wilmington.

KINSTON NEWS NOTES.

Building and Other Improvements Large Cotton Factory---Handsome Brick Church---Business Failure.

[Star Correspondence.]

KINSTON, N. C., January 7. Your correspondent is glad to note the steady growth and general improvement of Kinston. A large cotton factory will be built soon. The large knitting mill built here a few years ago is still in successful operation and is paying handsome dividends. The town has two large tobacco warehouses and large quantities of fine leaf have been handled here this season.

The Baptist people of the town have a very large, handsome brick church in course of erection. When com-pleted it will be one of the nicest church edifices in this section of the State. Several beautiful residences are also being erected

The failure of Mrs. P. L. Dawson was announced last evening; assets \$2,500; liabilities \$3,000. Dr. H. O. Hvatt is the asignee.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Winter Schedule Between New York and Florida Begins To-morrow.

News and Courier: . 'The Atlantic Coast Line announces that on Monday, January 10th, the regular Winter schedule, with through sleepers, will be put on that road from New York to Charleston and Jacksonville. This train makes splendid time be-tween the frigid North and the balmy Southland, and is one of the most popular of the Southland. The first hrough Pullman of the season of the Atlantic Coast Line will be on train No. 35, leaving New York early in the day and arriving here about eighteen to twenty hours later. The train will also carry the sleeper back to New York, passing Charleston at 5.17 P. M. The service is the finest in the South, and the schedule will be remarkably quick.

THE GOOD OLD MORNING STAR.

Shine Until Gabrel Toots His Horn. [Rockingham Rocket.]

On New Year's morning that good old and staid MORNING STAR, of Wil mington, greeted its numerous read ers with a brand new dress, from head to foot, and presented a handsome ap-pearance. The STAR is the oldest daily in the State, and from its foundation up to the present has been under one management. It has ever been on the of right, and true to the interest of its city, State and county. Success to you, Brother Bernard, and may the light of the MORNING STAR continue to shine brilliantly, as it has in the past, until old Gabriel toots' his

A special dispatch to the STAR last night from Washington, D. C. says: "Dr. Walter C. Murphy has been unanimously elected President of the North Carolina Society of this (Washington) city, succeeding Hon. William R. Cox, secretary of the Uni-ted States Senate, who declined re-election."

Monument to Dr. Pritchard.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. T. Elliott, the marble dealer, is at wor on a pretty monument for the grave of Rev. Dr. Pritchard. The shaft is being erected by Dr. Pritchard's son, Dr. W. B. Pritchard, of New York. The only inscription is this:

"Thomas Henderson Pritchard.
"Born February, 8, 1832. Died May 23, 1896."



THEY REFUSED TO TESTIFY.

of the Southern Before the Railroad Commissioners.

Col. Andrews and Other Officials

ADJUDGED TO BE IN CONTEMPT

Gov. Russell Declines to Talk of His Trip to Washington---The State Library---Hospital Building at the Raleigh V. M. C. A.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C. Jan. 8. Mr. Wm. Snellings, a well-known citizen of Raleigh, is threatened with

paralysis. He was taken suddenly ill Governor Russell declines to talk of his trip to Washington. He came back

with a new white hat. It is said that the railroads in the State are now issuing passes to public officers, and that they are given in consideration of services rendered.

Col. A. B. Andrews arrived in the city this morning in time to appear before the Railway Commission. The State Library will be opened nights. The Library Board will meet to-night or early next week and Libra-rian Cobb's duties will be increased. A new system of indexing books will likely be adopted. Governor Russell has delegated Maj. J. E. Alexander to at him at the meeti is a \$500 appropriation made by the General Assembly and this will be expended for the purchase of new books.

The hospital building at the A. & M. College is nearly completed, and will be occupied in less than a month. It will be one of the handsomest buildings on the campus. The building will cost \$500. Mrs. Carroll, the matron, will be in charge. Later some one will be elected to take charge and

control the hospital. Business agent Parker, of the Alliance, is here. He says the factory is turning out large quantities of shoes. He says the demand from the sub-Alliances for the shoes more than consumes the output of the factory. Next week travelling men will be put on

Auditor Ayer was told yesterday that a Confederate prisoner in a county near Wake shot his own hand during the war to escape service, and was discharged from the army. He is now drawing a pension for wounds received while in the service of the State.

[Special Star Telegram] Col. Andrews and Henry W. Miller were examined by the Railway Commission to-day, but refused to produce the books and records showing the issuance of free passes by the Southern for the past three years. They also refused to answer questions on this point, giving as a reason that it might

incriminate them. At the morning session, Chairman Caldwell adjudged both gentlemen in contempt, but reserved judgment. Adjournment was had for dinner, and at the afternoon session the commission reconsidered its orders of contempt. Col. Andrews and Miller were notified to appear before the commission Thursday next, and show cause why they

should not be attached for contempt. Dr. Abbott refused to vote to put the centlemen in contempt. Chairman Caldwell told Col. Andrews that there was no discrimination against the Southern. He said the same action had been taken against other railroads in the State. Dr. Abbott says he knows of no action taken against any railroa save the Southern.

Munson and Potts, of the Southern's freight department, also refused to give information about the shipment of Wilson's furniture to Round Knob. They were put in contempt, and again ordered to appear Thursday.

ARKANSAS LYNCHINGS.

Four Colored Men-Two Were Rapists and Two Murderers. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., January 8.-Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Rearden, Ark, within the last few days. Two were rapists and two murderers. The ravishers, Devoe and Huntley, were swung up near Harlow Mill ranch, about three miles north of Rearden, while the murderers met their fate near the town of Little Bay, a few miles south of Rearden. The work was done by two separate mobs, and according to reports from Fordyce, near the scene of the quadruple lynching created but little excitement Mrs. Paine. the victim of the rapists.

years of age. She was prostrated by the excitement caused by the assault. and only recovered after a long ill-

Six lives are supposed to have been lost by an explosion, probably of dust or gas, yesterday, in shaft No. 5 of the Mt. Carmel company mine, six and a half miles south of Pittsburg.

