

campaign, however, set matters straight, but if that is Col. Bryan's "new idea," it appears that it is not new in any sense of the word.

financial part of the Nebraska platform:

The platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention of Nebraska is of interest because it is said to have been written by Mr. William Jennings Bryan and to indicate his views as to what the national platform of the party should be. Mr. Bryan has a facility for writing in vigorous language, and in this respect the Nebraska platform leaves little to be de-The feature in it which will resired. ceive the most attention is the apparent abandonment of the silver issue and a return to the green back theory as advocated by a party calling itself by that name which nominaud candidates for President in sty-ral campaigns. There is no mention of silver in Mr. Bryan's platform. exc-pt the expression of opposition to 'the recoinage of legal tender silver dollars into limited legal tender sub-

idiary coin." The Democracy, conlinue the resolutions, "would secure to the prople a volume of standard money sufficient to keep pace with with the demand for money; it would favor paper money issued by the Goverament without the intervention of national banks." This is practically about all the Greenbacders ever demandeded, and the adoption of such a platform as his by the National Democratic Convention would convert the Democratic party into a greenback party conlending for flat money and a depreciated currency. There is at this ime in circulation over \$343,000,000 in greenbacks, and there is \$425,163,-018 in national- bank notes, of which all but \$12,000,000 is in circulation. Mr. Bryan, it seems, is in favor of substituting greenbacks for this great volume of currency, making more than \$750.000,000 in paper. To maintain a redemption fund adequate for this vast amount of paper would, of course, be out of the question. Without a redemption fund it would be impossible for the Treasury to redeem the Goverament paper upon presentation. Tur refusal to redeem the Government's promise to pay would at once put gold at a premium and lock up the \$628,000,000 of that metal now in circulation and produce a contraction in the currency to that extent. This, we suppose, Mr. Bryan would make go d by printing- more greenbacks. As soon as these greenbacks depreclated in value to a point below 50 ceuts on the dollar, where they were for a time during the civil war, then the \$640,000,000 of silver currency now in circulation would go into hiding, and that would call for another issue of greenbacks and shin-plasters. This, of course, is an extreme view to take of the results that would fellow from the greenbacker plan. But this did happen during the civil war because of the excessive issue of paper, which could not be redeemed on aemand. That is the only reason why greenbacks were only worth from 40 cents up during the war. No one ever feared that the Government would not itimately be able to pay its debis or that the debt would be repudiated. In 1900 Mr. Bryan dictated the Democratic a foregone conclusion. national platform. If we may judge by present conditions it is absolutely certain that he will not be permitted

with the Raleigh Post on the question as to whether or not North Carolina shall send an instructed delegation to St. Louis. The STAR disagrees with the Post in its contention that the delegation should go uninstructed, Here is the Sun's digest of the and we are inclined to think that the STAR takes the Democratic view. The delegation in St. Louis is supposed

to go there to do the bidding of the North Carolina convention, and unless the North Carolina convention speaks its mind there may be embarrassing developments. The convention is to speak for North Carolina Democracy, and it can come nearer sizing up the wishes of that Democracy than a handful of delegates at St. Louis car.

Our valued contemporary, the day. Charlotte News speaks out plainly for instructions for Parker, and

8878: Yesterday, Georgia, the Empire State of the South, followed the lead of the Empire State of the North in instructing for Alton B. Parker for the Presidential nomination at St. Louis. At the same time Michigan defeated the anti-Hearst forces, which also spells Parker. Bryan had complete control of Nebraska and of Oklahoma, but the latter has no vote and the Democracy has no chance of carrying the other. The reports from New York Indicate

ed in his own Tammany Hall for his attitude toward Parker, which is one of unreasoning and unreasonable opposition. There is just now more danger of Murphy's losing his leadership than of Parker's losing the nomination. The chance that McClellan gave Governor Odell to hit the Demo cracy over the head an account of the signing of an iniquitous gas bill by McOlellan has weaked the latter until even Murphy has had to announce that he has no idea of running Mc-Ciellan for the Presidency. So Parker has a clean sweep of it, as it seems at this writing.

We hope North Carolina will also ustruct for Parker. It has happened n the past that the news of what North Carolina was doing in a National Convention was received with agonizing anxiety by the people at nome. The people are for Parker and Aycock. Let the convention clinch it for both.

The Richmond Dispatch of Friday contains a wise editorial on the situation, and urges Virginia and North Carolina to save the day by instructing for the New York man whose Democracy is straight and whose record is unassailable from any source. The Norfolk Landmark, with an editorial page distinguished for ability, considers the matter in this way:

The South holds the key of the situ will be nominated on the first ballot. At any rate, with the South for him, his choice on the second ballot will be

to-day mourns his loss. He had been prominently identified with the business interests of the port for many years. He was founder of the Mur-

chison National Bank, owner of The Orton Hotel, senior member of the firm of Murchison & Co., one of the largest stockholders in The Coal, Cement and Supply Company and landlord of the magnificent country estate, Orton plantation. Out of respect to his memory the Murchison Bank, The Orton and the offices of the Coal, Cement and Supply Com-

Manchester, near Fayetteville, in Feb., 1831, being in the 74th year of his age. His youth was spent in the city of Fayetteville, but attaining young manhood, he entered the University of

that Murphy has been vastly discredit-North Carolina and graduated from that institution in 1853, having been a class-mate of Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Mr. Walker Meares, Col. W. L. DeRosset and Col. A. M. Waddell. Soon after graduation Col. Murchison married Miss Kate Williams, daughter of the lote Joel Williams, of Cumberland, and she with one son and four daughters survive him, the children being Mrs. James Sprunt, of Wilmington; Mrs. Frank S. Ellis, of Atlanta; Mrs. Shirley Carter, of Baltimore; Mr. K. M. Murchison, Jr., of New York, and

Col. Murchison, in the Spring of 1861, hastened back to the South and cast his lot with the Confederacy. He was an officer of Shaw's Eighth North Carolina regiment, but when that command was captured at Roanoke Island he was absent on special duty.

ation. It has the power, and evidently has the disposition, to put the party mack in the path of sanity and safety. * * If the other Southern States will do as Tennessee and Georgia have done, it is not unlikely that Parker

Romans and countrymen! Free

tiring in his disposition.

him as a citizen and all Wilmington

[Special Star Telegram.]

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C., June 2 .-The Bladen county convention was held here to day. Nineteen delegates were appointed to the State Convention. Of that number Stedman will receive eight; Glenn, six, and Turner three, while two are doubiful. Nothing was said about endorsement or instruction for Congress or Lieutenant Governor. Bladen has 11 votes in the State Convention.

LUMBERTON, N. C., June 2.-The Robeson county convention held here pany were draped in mourning yesterand Congressional conventions. The strength of the various candidates for The remains of Col. Murchison were Governor was ascertained with the

brought to Wilmington and interred following result: Glenn, 20.25; Stedin the handsome Murchison mausoleum man, 6.63; Turner, 09; Davidson, .04 in beautiful Oakdale cemetery. Robeson has 27 votes in the State convention. No recommendations were

made for Lieutenant Governor. Robs-**Colonel Kenneth McKenzle Murchi**son is solid for Patterson. G. B. Mc. son was the second son of the late Leod was re-elected county chairman. Duncan Murchison and was born at

> ----TIGHT SQUEEZE FOR C. O. JONES.

> > Fined \$3,500 for Being Connected With His Illegal Stamp Transactions. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., June 4.- A verdict of guilty of receiving postage stamps knowing them to be stolen was returned by a Federal Court jury this the new justice of the fourth district, evening against Chas. C. Jones, of who came from Washington, D. C. for that purpose. United States Mar-Goldsboro, who was on trial for rob- shal H. C. Dockery brought Mr. Danbing the postoffices at Whiteville and Apex and on the charge for which the crowd was present to hear the case. verdict was rendered. The jury held there was no evidence to convict under the charge of robbery. A motion of counsel for Jones to set aside the verdict was overruled, and a sentence Mrs.C.H. Hurkamp, of Fredericksburg' of two years in the penitentiary and Vs. Col. Murchison is also survived \$500 fine was imposed. Later, at the by a brother, Mr. I. A. Murchison, of earnest intercession of counsel and Fayetteville, and three sisters, Mrs. friends, the imprisonment was re-Jackson, of Texas; Mrs. Margaret mitted and the fine increased to McKay, of Harnett county, and Miss \$3,500, which together with the costs L. G. Murchison, of Manchester. was paid by Jones. At the outbreak of the Civil War

A KNOCK-OUT IN HALIPAX

Stedman Gets 39+ of Its 44 Votes in State Goavention at Greensboro.

[Special Star Telegram.]

WELDON, N. C., June 4.-Halifax He immediately raised a company. county Democrats in convention tofrom which he was promoted to the day endorsed Hon. Frank D. Wincolonelcy of the Fifty-fourth North ston for Lieutenant Governor and Carolina regiment, Hoke's brigade. gave Msj. C. M. Stedman for Gov-He was a brave and faithful soldier, ernor thirty-nine and a half of its 44 serving from the beginning of the votes in the State Convention. Capt. Civil War until he was taken prisoner. Glenn gets the remaining four and a being on Johnson's Island at the close half. Judge Geo. H. Brown was enof the struggle. He was an exemdorsed for Associate Justice and the plary soldier and an intrepid leader, vote between Hoke and Justice stood withal, however, unassuming and re-111 to 321 in favor of the last named. A full legislative and county ticket After the war Col. Murchison rewas nominated. W. H. Thorne was urned to New York and re-engaged nominated for the State Senate and T. in business. Branch connections at

C. Harrison and Sands Gayle for the Wilmington and Fayetteville were House.

hearing against the Robeson county

lawyers. The court held that the filing of affidavits did not constitute contempt, the drunkenness of the Judge being made an issue in the contempt proceedings. Also, that Judge Peebles should have cited the three men to appear and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt rather than to peremptorily order them to jail. Settlement With Lawyers,

Following close upon this dismissal of the three affiants comes the issuance to-day appointed delegates to the State of an order to-night by Judge Peebles, adjudicating and settling all differences between him and the Robeson county lawyers. It is on an agreement on the part of the Robeson lawyers to insert in their answer a disclaimer of any intention to reflect on the personal integrity as well as the official capacity of Judge Peebles in their failure to set a calendar for the court, the act on the

part of the lawyers out of which the contempt rule grew. **Associated Press Account**

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.-The con tempt proceedings of Federal Judge

Purnell against Editor Josephus Daniels, of the "News and Observer," who has been in custody since Monday for refusal to pay \$2,000 fine, was ended short off this afternoon, Mr. Daniels being released. The habeas corpus

was heard by Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, iels into court at 8 o'clock. A great Justice Pritchard sat alone, though

this week the Federal Court is in session and Judge Purnell is on hand. Argument was made for Mr. Daniels by ex-Judge R. W. Winston, and by nstructions of Judge Pritchard, Dis trict Attorney Skinner represented Judge Purnell.

After argument Judge Pritchard dis

The A. & N. 6. Receivers. RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.-Late Co-Receivers McBee and Meares, of the

Atlantic & North Carolina railroad are here and will to-morrow file with Judge Purnell a report, the principal feature of it being as to their taking charge and the manner in which they were ousted. Counsel will carry the case up to the Circuit Court of Appeals, testing the efficacy of Chief Justice Faller's order when signed out of the district.

Changes at the Seaboard.

Mr. J. T. Lanier, city ficket and passenger agent of the Seaboard in Wilmington, has been transferred and

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. The whole convention, however, LAWTON, O. T., June 4.- A tornado was in favor of endorsing. The conin the Iowa and Comanche nations vention endorsed Maj. E. J. Hale for has demolished a great number of delegate at large to the Democratic residences and business houses at National Convention; Col. W. J. numerous small towns and laid waste Green delegate from the Sixth District dozens of farms. One person is known to have been killed and about a dozen and H. L. Cook for Presidential elecare believed to have been injured, one fatally. It is reported that the towns

IN PITT COUNTY.

GREENVILLE, N. C., June 4.-Town-

ship primaries held in Pitt county to-

day selects delegates to the county

convention next Saturday. The vote

taken in Greenville precinct for Gov-

ernor showed Glenn, 89; Davidson, 14;

Turner, 10; Stedman, 9. For Lieu-

tenant Governor: Winston, 93; Mor-

ton, 8. Other precincts heard from as

follows: Chicod, Glenn 17; Stedman,

36; Turner 1. Carolina, Glenn, 16;

Stedman, 4. The entire county is es-

[In an estimate made by Stedman's

ANSON COUNTY.

WADESBORO, N. C., June 4.-Im-

MORVEN, N. C., June 4.-In Morven

MOORE COUNTY.

JONESBORO, N. C., June 4.-In the

Jonesboro primarles to-day Stedman

received 23, Glenn 25 and Turner 1.

CARTHAGE, N. C., June 4.-From

an estimate based upon reports from

the primaries in Moore county, to-day,

the Glenn men are claiming 50 dele-

gates to the county convention

against 34 for all others. The exact

status will not be known until the

SAMPSON COUNTY.

CLINTON, N. C., June 4.-Sampson

SCOTLAND COUNTY.

most solidly for Glenn.-STAR.]

convention Thursday.

timated three-fourths for Glenn.

county.-STAR.]

The proposition to instruct 15 votes of Chattanooga and Faxon, small places, have been entirely wiped out. for Stedman and three for Glenn was They are known to have been in the carried unanimously. track of the storm. Wires are down and details are lacking. The town of Helen also is said to have been com-

pletely destroyed. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA, June 4 .-Water covers the northern sec-tion of this city and hundreds of families have been driven from their homes. Excessive rains of the last two days culminated today with a terrlic down-pour. The water cover more than ten residence blocks and is two feet higher than during the big flood of a year ago.

FLOOD IN ARKANSAS.

Rivers Rising and Bottom Lands Sub merged-Families Moving Out.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 4.-A special to the Arkansas "Gazette," from Van Buren, Ark., says:

possible to give exact figures of the This section is threatened by what vote in the Democratic primaries of river men predict will be the most de-Anson county. Stedman will probastructive flood in the history of this bly have at least seven votes out of ection. The Arkansas river is withthe 13 in the State convention, and in three feet of the highest stage ever Turner and Glenn 2. [Stedman's recorded and has been rising at the rate of six inches an hour since four friends claimed six of the 13 votes of clock this afternoon. Anson.-STAR

The river has cut through the North Bank, one mile below the city, and precinct primaries to-day, Stedman led the farmers in the bottoms who were warned this morning are moving their with 33 votes; Turner received 20 and stock and household effects to the Glenn 9. high ground.

Three hundred families living in Riverside addition, east of the Iron Mountain tracks, have fied, rather than attempt to remain over night.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Boarding House Wrecked-Four People

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. FAIRMONT, W. VA., June 4 .--Four people were fatally hurt and eight others seriously injured to-day in an explosion of natural gas which wrecked a large boarding house here. Immediately following the explos-

State Convention for Glenn and two sion fire broke out, and the occufor Stedman. The county gives Stedpants who were burled in the ruins man one vote less than estimated by were rescued with difficulty. Those his managers. Hon. Chas. R. Thomas fatally hurt were: Mrs. Wm. Dent was unanimously instructed for for reand two daughters, Mrs. E. M. nomination for Congress. Wraffey.

The explosion was caused by nat-LAURINBURG, N. C., June 4.-In ural gas leaking from a rubber tube the primaries to-day Stedman received igniting from a kerosene lamp.

STRENGTH OF THE CANDIDATES.

[Special to Charlotte Observer.]

is influenced by personal and commercial rivalry.

- Thomas Moore, a visitor from Harftord, Conn., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a rovolver at Asheville, on last Friday afternoon at the McCain home. Mr. Moore was an invalid, and it is presumed that he was led to the act of self destruction by reason of his ill health. He had been confined to his bed of late and Mr. McCain thinks it remarkable that he was able to cross the room and procure the revolver. Mr. Moore had been married twice and has three children.

- Winston Sentinel: The production manufactured tobacco in the Winston-Salem internal revenue listrict for the ten months of the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1903, and extending to the close of April, 1904, aggregated 27,332,686 pounds, an increase of 6,181,150 pounds over the corresponding period of 1902-03. During the same months the Durham district's output was managers, May 11th, they claimed but 26,849,639 pounds, a gain of 4,990,-210 pounds. Both Missouri and six of the twenty-three votes of Pitt Kentucky are making progress in the wrong direction. North Carolina is the coming tobacco manufacturing State of the Union.

Unless executive clemency should modify the sentence in the meantime, it will be but a few days now cefore Seeriff Marsh will be called upon to perform the duty so abhorred by all officers in his position -the hanging of a criminal. After the affirmation by the Supreme Court of the judgment of the lower court, Governor Aycock sent to the sheriff of Cumberland county the warrant for the execution of Munn, colored, fixing the time at Wednesday, June 15th. As the readers of the Observer doubtless recall, the death sentence is now imposed within the walls of the county jail, with only the witnesses present prescribed by law. - Fayetteville Observer.

- Statesville Landmark: It is assumed that the nomination of Mr. Linney for Congress by the Republican anti-Blackburn convention at Taylorsville Wednesday doesn't mean that the ex-Congressman will seriously enter the race in county convention was held to-day opposition to Blackburn, but that and will send seven delegates to the the nomination will be used to bring the Blackburn people down a peg or two and force from them certain concessions. If Linney and Dr. Mott are admitted as delegates to the national convention this will given them recognition by the party management, but whether they are admitted or not they will doubtless use the following they can control to force concessions. Before No-214 votes and Glenn 236. [This is a vember the differences will probably great victory for Stedman, as a few be harmonized and most if not all weeks since Scotland county was al- the Republicans will vote for Black-

- Manley Wilder, a negro who was hit on the head by Sherwood - Raleigh News and Observer: There was still another habeas cor- Hinton, another negro, with a base-

burn.

United States Statutes, to warrant the action, and hence he ordered the respondent dismissed. Mr Daniels was fined by Judge Purnell for editorially criticising the Judge for his action in appointing receivers for the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. The appointment of receivers was overruled by Chief Justice Fuller and now Judge Pritchard releases Mr. Daniels. The whole State is rejoicing and telegrams of congratu-

missed the case and released Mr Daniels, saying that he failed to find anything in Section 725, Revised

lation are pouring in on Mr. Daniels.

According to Pigures Received at Greens boro, Majer Stedman Has a Lead.

GREENSBORO, June 3.-Reports re-Justice H. G. Connor issued a writ Raleigh on Thursday afternoon,

Fatally Hurt and Others Injured.

