Certain That the Has Been Made.

TO CHANGE HANDS.

Belleved that the Present Administration of the Scaboard Air Line Will Be Retired and that It will Go Into Other Hands.

The air has been thick with rumors for two or three days concerning the reported deal by which the Seaboard Air Line is said to have been sold by those who have been in control of the system. Conflicting reports have appeared in all the newspapers, but it is learned today that the controlling interest in the S. A. L. has been purchased by well known New York capitalists who represent millions of dollars. The same capitalists are largely interested in a number of other large railroad systems, but it is understood that the Seaboard Air-Line under its new management will not be operated in connection with the Southern and Southern Railway organization but tails of the transaction. will be operated in competition with it. It is also understood that the deal means the retirement of Mr. St. John and Mr. Hoffman, atthough this may not go into effect for several months. Cut-rates will also be discontinued and all rates will be restored to the regular schedule.

The sum and substance of the situation seem to point plainly to Hoffman's overthrow.

The Baltimore News of yesterday contains the following interesting news concerning the rumored deal :

The financiers of Baltimore are thoroughly mystified by the deal made at Portsmouth yesterday by which control of the common stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad passes from the present management to a New York syndicate headed by Mr. Thomas F. Ryan. The guneral belief is that eventually the property, which is the parent company of the Seaboard Air Line system, will be apsorbed by the Southern Railway Company or at least operated in connection with that great system. This, however, is emphatically denied both by Mr. Ryan and the management of the Southern Railway Company.

The Seaboard and Roanoke also controls the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, which operates a line of Steam Packet Company, and it is steamers between Baltimore and said that his salary is \$37,500 a year. Norfolk and Richmoud, and it is said | The belief that control of the Seathat the purchase of the controlling | board Air Line system has been interest in the common stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke carries with it control of the steamboat line. General Gill returned to Baltimore

this morning, and while he declined to make a statement, admitted that the deal had been consummated. General Gill denies in positive terms that the road will be absorbed by the Southern or that that company is interested in any way with the purchase. The fact, however, that Mr. Ryan is largely interested in the Southern Railway Company leads to the belief that the relations between the two companies will in the future be of the most "harmonious" character.

It was stated in local financial circles today that the new owners will form a voting trust to continue in existence for five years, and that the shares will be pooled with this trust. This is supposed to mean that the trust will hold the stock until such time as it sees fit to sell

at its own terms. There probably never was a deal of similar importance conducted with greater secrecy than the present one. It is safe to say that outside of the parties immediately interested nobody knows exactly what has been done, aside from the fact that the property bas changed ownership. Nor is it known whether President Hoffman will be retained

or asked to step out. There is a clause in the charter of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad which provides that a special meet ing of the stockholders may be called at any time by the holders of a majority of the common stock, who can oust the president and directors at

any time they see fit.

The dispatches sent out from Portsmouth yesterday were taken to mean that President Hoffman had won a decided victory over the op-position, and that there would be no change in the management. Later information, however, showed that the property and with the change in this was an error, and that the deal

engineered by General Gill had gove

The deal was consummated at Portsmouth yesterday at a confer-ence between Gen Gill, Messrs. Thomas F. Ryan and George B. Harvey, representing a New York syndicate, and Messrs Louis McLane, of Baltimore, Moneure Robinson of Philadelphia and Judge Leigh Watts of Portsmouth, with whom 40,000 shares of the company's common stock were pooled.

These boldings, with the 2700 shares upon which General Gill secured an option at \$100 a share, will give the syndicate control of 6700 shares out of a total issue of 10,587 shares. The price agreed upon for the pool-holdings is understood to be \$1 10 a share more than the price at which the minority stock was secured. The total consideration will, therefore, be less than \$700,000 The Seaboard and Roanoke is the present company of the half-dozen lines making up what is known as the Seaboard Air Line system.

Mr. Louis McLane, chairman of the executive committee, arrived home today. He went to his residence, 1101 North Charles street, early. To a News reporter who called at the house Mr. McLane said that he had no statement to make. He refused to discuss the meeting will not be under the control of the at Portsmouth or give any of the de-

The wires between Baltimore and New York were kept hot today exchanging messages between General Gill and his principals, but the same answer was given to all inquiries: 'We have nothing to say."

There are many rumors in circulation as to what is going to take place, but it is impossible to verify any of them. One report is that as result of the deal the present board of directors will resign within 30 days and that the new owners will at once assume control. Another is that President Hoffman will resign and be succeeded as president by Mr. Ryan or somebody

to be named by that gentleman. A well-known financier, commenting on the transfer of the control of the road, said: "It is very well for the gentlemen who are interested to deny that the Southern Railway company is a party to the deal, but their protestations will deceive nobody. Mr. Rvan is now, and has been for years, identified with the interests that control the Southern Railway, and there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that in this instance he is acting for that corporation."

Mr. Hoffman succeeded Mr. John Robinson as president of both the Seaboard Air Line and Baltimore

purchased in the interest of the Southern Railway company has stirred up merchants having business connection with the South.

The Baltimore Sun of today which came this afternoon says:

The sale of the Seaboard and Roanoke stock to the syndicate is understood to be contingent upon an examination of the railroad company's books. This, however, is regarded as satisfactory from the representations already made, and no hitch in the transfer is anticipated from this source. The examination will be concluded and the transfer probably consummated within the next thirty days.

As has been previously stated in the Sun, the Mercantile Trust Company, in offering par for options on a controlling interest in the stock, had no desire to freeze out minority holders of the stock after the conholders of the stock after the con-trol had been secured. The new purchasers stand ready to purchase the minority stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke at par, and the holders may sign options to sell at this price to the Mercantile Trust company at

any time.

The syndicate, it is said, will build up a system in the South composed of the Seaboard Air Line, Port Royal and Augusta and other lines in that section already controlled by Mr. Ryan and those associated with him.

The syndicate, it is stated, now

sociated with him.

The syndicate, it is stated, now controls about 6,700 shares of the 11,000 shares of the Seaboard and Reanoke stock. This is made up of Reanoke stock. This is made up of the 4,000 shares held in pool by Judge Watts, of Portsmouth, Va'-Louis McLane, of Baltimore, and Moncure Robinson, of Philadelphia, and of the options on about 2,700 shares obtained by the Mercantile Trust Company.

The pooled interests is understood

The pooled interests is the annua to have been bought in at the annua to have been bought in at the annual to have been bought in Tuesday on ave seen congress in a true and an insetting in Portsmouth on Tuesday. The options secured by the Mercandle Trust Company were obtained by the offer of par for the stock, which has been quoted in the market of the stock.

management, that President R. Curzon Hoffman is likely to resign when the transfer is completed and the new purchasers take control. It is thought he would not care to remain under the new manage-ment with the knowledge that his previous course in directing the business of the system was not in

The primary cause of the purchase was to get rid of the policy of ratecutting inaugurated under his management and to restore harmony among the Southern lines in place of the present bestilities. the present hostilities.

A CHARMING WEDDING.

Miss Luna Crawford and Mr. J. Marshatt Barber.

Last night at the First Baptist Church Miss Luna Crawford and Mr. J. Marshal Barber were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Carter. The beautiful and artistic decorations at the church, consisting of choice and rare flowers which were seen in profusion presented much that was beautiful and impressive to the eye. Suspended from the massive ceiling was a large wedding bell, artistically set off with a score of electric lights and greenery, shedding a beautiful radiance on the happy couple beneath. On each side of the altar there was a large heart of evergreens, connected with the main decorations by pretty hangings of flowers. The altar itself was profusely decorated with potted plants, palms and evergreens, presenting a scene of fairy land and enchantment that was charming indeed.

Promptly at the hour appointed the grand organ under the magnetic touch of Mr. S. M. Parish pealed forth in sweet and entrancing melody, adding much to the impressive ceremony and causing a beautiful silence to fall over the large crowd present. Then to complete and enhance the beauty of the scene, Miss Smith of Peace Institute sang "I Love Thee," as her sweet and well modulated voice floated through the brilliantly lighted church in song, the large audience became hushed in expectancy, as she concluded the charming visions of beauty in the form of bridesmaids entered from the church parlors, and proceeded down the center aisle and met the bride and groom at the main entrance.

Then the party returned with the ushers, Dr. J. R. Rogers, Dr. J. M. Ayer, Mr. S. T. Pearce, and Mr. L. Wilder leading, followed the attendants Miss Lilla Ward and Mr R Edward Crawford, Miss Laura Faison and Mr. A. D. Creech, Miss Lydia Pryor and Mr. Fred Walters, Miss Minnie Barber and Mr. Wayland Jones, Miss Mary Crawford and Mr. F. F. Bowen. Next came the charming little flower girls, Misses Elaise Faison and Clara Emery. Miss Love Crawford the maid of honor came next, followed by the beautiful bride on the arm of her brother Mr. W. R. Crawford, Jr. At the altar the bride and maid of honor were met by the groom and his best man Mr. J. C. Ellington. Then Dr. J. W. Carter in an eloquent and impressive manner said the words that made them man and wife, 'until death dous part,' after which the bridal party marched out in a

stately manner. The winsome bride was charmingly gowned in white satin trimmed with ribbons, a white tulle veil, and orange blossoms and a large bouquet of bride's roses, and she was a sweet vision of loveliness indeed. The bridesmaids were gowned in white organdix with pink satin ribbons carrying each a bouquet of cornations and ferns. The sweet little flower girls each carried baskets of

After the ceremony the bridal party and immediate relatives were driven to the Park hotel where a pleasant reception was held, after which an elegant and dainty luncheon was served, which was enjoyed by all. This was served under the direction of "mine host." Mr. R. Edward Crawford and was like the rest of the ceremony, charming indeed. After luncheon the party adjourned to the hotel parlors where the time was pleasantly spent midst music both vocal and instrumental until the hour for the departure of the happily wedded couple came.

The party then proceeded to the depot and midst many congratulaions departed for their bridal tour

Miss Crawford is the daughter of Mr. W. R. Crawford, and her charming personality has won for her many friends and admirers.

The groom is a son of Mr. J. W. Barber, and is a congenial and sucessful young business man. The of many friends in his new life of attend.

By the Democratic National Committee

WITH THE POPULISTS

On Congressmen, So Sational Committee man Josephus Daniels States -Executive Committee Meeting Tonight.

The Democratic State Executive Committee meets tonight at 8 p. m in the Senate Chamber,

It is stated that the meeting will be marked by the greatest secrecy and that nothing will be given out. The call notifying the committemen of the meeting does not state the object for which it was called. A number of committeemen were seen today and they were unable to state the object of the meeting.

Chairman Manly originally called the meeting to consider some important points relative to the election aw and other matters of party policy but since then as yesterday's Parss VISITOR readers are aware, other conditions have arisen which will require the attention of the commit-

Since the announcement yesterday that a member of the committee would introduce a proposition for fusion in the congressional districts | The Author of Trilby Passed Away Peace there has been more or less speculation as to what would become of it. There are all kinds of rumors to be heard. It was whispered today that it was the desire of the national committee that the Democrats get together in this State and that Mr. Bryan bad written a letter to that

effect. National committeeman Josephus Daniels returned from Wilmington today, where he had been in consultation with Mr. Faulkner and others of the committee. Mr Daniels is unaware that Mr. Bryan has written any such letter as reported and he gave it as his opinion that he had not done so.

Mr. Daniels stated that the National committee earnestly desired the election of nine silver congressmen from this State and morever that the committee would be glad to see the Democrats and Populists get together in order to accomplish

When questioned as to what the committee would do tonight, Mr. Daniels replied that he did not know not being a member of the commit-

HIS BODY COOKED.

Employee in Paper Mill Fell on Heated By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Rollers.

Ed Ray, an employee in the mills a gang plank on the heated rollers that convert the liquid pulp into paper and his right side and arm were literally cooked.

The unfortunate young man pass ed through an awful ordeal, suffering agonizing pain during the ten minutes he was held by the burnbalance and the physicians hardly expect him to live.

The iron rollers on which the young man fell are so arranged that it was impossible for them to crush him. The rollers are heated to a very high temperature, sufficient to lond, Rutherford, Swain, Jackson fry meat. Mr. Ray's clothing caught and Haywood, concluding his canin the rollers and he was pressed against them for ten minutes.

His side was badly burned and the flesh was burned from his right hand and wrist.

Young Ray was a "bock tender and his duties were such that they R. Cotton, John R. Smith and R H. called him near the machinery, which subsequently tortured him near to death. He was accustomed to walking across the gang plank, but Tuesday, the plank slipped, tripping him and precipitating him on the heated rollers. The machinery of the entire paper making plant had to be stopped before the young man could be liberated. He was carried home and given the best treatment possible, but his suffering is

The young man was a native of Wake county and was learning the art of paper making.

of Improved Order Heptasophs at the office of Dr. J. W. McGee, Jr., this evening at 8 o'clock. The su-

CANDIDATE LEAVE. Entered the Crmpaign Today-Mr. Hold

ing's Reply.

All the county nominees left the city today to enter the campaign, the Republicans and Populists going to Auburn and the Democrats to petition in the United States court, Panther Branch. Sheriff Page, Mr. N. B. Broughton and Mr. Milliard Mial left the city tegether this morn-

The Republican and Populist committee appointed to confer with Chairman Holding of the Democratic executive committee with a view to fusion in Raleigh township on magistrates have delivered their propo-

sition orally,
Mr. Holding's reply was very brief. He told the committee that he could not listen to the proposition for fusion on magistrates in the township. He stated, however that if they would extend this proposition for an equitable division of magistrates throughout the county he would submit the proposition to his county committee.

The benevolent Populists and Republicans who apparently were so solicitous about electing good men in Raleigh township said "nay nay" to the county proposition.

In the township where the Demo crats have every prospect of electing their candidates, the fusionites step forward with crocadile intentions; but in the county "nit."

DU'MAURIER DEAD.

fully.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

London, Oct. 8.-George DuMaurier, artist and author who has been suffering some time with heart and lung trouble, and the author of Trilby, died at two thirty this morning. The end was painless. He passed away surrounded by friends. His illness was pathetic in the extreme. At his bedside a friend said "Trilby" is an immense success as a book and play, DuMaurier replied "Yes, it has been successful, but the popularity has killed me at last,

Crisis in Spain's Ministry.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. London, Oct. 8 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says a ministerial crisis has occurred. No details are given.

Thirty Millions in a Fire.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LIMA PERU, Oct. 8.-A great fire at Guayquil Ecuador has been finally subdued. The estimated loss is thirty millions dollars. Insured one one-tenth.

Ten Drowned.

HULL, Oct. 8.-In a collision this morning on the Humber between of the Raleigh Paper company, lo- the steamers Alexander and Emden cated at the Falls of Neuse, fell from the former sank drowning ten of the

Ex-Judge Whitaker to Canvass.

Ex-Judge Spier Whitaker will enter the campaign on the 10th of October, delivering his first speech at Hillsboro. Judge Whitaker has been invited to speak at the appointing irons. His life hangs in the ments he has made and he announces that he will make straight Populist speeches

Judge Whitaker will speak in the counties of Orange, Caswell, Rockiugham, Stokes, Surry, Guilford. Forsyth, Alexander, Gaston, Clevevass at Waynesville, October the 31st.

Asylum Executive Committee Meets.

The Executive committee of the Insane Asylum meets here today. The members of the committee, R. Speight are here. No business of unusual importance comes up.

Work on the newannex to the male department of the asylum, a contract for the construction of which was let at the last meeting, is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been laid and the work will be prosecuted with rapidity.

Sunday Rules for Druggists.

The druggists of Durham have adopted a rule in regard to regulating the closing and keeping open of their drug stores on Sundays. This rule will go into effect on Sunday, Oct. 11th. The different drug stores There will be the regular meeting | will keep open alternately each Sunday all day, the others being closed. This is indeed a good idea. By so doing most of the druggists who preme officers of the order and the are on duty all the week will have State organizer will be present. Al an opportunity of attending divine young couple have the best wishes the members are earnestly urged to worship and resting from their duties, while the store that keeps ed to attend. open all day can supply all demands.

ASKS FOR RENTAL.

Railway Company Asks the Court to Make the B. & O. Pay Money.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 8.-The Southern Railway Company filed a

asking to be allowed to intervene in the case of the Mercantile Trust Company against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the purpose of collecting a rental of \$89,250 on fifty-one miles of track between Strasburg and Harrisonburg, in Virginia.

The petition alleges that the track was leased to the Baltimore and Ohio in 1873 by the Virginia Midland and Great Southern Railway Company, and has since been operated by the Baltimore and Ohio at a rental per year of \$89,250. The benefits accruing under the lease have been banded down through the Midland and the Richmond and Danville railways to the Southern Railway Company.

It is alieged that the receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio have power to pay such bills. A demand was made March 2d for \$44,625, then due, as the first semi-annual installment, and another demand for a like amount on September 2d last. Neither demand has been met. The company wishes to intervene, as then it may secure an order of court for the payment of rental.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. Cotton quotations furnished by G. E. Leach, Broker, 311 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C.

[By Private Wire.]

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New York futures opened points lower, remained steady until about noon when the market became weak and declined 18 to 20 points but rallied towards the close, closing steady at a net decline of 12 to 15 points.

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Missouri Pacific	_
Union Pacific	-
Rock Island	592
St. Paul	691
General Electric	-
Tennessee Coal and Iron	21
Manhattan	891
American Tobacco	67#
Burlington and Quincy	681
Western Union	-
Louisville and Nashville	42
United States Leather	-
Southern Railroad	
Southern Preferred	231
Chicago Gas	594
Sugar	107
Reading	-
Des. and Crt. Feed	-
Atchison	
D. L. & W	1
Jersey Central	-
Erie	_
Silver	-
Liverpool Cotton Market.	

October 4.24. October-November..... 4.20. November-December..... 4.18, December-January ... 4.16. January-February 4.15. February-March 4.15.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat-December, 681; May,724. Corn-December, 221; May, 231. Oats-December -; May 194. Pork-October, 6.65; January, 7.50. Lard-October, -; January 4.40. Clear Rib Sides-October, 3.50; Jan-

uary 3.72.

Seaton Gales Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F. Regular meeting of Seaton Gales Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F., tonight at 8 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member be present.

Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend The first degree will be conferred tonight.

A. M. POWELL, N. G. THIEM, Sec.

Phalanx Lodge.

Phalanx Lodge No. 34, K. of P.

eets tonight promptly at 8 o'clock All members are carnestly request-

ALEX McPHEETERS, Jr., C. C.

STATEMENTS

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AROUND THE CITY.

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Print.

There were four bridal couples on the vestibule going north this morn-

At half past four o'clock Friday afternoon there will be a meeting of St. Agnes Guild in the Chapel of Christ church

President Hoffman and Vice President St. John, of the Seabourd, wlo are in Wilmington today are expected to arrive here tonight.

There are at present seven prisoners in Wake county jail. Five of these are United States prisoners and one is here for safe keeping from another county. Only one of the seven is a Wake county prisoner.

Ex-Sheriff John R. Smith, of Goldsboro is here. Mr. Smith told Parson Leak this morning that he was praying for him and he hoped he would get right.

Mr. Ace Harris, who has the distinction of being the best blender and mixer in the State, has taken a permanent position with Mr. L. J. Walker, where he will be glad to see his many friends.

In the Northern division of the outside west precinct two of the registrars are said to be republicans. The same conditions exist in another precinct in the county.

A beautiful order was received by Mr. Dughi vesterday from Louisburg. It was one of the prettiest orders ever sent out of Raleigh. The same thing will be repeated tomorrow for Durham.

Messrs. Thomas and Campbell are offering some extrarodinary bargains in furniture, and those who wish to purchase any thing in their line should watch for their announcments in these columns every day.

The sheriff of Jackson county brought two convicts to the penitentiary yesterday. One was colored and the other white. The former gets three years and the lat-

Mr. B. R. Lacy returned to the city today from a campaigning tour in the West. Mr. Lacy went to Swepsonville for the purpose of meeting Mr. Matthew's the Labor Commission from Maine who is stumping the state for McKinley and to induce him to divide time with him. Mr. Lacy met Mr. Matthews and asked for a division of time. The Maine Commissioner replied that he was willing to divide time, but that his committee was opposed to it and therefore he would have to decline. Pritchard Would'nt Divide Time With

At Troy Tuesday Senator Pritch ard spoke for more than an hour. He had been asked to divide time with Col. Dockery or Mr. R. B. Boone of Durham, both of whom were in Troy, but declined.

When Senator Pritchard had finished speaking Col. Dockery entered the building to make a

One of the faithful yelled out, 'Come on boys let's go" and instantly a large part of Senator Pritchard's hearers left. But Co Dockery began his speech and gentleman writes here that the building was filled in ten minutes. The war horse of the Pee Deedenounced Senator Pritchard in the strongest terms. A gentleman writes that Col. Dockery made a magnificent speech that did much good.

Many of the Same Mind.

One of the most intelligent men in the State and one of the straightest Democrats writes to the editor of the Press-Visitor as follows:

"Please send me your paper until the election. I have been pleased to see that you have taken a sensible stand in these trading times. I'll never vots any mixed ticket and many of our people up here swear the same thing in their wrath."

Atkinson's Majority 40,000.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. ATLANTA, Oct. 8 .- Latest returns bear out the earlier estimate of the najority of Atkinson, Demo which approximates forty the