

## THAT SEABOARD SALE.

### Ryan Reported to Have Paid \$150 a Share.

## GILL'S HAND IN IT.

Did He Get \$40 a Share as His Take-Out—There Is Talk of Vice President St. John Being Retained.

Sunday's Atlanta Constitution gives the following interesting stuff about the railroad deal:

The gossips say that Mr. Ryan paid \$150 a share for the Seaboard and Roanoke stock. He paid that to General John Gill. General Gill had an option on the Watts-Robinson-McLane pooled stock at \$110. The difference of \$40 a share was divided between the Mercantile Trust Company, of Baltimore, and General Gill, the latter taking \$30 and giving the trust company \$10 a share. On the 4,000 shares, General Gill's commission was \$160,000. The trust got \$40,000 out of the deal and the pool received \$440,000, or an advance of just \$300,000 over the market price.

The next Southern property marked for absorption by the New Yorkers is one which is but recently out of receivership and which is developing into a strong competitor for western business.

By reason of the low cost of operation and the growth of surrounding territory, Southern Railroads are desirable investments for northern capital.

with other systems, or at least to operate it practically as part of some other company.

An interesting bit of gossip now is that Messrs. Ryan & Thomas were given the Port Royal and Western Carolina and the Port Royal and Augusta for their fees in reorganizing the Central of Georgia. It is known that they put an estimate on their services which the financial powers considered too high, and instead of paying them in cash tendered to them the Carolina branches of the Central. In this connection it is said that Messrs. Ryan & Thomas, not being well pleased with the settlement, set quietly to secure the Seaboard and build up an independent system of their own. Mr. Morgan finances the Southern for three years more, and at the end of that time the Seaboard may be a strong competitor. This gossip is given for what it is worth. What the relations are between the financiers back of the systems will probably come out in less than three years.

The fact that Mr. Massy would retire in favor of Strowd, the Populist nominee in accordance with the provisions of the agreement reached by the Populist and Republican Executive Committees has been known for some time. Mr. Massy and his friends have in course of preparation the letter announcing his withdrawal and it is learned that it will appear Wednesday.

"Are you up to day," Mr. Massy was asked by a reporter at the depot. "To be sure I am," was his reply.

"Will you be up election day," Mr. Massy was asked. "I'll let you know then," he replied.

Mr. Massy was told that he had been learned that he was preparing his letter of withdrawal and he was asked if the information was correct. "You'll have to get it elsewhere," he said.

Miss Rhea's Appearance.

Miss Rhea appears at Metropolitan Hall tonight, presenting Josephine.

No woman ever possessed a more striking personality than this gifted child of France. It was only a tiny bit of a girl fresh as the roses and modest as the violets of her convent home, who presented herself one day in the Paris Conservatory to begin a course of dramatic study under the great Beaurivallat. Her first desire had been to remain in the dim old convent, then she found herself before knowing it, studying for the stage. So true is it that genius cannot be quenched, but springs to growth and strength when nurtured or not, that before many months had passed she made her first public recitation, a trembling timid girl in the great Salle Pleyel in Paris, reciting Alfred De Musset's "La Nuit D'Octobre."

"I remember," she will tell you laughingly, "there were three little steps that I had to mount in order to reach the stage. Those steps were the hardest I ever had to mount in my life. But once on the stage, I knew no fear. I was applauded to the echo, my career was assured. Miss Rhea appeared first at Brussels and then at Rouen, playing Adrienne Lecouvreur and meeting with unbounded success. Then she went to Russia where she acted for five years at the Imperial theatre in St. Petersburg.

Questions for Populists Nominees.

The Progressive Farmer asks its readers to put these questions to candidates for the legislature: If he will vote for lower freight charges and 2 cents per mile for passengers; if he will vote for a bill prohibiting free passes to all office holders.

"Ask your candidate for Congress if he will vote for a postage telegraph and telephone with a uniform 10 cent rate for telegrams throughout the Union and a telephone at every country postoffice."

## EXHIBITS ARRIVING.

Fair Only a Week Off—Little Vacant Space Left—Many New Changes.

The State Fair is only one week away. The exhibits are beginning to come in and from this time until Monday there will be nothing but hustle and activity at the grounds. Secretary Nichols has wrought many practical and desirable changes in the buildings during the past few weeks. The upstairs entrance to Floral hall from the inside has been put on the outside and the entrance is now from the front of the building facing the Hillsboro road. The band and orchestra will occupy the space where the stairways formerly stood.

The entrance to the grand stand has also been transferred from the inside of the building to the outside facing the race track. The entire first floor has been cleared and the restaurant and fruit stands transferred elsewhere. A double row of large box stalls run the length of the building and in these will be exhibited the blooded horses contesting for prizes. The stalls are admirably arranged with a view for the inspection of the stock by the fair visitors.

Improvements have been made at many points in the grounds, which will prove a welcome change. The race track has been put in splendid condition. The contests are eagerly looked forward to.

Nearly all the vacant space in the buildings has been contracted for, and if demands continue, additional rooms will have to be secured.

## AYER CREATES A PROST.

Refers Manly to Butler's August Proposal.

## CONDITIONS CHANGE

The Populist Chairman Significantly Remarks—All Prospects for Fusion With Populists are Probably Off Now.

The members of the Democratic State Executive and Central Committees made heroic efforts to keep their deliberations secret and more especially the correspondence transmitted to and received from Chairman Ayer of the Populist Executive Committee.

But there was a leakage. There always was and there always will be.

Saturday the Press-Visitor gave Chairman Manly's communication to Mr. Ayer. Today it gives Mr. Ayer's reply. It may be said that it is a trifle upish. Uppish, not that it was in any sense discourteous, but that it had the touch of the marble heart. The populist chairman killed all would be fusion arrangements at one blow. And there is a decided frost among Democratic fusionists.

In his reply Chairman Ayer stated that he, like the Democratic Committee was very anxious to see the election of nine silver Congressmen from this State.

He made the point that the Populists had never failed to accept a proposition made by the Democrats, but there was nothing tangible in Chairman Manly's communication—nothing that he could act upon.

The Populist chairman referred Chairman Manly to the proposition submitted by Senator Butler last August requesting fusion on Congressional, State and county matters, as well as electoral, to which, he said, the Democrats have never made answer. Mr. Ayer begged to submit this as his answer and he added significantly that conditions had changed since then and it was not to be expected that the acceptance of the August proposition would be binding with the Populists.

## NOT TO BUILD NOW.

The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd Considered Impracticable.

At a special meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of North Carolina held at the Bishop's house, on Oct. 9th, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, in the opinion both of the Bishop, and of the Rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, it is impracticable at this time to develop and carry out a Cathedral for this Diocese, as for other causes, so especially because the efforts of the churchmen of North Carolina should be concentrated upon the permanent establishment of St. Mary's School, therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of the standing committee, acting under the sanction of the resolution adopted by the convention of May, 1896, the action of the Bishop, and of the convention of 1895, in accepting the church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, as the Cathedral of the Diocese, should be rescinded, and by the authority reposed in the Bishop and standing committee said action is hereby rescinded.

The Bishop assents to and joins in the above action.

## The Circus Coming.

Day after tomorrow is circus day and everybody is on the qui-vive and glad that Main's big show will be here with all the life and animation that it always brings and the peculiar joy that only a circus can bring to both old and young. Main's circus is one of the largest and greatest that ever visited Raleigh, and a gentleman who saw it in Norfolk the other day says that it is indeed a fine show. The performing animal arena, which compares with the famous Hagenback show of the World's Fair, is a circus in itself, and when it is known that the world-famous John Ringling will again appear in the Ring with the Main circus there is enough said.

Mr. Low's many old friends will be glad to greet him once more and there will be countless other attractions with the Main show. Tickets can be had at Mr. J. Hal Bobbitt's drug store.

Ayer or Wilson, Which?

Adjutant Otho Wilson was asked when the Populists intended to elect to the senate as a companion to Senator Butler.

"Hal Ayer or myself," was the adjutant's reply. "If Rough Henderson beats Hal, then Hal will be elected; if not, then it will be myself."

## NO LONGER DOUBTED.

The Portsmouth Star Says the New York Syndicate Has Purchased the S. A. L.

The Portsmouth Star of Saturday says: "There appears to be no longer any doubt of the purchase by the New York syndicate of a majority of the stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railway. If any confirmation was needed it came today, when it was learned upon good authority that, while the transfer of stock had not yet taken place, and the sale to that extent has not been fully consummated, the stock will be turned over to the syndicate as soon as certain preliminaries are arranged and plans matured."

The Baltimore News says: Mr. R. Curson Hoffman, president of the Seaboard Air Line system, has returned from the South, where he attended the annual meetings of the various lines that comprise the system. Mr. Hoffman was seen at his office in the Equitable building by a reporter for The News, and made the following statement regarding status of the negotiations for the controlling interest in the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad, which is the parent company of the Seaboard Air Line system:

"I am operating the Seaboard Air Line in the interest of its stockholders. Warned of coming trouble, a number of the large owners have pooled our shares in the hands of a committee in whose ability and integrity I have absolute confidence. That committee is in control of the situation, and I advise all stockholders to sign the pooling agreement without hesitation or delay, as it insures fair treatment to all signers alike. Beyond this, I have nothing to say, except that I have given four years of unceasing care to the property at great cost to myself, and have received for my services \$19,000 salary per annum, and not \$37,000, as has been reported."

It will be observed that Mr. Hoffman does not deny that negotiations are on foot. His admission that the situation is in control of the pooling committee is considered significant. This is believed to mean that the New York syndicate will have to secure control through the committee. Mr. Hoffman refers to, The Mercantile Trust and Deposit company, however, is still receiving options and reports that stockholders are signing the agreement daily.

## A GIN DESTROYED

And Twenty-Six Bags of Cotton Burned and Injured.

Yesterday afternoon about five o'clock fire was observed in the cotton gin of Mr. Jessie Winborne, situated eight miles South-west of Raleigh in Swift Creek township. The flames made rapid headway and in a short period the large gin all contents and a number of bales of cotton on the outside were entirely consumed.

The gin house was a very large structure. The flames carried with it two gins and condensers, a press, engine and boiler, five bales of seed cotton and 2,500 bushels of cotton seed.

On the outside in front of the gin there were 21 bales of cotton ready for the market, six of these were totally destroyed, six slightly burned and the remainder more or less damaged.

The loss is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. There was no insurance on the cotton or gin. Mr. Winborne does not know the origin of the fire. The gin was in operation as late as Saturday afternoon, but Mr. Winborne personally inspected his property to be sure that there was no fire about.

## Unsettled Weather.

The storm has not disappeared yet. It is central off the coast of Pennsylvania and New York this morning, and a secondary "low" is over Tennessee and Georgia. The weather is still generally threatening from Georgia northward. Rain is falling at many stations in the north.

An area of high pressure is central north of the lake region. There has been a slight rise in temperature over the middle and northern states.

## Look Out for It.

The Raleigh Press-Visitor will issue a special State fair edition on October 19th. Its readers who expect something new are not likely to be disappointed.

Col. Bencher Cameron, is in the city.

## WILL SWEAR MR. RYAN.

South Carolinians Suspect that the Southern is Behind the Purchase.

A Columbia, S. C., special to the Atlanta Constitution says: Attorney General Barber, of South Carolina, has addressed brief notes to Thomas F. Ryan and General Sam Thomas, who have just obtained control of the Seaboard Air Line and who last month purchased the Port Royal and Augusta and Port Royal and Western Carolina, which form a continuous line from Port Royal to Greenville, S. C., via Augusta, Ga., to prove to the satisfaction of the special railroad board that they, in making such purchase, had no connection or understanding with the Southern. This special board consists of the railroad commissioners, the governor and the attorney general. The State authorities express belief that there is something "underground" in this deal and say they propose to use the power given by the new constitution to prevent what is regarded here as a gobble of these lines by the Southern.

It is feared that the bottling up of the Port Royal is again contemplated and with it the violation of the State laws. A provision was put in the constitution last year, which was suggested by the troubles the administration had in "unbottling" the Port Royal, prohibiting the sale of any railroad line to a parallel or competing line or in the interest of such line, or for other than legitimate business enterprise. It also requires the purchasers to prove to the satisfaction of a special committee, constituted as above stated, that their purpose does not conflict with the letter or spirit of this provision. As "satisfactory evidence" is vague Governor Evans was asked this evening whether a sworn statement of Messrs Ryan and Thomas that they had not transgressed this provision be considered "satisfactory." He replied that it would not, in view of the developments in connection with the purchase of the Georgia Central. What would be satisfactory he would not state, saying that was a matter for the board to determine. If the evidence is not satisfactory, the State has no power and is required by the constitution to annul the sales.

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Oct. 12.  
Cotton quotations furnished by G. E. Leach, Broker, 311 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C.  
[By Private Wire.]

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January,	7 84	7 96	7 76	7 95-
February,	7 89	7 99	7 83	8 00-
March,	7 83	8 08	7 89	8 05-
April,	8 08	8 08	8 08	8 09-
May,	7 99	8 13	7 95	8 13-
June,				
July,				
August,				
Sept'mb'r,	7 55	7 67	7 55	7 69-
October,	7 60	7 70	7 57	7 69-
November,	7 60	7 70	7 57	7 69-
December,	7 73	7 86	7 67	7 85-

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

Missouri Pacific	—
Union Pacific	—
Rock Island	58
St. Paul	67 1/2
General Electric	254
Tennessee Coal and Iron	204
Manhattan	894
American Tobacco	681
Burlington and Quincy	674
Western Union	82 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	42
United States Leash	—
Southern Railroad	—
Southern Preferred	23 1/2
Chicago Gas	59
Sugar	10 7/8
Reading	—
Des. and Cst. Feed	—
Atchison	—
D. L. & W.	—
Jersey Central	—
Eric	—
Silver	—

## Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Wheat—December, 69 1/4; May, 73 1/2.
Oats—December, 34; May, 27 1/2.
Pork—October, 7.26; January, 8.12.
Lard—October, 45; January, 4.72.
Clear Rib Sides—October, 3.90; January, 4.10.

## Republicans Claim Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 12.—McKinley managers seem satisfied that Ohio is alright. Today they are giving out estimates that he will carry the state by a hundred thousand. Big sums of money are wagered.

## SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

## AROUND THE CITY.

Port-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Main's circus is in Washington today.

A twelve-pound baby boy has arrived at the home of Mr. S. T. Beam.

We regret to note that Mr. R. H. Horton is very ill at his home on West Morgan street.

The Democratic State Central Committee meets tonight at 8 p. m. at Democratic headquarters.

Revival services will be held at the Fayetteville Street Baptist church tonight, and will continue on each night during the week.

Every member of the "O. C. P. C." is requested to be present at 8 o'clock this evening at room No. 27, Pullen building. Important business to be transacted.

A decision by the railway commission in the matter of the reduction of passenger rates in this State will hardly be made this week as expected.

The patrons of the Oak City Steam Laundry would greatly facilitate the work if they would have their laundry ready when the wagon makes call.

Mr. J. M. Pace, 111 East Martin street, has always on hand a fine lot of mules and horses for sale, as well as a good stock of buggies and wagons. He can always furnish you what you want at lowest figures.

There will be a called meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Members are especially urged to come promptly, as business of importance is to be transacted.

Mr. R. L. Prempert on last Saturday lost a pocketbook containing some valuable papers of no value to any one except himself, and he will be obliged to the finder if he will return the same to this office.

President Alderman, of the University, arrived in the city today and reported that the University was progressing most admirably. There are now over five hundred students present and among them many young men who are making their way through the institution.

The registration in Raleigh Saturday shows a rapid increase in the number of white people registered. The white people registered were 422, while the colored were 262. The total registration to date in the city is 1,385 whites, 980 colored.

The musicale under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will be given Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Moffitt. All lovers of music are promised a delightful evening. The programme will be announced tomorrow.

## HI KI GUDGER TONIGHT.

Speaks Here—Holton Says Registration Has Increased.

Chairman Holton, of the Republican Executive committee, said today that the registration in Winston Saturday was conducted in a proper manner and he had no complaint to make. All those who presented themselves were given an opportunity of registration.

Chairman Holton stated today that the Republican registration was much larger this year than ever before. He attributes this to the new election law. Republican chairman thinks that the increase in Republican registration over former years is twenty-five per cent. Every Republican in the State will register this year says Mr. Holton.

Hi Ki Gudger speaks tonight in this city at the Academy of Music. Mr. Gudger arrived in the city yesterday.

At Republican headquarters it is announced that John M. Langston, colored, a leading Republican of Virginia and ex-Congressman will canvass in this State.

It turns out that it was D. T. Massey, a Populist, and not P. T. Massey, who was nominated for the Legislature in Johnston county.