HOFFMAN STRIKES BACK

Replies at Length to the Charges of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan.

It will be remembered that just before the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, Mr. Thomas F. Ryan filed a bill in equity in the United States court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in which were embodied certain charges against the well-known house of R C. Hoffman & Co , of Baltimore. Mr. Hoffman, senior member of this firm, is out in a pampblet, in which be strikes back. The pamphlet goes on

This attack was prepared under the supervision of his eminent legal advisor, Mr. Henry Crawford, who necessarily studied the situation and advised his client of the unfair position in which aspersions so made would place me. I must assume, therefore, and am confident, that the assault upon my character was ery paints a rosy picture of penplagued by the combined malace of Itentiary prosperity in a financial those two men, in such fashion that I would be powerless to have the facts sifted and the issues determined by the court in which the allegations were made.

In his suit Mr. Ryan avers, under oath, that the main business of R. C. Hoffman & Co., has been to make profit out of its dealings with the Seaboard system; I as your president, "requiring a large part of us. We will pay all of our indebtyour supplies and material to be paid for to my own firm at prices ply of corn for next year and de higher than the market, and above their actual cost; and "that the il- Treasury. This is the first time in legitimate profits so realized" in the history of the penitentiary, at manipulating your purchases and sales amount to many thousand dollars per annum and still continue. to the great loss of the system.

These averments, he states, are bill, which, however, when read, fail to sustain the charge that I used my office in the way indicated or took any personal part in the dealings of my business house with your road. Not being able to obtain that from his affiants, he or his counsel upon whom he relied-or to be more accurate, asks you to rely-are two discharged by our then vice-presi dent, John C Winder, in 1894; and the other by Mr St John, during 1895, in their efforts to improve the efficiency of our service.

Edwards, until recently a resident

The other affiant, Wm. J. Edwards, was connected with the purchasing department up to the end of 1895, and he has the means of knowing, if not the disposition to tell, the truth concerning the business of his office. His affidavit, made nearly two years after leaving our service, based on what purports to be his present recollection of past transactions, is so vague as to make it impossible to answer his charges otherwise than by simple denial of their truth as to the few matters in which he has attempted to be a little more specific

A Big Case.

in the city yesterday, appears before | corn raised on the farms: 19,800 will the supreme court in the appealed suit of Mrs W A James versus the leaving 11,400 barrels for sale this Western North Carolina railroad company. The jury awarded Mrs. James \$15,000, but Judge Starbuck ruled against the plaintiffs.

News Items.

DUBLIN, November 12-An interesting experiment is being tried at 5,400. a hospital here upon a discharged soldier named Ryan. The man's eyelids have been destroyed by opthalmia, and the doctors have grafted in their places the eyelids of newly killed pigs. The physicians are sanguine of the success of the

Superintendent Mebane Enjoined. The sheriff has served papers on Greensboro, to restrain the State ration of the penitent ary of \$164,building a barn, Stewart c'aiming that it obstructs the way to his property. Mebane is cited to show cause at Oxford, November 27th, before Judge Adams, why the injunction should not be permanent. Judge Starbuck issued a temporary injunc-

Always Ahead of Time-Smith: Your friend Wheeler is a crank on punctuality, isn't he?

Brown: I should say he is, Why, he even carries his watch in the rear pocket of his trousers just to ni-g at 8 o'clock. Work in degrees. prevent his ever being behind time. -Chicago News.

WILL MAKE MONEY SONS OF REVOLUTION.

That is What Chairman Dockery Says of the Pen.

A FULL STATEMENT.

Made Public by the Penitentiary Authori ties Today - Say that a Deposit Will Be Made With the State Treasurer After Paying all Bills.

Mr Claudius Dockery, the chairman of the penitentiary board ar rived in the city today to attend the meeting of the penitentiary board tomorrow.

Mr Dockery gave out today a statement of the conduct of the pen itentiary under the first year of republican administration. Mr Docksense, but it remains to be seen when the balance sheet is made The present management has had the good luck of missing the usual freshet on the Roanoke.

In giving out his statement Chair man Dockery said:

"We took hold of the penitentiary without two weeks rations ahead of edness for the present, leave a supposit a large sum in the State least since the State undertook farming enterprises, that the institution has been upon a paying basis.

"An estimate of the entire indebt edness of the penitentiary for the based upon affidavits filed with the past year, under Supt. Smith's ad ministration up to the time of the meeting of the Board in October, was made by the clerk of the Board of Directors The estimate made was \$44,632.28 in the following sums:

Amount borrowed from the State treasurer \$15,000; due for fertilizers simply manufactured it. The men \$8,000; bills present and no vouchers issued \$9,843.69; vouchers due under Smith's administration, due and former employes, one of whom was not paid \$8,517.37; amount due for vouchers, due under Leazer's administration, issued and not paid \$3,271.

An estimate was also made of the assets and resources, with which Mr. Hoffman says of Mr. W. J. this indebtedness is to be paid.

> which left a balance indebtedness to | Throughout the northern states their be paid for with this year's crops of \$36,334,61.

Chairman Dockery furnished us rious farms. He says that he asked and forceful without affectation. He them for the lowest possible estimates of their crops.

The cotton crop is estimated to reach 2,750 bales, but 734 had been away with new and clearer light. sold previous to the compiling of this report. This left a balance of 2,116 per pound on the market will bring | The people of Raleigh are invited to \$50,000 at least, more than absorbing the estimated indebtedness.

In addition to this it is estimated Hon Lee S Overman, who arrived that there will be 22,200 barrels of be needed for consumption next year-

> The fodder crop and pea hay is estimated at 1,315,000 pounds. The peas are estimated at 5,175 bushells: pounds of pork 81,000; value of cattle for sale, \$1,500; wheat for sale, 706 bushels; cords of wood for sale,

In this estimate of indebtedness is included the cost of the perma-

nent improvements. Mr. Thos. Evans, on expert accountant from Wilmington was the southern states. employed to go over the penitentiary books and ascertain just how near the penitentiary was self-sustaining

during the past four years. For the four years beginning March 15, 1893, and closing March State Superintendent Mebane in the 15, 1897, Expert Evans' report injunction case of L. M. Stewart, of shows a loss by the state in the ope-Normal and Industrial College from 148 51. This report further shows that the loss sustained in 95 was \$46,541 53. In the year '96 \$11,992.06.

Railroad Notes. Capt. V. E. McBee, the general superintendent of the Seaboard. passed through on his private car about nine o'clock this morning. The train went as a special.

The pay train of the Seaboard was here this morning.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

Regular meeting of Raleigh Council. No. 1 meets every Tuesday eve T. W. BLAKE. Councilor.

Meeting Last Evening of the Fourth An

The fourth annual convention of

Dr. Peter E. Hines, of Raleigh, was elected president, vice, ex Gov, Carr, who has removed from Raleigh. Thomas S. Kenan was elected vice president: Marshall Delancy Haywood, secretary; D. H. Hill, registrar, Herbert W. Jackson, treasurer Rev. Robert Brent Drane, chaplain;

A. B. Andrews, Jr., was elected a member of the board of managers to succeed Col. Kenan, Jas. D. Henn. A. B. Andrews, Jr , B. C. Beckwith, Geo. B. Curtis and Graham Daves were elected delegates to the national convention alternates: Herbert Clarkson, W. J. Andrews. Stephen A. White, William Kearney Carr and M. Del. Haywood.

An invitation was received from the Mecklenburg Monument Association through Mr. Clarkson to at whether his estimates will hold out tend the unveiling of the Mecklen- | "Buman Bearts to be Produced at the burg Monument, May 30, next. It was accepted by a vote of thanks

Cleveland's Side of It.

The Chicago Times-Herald prints

the following "PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 15,-To the Elitor: I don't care if all the synods and presbyteries in the ountry were to offer an adverse deision, it would be no good reason why I should alter my opinions. I am very sorry that Dr. Shields has been bothered over this matter, as he is an old and very dear friend of nine Otherwise, the action of the presbytery does not affect me in the east. When I signed the liquor licose of the Princeton Inn. I in no ense committed a wrong, and if the and proposition came up for my msideration again I would do the (Signed,)

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

LARGE ATTENDANCE

At the Inbernacie Where Rev. Needham is

Rev Thomas Needbam, of Philalelphia, is drawing large crowds by his earnest preaching of the gospel. Mr Needham is one of the bestknown and most useful of evangelists He and his brother, George C Needham, are well-known in Raleigh and elsewhere in North Carolina. Both of them have held services in the Collectable bills footed up \$8,297.67 first Baptist church of this city. names are almost household words.

Mr Needham is now in the prime of life, and is doing magnificent an estimate of the yield of the crops preaching. His method of presentmade by the supervisors of the va- ing gospel truth is simple, tender is a magnetic speaker. Most of all he is a great Bible student, and those who come to hear him will always go

The meeting at the Tabernacle is well under way. The attendance is bales, which estimated at five cents excellent. The singing is attractive. come out to the meetings, both at night and in the afternoon.

Pastor Simms and his people are prepared to welcome all,

COLD WAVE COMING.

Will be Most Deelded of the Senson in Yellow Fever District.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16-The weather oureau issued a special bulletin sayweather will probably prevail in the

Potatoes from Canada to Cuba-

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SARATORA, Nov. 16.- The first inpassed through here today.

Wife Shoots her Husband and then herself

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Boston, Nov. 15, - Mary McLauch in of South Boston shot her husband Frank last night to prevent his removal to the hospital where he was to undergo a critical operation. then shot herself. Both are fatally wounded.

Hanna Gone to New York,

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CLEVELAND, Nov. 16 .- Senator Hanna went to New York today. He said politics had nothing to do with the trip.

SUPT. OF HEALTH.

Opinion by the Attorney General as to his

Attorney General Walser has the North Carolina Society of Sons given the following opinion to Dr. of the Revolution was he'd here last Richard H. Lewis, secretary of the State Board of Health

"In reply to your questions, it is my opinion, first that the failure of the committee to elect a county superindent of health the first Monday in May, as is required by the laws of 1897, amending the laws of 1895, may be remedied by holding the election at some other meeting and that the commissioners are not functus officio, but still have power to elect, treating the time fixed in the act as merely directory. Second. I do not think the county superintendent of health should, under any circumstances, delegate the performance of his duties to an unregistered physician practicing in open violation of the law

A BEAUTIFUL PLAY

Academy Thursday Evening

A splendid New York production, "Human Hearts," one of the most beautiful dramas on the stage will be produced at the Academy of Music, Thursday. In all three years of the production of this drama it has never yet received a bad press notice. Hal Reid the author and the entire New York cast which met with so much favor at Miner's theatre in the metropolis will appear here in the production.

"Human Hearts," is said to be a play similar in many respects to the Old Homestead, with intense heart interest. It comes to Rdeigh with the endorsement of the press in all the larger cities where it has been given for the Three last seasons, and to big business. It is given by the original company, together with the complete scenic outfit, which is very attractive, including some paintings representing the hills of Arkansas, that are true to

Personne:					
Mr T F	Klatz of Salisbury is in the				
Mr E C	Duncau left for Washing				

Mr Claudius Dockery of Bocking

ham arrived in the city today. Col T M Argo went to Smithfield

today to attend court this week. Mr. J. A. Rimsay has returned from a trip to Nashville, Tenn.

Hon Cyrus B Watson, the late democratic candidate for governor,

is in the city. Grand Secretary Woodell left on the S. A. I. Southbound this even ing to visit the L.O.O.F. Lodges at Jonesboro, Sanford and other

Mr A F. Holton, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee and District Attorney of the Western Exchange : district arrived in the city today Mr Holton will be here several days. He has some cases to argue in the

Supreme court. Friday Evening ... A Novel Entertainment, Nothing creates imitators like sucess. And for this reason the veriscope pictures of the Corbett Fitzsimmons glove contest, which took place at Carson City, March 17, has ing the most decided cold wave of bad more imitators than any other the season is indicated Wednesday production of the last ten years. morning throughout the yellowfever In securing the sole rights and perdistricts of the south. Freezing feeting the machine for taking the records, the veriscope company exnorthern central portions of the gulf | pended over \$40,000 and theirs are states. Frost generally throughout the only pictures which were actu ally taken at the ringside. The enormous success of these pictures has caused many fakirs to arrange sturious imitations with which they try or endeavor to delude the public. The original stallment of five bundred car loads pictures have caused such a sensaof potatoes from Canada to Cuba tion and have been so widely discussed in the journals of the country however, that the public is too well posted to be feeled by the imitation, however clever it may be. The sole rights for the exhibition of the Veriscope pictures of this contest, in the South are owned by W. A. Brady, under whose management they will be seen at the Academy. what he saw.

Death of An Old Lady.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass, Nov. 16.-Mrs. Margaret Boughan, who died recently at Chicopee Falls, was born in. Ireland and claimed to be 124 birth in 1773.

SERVICES IN EVANS CELL

Rev Leak Prays With Him ... Again Pro claims His Innocence.

This afternoon Rev. R H W. Leak called on John Evans at the jail and conducted a short religious service in the jail. He was accompanied by Mr. Claudius Deckery, counsel for the condemned darkey. AROUND IN THE CITY.

Rev. Leak and Mr. Dockery wen in the condemned man's cell. After reading a passage from the bible. Rev. Leak prayed earnestly in be half of Evans- The later knelt on his right knee and at frequent in tervals he would follow up the ministers sentences with exclamations of assent

At the conclusion of the prayer Rev. Leak told Evans that he desired to ask him a few questions He impressed upon him the solem nity of the occasion and the impor tance of telling the truth

The minister asked John if he was guilty and he again proclaimed is innocence as heretofore.

Rev. Leak also asked him if he enew anything about the guilty party and he replied in the negative As Attorney Dockery left the jail he reiterated his belief that the ne gro is innocent of the crime.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Movements in New York and Liver pool Markets

By private wire to J. A. Duncan

MONTHS.	ING.	HIGH- EST.	EST.	ING
January,	5 71	5 81	5 69	5 75
February,	5 77	5 80	5 76	5.80
March.	5 81	5 90	5 79	5 85
April.	5.80	5 94	5 86	5 90 -
May.	5 111	6.00	5 88	5.95
June.	5 98	6 02	5 1111	5 99
July,	6.10	6 08	5 97	6 04 -
August,	6 05	6 12	6 02	6 09-
Sept'mb'r.	0.00	6 10		ti 0%-
October,		1000	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	1615
Novemb'r.	5 64	5 62	5 62	5 70
December.	5.65		5 64	5 70-

Liverpool Cotton Market.

The following were the closing quo tations of the Liverpool cotton market today: November-December 3.09 - 3.09December-January 3.09 3.09 January-February February-March ... 3.10 3 19 March-April

3.12 April-May Middles 3 1-4 sales 12,000; receipts 76,000; American 68,600; exports 1000

Tone quiet and steady.

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

Lard - Dec. 4.12; Jan. 4.25. Poric-Dec. 7.22; Jan. 8.20. Clear Rib Sides-Dec. 115: Jan Wh. at-Der. 94; May 844.

Corn-Dec., 26; May 254 Oats-Dec.201; May 211-

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

-1	10	
١	Sugar	12/02
1	American Tobacco	*14
1	Chicago Gas	19.3
١	Manhattan	974
	Louisville and Nashville	551
ś	Western Union	864
	Jersey central	561
	Burlington and Quincy	94+
J	Omaha	761
	Rock Island	864
	St. Paul	924
	p. & O	
	Chesapeake & Ohio	218
	Missouri Pacific	284
	New York central	1057 #
	Southern Preferred	30
	Union Pacific.	204
	Wabash Preferred	178
	Chicago & North Western	1209
	U. S. Leather Preferred	62
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That Elephant Torture Again "There are indications that the last has not been heard of the terrible torture to which "Cin." the big elephant of the John Robinson and Franklin Bros. shows, was subjected in Greeksboro," says the Asheville Citizen. "W. Matthews, who joined the circus here and went to the affair. At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the instance of Dr. A. M. Ballard, of the local S. P. C. A., Matthews went before Justice T. B. Long and made affidavit of

"The paper will be sent to the national president of the S. P. C. A. who offered \$100 reward for discov ery and conviction of the persons who tortured the elephant.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many

Pot Pontri of the News Pictured on the per -Points and People Pertinent's Picked and Pithilly Par in

Mr.I S Atkinson has paned the Kronberg Concert company at Winston. Mr Atkinson has booked the company through several Southern

An alarm was turned in from tire oox. No. 34 today 12 15 at o clock, occasioned by the roof of the house occupied by Henry Sikes, on Manly street, being discovered in a blaze. The fire was extinguished before the arrival of the fire department.

The damage was triffing. Alfred Hebrard, who came here inder orders from the revenue de partment at Washington, has returned. It seems that a mistake was made by some of the officers in Washington in sending Mr. Hebrard

The Governor appoints Mr. G. W. Thompson, of the Commercial and Farmer's Bank a notary public

The Sheriff of Iredell contributed me convict to the pentoday and Sheriff Burton of Bertie courty turned in two.

Miss Jane Andrews, of Raleigh Miss Bessie Robertson, Miss Julia and Miss Lillie Lucas, dined with Mr. D. A. Tompkins at the Buford yesterday. - Charlotte News.

Don't forget to attend the musical at the Branson House tonight, for benefit of Central M. E. church. A nice program has been arranged and a good time is in store, for all who attend. No admission fee will be charged, but refreshments will

be served at a small cost. Six convicts were taken to the farm at Titlery today.

The supreme court took up the appeals from the eighth district to

Wheat sowing is actively in progress. The crop will be a big one if acreage can make it so

New Hanover county pays \$18,700 taxes into the state treasury.

Sheriff Franks of Onslow brought four convicts to the penitentiary to

day. They were all boys. Dr. E. E. Terry and Dr. H. G. Bessent, of Durham, successfully performed this morning the operation of tenotmony on a valuable mule for knuckling, commonly call club foot. The aninal is doing well and can be seen at Dr. Terry's Hospital on Davie street, between Wilming-

Would Have Caused Trouble-Col. Olds says in his correspond ence 'It was reported yesterday that an employer had discharged or given notice that he would discharge two of the members of the Governor's Guard who had been on duty at Rockingham. The captain of the company said he had heard the rumor, but thought it unfounded, as every one. he thought, knew it was unlawful to do such a thing. At headquarters at Needbam that which will sweeteen the capitol it was learned that if any one had discharged an employe for any such cause as obeying an order to do State duty an example would be promptly made of him, and it was added that such an act was in violation of The Code.

Temperance Day at Central Church.

It is a custom of mine to give at last one Sunday a year to special temperance work. Therefore next Sunday, November the twenty - hist. has been set a part as Temperance day in Central Methodist Church The public generally, and all temto Greensboro, was an eye witness perence societies, and persons in particular, are hereby invited to be present and take part. Scats will be reserved for any organization that may attend in a body.

EDWIN C. GLENN, Pastor The kronbergs Tomorrow Night

This company of fine artists have received ovations everywhere they a very painful injury to his leg a night. Tickets on sale at King's. formance will begin at 8:45.

RAIN PREDICTED.

Followed by Fair and Colder Weather

Wednesday Nigt.t The weather prediction for Ral igh and vicinity is some rain toright or Wednesday morning followed by fair. It will be decidedly

colder by Wednesday night. The storms from the west have collected over the east Lake region. sausing cloudy weather with rain from the Ohio valley to New Eng-

The special feature on the map this morning is the extensive high pressure area west of the Mississippi, with barometer of 30.70 inches. The weather is clear and cold west of the Mississippi, the lowest temperature reported being zero at Bismark, N. D., and reaching 32 m. northern Texas. A fall of 40 degrees occurred during the past 24 hours at Oklahoma, 30 at St. Louis and Abilene. 26 at Davenport and

Chicago, 22 at Memphis. The weather is still clear and warm in the south east of the Mississippi.

GOVERNOR INDIGNANT

says Indge Robinson has not I sed a Fass

in a Indicial Capacity. Governor Russell was very indirnant this morning when he read the published statement that Judge Robinson was riding on free passes. He

"That statement is a lie out and out and the authors of it are un-

serupulous. It is a put up job. The Governor stated that he knew Judge Robinson had not accepted a free pass in his indicial capacity since he was elected a Judge of the Superior Court Up to the time of his election to the bench Judge Robertson, Miss Mary Robertson Robinson was Receiver of the National Bank of Wilmington and as such accepted a free pass from the

Wilmington and Weidon Road Mr A G Ricaud succeeded Judge Robinson as receiver after he went on the bench. On one occasion Judge Habinson's presence was required in Wilmington to explain some matters pertaining to the bank and Mr Ricard sent him a W & W pass,

which he accepted. The Governor says this instance ed to the outery against Judge Rob usen, when he did not accept or

use the pass in a judicial capacity. The morning paper states that the grand jury of Wayne has indicted we railroads and cited Judge Robinson to appear as a witness. It

will then be seen who is in error.

Communicated, At the Tabernacle this week there will be services each afternoon at

130 and at 7.30 Rev Tom Needbam, with a rich experience derived from years of ervice, is expounding the Word of iod in a way that feeds the soul. To hear him is to hear your own appreciation of the gospel increased, and to feel afresh the kindling of the soul in gratitude to God for his mercy. It is hoped the people of Raleigh will profit by the opportunity to hear him. The service last night was the largest Monday night service seen in many years in the Tabernac'e A quiet interest is being manifested and it is hoped that the meeting may result in permanent good to many souls. Sure it is that souls who are eaten up with the corroding care of this life and weighted down with sorrow and sin will find in the preaching of Mr

this life if they will heed it. Four Hundred Million.

Secretary Wilson's estimate of \$400,000,000 sent out of the United States annually for farm products that could be grown on American farms may seem at first sight to be overdrawn, but the secretary has been making a special study of the subject since he went to Washingtoo, and he has the official figures to back up his estimate.

It has just become generally known that the Illinois Legislature at its recent session adopted an act making it un awful to employ in any capacity in stores, workshops or manufacturing establishments children less than fourtem years of age, un der a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each effense.

Supply and Demand.

As [s lver is produced by the have appeared. Judging from the Proprietary Company's mines in very flattering notices given them New South Wa'es at a cost of not our people have a treat in store for less than 25 cents an ounce, and as General F. H. Cameron sustained them at the Academy tomorrow the great coppor mines are turning it out for less, there is no reason to years old. Her husband had found few days since by falling at the post Reserved seats \$1 00, gallery 50c. expect any permanent rally in the the parish register recording her office steps. He is confined to his On account of prayer meeting per- market. It is clearly a case of the law of supply and demand.