

SENATORS VANCE AND BARNES have buckled on their armor and will go forth to rally the drowsy Democrats. They have several appointments to speak between now and the day of election. They will get in some licks in the Eastern counties.

It seems that the glow has faded. Mr. McLaughlin will have a "walk over" in the districts. Thus far no opposition has appeared, but we learn that F. J. KOONCE, Esq., of Onslow, is making speeches on banking and financial generally. He has a very plausible theory in regard to State banks, but whether he wants to go to Congress in order to carry out his views or to the General Assembly, we are not informed.

In view of the recent order of the President forbidding federal officials to do active political work, in connection with the reported conclusion of his cabinet that a United States district attorney in the Baltimore case makes the point that if the President is a candidate for a second term he should resign the presidency. The President decides the point not well taken, because the President's order and the action of the cabinet had reference only to officials appointed by the President or his subordinates and not to officers elected by the people. There is a little difference to be sure.

THE ONSLOW RAILROAD. The county commissioners of New Hanover have ordered an election on the proposition to subscribe \$100,000 to the W. O. & E. C. R. to be held on the fourth Thursday in March, 1887. This is giving ample time to consider the question, and as the people of Onslow will wait the action of New Hanover it will be several months yet before the railroad will be an assured fact if ever.

In the meantime New Berne must keep wide awake to her interests. Measures should be inaugurated looking to the establishment of steam transportation for the farmers of this section. Much good has been accomplished by the construction of the Quaker Bridge road, to which New Berne contributed liberally, but there is nothing like steam in transporting goods and the products of the soil. Steam connection between New and Trent rivers would fill the bill and it will not bankrupt the people to secure it.

SMALL INDUSTRIES. We copy today an article from the Baltimore Manufacturer's Record, which contains some capital points on small industries and the importance of placing the proper value upon the cent and nickel. Our people have never yet learned this. They touch an enterprise unless the profits begin with dollars, and no improvement is worthy of consideration that saves but a nickel. Yet by the study and proper appreciation of these small things our Northern brethren are able to furnish us with axes handles which we use in chopping our wood, with the spokes, hubs and rims that make our cart, wagon and buggy wheels, and with the buckets and tubs to carry water, though our forests abound with excellent material to make all these things.

We are waiting for capital to come and inaugurate these small industries. If we knew how to handle the nickels and pennies we would already have the capital. Without a proper appreciation of the penny and the nickel our Northern friends would beat us even though we had an abundance of capital.

Let us begin the study of the relative value of the cent and nickel, of the dime and quarter. Many young men refuse to begin work on business because they can't have a good bank account. They refuse to begin with the penny and the nickel, yet they haven't the capacity to handle dollars and cents. Start a small industry, manage it with skill and economy, and if you have capacity in you to deal with larger things it will be acquired in the meantime the relative value of the cent and the nickel.

A MATTER OF INTEREST TO CRAVEN, LENOIR, PAMLICO AND CARTERSVILLE COUNTIES. The following article copied from the Statesville Landmark opens a question of much importance to the counties interested in the A. N. N. O. R.

"There is no doubt that the Richmond & Danville managers are looking to an extension of the lease of the North Carolina railroad. They would like to have it for ninety-nine years, and in order to get this favor they are said to be willing to lease the Atlantic & North Carolina road for the same length of time and at the same rental they would pay for the North Carolina road. The rental now is six per cent on the capital stock. It is known that the lease would like to make an advantageous lease of the Atlantic road. It is not believed that the State authorities would agree to the extension of the lease unless the rate was raised to eight per cent. If the demand is made the question is

THE COLTON CROP.

The New York market has been quiet and easy most of the week. The bears have not had sufficient stimulus to feel obliged to cover what sales they may have made. The price of the cotton has advanced as well as the prospects for a cotton harvest. There is an abundance of material for export, and the price of the cotton is high.

Major Anderson has been invited to visit the State in connection with the question of extension of the lease of the North Carolina railroad. The nomination of both parties to the government has been more than ordinary significant. There is such a thing as leaving friends in both camps.

Craven county is interested in this property to the tune of about four hundred thousand dollars. That is she has stock which will cost her taxpayers this amount by the time it is paid. Lenoir and Pamlico are also large stockholders, and Carteret, though she has lost her stock, has a large debt hanging over her for the construction of the road. The people then of these counties are deeply interested in the disposition of this property, and as the Landmark suggests, the Governor has the appointment of the Directors who would have to pass upon the question of leasing or making any other disposition of the road.

The people of these counties would not object to a lease that would pay six per cent, or even less, upon the capital stock, especially if the road to become a part of a railroad system with an outlet at New Berne and Morehead City. But they would object to any disposition of the State's stock that would jeopardize their interest either in the matter of stock or in the management of the road.

An impression prevails in this section that there is a scheme on foot to dispose of the State's interest in this property, and the inclination of the Governor to go off the line of the road to obtain the Directors, arouses a suspicion that it is not friendly to their interests. Viewing the matter in this light it is well that these counties should have men in the General Assembly able to guard their rights, and who will see to it that no legislation shall pass calculated to cripple our industries and depreciate our property.

Mr. Alex. House, of La Grange, is overhauling and putting in order C. H. Fowler's gin and mill at Trent, a few miles below here. Mr. House seems to understand his business.

Alex. Scott, the man bitten by a rattlesnake, is getting O. K., and Martin Gibbs, who received the lick on the head with a hoe, is doing well, and Dr. Ross expresses it, "splendid."

The Lane brothers have opened a grocery store in our place and Sid says that all he wants is for his friends and acquaintances to give him a trial and he will assure them of their content. Sid says he has a deal.

Hon. L. C. Latham, the Democratic nominee for Congress, for this district, is thoroughly canvassing this county and is allaying all troubles in the Democratic ranks. He is expected to be elected. He will do her full duty on the 23d of November.

ONSHOW ITEMS.

Very dry in our country, the rain for six weeks.

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