

BRIEF OPINIONS.

CONGRESSMAN Oates, of Alabama, advises the Democrats to fight the Alliance with all their power, and endeavor to wipe it out of existence. If his sentiment is in harmony with the Democratic party, it can be easily seen who are our enemies, and knowing them we must rally our forces to prevent the crashing out of our organization. That those who are not for us are against us, will be found too true.

STATE NEWS.

THE DOINGS OF OUR PEOPLE BRIEFLY AND PLAINLY TOLD. HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED. The Carriage Blade is now a semi-weekly. The Tidewild sale at Raleigh last week was a decided success. The bidding for lots was lively.

FUN WITH THE ENEMY.

His Gymnastics Annoy the Farmer and Laborer. A Few Examples of the "Ravages of the Money Power" Supplied to Certain Anxious Inquirers—Railroad Corruptioists—How Monopoly Corrupts Legislation. (Copyrighted by the Reform Press Bureau.) The gymnastic performances of the partisan Democratic and Republican press are more wonderful and attractive at this time than anything that has ever happened from the days of the Olympian games down to date.

A TRUE STORY.

How it Was Done—Shall it Continue. For the benefit of our farmer readers, I desire to relate a true story that I think they will appreciate. There was a wealthy farmer named Smith, who had upon his fine estate one hundred tenants. All the tenants were poor except one, Jones, who had accumulated some effects around him. Now farmer Smith tenant Jones was, so one day Smith must be a very troublesome job for him to furnish such a large number of people. So it is, says farmer Smith, Well, says tenant Jones, I have a proposition to offer that will relieve you of all trouble. Well, what is it, says farmer Smith. Says tenant Jones, you just furnish me the goods in bulk, at say 6c for bacon, 2c for flour, 50c for meal, &c., and I will retail it to these people at 12c for bacon, 4c for flour and \$1 for meal. Well that is a good idea. How will you secure me, I will give you 50c later. Very good, says farmer Smith. But there is another condition Mr. Smith, you must let me have one-half my land rent free. My, says Mr. Smith, Then there is still another condition, says tenant Jones, you must pay me 4-1-2 percent interest on my collateral. My, says farmer Smith. But Mr. Jones, I fear the tenants will object to taking the goods from you. Oh, just make me your authorized agent and they will have to take them or starve. But Mr. Jones, you will get rich and they poor, and they will grumble. I have thought of all that, says Jones. I have a friend one Plausible who can talk them into anything. Well, well, says Smith, it is a bargain. At the end of that year Jones bought a top buggy and a silk dress for his wife and the other Jones and entire dresses for their wives. But they were humble minded fellows and went to work with a will on next crop. End of second year Jones bought a piano for his daughter and a Brussels carpet for the parlor. The other tenants patched their old clothes and their wives worked out for a new frock. They began to complain but Mr. Plausible came around and prophesied better times and they tried again. Jones said to himself, I am getting on the rest poorer and richer and Plausible comes around and says, my dear fellows you must not blame Jones and Smith for your poverty. Why do you know the tariff on hats is 50 per cent., and 110 per cent. on blankets? How could you help but be poor. Now these poor fellows couldn't exactly see how the tariff was keeping them down as they never knew an imported article in their lives. But Mr. Jones kept a watch about it and Plausible was sharp. They swallowed their discontent and tried again. Fourth year finds them rich in debts and Jones rich in bank notes. Mr. Plausible is again called in, but when he commences talking about the tariff he says, "blat the tariff and you with it." They then march up to Farmer Smith's office and say, "See here, Mr. Smith, we can't stand this any longer. We pay you full rent and serve you faithfully, while Jones pays half and rents a house, we are starting, he is getting rich. Now, Mr. Smith, we will give you our note with security, and you must issue the rations direct to us instead of through Jones."

SOME SURE TESTS.

How to Ascertain the Sincerity of the Farmers' Pretended Friends. The sub-treasury plan is being hotly contested, both north and south, not because it is the only demand of the Alliance that is objected to, but for the reason that by making it prominent an impression can be made that the balance of the demands are unobjectionable. Strangers to many good members of the Alliance are led to believe that the politicians are a rule willing to consent to all the demands of the Alliance excepting the sub-treasury plan. This is an error. There is but one demand at the whole list. The time has come when this false proposal should be exposed. The Economist would ask the brethren to cut out the following list of questions and get their congressmen, senators or other prominent politicians to answer them and send them in for publication. Let the answers be plain yes or no, and be sure to get them correct. Let the name and address of the sender be plainly written on the list: Do you favor the abolition of national banks? Yes or no. Do you favor government loans direct to the people at 3 per cent, on land security? Yes or no. Do you favor an increase of currency to fifty dollars per capita? Yes or no. Do you favor the suppression of gambling in futures by act of congress? Yes or no. Do you favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver? Yes or no. Do you favor laws prohibiting alien ownership of land? Yes or no. Do you favor laws that will take from railroads and other corporations all lands now held in excess of their actual wants, and under some equitable provision place them again in possession of the government, there to be held for actual settlers only? Yes or no. Do you favor the removal of the present tariff from the necessities of life? Yes or no. Do you favor a graduated income tax? Yes or no. Do you favor government control or ownership of railroads? Yes or no. The New Lake Forming Has Its Source in the Colorado River. LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 8.—The party sent out by the Southern Pacific R. R. Co. from Ogilvie last week find the source of Salton Lake has returned. The report received at the railroad office last night says: "The water leaves the Colorado river at a point eight miles from El Rio and flows through several channels from four to six feet deep and from thirty to sixty feet wide. It flows westward along the sand hill on the line of the old overlaid stage route at this station, making a stream one hundred yards wide or more and having a velocity of four miles an hour and gaining. It was too deep to get the depth, but the old thirty feet deep. This is about thirty-five miles from the river. We followed the stream two miles further, in the direction of Indian Wells. The water is all the way from half a mile to two miles wide and from two to four feet deep, having a velocity of two miles per hour. The main channel extended fifty nights from the Colorado river. This is the point where it enters the desert for Salton. The old stage route, with the exception of five or six miles, is all covered with water." This settles the question of the water supply conclusively as from the Colorado river.

TO THE EDITORS.

North Carolina Press Convention's Next Session. The next meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held in Winston, Wednesday and Thursday, August 13th and 14th. Already arrangements are being made for the meeting. The Winston people will give the editors a grand time, one that will be memorable in the Association's history. I hope every editor who will attend will notify me at once. I must have the names of all who will go as soon as possible, in order to arrange for transportation, etc. All the railroads will give transportation to and from Winston in exchange for advertising. State exactly over what lines and from what points you desire passes. Do not leave me to infer anything. No one but a bona fide editor or publisher of a newspaper in North Carolina is eligible for membership in the Press Association, and none other will be entitled to any courtesy extended to delegates. This rule will be strictly enforced. It is useless for any one except an active editor or publisher to apply for membership or transportation. Every applicant for membership must have been connected with the newspaper business in the above capacity at least three months. Editors or publishers of college or school papers, or other publications having nothing in common with the newspaper business, and owners of papers not directly engaged in the editorial or business management, are not eligible, and will be rigidly excluded. Members will remember that the annual dues, \$2.00, should be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer before the meeting. Applicants for membership must pay \$3.00 initiation fee, which also pays their dues for one year. This will most probably be the largest convention the Association has ever held. At the close of the Convention an excursion will probably be taken to the live town of Wilkesboro, and possibly other excursions will be on the programme. Do not delay, but write to me at once, if you will. Fraternally, J. B. SHERRILL, Sec'y, N. C. A. Concord, N. C., July 1, 1891.

GENERAL NEWS.

The remains of ex-Vice-President Hamlin were interred last week at Bangor, Me. The four murderers who were electrocuted at Sing Sing last week, died instantaneously. The great storm, that proved fatal at New Orleans a few days ago, was general throughout the South. The eruption of Vesuvius is increasing. A strong earthquake shock was felt last evening at Trossello, Province of Campobasso. Passengers arriving from Valparaiso and Iquique state that the situation of the Chilean insurgents is desperate. They are without money and their vessels are in bad condition without ammunition. John Foley, a stone cutter in New Haven, Conn., received yesterday a cable despatch from Cahireve, county Kerry, Ireland, conveying the news that his mother had died and left him a fortune of \$30,000, to \$50,000. U. S. Marshal Guards says he will seize the Itata today. The officers of the Itata are to pay \$500 penalty for sailing without clearance papers, and it is reported here that orders have been received from Washington to accept it and discharge officers Maugen and Tejsla. At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company filed in the clerk's office of the Chancery Court of this city a deed of trust to the Central Trust Company of New York, giving the trust company a mortgage on the property of all its lines for the amount of \$2,000,000. The Census Bureau will soon issue a bulletin on the membership of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. It will show that the Church has 6,250,000 communicants over fifteen years of age. This minimum limit of age to fifteen years will be adhered to in the statistics of other churches. A packet of letters from a prominent official in the City of Mexico to a friend in this city became public property by accident. The letters bring the startling intelligence that Mexico is on the verge of another revolution, and that already large quantities of arms and ammunition are secreted in the leading cities of the country. At Bedford, Virginia, a negro, James Davis, was imprisoned on a charge of murdering another negro. At 1 o'clock this morning a mob of fifty negroes made a desperate attempt to get him out of jail and lynch him, but were prevented by officers, assisted by white citizens. It is feared that further attempts will be made, and a strong guard has been placed around the jail. It has been learned that the body of Mrs. Julia Jackson-Christman, the daughter of Stonewall Jackson, was on Friday night, at 10 o'clock, secretly removed from its resting place in the city cemetery, and placed in the crypt in the vault beside her distinguished father, whose remains will be placed under the Jackson statute. Her husband on Friday gave his permission for the removal of the body. Advice just received from Behring Sea state that there has been a good deal of bad blood of late between Canadian and American schooners there. One serious fight took place between the American Schooner Lewis and the Canadian schooner Maggie Mack. The captain of the former was thrown overboard, and Capt. Webster, of the Maggie Mack, was so badly hurt as to be laid up several days. A company has just been organized with a capital of \$1,000,000 for cultivating a farm of 112,000 acres in Florida. This will be the largest farm in the world, and upon it could be raised to supply the city of New York with food. The farm lies between the Indian, San Sebastian and St. John's rivers. The farm has a muck soil, similar to that in the Valley of the Nile. Sugar cane and coconuts are to be raised on this great farm. Harry Jennings, who died on Sunday at his home in New York, 265 Broome street, had been bitten scores of times by so-called mad dogs, to succumb to rheumatism and pneumonia at last. Once, at least, the tooth of a dog in the last stage of genuine hydrophobia was embedded in his hand. The animal was Ada Charles' pet terrier, and after he had bitten the popular actress he was sent to Jennings for treatment. He died the following day from unmistakable rabies; but the dog fancier, who always affected a contemptuous disbelief in hydrophobia, denied that the brute had suffered from anything more serious than epileptic fits, caused by overfeeding. Horatio B. Beckman, President of the Edison Electric Light Company, of this city, was present at the electrocution at Sing Sing last week as an expert. He has this to say: "It was a great success. Everything worked smoothly. There was no hitch or botch at any point. A lady could have witnessed the entire electrocution. By that I mean there were no revolting scenes or struggles. It was simply one moment a living and an instant later a lifeless corpse, without a murmur or a struggle. As to improvements, that suggest themselves to an expert. I prefer to have nothing to say on the subject at the present time. There were three electrical experts present."