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A large lot of Hyacinths, Tulips, Lilies, etc., just arrived. Which are offered at lowest prices. Come and see me or send for price list before ordering somewhere else. ERNEST J. BUSCH.

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Surplus	175,000 00
Loans and discounts	620,000 00
Deposits	430,000 00

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

10 Cents a Line, Six Words to the Line.

WANTED—Two good needle women Monday morning Mrs. Mary Harrison, second story D. H. Baruch's store.

WANTED—To buy a one-horse dray wagon. Apply to Lewis Ferry.

THE SUBJECT for Miss Ella Dowd's first lecture will be—October 16th—How to Read and What to Read. See circulars.

I TAKE PLEASURE in announcing to my friends and patrons that, having secured the assistance of Miss Ella Dowd and Miss Mamie Bays, I am now able to offer a thorough course of instruction in the English branches, Elocution, etc. Carl S. Gaertner.

IT PAYS them all the "Peerless" Type writer. Jno. A. Anderson, agt., Charlotte, N. C.

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JUST RECEIVED—Car load of Kentucky Horses and Mules at Wadsworth Sons Stables. R. A. Dodd.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A 7-room house, No. 348 North College street. Hot and cold water with bath room. John Farrior.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that the charter of the Standard Ice and Fuel Company has been amended by order made by the undersigned on the 8th October 1896, so as to increase the capital stock of the said corporation to the sum of $50,000. This 9th October, 1896. J. M. Morrow, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE—All parties who are indebted to me, by note or account are urged to make settlement by the 15th of the month. After which all accounts and notes due me will be put into the hands of my attorney. Oct. 6, 1896. L. J. Walker.

FOR RENT—Six-room dwelling North Poplar street, near Ninth. Modern conveniences. Apply to J. W. Keerans, Law Building.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Loan - and - Savings - Bank,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.,
At the close of business, on October 6th, 1896:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$191,116 48
Overdrafts		303 29
North Carolina bonds, par value		24,000 00
Premium on bonds		675 75
Furniture and fixtures		2,750 00
Current expenses		2,057 20
Due from banks		12,558 79
Cash on hand:		
Gold coin	$4,157 00	
Silver coin	930 55	
Currency	5,991 00	
Cash items	1 053 83—	12,132 89
Total		$245,490 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock		$ 95,700 00
Surplus		6,000 00
Undivided profits		2 513 22
Due banks		9 815 79
Deposits subject to check	$80 266 04	
Time certificates of deposit	17,115 48	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 600 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	480 75—	99 462 57
Bills payable		33,000 00
Total		$245,490 58

I, Lee H. Battle, cashier of the Loan and Savings Bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEE H. BATTLE, Cashier.

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg. }

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of October, 1896.

D. H. ANDERSON, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

JNO E. OATES,
D O'DONOGHUE,
PHILIP SCHIFF,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Merchants and Farmers' National Bank

At Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Tuesday, October 6th, 1896.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 405 882 12
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		10,166 85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50 000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4 500 00
Stocks, securities, etc		2,480 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		13,500 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		4,829 68
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		20 641 48
Due from State Banks and Bankers		80,980 99
Due from approved reserve agents		10,081 91
Checks and other cash items		4 887 78
Notes of other National Banks		4 996 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		164 05
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	$30 510 00	
Legal-tender notes	10 000 00	40 520 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		2,250 00
TOTAL		$ 624 789 56

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 200,000 00
Surplus fund	14,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	14 943 28
National Bank notes outstanding	45 000 00
Due to other National Banks	38 568 77
Due to State Banks and Bankers	9,596 65
Dividends unpaid	177 00
Individual deposits subject to check	152 468 74
Time certificates of deposit	74 600 68
Cashier's checks outstanding	444 84
Notes and bills rediscounted	15 075 00
Bills payable	48 000 00
Liabilities other than those above stated	19 000 00
Total	$ 624,789 56

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg. } ss:

I, John M. Miller, Jr., cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JNO. M. MILLER, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October, 1896

W. H. TWITTY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

J. H. McADEN,
J. D CHURCH,
H. G SPRINGS,
GEO. E. WILSON,
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A Complete List of Subscribers to the Traveling Men's Preston Memorial Window Fund.

On the 16th of September a movement was begun by the traveling men to place to the memory of Rev Dr. Preston, the "traveling men's friend," a window in his church. The subscriptions are purely voluntary, and the fact that the fund has in less than a month reached the sum of $300 and over, shows that the hearts of that noble body of men in whom Dr. Preston was especially interested, recognize and respond to such interest. The fund to date is as follows:

PRESTON MEMORIAL WINDOW.

W. W. Watt	$25.00
Hayward Hull, Trenton, N. J.	25.00
E. V. Finlayson, Charlotte, N. C.	10.00
J. H. Howell, Richmond, Va.	10.00
F. O. Landis, Oxford, N. C.	10.00
D. P. Byers	10.00
J. B. Douglass, Richmond, Va.	10.00
L. A. Dodsworth, Charlotte	10.00
Walter Scott, Charlotte	5.00
W. R. Foreman, Charlotte	5.00
McIlwaine Knight, Richmond	5.00
Z. M. Moore, Charlotte	5.00
J. S. Blake	5.00
P. H. Harrelson, Richmond	5.00
Stephen Shelton, D. C.	5.00
J. W. Hurd, Baltimore	5.00
P. P. Zimmerman, Charlotte	5.00
S. W. Cramer, Charlotte	5.00
C. A. Hamner, New York	5.00
J. B. Alexander, Charlotte	5.00
D. M. Hodges, Charlotte	5.00
J. A. Solomon, Charlotte	5.00
J. Walter Adderton	5.00
J. B. Bell, Charlotte	3.00
A. G. Craig, Charlotte	2.50
J. W. Pharr	2.50
V. O. Willis, St. Louis	2.50
Geo. B. Hiss, Charlotte	2.50
R. L. Hardage, Atlanta	2.50
Will C. French, Greensboro	2.50
Richard Gwathney	2.50
E. Overbaugh, New York	2.50
P. B. Beard, Salisbury	2.50
D. F. Summey, Charlotte	2.00
A. L. Smith, Charlotte	2.00
Carl Laundon, Charlotte	2.00
E. R. Harty	2.00
H. H. Lane	2.00
Ed. Durham	2.00
Thos. D. Walsh, Charlotte	2.00
D. A. Moffett, Baltimore, Md.	2.00
T. L. Angus, Richmond	2.00
R. H. Ariedge, Charlotte	2.00
Wm. H. G. Belt, Baltimore, Md.	2.00
J. L. Scott, Burlington	2.00
A Friend, Baltimore, Md.	2.00
R. L. Justice, Detroit, Mich.	2.00
C. P. Wells, Wilmington	2.00
Gen. A. Haines, Winston	2.00
J. P. Woodall, Charlotte	1.00
H. D. Leak, Winston	1.00
D. E. Allen, Charlotte	1.00
T. W. Dixon	1.00
H. E. Knox, Jr.	1.00
J. L. Cox, Charlotte	1.00
Joe Gerrald, Charlotte	1.00
J. C. Scarboro, Charlotte	1.00
W. C. Wilson	1.00
F. D. Hyams	1.00
I. L. Friedman, New York	1.00
L. D. McKee, Atlanta, Ga.	1.00
T. W. Andrews Charlotte	1.00
E. H. Smith, Richmond	1.00
J. T. Ross, Charlotte	1.00
A. P. Craddock, Lynchburg	1.00
W. E. McElroy, Charlotte	1.00
Fleming Ramseur, Charlotte	1.00
W. M. Bacheller, Macon, Ga.	1.00
Jesse Wall, Spartanburg, S. C.	1.00
N. P. Cannon, Charlotte	1.00
Frank Dennis, Charlotte	1.00
Frank Spierkman, St. Louis	1.00
S. S. Crittenden, Charlotte	1.00
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	1.00
C. A. Dixon, Charlotte	1.00
G. E. Crabtree, Baltimore	1.00
Paul Bigelow, Charlotte	1.00
W. C. A. Sheppard, Richmond	1.00
H. A. Klueppelburg, Charlotte	1.00
C. E. Stenerson	1.00
J. E. Putney, Richmond	1.00
J. R. Gordon, Charlotte	1.00
E. A. Smith, Charlotte	1.00
Thos. E. Traylor, Richmond	1.00
T. J. Copeland, New York	1.00
J. N. Aulds, Lynchburg, Va.	1.00
J. F. Anderson, Statesville	1.00
H. Y. Thackton, Nashville	1.00
L. W. Porter, Richmond	1.00
H. B. Gainor, Baltimore	1.00
T. L. Goff, Richmond	1.00
Eugene Galloway, Atlanta	1.00
T. E. Cauthorn, Atlanta	1.00
G. P. Allen, Atlanta	1.00
H. P. Stanton	1.00
A Friend, New Orleans	1.00
J. C. Clarke, Gainsville, Fla.	1.00
Ernest E. Levy, Baltimore	1.00
E. E. B. Bluett, Cincinnati	1.00
F. M. Akers, Atlanta	1.00
S. J. McMurry, Trenton, N. J.	1.00
F. H. Scott, Petersburg, Va.	1.00
Thad W. Griffin, Petersburg, Va.	1.00
Jeff King, Winston	1.00
W. A. Price, Savannah, Ga.	1.00
H. A. Sanderlin, Savannah, Ga.	1.00
Guy F. Harvard, Winston	1.00
D. B. Jones, New Orleans	1.00
F. L. Watson	1.00
T. M. McLelland, Hartsville	1.00
Eugene B. Albea, Winston	1.00
C. F. Brown, Boston	1.00
Jno. M. Wilhelm, Baltimore	1.00
E. E. Hullick, Twin Springs	1.00
R. E. Bruce, Richmond	1.00
R. G. Smith, Dallas, Tex.	1.00
Chas. W. Ellis, Winston	1.00
Chas. W. Jones, Louisville, Ky.	1.00
Frank F. Jones	1.00
R. P. Brasby, Lynchburg	1.00
H. C. Dargan, Louisville	1.00
W. M. Rogers, Baltimore	1.00
J. B. Thomas, Savannah	.50

Mr. E V. Finlayson yesterday sent from Columbia, S C, the following:

R. P Brasby, Lynchburg, Va.	1 00
H. C, Dargan, Louisville, Ky.	1 00
W. M. Rogers, Baltimore, Md.	1 00

Mr. Frank F Jones, of Charlotte, asked the privilege yesterday of contributing a $1

Mr. Samuel P. Morton, of Baltimore, Md, sends $1 with these remarks:

"It is a privilege to subscribe to a memorial to one that felt for traveling men. Dr Preston was to me as to all who heard him edifying and helpful."

The Buford's Head Waiter Married.

Decidedly the most stylish event in colored circles this fall, was the marriage, several nights ago of Thomas Faulkner, head waiter at the Buford and Saide Shepherd, daughter of Rev. Shepherd, pastor of the First Baptist church, colored. The marriage took place in the church, and was a very brilliant affair. A number of white people were in attendance.

A Few Cotton Points.

Mr. Boyce Belk brought a 20-bale lot to town yesterday, but finding prices a sixes or at sevens, he stored, instead of selling.

Cotton is being shipped to Charlotte from all points of the compass. The Southern depot and press shed is so crowded that there is little or no room for general merchandise.

"Poor Miss Finch!"

Mr. Walter R. Henry was booked to speak at Sharon yesterday. He was there on time, but as Sam Jones says succeeded only "in gathering one matter together"—Mr W W. Alexander. The game was called before it opened.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

S. L. DOSHER, Observer.
CHARLOTTE, Oct. 10, 1896.

BAROM.	TEMP.	WEATHER.	PRECIPITATION
30 18	58	Cloudy.	Trace.

Maximum, 66; minimum, 44.
Same date last year:
Maximum 64; minimum, 34.

CARPETS CLEANED.

Do you want your Carpets cleaned? If so, have us to call at your house and do the work.

Just think of having your carpets cleaned on the floor.

No dirt, no disorder or discomfort; no beating or shrinking; no expense relaying.

Your carpets made to look like new. Terms reasonable.

CHARLOTTE STEAM LAUNDRY.

MR. CLEVELAND SPEAKS OUT.

NO DOUBT AS TO HIS SENTIMENTS.

He Cannot, However, Enter Into the Campaign It Would Not Be Consistent With Strict Party Propriety He Is Very Plain Spoken in a Letter to Mr. Smith.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—At the Sound Money League meeting last night the following letter from President Cleveland was read:

Gray Gables, Buzzard's Bay, Mass.

To Edwin Burritt Smith, chairman, etc:

My Dear Sir:—I am so much interested in the work which the American Honest Money League has undertaken that I would be glad to do anything I consistently could to aid its efforts. I regret, therefore, that I must decline your invitation to address the league on some date previous to the approaching election. Even if the pressure of official duty did not prevent, I should hardly deem it consistent with strict party propriety to mingle actively in the pending campaign.

While it is impossible that any of my fellow citizens should have the least doubt as to my sentiments on the vital question, which at this time absorbs so largely the attention of our people, advancing sound financial ideas and the labor of enforcing the lessons of public and private honesty and morality, I feel it must be prosecuted without such participation on my part as you suggest.

Wishing for the league the utmost success.

I am, yours very sincerely,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

OLD VETERANS IN PITTSBURG.

They Stop There on Their Return from Canton and are Given a Great Reception—Incidents of Their Stay in that City.

Pittsburg, Oct. 10.—Pittsburg was invaded between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning by a regiment of Confederate veterans from the historic Shenandoah valley. The old soldiers and citizens of Allegheny county vied in hearty welcome. The Pittsburg & Western Railroad brought the visitors on the return from Canton, O., to Pittsburg in three big trains. The first section was met by the American Republican Club, acting as a reception committee and escort. The visitors were conducted directly to Old City Hall, where tables were spread and laden with substantial refreshments. One hundred women of Pittsburg and Alleghany attended, and served the breakfast. The second train was met by the Union Veterans' Patriotic League, E. E. Ziegler, marshal. The third train was met by the Allegheny War Veterans' Association, Hugh L. Morrison, marshal.

Historic Old City Hall, where many thousands of Union soldiers and hundreds of Confederate prisoners were fed during the war, was profusely decorated. The visitors numbered about 1,400.

After the breakfast there was a period of rest and handshaking, many visitors renewing acquaintances of former years, under vastly different circumstances and surroundings. A street parade was organized at noon, presenting a spectacle never before witnessed in Pittsburg. A reception committee in Pittsburg and Allegheny were traversed. The decorations of many business houses along the route of march were superb. About 3,000 men, mostly in uniform, participated. In addition to the men from the Shenandoah, the Southerners were led by the celebrated Bertram Band, of the Stonewall Brigade. Not an incident occurred to mar the pleasure of the unique event. The visitors left for their Southern homes at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

PINAFORE AT STATESVILLE.

A Beautiful Presentation of the Charming Little Opera.

Correspondence of the Observer.

Statesville, Oct. 9.—Pinafore was beautifully sung at College Hall tonight by local talent. The singers and the public have to thank Mr. H. Scott for the stage effects, which were particularly handsome and effective. Miss Jessie Fowler accompanied on the piano, Mr. Sol. Clarke on the bass viol, and Dr. Chas. A. Turner on the flute. Dr. Turner directed the company. Mr. C. F. Stevenson, with his fine bass voice, did the part of Sir Joseph Porter with fine effect. Dr. J. Flake Carlton, as Capt. Corcoran, could hardly have been improved upon. He has an elegant stage presence and a melodious voice. Mr. C. E. Mills took the part of Ralph Rackshaw with great credit. He was at his best in the solo, "Farewell, My Own." Mr. M. C. Wood as Dick Deadeye was inimitable. Master Carlton Andrews, of Charlotte, took the part of Tom Tucker, midshipmate. Miss Gertrude Robbins, as Josephine, was indeed "a maiden fair to see," and sang her part beautifully. She has a voice of rare volume and flexibility. Miss Gertrude Wood sang the part of Hebe with fine expression and acted it faultlessly. Miss Blanche Robbins made a good Hebe, and the chorus parts were admirably done.

Statesville has every reason to congratulate herself upon this handsome presentation of Pinafore, and those who participated in it have every right to feel proud of themselves.

DANGEROUS WINDS TO-DAY.

The Storm Central South of Hatteras and Blowing at Sixty Miles an Hour—It is Moving This Way.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Conditions and general forecast: The tropical storm is apparently central to the south of Hatteras, and has reached a velocity of 60 miles from the northeast at Cape Henry.

The indications are that this storm will move northward during the next 24 hours, causing dangerous winds in the Atlantic coast States north of South Carolina.

For North Carolina: Threatening weather, with rain and dangerous northerly winds; warmer in the interior.

A Berlin dispatch says the Imperial Bank of Germany has raised its rate of discount from 4 to 5 per cent.

"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

The passing of Lula Cameron Witherspoon to her heavenly reward, after a patient continuance in humble well-doing, and with a spirit uplifted by a calm resignation and hope which robbed death of its gloom, is an edifying example of the place which suffering has in that discipline and purification of the soul which makes it meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. As one who knew her well; was witness of the sharpness of her bodily pains and of the pangs of injured heart and bruised spirit; knowing these because to me as her friend she poured forth in confidential fullness the story of her ills and wrongs, I can say that I have known few who have been called upon to walk so rugged and painful a way; a way of sorrows. Walking with the Crucified, she, too, bore a cross, sharp, bloody, with darkness settling over it at midday. In this companionship and under this burden of daily trial and grief, the richest elements of her character were brought to their highest worth; a sweetness of sympathy and gentleness were inwrought which brought her into closer correspondence with the life of her Divine Friend and Saviour. He who was "made perfect through suffering" perfected her by the same instrument. She has now come into the painless, tearless, deathless land—God's homeland. We cannot say that the Guide was unwise, unkind, "hard"—He knew the end to be reached, and He led her the best way for her. We may be sure that Love will do His best for His child, and we know that He has brought her home. This is enough to know. It was a dark way, a rough way, tears on the cheek without and agony within, but it led home, and there with hopes fulfilled, she has learned the answer to our strange, Why? She bows before the throne and praises God for his holiness and mercy. She is among those who came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Evanston, Ill. J. H. BOYD.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Condition of the Corn and Wheat Crop—Percentages in the Principal States—Wheat Crop Short and Poor.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The returns to the statistician of the Agricultural Department for October make the general condition of corn 90.5 per cent. against 91 for the month of September. The averages of condition in the large and surplus corn States are as follows: Tennessee, 80; Ohio, 106; Michigan, 102; Indiana, 106; Illinois, 102; Wisconsin, 98; Minnesota, 97; Iowa, 102; Missouri, 85; Kansas, 81; Nebraska, 101.

The returns of yield per acre of all wheat indicate a production of 11.9 bushels, which is six-tenths of a bushel less than the preliminary estimate for 1895.

The rate of yield of the most important States is as follows: New York, 15; Pennsylvania, 14; Ohio, 9; Michigan, 12; Indiana, 9; Illinois, 13.6; Wisconsin, 14.5; Minnesota, 14; Iowa, 15; Missouri, 10.7; Kansas, 11; Nebraska, 14; South Dakota, 10.5; North Dakota, 10; Washington, 16; Oregon, 15.5; California, 14.5.

The indicated quality for the country at large is 84.4 per cent. against 85.7 last year.

The averages for a few selected States are: New York, 93; Pennsylvania, 84; Kentucky, 74; Ohio, 67; Michigan, 89; Indiana, 71; Illinois, 80; Minnesota, 88; Iowa, 83; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 81; Nebraska, 84; South Dakota, 90; North Dakota, 87; Washington, 85; Oregon, 87; California, 84; Wisconsin, 80.

The wheat crop is generally short in quantity and poor in quality owing to the unfavorable weather and drought at seeding time, deficiency of snow protection, and excessive rains after the harvest, producing scanty growth, shriveled grains and rust. It is worst in the great central region of Ohio, Kansas and adjoining States. The crops are fairly good in New Jersey and Maryland and adjoining parts of Pennsylvania and New York; also in the Rocky Mountain valley.

The preliminary estimate of the yield of oats is 24.3 bushels per acre, against 29.6 a year ago; the quality is 74.9, ranging from 55 in Kansas to 104 in Montana.

The average yield per acre of rye is 13.3; of barley 25.6. The condition of buckwheat is 86 per cent.; Irish potatoes 81.7; tobacco 76.9.

MR. HOFFMAN INTERVIEWED.

He Admits that the Pool is in the Control of the Southern Railroad Company, and Corrects a Report About His Salary.

Baltimore, Oct. 10.—R. Curzon Hoffman, president of the Seaboard, returned to-day. To a Southern Associated Press reporter he said, regarding the status of the controlling interest in the Seaboard & Roanoke, which is the parent company of the Seaboard Air Line system:

"I am operating the Seaboard Air Line in the interest of its stockholders. With a view of coming trouble a number of the larger owners have pooled their shares in the hands of a committee in whose ability and integrity I have absolute confidence. The committee is in control of the Southern, and I advise all stockholders to sign the pooling agreement without hesitation, 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 $10,000 salary per annum, and not $37,000 as has been reported."

Mr. Hoffman's admission that the situation is in the conrol of the pooling committee is regarded as significant. This is believed to mean that the New York syndicate will have to secure control through the committee Mr. Hoffman refers to.

NOTICE SERVED ON THOMAS AND RYAN.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 10.—In accordance with the constitutional provision prohibiting one road from purchasing within the limits of the State of South Carolina a parallel line, the Attorney General of the State has written Messrs. Thomas and Ryan requesting them to furnish the State railroad commission with evidence that in the purchase of the Port Royal road they are not acting for the Southern Railway.

BUTLER IN COMMAND.

The Situation in this State as Viewed at Washington—Russell in the Way of Pop-Republican State Fusion.

Washington Post.

Things political in North Carolina seem to be setting the way of Populists, and Chairman Butler appears to be in command of the situation. Democratic State Chairman Josephus Daniels' consultation with Chairman Butler Wednesday may be taken as proof that North Carolina Democrats regret seriously now that they put away the Populist overtures some weeks ago for fusion on the State ticket. The Populists proposition was that nine silver Congressmen should be named, four to be Democrats, four Populists, and one a Silver man from Chairman Butler's old district. As for the State ticket, the Populists would have given up their candidate for Governor if they could have the United States Senator, or vice versa. The Populists have a general agreement with the Republicans to fuse on the State ticket, which will probably be carried out, but to become effective it is certain that the Republicans must withdraw their candidate for Governor, Judge Russell. They have not done this, and the North Carolina Populists have become uneasy as election day approaches. There is little doubt that Chairman Daniels is trying to profit from the situation. Chairman Butler declared some weeks ago that all advances for fusion in the State must come from others than the Populists, and he is adhering to his determination. He says the reports that Democrats in the State are alarmed because the election machinery is in the hands of Populists and Republicans, and because under the new registry system thousands upon thousands of negroes are being allowed to register who were never before given an opportunity to vote, is quite without foundation.

DENIAL BY BYNUM.

Palmer and Buckner Are Not to Be Withdrawn Before Election.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Chairman Bynum last evening issued the following statement:

"The reported intention to withdraw the Palmer and Buckner ticket before the election has no foundation whatever. The men who composed the Indianapolis convention were sincere and in earnest. They believed that the nomination of candidates was necessary to prevent the destruction of the Democratic party, and they have never for a moment contemplated an abandonment of their principles."

This letter from Chairman Bynum was called out by the story that emanated in Grand Rapids, Mich., to the effect that General Palmer and General Buckner would withdraw before election day. Generals Palmer and Buckner started out upon their tour of Michigan and the South last night.

A FIRE IN MURFREESBORO.

It Started in a Kitchen and Burned an Entire Block—The Episcopal Church Among the Burned Buildings.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10.—A special to the Virginian from Murfreesboro, N. C., states that a fire which started in a kitchen swept away an entire block in that town to-day. Among the burned buildings was the Episcopal church and E. F. Vice's grocery, the latter quite an extensive establishment. The total loss is estimated at about $40,000. Insurance very slight.

The Secretary of State of Ohio has overruled the protest of the regular Democratic State committee against the admission of the sound money Democratic ticket on the Australian ballot under the name of the National Democratic party.

AYER ANSWERS MANLY'S NOTE.

BUT THE REPLY IS KEPT SECRET.

Neither Ayer Nor Manly Have Anything to Say Ayer Says "Everything Begins at Chairman Manly's Headquarters" The Democratic State Central Committee Meets Monday—Republicans Think They Have the Populists in a Hole—The Republicans Making Much Noise—The New York Press Attacks Judge Clark—Gen. Cox Recalls an Incident—The World Was a Day Too Late—At the Lincoln Lithia.

Observer Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, Oct. 10.

A press special sent just before 11 o'clock last night told the story of the Democratic proposition for congressional fusion, if indeed it can be termed a proposition. It was said to-day by a prominent Populist that it seemed to him "the mountain in labor had brought forth a mouse." In other words, said he, the Democrats ought to have done two things; either put up a straight ticket or divided with the Populists from constable to United States Senator. He said that June 5th Senator Butler had proposed complete fusion to the Democrats.

The Republicans think they have the Populists in a hole; in other words that they have a "cinch" on them. Certainly somebody deceived or misled the Populists' committee into believing Russell was to be taken down and Guthrie supported for Governor. But who told the Populist committee that? Was it Holton? He says "I did not promise it." He also declares he said to the Populist committee that his committee was not willing to take Russell down, and that Russell would not submit to such a thing.

Another Republican who heard Holton say this last night remarked that the Republicans could not now be made to support Guthrie after the latter's attacks upon them. But to return to the Russell matter. It is intimated that Senator Pritchard was willing to see Guthrie supported provided Populists agreed to support Pritchard for the Senate. Now then some friend of Pritchard must have led the Populists to believe that "bye and bye" Russell would be taken down. Some day it will be discovered, perhaps, who made this promise.

Late yesterday afternoon Populist Chairman Ayer replied to Chairman Manly's note. He declined to tell what he said in reply. He would say only this: "Everything begins and amounts to nothing to date: absolutely nothing." He added "Everything begins at Chairman Manly's headquarters. That is the foundation—head of all of this business now." Chairman Manly when asked for news said, with his bright smile and charming graciousness of manner, "Nothing will be given out by me."

Chairman Ayer has called the central committee of his party to meet.

The Republicans are bringing the utmost pressure to bear on the Populists. One Populist committeeman was saying last evening "The Democrats know they are licked." It would not be hard to guess who made that remark, and it will fits in like a section of a composite picture to hear a Republican committeeman say last night that the Republicans had this Populist "so he couldn't do anything."

It is stated this evening that the Democratic central committee is to meet Monday evening. Chairman Ayer says that the statement made to-day that the Populist central committee was called to meet is inaccurate, but that its members are warned to be ready to meet at a moment's notice.

Mr. Ayer says he fully endorses Chairman Holton's action in regard to the Winston registrars of election.

Republican headquarters give out the news that Tom Watson will soon be in this State and speak.

John M. Langston, a notable colored Republican, is booked for several speeches.

R. O. Patterson, of the Republican State committee, was interviewed this evening, and in reply to the question: "What is the next move your committee intends to take regarding the Populists?" replied: "We are going to try to complete the State ticket with the Populists. We will settle it if we can. So far as Lieutenant Governor and Auditor are concerned, it will be accomplished in some sort of way. We will not give the Populists both places." When asked: "Will you take down Henderson for Auditor?" Patterson replied: "You can easily answer that question yourself."

The Republicans are emulating the Chinese in war tactics now. They are beating gongs and making a smoke. To hear them talk to-day one would think they knew every Democratic and Populist move. They circulate rumors by the score. They declare their registration is enormous and that in some precincts laid off to contain not over 350 voters 400 to 500 are registered. This is an attempt to make it appear that there has been a vast scheme of suppression of the colored vote.

The New York Press makes an attack on Associate Justice Walter Clark, in reviewing an article of his in one of the October magazines on what will happen "If Silver Wins." The Press terms Justice Clark a "Populist Jurist." Hal Ayer spoke of this to-day and said "When gold-bugs abuse an independent Democrat the hearts of the Populists warm toward the Democrats."

Gen. W. R. Cox, who was here yesterday recalled an incident of the campaign of 1876. An order had been issued by a United States deputy marshal should be at each polling place. Gen. Cox then Democratic State chairman issued an order that this was illegal and that if such deputy marshals appeared they should be arrested. A Republican remarked here that this would cause bloodshed. The late Hon. B. F Moore inquired whether a little bloodshed was to stand in the way of popular rights. The late Richard C Badger went to Washington and secured the revocation of the obnoxious order.

In 1887 Senator Pritchard, then a member of the lower house of the Legislature, applied himself very earnestly to a pet scheme to organize a white Republican party in North Carolina. He argued that if the negro were eliminated there would be immense accessions of young Democrats, and contended that they naturally liked the Republican party's platform. But the "Lily White" party was never formed.

Seldon Whitaker, will, it is expected divide the honors with W. A. Guthrie as a plain-talking Populist.

A prominent Democrat here tells a rather queer story at the expense of the one World. It is that on the day the Journal came out for Bryan the World had a two-column editorial in type ready to go into the paper the day following. The Journal was a day ahead, according to the story.

There are 221 cadets at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the cadet major says their drill is