Only one county (Washoe) in Nevada CREAM OF LOCAL NEWS. shows an increase in population over the census ten years ago.

It is estimated that the railroads of the United States lose \$2,000,000 yearly Now Pay Attention and Listen, For by land-slides, \$5,000,000 by floods, \$1,000,000 by fire and \$9,000,000 by

Nearly one thousand heads of families in the Province of Quebec alone have made application for the state bounty o 100 acres of land voted to Canadian who are the fathers of twelve children o.

"The transfer of Heligoland to Germany is creating an amount of talk and excitement that is much greater," says the Chicago Herald, "than the subject calls for. Every week some real estate dealer transfers a larger and more valuable tract right in the city limits of Chicazo, and makes no noise about it at all."

In the future, in all Government documents and official publications in Canada, such words as flavor, labor, honor, etc., must be spelt with the "u," according to the English usage, as favour, labour, honour, and not as hitherto, after the American style.

Montana leads all other States and Territories in the value of its mineral output, although a very small proportion of its mines are being worked. The mineral produced in 1889 was \$44,000,000, and over half this amount, or over \$22,900, 000 was produced in Butte alone. This output is increasing all the time.

The rules of the New York Coffee Exchange have been amended so as to make coffee from the East and West Indies, North, Central and South America a "good delivery," that from Brazil only having been a good delivery heretofore. The amount of coffee from these countries, estimates the Farm, Field and Stockman, will be 12,000,000 bags in licu of 4,000,000 as the rule stood be-

cluded from the witness stand in that State on occount of his religious disbelief. The witness in the case under review believed in a God and a hereafter, and in punishment through the courts if he swore falsely, but he had formed no opinion about punishment in the next world. The Supreme Court held that he was a competent witness.

The wealth of the United States is unofficially estimated at \$71,500,000,000, an increase in ten years of forty-two per cent. England's wealth was placed at \$51,000,000,000 in 1885, but divided among a smaller population than that of the United States; while the value of France's property is put at \$36,000,-000,000. Taxes in England average \$20 per capita and in the United States.

The decree of the Sultan of Zanzibar that no slaves be sold in his dominions will be the same dead letter, predicts the Washington Star, that it is in Constantinople. The open slave market has been abolished in both places for several years, but the traffic in human flesh goes on just the same, for slavery is part of the social fabric and cannot be eliminated any more than Mohammedanism. The British have winked at it for years, and the Germans will have to do the

"You would be astonished to see the progress which Socialism has made among the rustics here in Germany," writes a tourist to the Lewiston (Me.) Journal. "A mile below the castle is a little village in which there were sixty Socialist votes at the last election. Three miles away in the opposite direction is a village of paper-making mills, in which there were 300 Socialist votes at the last February 'poll.' The State church in Germany is not in touch with the masses of the people. And it never will get the masses until it takes a different attitude toward institutions and especially toward Socialism."

A clergyman writes as follows in the Chicago Advance: "Clerical hospitality is declining. The muister's house is no longer the stopping place of all ministers who pass his way. Possibly the change to both host and guest is in some respects desirable, yet in other respects it is undesirable. The virtue of hospitality may sometimes be a hard drain upon the narrow larder of the parsonage, but it does tend to promote that hearty fellowship which ministers need and which they are glad to give and receive. Every one in Massachusetts knows the Rev. Daniel Butler, the agent of the Massachusetts Bible Society, a man with such a reputation for wit that it must indeed be no small strain even for one who has so much ability to sustain the reputation. Mr. Butler tells me that fifty years ago there was hardly a parsonage in Massa chusetts that he would not feel free to enter as an uninvited guest, but that now there is bardly a parsonage inte which he would feel free to go withou a special invitation. I confess that rether mourn the old days of clerical hos

The Happenings of This And Adjoining States Chronicled

Every One of These Items Will Interest You, Whether Healthy, Poor or Wealthy, Lame,

TENNESSEE.

Halt or Blind.

The town of Hickory Valley, nine miles south of Bolivar, is afflicted with an epidemic of slow fever. W. Byrne is president of a newly or-ganized bank at Jasper.

Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., Professor of the Biblical department of Vanderbilt University, has resigned that position, as he has been selected as paster of a church in Kansas City, Mo., the pulpit of which was formerly occupied by the Rev. S. A.

Mrs. James K. Polk, the widow of President Polk, completed her 87th year last Thursday. She lives on the Polk place near Nashville, and each year the members of the General Assembly go out to pay their respects in a formal and courtly manner at her home. Three years ago Mrs. Cleveland called on her.

The stockholders of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, met at Nashville. The annual report shows the gross earnings for the year to have been \$3,550,461, and the operating expenses \$2,139,850, leaving as the net earnings \$1,410,610, most of which was expended in extensive improvements and puilding of the new shops at Nashville. An increase of ten per cent. capital stock of the company was authorized.

The city council of Knoxville has passed resolution to issue the \$275,000 of bonds o pay the subscription which the Knoxville Southern railroad company became entitled to by completing its line to Knox-ville on time. The road connects at Knoxville with the Knoxville & Cumberland Gap Railway, which line furnishes a connection with the Louisville, at Middlesborough, Ky., giving that city a con-tinuous line of nearly 800 miles by way of Knoxville to Atlanta, Ga., and passing through a prosperous country.

Spotted fever has broken out in Sumner county so badly, that people are leaving the infected district. Twenty cases of the fever and nine deaths are reported. All those attacked are men and boys. The boys that have it were attending school, near which place is a buryingground, where several victims were buried during the existance of the fever in March The Supreme Court of Illinois has The fever is known as the cerebro-spinal It is acute inflamation, and involving membranes of the brain, spinal cord and me dulla. Its average duration is about fourteen days, but several have died within a few hours after being attacked. County Physician R. M. Foitea has been notified to visit the stricken district.

VIRGINIA.

A vein of gold has been struck in \$500.0 m is to be appropriated for the

improvement of the streets of Roanoke. Judge Bond has issued an order retraining the Roanoke and Southern road from obstructing the track of the Danville and New River road at Waller's ford, Henry county.

2,790 bales of cotton was received at Norfolk Wednesday. Delegates to the Pharmaeist Convention vere entertained with an oyster roast at Virginia Beach.

Captain Samuel Kimberly, recently ppointed consul to Gautemala, has sailed from Norfolk for his post of duty. The Atlantic and Danville railroad i controlled by an English syndicate, who

will speedily extend it Westward. The first session of Randelph-Macon Academy, at Lynchburg, opened with an entire enrolment of students highly satisfactory to the faculty. A majority from Virginia, but Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, and other States are well represented. The

local attendance is also good. A couple of wealthy gentlemen from Dakota are at Petersburg, for the purpose of purchasing, if possible, five thousand acres of land near there on which to settle a colony of famers from Dakota. If the land can be purchased, it is proposed to cut it up into farms of from fifty to sixty acres each.

The purchasers of the lands surrounding the natural bridge at Natural Bridge, Va., are maturing plans for building a magnifichartered the Natural Bridge Park Asso ciation, and proposes erecting a \$250,000 notel of brownstone and granite, to be of the most modern style and lighted by 600 incandescent and 12 are lights, and intend making the surroundings equal to any sim-

The Winston ball team defeated the Richmond, Va., team at Winston, Monday, by a score of 20 to 12.

T. R. Folsom, formerly of Sumter, C., but for the last three years of Wil-mington, committed suicide at the latter place Monday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. Ill health and despondency are assigned as the cause. Section 6 of the act creating the World's Columbian Exposition at Chica go, provides for the selection of a board dy managers, composed of two ladies and alternates from each State: Each col. A. B. Andrews yesterday appointed

William F. Boyd, near Alexander's, Bunballs in his head, and died in 45 minutes The cause of the shooting was a dispute Rogers by Boyd. Boyd was taken to Asheville and committed to jail. He claims that the shooting was done in self de-

Mrs. George W. Kidder, of Wilmington. Dr. Jas. E. Rogers was fatally shot by

sued for W. V. Sellers, postmaster at Lebanon, Columbus county, on charge of embezzlement, and making false returns of cancellation of stamps. He is said to

A temporary structure has been buil wrecked bridge and the Richmond and Danville have commenced a running as usual over the regular line. The old usual over the regular line. The new from one.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The good people, of Trenton, Edgefield county, are erecting a new school building and will open a graded school at that place on the first of October.

W. M. Bostick, of Allendale, and O. F. Hunter, of Hartzog's, are the successful candidates for beneficiary cadetship from Barnwell county.

Two white convicts escaped from a convict camp at the Clemson Agricultural College on Tuesday last. The guards shot at them, but without effect, and they made good their escape. They are William Glad-den, sent up from Pickens for house-break-ing and larceny and who had one more year to serve, and D. D. Duncan, sent up from Williamsburg for two years for grand larceny and had served seven months.

Whitfield Murrell, one of the young white boys convicted of the murder of Younce, will be hanged in the Edgefield jail on Friday, the 26th instant, unless his sentence is commuted to life imprisoment in the Penitentiary. Strong petitions for and against his commutation of sentence have been forwarded to the Governor.

The people of Graniteville and vicinity are looking forward to the completion of the Augusta extension of the Atlantic Coast Line from Sumter.

The Edgefield Ginning, Milling and Fertilizer Company building is completed and has commenced active operations. It is a mammoth affair and is among one of the largest establishments of the kind in the State. There are four distinct businesses operated at the same time. The oil mill, the compost factory, where fertilizers are prepared, the ginning department, where six ninety-saw cotton gins are run—the price for ginning a bale of cotton being one dollar-and the grist mill. This enterprise will give employment to a large number of persons and will open up an extensive and entirely new business for

Henry Hemminger, colored, who was in the jail at Abbeville under sentence of death died Wednesday night. He was convicted at the last term of Court on the charge of rape, committed on a little negro girl about 9 years of age, and sentenced by Judge Izlar to be hanged on Friday, the 5th of September, which was last Friday. His attorney, Mr. W. L. Miller, took an appeal to the Supreme Court, which is now pending, and thus the execution of the sentence was suspended. Death has ended the case and Henry Hemminger will be tried at a higher Court. He had been sick for some days.

GEORGIA.

The apple crop in this section this year says the Dalton Citizen, is something immense. Our produce dealers are shipping barrels upon barrels of fruit to all parts of

At their September meeting the county mills and 96-100 of a mill, makes the taxes of Terrell county this year, \$9 on the

The date of the Catoosa county fair has again been changed to the 30th of Sep-

Albany citizens held a mass meeting to secure a better location than the one proposed for their new union passenger depot. The Southern Musical Convention of Middle Georgia met in annual session at Fredonia church, Griffin, and continued until Sunday. This is one of the largest and oldest society of musicians in the

Walker county is fast becoming one of the largest in mileage of railroads in the tion of the National Government, should state. She has now completed over fifty miles, and within a year will have not less than 85 or 90 miles of railroad within her

A negro named Henry Williams was struck on the head by a Columbus Southern passenger train, near Dawson, a few ghts ago, receiving an ugly wound on his head and a hole in his hip. Williams had been sitting up with a corpse, and being overcome with fatigue while en route home sat down on the track and fell

A sad and fatal accident occurred near Agricola last Saturday. A little child of Mr. Henry May was standing near a tree when lightning struck the latter. The fragments hit the child on the head and body, breaking its leg and otherwise injuring it. The little one died instantly. General E. P. Alexander, receiver of the Savannah, Griffin and North Alabama railway, will offer the road, rolling stock and all its franchises for sale at Griffin, Tuesday, November 4th. This road is 60 miles in length, and runs through the counties of Spalding, Fayette, Coweta and Carrollton. The road is to be sold for not less than \$500,000 1-5th of which is to be paid to the receiver at the time of the sale, and the balance when the Spalding superior court has confirmed the cale. The road runs between Griffin and

FLORIDA.

The Apalachicola Times invites South Florida to send its surplus of fruit and vegetables to that place to be canned. The ice famine at Tampa, caused by the shutting down of one of the works for

repairs, caused a temporary suspension of the fishing industry. S. J. Slight, of Lady Lake, has within the past six weeks bought 30,000 boxes of oranges on the trees, and is still buying. The prospect now is that the bulk of the crop will be sold in the State this year. Major Green, of Ocala, sold his entire

crop on the trees at \$1.45 per box. Mr. W. C. Sherman has the skin of rattlesnake at his jewerly establishment in Orlando, seven feet and four inches in length, and having eleven rattles. The snake was killed near Pinecastle, and when cut open a full-grown rabbit and squirrel were found inside of it.

OTHER STATES.

Barck Start was arrested at Banham, ex., on a charge of assault to kill, comlitted twenty-seven years ago.

The bodies of twenty-one persons wh wete drowned during the floods in Ger. many have been found floating in the

David S. Dougherty, a wealthy farmer f Ferris, Tex., while lying on a cot in us house talking to his wife, sitting near and the hole top of his head blown off y an assassin using a double-barrel shotun. No cause is known for the deed

Telegrams have been sent from Montmery to the Senators from Albany, it is eported, "urging that every effort be nade to defeat the Conger lard bill, on ne ground that it will be a calamity to he South," and conveying the information hat "the price of cotton seed has allen 25 per cent already in consequence of the probability of the passage of the

AMONG THE ALLIANCES.

What The Organization Is Doing Throughout The Country.

Resume' of The Work Accomplish ed at Washington By The Closing Session of the National Legisislature, And What More Is Needed.

An Alliance store has been opened at

Mr. Burks, the Georgia State Scoretary continues to send out charters. Fifty thousand dollars has been put is to

State exchange in Georgia of colored Alliance men.
The National Farmers' League has only been started six months, and has a membership of 40,000 in the state of New York

The Georgia county and sub-Alliances are all standing firmly against the use of jute bagging. Cotton bagging will be one substitute.

Now that that the Alliance has decided to build their oil mill here, says the Jackson Herald, of Jefferson, Ga., let us have the bank in operation by the time the mill is completed.

The Americus, Ga., Recorder states that an Alliance warehouse is to be opened at Pinehurst, in Dooley county. This gives Dooly several warehouses at conven-An Eastman, Ca., letter says: At a meeting of the Alliance here on Tuesday last, they decided that they would use

cotton bagging again this year, and made arrangements to have a large lot of it As the season for State and county fairs close at hand, it is urged upon members of the order to secure wherever possible an "Alliance day," and obtain a good Alliance speaker for the occasion. Through this means the doctrines and principles of the order can be placed before many of the best farmers of the country that Alli-

ance literature has failed to reach. President Polk has completed his tour, and will be at his office in Washington until further notice.

The State Alliance meetings for the year are now nearly all adjourned; and encouraging reports come from all over the field. It is apparent that a more perfect consolidation will be effected at the Ocala meeting of the National Council next December

The Missouri State Alliance, at its recent meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, U. S. Hall; secretary, J. W. Rogers; treasurer, T. V. Hickcox; State lecturer, George W.

Terrell county at 5 mills and 4-100 of a State Alliance, Anthony, writes that "at mill, which, added to the state tax of 3 a meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance exposition, there was donated 1,000 bexes of oranges as a free gift to the delegates to the National Alliance to be held in Ocala in December next. Florida wants to make our brethren from the different states of the Union feel at home while here, and this donation of 120,000 oranges is freely given to help make their visit here one of pleasure, and to help them feel we appreciate the honor of entertaining them as our guests."

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL APPRO-

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The Department of Agriculture, as the farmers' representative in the administrabe strengthened in all useful ways and all belongs oversight of the "land and the fullness thereof." Its scientific work being always utilitarian in character, demands the best talent and the most honest service. It is a department to be trusted, because, though it may make mistakes and fall short of its own requirements, as does everything human, it cannot but right itself in short order.

The farmers are in favor of all reasonadepartment of more service. Some of such measures now pending in Congress are, for example, the proposed transfer of Agricultural Department. There has been a general desire to see this accomplished at the present session, and it is confidently expected that the 51st Congress will net adjourn without making this important change. Another valuable proposition is that to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to completion the invesflow and artesian water supplies that are to be found within the great plains regions, or between the 97th meridian of west longitude and the foothills of the Rockies. An appropriation of \$40,000 has already passed the Schate as an amend. ment to the general deficiency bill, now

pending.

The amendment containing the appro priation also directs the Secretary to quire into the general subject of irrigation and its relations to agriculture. The farmers must be as a class practical men. They need information. It is within the most stringent limits of the strictest rules of constitutional construction that money may be expended for the gathering and publishing of economic and other data. The appropriation referred to is within those lines. It is part of a wise policy which will make the Department of Agriculture more and more important, as in justice to the great interests under its care should be the case. The transfer of the weather service and the comprehensive investigation of irrigation will naturally lead to an extension of the study of climatology, of zone-plant, and animal life; of forestry and of hydrology. It will lead up to them as utilitarian aims and ends, and not for the mere posing so often known as "research for science."

It is possible in the closing days of the session, either by oversight or through organized resistance by other influences, that the irrigation appropriation may be overlooked or ignored. The conflict over the Geological Survey and its use of the irrigation appropriation during the last offices, and the reduction of salaries all around, and declares that "white supremacy is the bulwark of every civilization. which can only be secured by democratic

Leigham Court, Streatham, near Lon don, comprising sixty-six acres, has just been sold for \$450,000. It was for many years the residence of the late M. J. Tredwell, a railway contractor, who began life as a navvy. His widow still preserves the pick and shovel with which he worked as a lauorer.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

State and Congressional Conventions Of the Different Parties Reported Correctly .-- Political Chat, and

The New Hampshire Prohibition State Convention nominated Josiah M. Fletcher, of Nashua, for Governor, and the following for Congress: 1st distrist, Rev. Frank K. Chase, of Dover; 2d district, Chas. H. Thorndike, of Concord.

Chairman E. C. Smith, of the N. C. Democratic State executive committee, has returned from Washington city. As regards the editorial attack on Senator Vance by Col. Polk, it is stated that there ter in the official organ of the Farmers' Alliance.

Henry P. Cannon, for Congress. The U. S. Senate Tuesday confirmed

John Gaffigow as collector of customs for been alive yesterday, though, the district of Cherrystone, Va.; John W. doubtless, it had been dead for Ross, commissioner of the District of Columbia; S. T. Poinier, postmaster at Spartanburg, S. C.

The Untaxed Ballot League of Massachusetts was organized at the rooms of Wendell Phillips Hall Association in Bos-ton. The Hon. T. Greenhalge, of Lowell, was elected President.

The Democratic State Convention met at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and nominated E. B. Winans, of Hamburg, for Govern-or by acclamation, and John Strong, of Monroe, for Lieutenant Governor. There was a time when lawyers pre-

ominated in the race for office, but the Des Moines Leader has discovered that the newspaper men are now coming to the front, there being in Wisconsin two edi-tors on the Republican State ticket and four on the Democratic, while the fifth is printer by trade.

Chairman Michener, of the State Ceural Committee called the Indiana Repub lican State Convention to order. Nearly all the 1,320 delegates were present. After the usual trouble in getting the delegates scated, Dr. H. A. Cleveland of the M. E. Church, invoked a blessing. He said "We thank thee for harmony among hose here assembled." "We thank thee for members here represented, and guide these descendants of those who gave their lives to preserve the Union. May there go from this convention the note of victory." Milton Truster was nominated for Secretary of State. He is a Fayette county farmer. Auditor, J. N. Walker, of Mar-ion; Judge Supreme Court, R. W. Mo-Bride; Clerk Supreme Court, Wm. T. Noble, of Wayne.

Summer Howard, one of the most promran, died on Saturday at Flint. In 1876 c was appointed by President Grant as the conviction and execution of John D. Lee, the noted leader in the Mountain Meadow massacre. In 1882 he was a member of the Michigan Legislature and was chosen Speaker of the House. Later he was appointed by President Arthur as Chief Justice of Arizons, which office he esigned in 1886. He had represented Arizona and Michigan in many national

conventions. The Democratic clubs, of North Carolina are to meet in Raleigh on the 24th inst... and there is a strong and widespread lesire in the State that Ex-President Cleveland should accept the invitation extended to him to be present. The Wilmington Messenger says: Carolina Democrats would be highly pleased to see the Democratic Ex-President in our capital city. If Mr. Cleveland should agree to attend it would be very gratifying to the young Democracy, and the veterans, too, would be glad." J. S. Carr, president of the association, announces that Senators Vance and Ransom will certainly attend, and every Democrat Congressman and nominee for Congress from North Carolina is expected.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRACY.

The South Carolina Democratic State minating Convention remained in session all night, discussing the report of he Committee on Credentials which recomended the seating of the contesting Fillman delegations from Sumter. Fairield, and Berkley counties. The report was finally adopted and between three and ive o'clock Thursday morning, the fol-towing Tiliman or Farmer's Movement ticket was nominated by a vote of 260 to

For Governor, B. R. Tillman, of Edgeield: Lieutenant Governor, E. B. Garv. of Abbeville; Attorney General, Y. J. Pope, of Newberry; Secretary of State, J. E. Lindal, of Clarendon; State Treasurer, Dr. W. C. T. Bates, of Orangeburg: Marion; Adjutant and Inspector General. Hugh L. Farley, of Spartanburg; Superinendent of Education, W. D. Mayfield, of

It is a singular fact that the nominces or Governor and Secretary of State are he only farmers on the ticket. The Freasurer is a banker and physician, and all the others are lawyers. There will be no split in the Democratic party. THE PLATFORM.

The platform adopted reaffirms the platform and principels of the National Democratic party; favors free and unlimrency; and the repeal of the internal revenue system, denounces the McKinley action of Speaker Reed; demands the abolition of national banks, and that legal tender treasury notes be issued in lieu of national bank notes in sufficient volume to do the business of the country on cash system, and that all money issued by the Government shall be legal tender in payment of all debts, both public and private; also that Congress pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural productions, prescribing such stringent methods of proceedure as shall secure prompt convicion; also that Congress shall provide for the location of incomes of individuals and the supplies of corporations thereby equalthe burdens upon the poorer clasees and finally demands general retrenchments and reform in the administration of the State government, the abolition of useless which might cause indifference to the result sought in this measure. For this reason it is impressed upon Congress that a continuance of the artesian and underdow investigation is of great importance to the millions of agriculterists struggling to create new farms and homes on the great great plains. They want a small appro-Several farmers' institutes will be held oristion made, and it will be money wisein different parts of New Jersey during ly expended if the purpose of the Senate amendment is concluded in by the House.

AMBER, CRYSTAL, PEARLS.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THREE CURIOUS SUBSTANCES. Signs of the Times.

nsects Encased in Amber-A Remarkable Discovery of Crystal-How Chinamen Produce Pearls. "Amber is a curious stuff," said a collector of ourios the other day, "It is suly comparatively recently that its na-

fay very few people seem to have any notion as to what it is in reality. The ancients regarded it as altogether mysterious and even magical. They found that it was rendered electrical by friction so as to attract light substances, and our will be no further attacks of that charac- word 'electricity' comes from the Greek name for amber, which was 'electron. A favorite puzzle with them was how the of Delaware has nominated Henry A. came to be so situated. I have myself Richardson, of Dover, for Governor, and Henry P. Cannon, for Congress in which a small lizzard with five legs

was encased, looking as if it might have thousands of years. The mystery regarding this cort of phenomenon is easily enough explained when it is un-derstood that amber is actually the fossil gum of an extinct kind of cone-bearing tree. In the process of hardening it

imprisoned the flies and other creatures preserved in the chunks of it that are found to-day. It is discovered plentifully by digging in certain parts of the great plains of North Germany, where the strange tree once flourished. It is also found 'n considerable quantities along the shores of the Baltic, in the yellow sand stone. At Palmicken, in East Prussia, it is dug in regular mines;

elsewhere it is picked from chiffs, and a good deal of it is gathered in the shape of nodules cast up by the waves. The finest specimen of amber in Europe is a cup made of that material now at the Brighton Museum, England. It was found at Hove some years ago, together with wespons and utensils of stone and bronze, so it is evidently very ancient, indeed. In the fourteenth century, and before amber was made into knives and

forks with one prong, which were used by princes and church dignitaries, it was more valuable than gold then. Now it is worth from \$2 to \$50 a pound, according to its quality. The most inportant use made of it is for meerschaum in Turkey; it comes in boxes holding reetly fifty pounds and valued at from \$20 to at a

dust is melted, and the product is what is sold as 'amberine.'" "What a very beautiful sphere crystal this is!" said the newspaper man, taking in his hand a cool globe that looked like a huge dewdrop, which the collector handed him for examination. "Yes, that is a pretty specimen. 1

suppose you are aware of the theory entertained by the ancients regarding such rock crystal. They thought it was action of time, congealed beyond liquidation. 'Krystallos' in Greek means 'ice.' intensified. His business continued to The famous writer on natural philosophy. Pliny, who wrote more facts that were not true than ever any man collected together before or since, says the crystal is undoubtedly water frozen by cold so intense that nothing can melt it again. Roman ladies of that time were accustomed to carry such spheres as this one in their hands during hot weather for coolness. It was the thing, also, to have the material worked into wine jugs and other vessels. Nero had two drinking cups of crystal worth \$3000 each, and a crystal ladie also; but when he learned that he had lost his kingdom he broke them, lest they fall into the hands of any one else. A crystal lens was employed in Rome to kindle the sacred vestal fire. Great care was taken not to put the crystal ware in a warm place for fear that it would melt. The most remarkable discovery of crystal on record was made in 1867 above the Tiefen glacier by a party

of tourists, a single cave in the granite

100 pounds weight." diminutive Chinese god, covered with a that it shall be successfully carried out. coat of pearl by a real pearl oyster. such parts of the coast of the Flowery Kingdom as produce pearl oysters a regular business is often made of manufacturing pearls articlicially by introducing into the shells of the live oysters foreign objects of various kinds. You doubtless know that the pearl is a morbid symptom in the bivalve. A grain of sand or some such substance getting into the oyster produces irritation, and the animal protects itself by covering the objectionable particle with coating after coating of its own pearly secretion. The interruption of light by the successive coats of which the pearl is formed in this way gives it its beautiful lustre. Taking advantage of this habit of the pearl oyster the ingenious Chinaman pries it gently open and puts in whatever he likes, maybe a little figure of a god like this. The oyster goes to work and covers it with pearl, until after a few months the idol is a pearl idol. It is worth mentioning in cidentally that sharks are by no means such a terror to pearl divers as is commonly supposed. It is true that now and then a diver does get gobbled, but for every such human victim hundreds of sharks are killed by the divers. In a great majority of instances the diver proves much more than a match for the sharks, at home as he is in the water, and armed with a long, keen knife for striking the fish behind the pectoral fin in the

fatal spot. The diver is perfectly safe while on the bottom gathering oysters, because the man-cating sharks are no ground feeders and they will not touch him there. It is when he is rising to the eurface with his catch, out of breath after two minutes spent below, that he is apt to find a fish perhaps thirty-live feet in length looming overhead like a gigantic shadow, waiting to take him in at a bite. This is unpleasant, but it is the The first thing that the diver tries to do is to get to the surface for a breath of air, then he gets under again and manceuvres until he gets the fish afoul. Pearl divers in the Torres Straits are not onetwentieth part so much afraid of the tiger sharks which are swarming there

lies with extended jaws, as if waiting for the unfortunate fisherman to drop into them. The victim, dropping out of his boat into the depths with a heavy stone attached to his feet, brings his leg into contact with the mantle of the huge mollusk, which closes upon the limb with one tremendous bite. Only one thing remains then for the diver to do, namely, amputate the limb with his own knife, because the mighty bivalve's jaws are clasped together with a tenacity that would take several horse power to loosen, ture has been known, and even at this and it is anchored to the bottom with : cable of its own three times as strong as the best inch rope."—Washington Stars.

COLORED FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Sixteen Sub-Alliances of the State Organization Meet at Hampton--Accessions to the Order--Powell's Common Sense.

Delegates from sixteen Snb-Alliances of lored Farmers' State Alliance of th Carolima met at Hampton Court ouse on Saturday last, State L cturer owell in the chair. The petition of three National Alliance clubs praying to idmitted into the State Alliance was ed and State Lecturer Powell gran-

County Exchange matter was used and referred to the executive combounty officers to devise some plan for tacks, it was a bitter and a warm one.

Williams showed at the trial that the case was brought on account of County Exchange matter was disin the county, and try to improve community schools, and advised all begging and not allow their cotton covered with jute, for the cheap were only a snare trap. There was one contention, and that was to bring peace and prosperity to all concern-State Lecturer Powell said: "We

citizens of this State, and we are to stay. Our ancestors helped to be persons to swear to stuff that will content this State what it is, and we shall vict Williams. to make her what she shall be in the . We are determined to build up co-operative industries, giving employment to our children, which they could not get otherwise. We have as good a chance here as anywhere else, but we must utilize those chances.

They Would Have Nothing to Do With a Man Who Insulted the Stars and Bars.

BOYCOTTED HIM.

and other pipes. Meerschaum, by the Nonfolk, Va. Special. The death of R way, is a material dug out of the earth P. Wheeler here Saturday night was indi-NORFOLK, VA. Special .- The death of R. Grand Army Convention at Peters-\$300. The dust and chips obtained burg last spring reflecting on the Confedfrom it in the process of manufacture are crate flag. Up to that time he was very worked in pipes, this material being popular with the people of Norfolk. The a petition to Congress to stop the manu-Wheeler termed "a contemptible rag. I's action aroused the people here and tent that after some weeks he publicly denied being responsible for the resolution. He even went so far as to appear in a parade at the head of a detachment of Grand Army monat the time of a Con

derate celebration. tually ice frozen to great density by dura- that he was the author of the resolution, and then the feeling against him became go down and he sought relief in drink. lo an over indulgence is attributed his Wheeler was an ex-Union sollier and a post department commander f the Grand Army and a native of New

The Macon Carnival.

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"And what is this?"

"That," replied the collector, "is a thin lastic lawyers, who are determined

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that it shall be successfully carried out.

Shapes of Musical Sounds. Sounds give curious impressions of colors and objects to some individuals. A young woman recently mentioned has distinct visions of various objects at the sound of different musical instruments. The playing of an oboe brings to her the image of a sharp-pointed white pyramid or obelisk varying in proportions with the quality of the note. The cello, the high notes of the bassoon, the trumpet, and the trombone, and the low notes of clarionet and the viola, suggest a flat, undulating ribbon of strong white fibres; and the horn gives overlapping white circles of graduated size. sudden striking up of the violins in an orchestra often brings to view a shower of bright white dust or sand .- Trenton (N. J. American.

Wreck Off Cape Fear

The American steam yacht Mignon, aptain, D. H. Pugh, of New York, to avanuah, grounded Tuesday afternoon n the extreme point of Cape Fear near Wilmington. The vessel is a total loss. The crew of five, including the Captain, were resented by the Cape Fear life saving as of the giant mollusk at the bottom, | craw.

AN EDITOR ARRESTED

It Is Asserted that His Political En-

emles Have Put Up a Job on Mun. DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 15.—North-western Iowa is excited over the arrest of George F. Williams of Ida Grove. He is one of the best known country newspaper men in Iowa, a leading politician and a banker. Early last spring the old opera house at Ida Grove, which is a competitor of the opera house owned and managed by Williams, was damaged by fire On Monday A. P. Newman, arrested the charge of setting the building on fire was arranged. He pleaded guilty and made a statement that startled Ida Grove

He said Williams paid him \$100 to burn the building.
An indictment against Williams was returned, and he was arrested. The arrest is hailed with delight by the auti-Williams faction in Ida county. Williams has been the acknowledged leader one of the factions. He is a hard fighter, a man who never forgive nor forgets. He has been charged with several crimes About two years ago he was indicted for criminal libel, at the instance of Baxter Reed & Co., bankers. A few days later Banker Reed was arrested on the charge of stealing cattle, having taken a num-ber of head of cattle from a Woodbury county farmer upon, as he asserted, a chattel mortgage. Williams was under

against him was brought on account of personal enmity. He was accordingly discharged. A number of Ida Grove people unite in pronouncing the arrest a put-up job. One of them said; They have been after Williams for years. I am not surprised. It may be that they have made the job complete this time, and that there will

Williams gave bonds in the sum of \$5,000 and was released.

FATHER AND SON SLAIN. Silas Whitney and Son Robert Riddled

With Bullets. Silas Whitney and son, of Wilson county N. C., were killed from ambush nesday morning. They lived about 7 miles from Wilson on the Tarboro road and they started for there at 8 a. m. other sons followed. About a mile f their home, they found Robert with eral buck shot wounds in his y due to a resolution offered by him
Grand Army Convention at Peters.

He died before they could get him home. About 2 miles further, they found their

> He was shot in the left shoul being killed instantly. urday night, when returning home, but were missed, the borse being wounded Whitney was called a desperate man Twenty-eight bullet holes were fourd in

him, and thirteen

The Latest Freak. 'Squire Kuapp, living near Milan, Ohio, owns the latest freak. It is a turkey gobbler that is not only the boss of the barn-yard, but a sort of emergency inch bator. Some time ago the 'Squire killed one of his hens. Shortly afterward he missed the gobbler from his usual haunts and instituted a search for him. He found the bird among the weeds, ; short distance from the house. The gobbler was doing his level best to incubate a nest of five eggs which the old hes had left. His efforts were in a measure successful, for he hatched out one lone some little chick. The gobbler is greatly attached to it, and struts about all da scratching up something for it to eat. At he sits down and takes the little one under its wing until morning. - Comeins

nati Enquirer.

Meeting of the Blue and Grey An elaborate programme has been pic pared for the reunion of the Confederat and Union veterans to take place at Knoxville, Tenn, next month. On Tuesday October 7, there will be a reception of vis itors by the various committees from 7 A M. to 2 P. M. which will be followed by an address of welcome delivered from the grand tent. At night receptions will be and the different headquarters. The programme for Wednesday, the grand reunion day, includes speeches by invited speakers, to be followed by a grand barbecue at Fort Saunders, a Tournament As sociation, and private receptions at night On Thorsday a competitive drill in the morning by the different military comp es, at 2 o'clock a sham battle,

night a grand peace jubilee will conclude

Struck By a Waterspout Passenger train No. 119 east bound cific railway, was caught in a waters out about 25 miles west of Del Ric. The water, some 40 feet wide, struck the for ward part of the train. It took the gine, baggage-car and mail car from the coaches, and carried them 45 feet, over

turning them. The passengers knew nothing of the approach of the water until the far accurred. Both the engineer and fit caped drowning by swimming to ground. The track was tern up for yorde, and a gully ten feet

through it. South Carolina at the World's Fo At Cresson Springs, Pa., the Pa. dent Wednesday signed the commission as commissioner and alternate comme er to the World's Fair from bouth Caro lina of John R. Cochran and B. W. dall. The governor of that State had inadvertently nominated commissioners ic party, overlooking the fact that the required an equal representation of both to the matter he promptly nominated the

two gentlemen above named in place of

Cotton Exports for August. Cotton exports from the United States during the past months of August aggregate 62,203 bales, valued at \$3,411.453, against 68,608 bales valued at \$0,371. \$35 in August, 1889. Comou exports fo. the 12 months ending August ggregate 4,811,168 bales value lat \$1.55.

Rose Bonheur chums that she has painted her best pictures since she attained the age of lifty.