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Dr. W. D. Kirkland who for several years was editor of the Southern Christian Advocate died at Ashville, N. C., last Sunday.

It is now pretty generally admitted by all that the silver men will control the Chicago Convention. Siller already has a good majority and it is being increased by almost every convention held.—Ex.

We have been exonerated by the Darlington News in regard to the Westville lynching. The News agrees that it was "excusable." We knew that when The News was put in possession of the real facts in the case it could not help agreeing with us. The editor of The News is not so unreasonable as not to see things in their true light when properly presented to him, and we can join with the Sumter Freeman in saying that "while the editor of The News is a hard fighter he never hits below the belt."

There has been much said about Senator Tillman's proposed bolt at Chicago if silver is declared against by the Democratic party. It seems the idea is beginning to be a popular one. Republicans as well as Democrats declare their intention to leave their organizations if the white metal is not recognized in the platform. Teller and Boise are outspoken, and now Georgia follows suit. Editor Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution declares he will walk out of the Democratic party if gold is to be the only standard of finance and a gold bug the Democratic nominee for President.—Ex.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE BATTLE OF THE CRATER.

Thrilling Experiences as Told by Capt. C. C. Hafle.

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[illegible] Johnson to take a surveyor's chain, furnished by one of his staff officers, and ascertain the dimensions of the crater, and draw a diagram of the same, including the adjacent angles of the inner halves. The surveyor report to his headquarters. I thus ordered, but do not now remember the exact dimensions, which were about 50 feet in diameter and about 20 or 25 feet deep. There was a lump or ball of clay about 50 feet in diameter that fell in the crater. It was covered all around with infantry balls. The surface was quite a hundred feet diameter. I have one here which I will exhibit, made by myself, with the date of the battle carved upon it, "July 30th, 1864, Crater, Petersburg, Va."

The enemy continued to shell us after every evening for a month. I remained in front of the companies of our regiment, and had no commanding officer, except a lieutenant of the line on duty. I was ordered to close company, dismiss the men, and report to headquarters. I did so, and was ordered to close company, dismiss the company, and report to headquarters. I did so, and was ordered to close company, dismiss the company, and report to headquarters. I did so, and was ordered to close company, dismiss the company