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the condition value to the State and her citizens than the revenue collected.

The law provides that the department shall have charge of the licen sure and supervision of all companies. associations, orders and individuals doing ousiness of life, fire, accident, sure ty, nealth and burglary, title guaran tee and all other kinds of insurance, as well as of bond, investment, dividend, registry, title, guaranty, debenture and such lise companies or associations (not strictly insurance companies), and provides that all such companies or asoctations whether domestic or foreign must be licensed by this department before they can do business in this

Before the insurance commissione can licente any company, association or order, he must examine into them and satisfy himself as to their character and linancial condition, and after they are licensed it is his duty to super visethem and see that they comply with the insurance laws of the State and deal fairly and honestly by the cli zans of the State. No such company or agent can legally do any business in the State until licensed by the commissioner.

The department is also in charge o the collection of all licenses, taxes and fees imposed by the State)on such companies. The law requires that the insurance

commissioner shall have the buildings in all cities and towns inspected and ali dangerous fire hazards removed and that all suspicious fires shall be thoroughly examined into and all persons guilty of arson prosecuted. Twenty-three persons are now in prison, having been convicted and sentenced during the term of the commissioner. This is all done at the expense of the fire insurance commis sioner operating in the State.

The law also requires the insurance commissioner to inspect annually all Stale property and make proper recom mendations for its protection from fire and for the safety of the inmates. It is also his duty to prepare forms and place insurance for the protection of all State property. This has resulted in a better protection of the property of the State and a large saving in the rate paid by the State on her property The amount collected by the secre. lary of state, Oyrus Thompson, and paid into the state treasury was \$84,-879 28, in 189, and this was the largest amount ever reported for any one

The amounts collected since, under D mocratic control, by the insurance department and paid into the treasury W. TP:

Fur year 1899 ..... \$ 92,865.22 For year 1900..... 91,077.92 For year 1901..... 132,034.03 For year 1902..... 153,667.12 Fur year 1903 ..... 174,633.60

Total in five years ..... \$644,272.88

The present fiscal year of the department ends April 1, 1905, and the com missioner has collected and paid into the state treasury up to August 1, 1904, the sum of \$12,287.98 more than was collected for the same time last year. This ratio of increase will make the collections for this year over \$200,000. The above figures do not include the special amounts collected of insurance companies for the publication of their statements and the investigation of Bres. These are special funds, and are collected and must be used only for the pecial objects named. The investigaion of fires in the State is paid by the fire commissioner and does not cost the stale one cent.

The commissioner is paid a salary of

up to 50, the remaining forty-odd late the other night, pull off his shoes, put them in the bed and then start to get under the bed where he should have put his shoes. first three years. It is wonderful to state that he was down town as usual next day.

Mr. Howland states that he will be president of the road and that Mr. Fred L. Merritt, the well known Ra-Achilles was boasting to his wife leigh newspaper man, now of Wash-

that the only vulnerable potion of his body was his heel. The next time she wanted to pull his leg she caught him by the heel. Achilles cept for cause. kicked himself and immediately Senator Simmons when asked about wrote Judge Parker for information

how to keep from talking about things that are liable to do a man damage.

"Why is Tom Watson running for President when he knows he will be disappointed?" asks an exchange. If Col. Watson were re

ally running for President he would be disappointed if he were not elected. Watson, however, is just the pacer for the man whom he

is coaching against the Hudson river bather.

It is a pleasure for us to note that the esteemed Durham Sun is out in a new dress. Col. Robinson is keeping up with the latest style in newspaper toggery. The Sun will be sweet sixteen on its next birthday. The paper is loyal to Democratic

principles and deserves the earnest support of the people of Durham.

"Where has our gold gone?" the New York Commercial makes inqui ry. You can search us.

BACK FROM THE TRIAL

Police Chief Farlong Returns from Giving Evidence Against George Judge. Sentenced to Five Years.

Police Chief John J. Furlong returned yesterday morning from Nashville, Nash county, where he has been as a witness in the Geo. Judge case. This case is one thoroughly familiar to Wilmington people.

When Chief Furlong left the scene of the trial the testimony had been concluded and argument by counsel had commenced. All the evidence was presented by the State, as the alleged young fire-bug neither went upon the stand himself nor offered any testimony in his defence. Judge Justice is presiding in the case.

> Sentenced to Pive Years. [Special Star Telegram.]

TARBORO, N. C., Sept. 2.-George Judge, alias Ernest Brooks, was tried before Judge Justice at Nash Court to day for the burning of the Masonic Temple and other buildings at Rocky

idence (R. I.) Journal.

ninety-one years.'

attendance.

SAYS:

[By Associated Press.]

the entire Sabbath morning transyears at a flate rate of six per cent. action was then seen. Although every He obligates to spend \$250,000 on imbucket of the thirty odd had been provements to the road during the thrown from the wagon and all of the ice and salt emptied, not so much as a spoonful of the twenty gallons of ice cream had been spilled. This was a welcome sight to the child-like "Fuzzy" and he at once sent forth the ington, will be his private secretary. glad tidings. Soon afterwards the ice Mr. S. L Dill will be retained as sucream was carried back to Plummer's perintendent with all other offices the and repacked. Then, "all's well that policy being to make no changes exends well."

DEATH OF MR. S. P. ADAMS. the matter to-night said that he regarded the lease the best thing that had

happened for the State in years; that This Highly Esteemed Gentleman Passed Mr. Howland is personally worth Away Sunday Night.

about eight million dollars and is backed by a syndicate worth many We are pained to announce the death times that amount. Mr. Howland of Mr. Sterling Price Adams, which first became interested in North Carooccurred at 8:30 o'clock at the James lina affairs through his connection Walker Memorial Hospital where he with the Asheville Citizen, which he has been ill the past few weeks with a owned in connection with the Provspinal affection. The large number of

friends of the deceased and the com-RALEIGH, N. C., September 1st.munity universally will mourn the special from Morehead City, N. C. loss of this gentleman, for he was a "Richard S. Howland, repreprominent and highly esteemed citizen senting the Howland Improvement Company, proprietor of the Provi-dence R. I. Journal, and owning of our city.

Mr. Adams was 38 years of age and large interests about Asheville, where was a native of Virginia. He has, te has a summer home, has leased the however, spent most of his life in Atlantic and North Carolina railroad; a line running from Goldsboro, N. C. North Carolina, as his parents died to Morehead Oity, N. C., and owned when he was a child and his guardian in part by the State, for a term of was Dr. W. A. Lash, of Walnut Cove, By the terms of the agreement, The one of the most prominent men in the Howland Improvement Company western partof the State. He leaves no will expend \$250,000 in improvements close relatives but his death sorely beon the road within three years. Mr. reaves an affectionate and devoted

Howland is president of the company. wife. He was married several years ago to Miss Lila Morrison, of Wilming-Confederate Rennion at Burgaw. ton, and to her goes out the sincere Mr. H. E. Newberry, of Magnolia, sympathy of the entire community. writes us that the reunion of Compa-The esteem in which the deceased was ny B, 1st Battalion Heavy Artillery, held is attested by the large number of will be held at Burgaw September persons who called at the bereaved 32nd, instead of September 15th, as home or sent cards of condolence. previously published. Preparations Mr. Adams was educated at Charles will be made to make the gathering of and Emory College, Virginia, and was old veterans a big affair and it is dea civil engineer by profession. He sired that every member will be in was a man of close application and was an expert at his business. His

first work was with the Roanoke and - Greenville Reflector: The Bouthern railroad when it was being Raleigh Post calls on the Reflector built about sixteen or eighteen years to help it get the Duplin Journal ago from Winston-Salem, N. C., to straight on the State platform, the Roanoke, Va. He came to Wilming-Journal man seeming to have reachton about fifteen years ago to take a ed the conviction that the platform position with Messrs. Chase & McRee, workers did not know what they were about when they declared in civil engineers, that firm being composed of J. C. Chase, now of New favor of four months schools for each race. The Reflector is rather England, and the late Mr. Joseph H. busy to undertake to keep an eye McRee, of this city. While he was on all the wayward-inclined boys at with that firm it was awarded the cononce but if the Journal has been tract for the sewerage and waterworks reading the Reflector it has doubtsystem at Albany, Ga., and he was less reached the conclusion that the sent out there to make the preliminary opinion of this paper is that the best survey of the work. That work was Democrats are those who uphold completed in 1892, and Mr. Adams rethe principles of the party as enunturned to Wilmington. Soon afciated in the platform of the party State convention. We may differ terwards he was employed the office of the Engineer on certain ideas, to be sure, and of Roadway of the Atlantic Coast need not fall out about them, but the general principles of the party Line and was in that position about eight years, having been promoted should have our support.

to assistant engineer of roadway dur-- State Chairman of the Repub- ing a highly satisfactory service with

as at an end. Had the confessions of to jail in Elizabethtown. Owing to the the negroes been known to the crowd certainty of lynching, the prisoners they would have been torn limb from were to have been taken last night to limb. It is believed that Brown was the boat landing at Elizabethtown to in Sellers' confidence, knew that he be brought to Wilmington for safe was going to commit the crime, and waited at the shack to hear what rekeeping till the October term of Bladen county Superior Court. It is port Sellers had to make when he feared, however, that it was impossible came back. to get the man to the boat but if the ruse succeeded, they will arrive here

with them about daylight this morn-Mr. Sam Moore, of Clarkton, came down to the city last night on the midnight train on the Seaboard Air Line. He says the excitement is still great but that many of the armed men have Brown told the whole story, saying gone home. He would not be surthat the reason he had not done so prised, however, if both Sellers and before was that Sellers had told him Brown were lynched last night. he would kill him if he gave him Neill Sellers is the man who com-AWAT. mitted the awful double crime, and it

Shortly after the crime was discov

not know whether Sellers did it or not

but willingly told about the actions of

Sellers, as related above. The sequel

shows that it was during the half-hour

Oscar Clark and A. C. Kelly left in a

married three years ago.

It was 3 P. M. Sunday when Sellers is believed that Dave Brown had guilwas gotten to jail at Elizabethtown, ty knowledge of it. They both workand by 7 P. M. Brown was also safely ed at a logging camp of the Oape lodged in jail. Fear Lumber Company of this city,

Sellers is a ginger-cake negro, 23 years which camp is about a mile from age, and weighs 140 pounds. He and **Olarkton.** Mr. George Packer's house Brown both worked for the Cape Fear where the tragedy occurred, is be-Lumber Company. tween the camp and the town. It is

The Prisoners Here.

only a short distance, some 250 or 300 The prisoners landed in Wilmingyards from a shack in the camp, ton on the steamer "Tar Heel" at 2:80 occupied by Sellers and Brown. o'clock this morning. They were in charge of Sheriff C. W. Lyon and ered, men went to the shack and ar-Deputy Sheriffs J. A. Lyon and Jim rested Brown, who was washing some Purdy. They were kept on board the clothes. Among them was a shirt steamer last night and will be taken belonging to Sellers. The men who to jail this morning. arrested Brown did not know at the

A STAR reporter clambered on board time that Setlers had been at the the "Tar Heel" last night and was shack, but when Brown was arrested permitted to see the monsters. Brown he was alarmed and told the armed said he would make a confession, but men that Neill Sellers was his partner Sellers denies everything. They each at the shack; that Sellers had left the claimed to be 23 years of age. Bellers shack about 9 o'clock Saturday mornappeared to be the least concerned of ing, saying he would go over to Clarkthe two, but Brown appeared to be ton. He returned in about a half agitated and would hardly answer the hour. He says Sellers then left the few questions asked him.

shack again for the depot in town, The sheriff said he left Elizabeth saying he was going to his home about town with the prisoners at 3 o'clock three miles from Council's Stayesterday afternoon. There was not a tion, 12 miles east of Olarkton, in large crowd in town, but there was the direction of Wilmington. Brown some ugly feeling that the prisoners declared that he knew nothing of the were to be taken away. There was, crime himself although the shack is however, no armed demonstration. only 250 yards from Mrs. Packer's LATER. house. He also told the men he did

4:45 A. M.-At this hour Sellers and Brown were taken off the boat by Sheriff Lyon and his deputies and were taken to jail.

absence of Sellers that he murdered Burglars made two attempts to enter the dwelling of Mr. L. L. and outraged the young wife of Cranford, of Spencer, about mid-George Packer. She was preparing night Friday night, but were frightto cook the midday meal, was alone in ened away before an entrance had the house, and little dreaming of the been effected. The first attempt fearful fate which was hanging over was made before the neighbors had her. Another thing which adds to the retired and the burglar was seen heartrending tragedy is that Mrs. making his escape. A search was Packer was soon to become a mother. made in the community and it was She was Miss Blanche Russ, of Bladen thought the marauders had left. county, was 21 years of age and was However, as a precautionary meas ure Mr. Cranford, with shot gun in When Dave Brown told the story hand, took his seat on a box in his about Neill Sellers' trips to the depot, yard to await developments. About an hour had elapsed when to his asthe men carried Brown to the Clarkton tonishment he saw a man of meguard house and immediately Messrs. dium build stealthily approach his

out of the way, which he was blocking. Declining to do so, Dan Smith, the colored chief deck hand, who has been with Capt. Harper 18 years, and shot her twice, one load enfinally shoved Thomas back and struck him about the head. Thomas thereupon drew a pistol and fired three shots in rapid succession at Smith. Two men were wounded. Dan Smith was severely shot in the right arm close to the shoulder. It is feared that his arm is fractured but it will not have to be amputated. Another bullet went through the right leg of Caleb Howe, colored, and then were brought to the city on the steamer "Wilmington," which reached the city at 9:30 o'clock last night. 'The ambu-

lance met the steamer and both men were sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where their wounds were dressed.

Immediately after the shooting Mate Stroupe had both gates closed and Captain Harper ordered that each one be searched as he came through to the steamer in order to get the man who did the shooting. When Thomas

came through the gates he was bleed-

ing about the head and a pistol was found in his pocket. He resisted, but ting a severe pumelling over the head. His head was badly cut and bruised and he is hurt worse than the two men who were shot. Capt. Harper was assisted in making the arrest by Messre. J. E. Stroupe, first mate of the steamer, R. C. Banks, Mark Winner and

Capt. Hans A Kwene. Thomas was also brought up on the steamer and was sent to juil in the Police patrol wagon. Thomas had two brothers who were tried for their lives a few years ago for killing a negro in Brooklyn. It is believed that he was

also implicated in that affair,

ELECTION IN ARKANSAS The Usual Large Democratic Majority.

Entire State Ticket With Davis for Governor Elected.

returns from the State election in Arkansas indicate the re-election for Governor of Jefferson Davis, the Democratic incumbent, over Hon. Harry Myers, Republican, by the usual large Democratic majority. The Democrats easily elected their entire State licket, and the interest centered in the vote in large towns, where the regular Democrats were opposed in many instances by independents. Returns are necessarily slow, as many voting places are remote from railroad and telegraph stations.

In Crittenden county, where trouble was anticipated because of a bitter factional fight and where a pistol duel was recently fought between Sheriff . M. Williamson and former Sheriff Werner, the election passed off quietly. Partial returns indicate an over-

with the bat and scious. Mrs. McCue heard the struggle and rushed to the hallway. The man had secured the weapon tering the left breast close to the heart and the second the left eye. Mrs. McCue managed to reach the bath room and there fell dead. McCue recovered consciousness and with his four young children found his wife dead. An alarm was given at once and the house surrounded but no trace of the murderer had been found at midnight. The McCue residence is in the heart of Charlottesville. McCue does not know whether his assailant was white or a negro. Robbery is believed to have been the man's motive. Mrs. McCue lodged in his left knee, inflicting a se- | was formerly Miss Fannie Orawford, rious wound. The wounded men of Augusta county, Va., and was a social leader. Public excitement is intense and a lynching is likely if the murderer is caught.

A PLAN TO END THE TROUBLE

egotistions That May Result in the Chicago Stock Yards Strike Being Ended To-day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.-Indications tonight are that the stock yards strike, began two months ago, may be called off within twenty-four hours. Through the medium of a middle man negotiawas overpowered and subdued by get- tions were begun to-day in an effort to secure an understanding with the packers on which the striking unions can rely as a basis for abandoning the strike to morrow afternoon. It was admitted to-night by Secretary Tracy, of the Allied Trades Council of Unions, on strike, that a message opening up such negotiations had been delivere to-day to representatives of the packers firms by W. E. Skinner, general agent of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company, acting as a middle man.

According to the plans to night an answer was to be submitted to-morrow by the packers in time for it to be reported at a special meeting of the allied trades council. This meeting has been. called for the forenoon. Special meetings for all the local unions involved in the strike have been called. If the packers give encouraging assurances to the strikers messengers will be sent at once to the gathering of the local bodies. The unions, it is said, will then vote on discontinuing the strike, and their referendum vote will be reported at once to the meeting of the allied trades council.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED.

One at Greensboro and the Other Near Payetteville-En Route to Manassas.

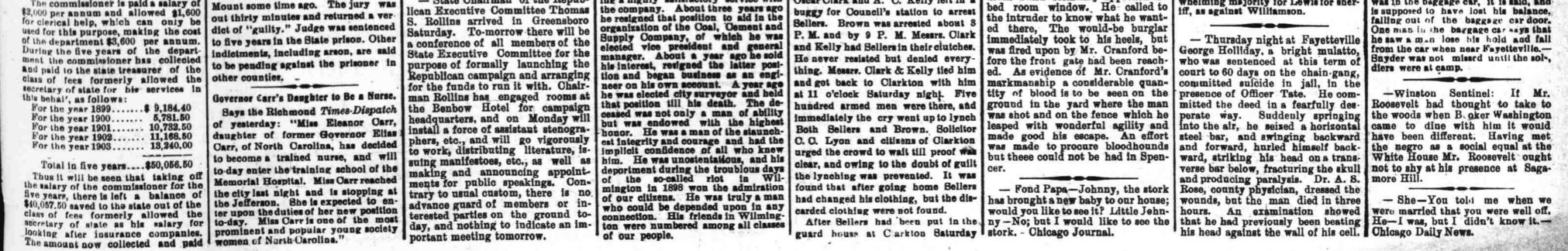
By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 4.-Two soldiers en route to Manassas were killed in this State last night and today. Frank Lassiter, a member of Company L, Americus, Ga., bound for Manassas, met death at Greensboro, N. C. Lassiter was standing on the platform of a coach when the train parted, throwing him on the track and he was run over by the car following. The other was killed near Favetteville.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 5 - The soldier whose body was found near Fayetteville, N. C., yesterda v morning, in thought to be F. S. Sayor, a member of Company (), of Bamburg, S. C. He whelming majority for Lewis for sher- was in the baggage car, it is said, and

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 5 .- Early

The confession of Brown in the guard house was made to Mayor A. K. Cromartie, of Clarkton, with Deputies John Clark and Edgar Meares, present. Mayor Oromartie took down a verbatim statement of his account of the brutal affair. After they had pretended that Sellers had been lynched,



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