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A STATE REFORMATORY. The proposition to use the surplus funds of the State penitentiary to establish a State reformatory for boys is a good idea...

How in the world can we proceed with our argument against lynching when it is stated that many drug manufacturers are putting upon the market medicines that contain no ingredients for which they are palmed off?

The future of cotton—Not President Roosevelt's policy—is the "white man's burden" in the South just now.

Many a bluffer stands pat. —Washington Post. —Teddy has not decided yet to come South. If he should decline, we can also stand that!—Macon Telegraph.

Dr. Crum's nomination has probably run through the Senate and President Roosevelt will have his revenge upon the first community in "his mother's country" which opened its homes and its heart in full welcome to him.—Charleston Post.

The great number of farmers in the country has been one of the chief obstacles to their organization. The movement, however, to unite to control the price of cotton seems to be very general, and it may result in some practical scheme to carry out the idea, which possesses much merit.—Columbia Record.

Senator Carmack's proposition to make it unlawful for corporations engaged in interstate commerce to contribute to campaign funds would be a most admirable one if it could be carried out in spirit as well as letter. But even if you prevent an "industry" from contributing, how are you going to keep the captain of one from doing so?—Charleston News & Courier.

There is not a line on the tariff. The trusts may yet fatten from its unaffairly privileged. The big stick has become a big club, and the President swings it all over the Western Continent. War is still Mr. Roosevelt's idea of a tranquil note. The President is sorry that he cannot wipe out all the State laws and make the Federal rule of the land.—New York American.

"Dear Fred: As you are aware I shall marry Mr. Gotrox this coming week. Will you kindly burn all the little notes I have sent you? I shall do so with yours. Good bye. Ethel." What he wrote: "Dear Miss Ethel: Your request shall be complied with. And, by the way, your affianced also holds a few notes of mine that I wish you would prevail upon him to let you burn with the rest. Ever your friend, Fred."—Tid Bits.

The Norfolk-Virginian Pilot notes that Billy Bailey is in jail there on a charge of larceny. The man who breaks in on us with "Billy Bailey" might also be charged with burglary.

BAPTISTS IN SESSION

The Annual State Convention is Now Being Held at Elizabeth City, N. C. DR. R. H. MARSH, PRESIDENT.

Re-elected for Thirteenth Year—Seventy-fourth Year a Prosperous One Evidenced by All Reports—Rev. Livingston Johnson.

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 9.—The great Baptist State Convention continues its sessions here with increasing interest. The convention reorganized by re-electing Dr. R. H. Marsh, president, for the thirteenth time, and N. B. Broughton and H. O. Moore, secretaries. J. M. Stoner, Asheville; E. F. Aydtell, Elizabeth City, and T. M. Arrington, Rocky Mount, were elected vice presidents. Other officers elected were: Treasurer, Walters Durham, Raleigh; assistant treasurer, J. M. Stoner, Asheville; auditor, F. H. Briggs, Raleigh; corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnson, Raleigh.

The convention sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Lynch, upon the theme of redemption, and a large congregation heard him, giving close attention. Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Board of Missions of the convention, read his annual report, which showed gratifying enlargement in all departments of the work under his supervision. Since last year's report there has been a gain of twenty-nine churches, with a net gain in membership of 4,779.

The Baptists this year have raised \$109,900 for all purposes, against \$97,000 during 1903, a gain of \$14,900. Some of the most notable objects and amounts are \$38,000 for State Missions, against \$36,000 last year; \$18,000 for Foreign Missions, against \$17,000 for the previous year; \$6,800 for Home Missions, against \$7,500 last year; \$27,000 for the Thomasville Orphanage, an increase of \$2,000. There are 128 missionaries in the State and 3,000 conversions under their ministry.

Prof. Cullom, Secretary of the Education Board, submitted his annual report. It shows that 80 young men, preparing for the ministry are receiving aid at Wake Forest College by the Board, as against 39 three years ago, at a cost of more than \$4,000.

Rev. E. H. Marshburn, of Louisville, read the report on ministerial education. It states that many of the leaders in all Christian living and work were helped through college by the Education Board, and that the Baptist Church, which made the largest offering to Foreign Missions last year of any in the South, has as pastor a man whom the Board aided at Wake Forest, and that at least thirty after receiving aid in college courses have become foreign missionaries.

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 10.—The sessions of the Baptist State Convention are drawing to a close after a most interesting and profitable meeting. A large number of pastors left to day to fill their usual appointments at home on Sunday. Features of yesterday's sessions were the report on State Missions and an address by Rev. G. N. Cowan; an address by Rev. Livingston Johnson on the same subject, introducing Rev. S. W. Odham, from a mission field in Eastern Carolina, and Dr. I. N. Loftin, an experienced worker among the factory people of the State. Rev. D. F. Harris and Rev. W. V. Savage also spoke on State Missions in a most interesting manner.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood read the report of the trustees of Wake Forest College, showing the excellent condition of the institution and the progress it is making. Prof. J. B. Carlyle spoke eloquently and enthusiastically on the "Wake Forest spirit."

On motion of Mr. J. W. Bailey a committee was appointed to inquire into the failure of the railroads to make the usual concessions to the convention in regard to rates and to protest against the unbearably poor accommodation furnished by them.

Rev. Hight C. Moore, the convention's Sunday School secretary, submitted his annual report, showing a gratifying advancement in the work under his supervision. Mr. J. W. Bailey, chairman of the special committee appointed a year ago to ascertain how many institutions of learning there were in our State that can properly be classified as Baptist schools, submitted his report, showing at least thirty-two such schools.

The next session of the body will be held with the Baptist Tabernacle, Raleigh. Dr. Fred D. Hale will preach the convention sermon, with Rev. O. W. Scarborough, alternate. Rev. John T. Jenins, of Wilson, read a report on woman's work. It was shown that of the \$6,000 gain in contributions this year over last, more than \$3,000 must be put to the credit of the women, the whole amount raised by them being \$4,000.

TRUCK TEST FARM.

State Board Members Will Consider Proposition With Truckers' Association. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 8.—The State Board of Agriculture, appointing Wm. Dunn, of Newburn, and A. T. McCallum, of Red Springs, of the Board, and State Chemist Kilgore and State Horticulturist Hanna, a committee to confer with representatives of the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association with respect to the location of the experiment farm for the strawberry and truck section, the farm to be purchased and operated by the Agricultural Department. With this end in view, an experiment farm was conducted for some years near Red Springs is ordered to be discontinued. The Board also ordered that a test farm be purchased in Transylvania county for experiments in apple growing and other western fruits. It will cost \$2,000, the farmers in that section subscribing one-fourth of the amount.

ALEX. PEARSE BROUGHT HERE.

Mr. Emerson's Porter Brought Last Night from Jacksonville, Fla.

Alex. Pearse, the colored porter charged with the larceny of various articles from the private car of Mr. T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, particulars of which were given in these columns a few days ago, was brought to Wilmington last night on the 11:45 train by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Vinson, who turned the prisoner over to Constable Savage at the station. Pearse willingly came with-out requisition papers and was very frank in his statements about goods taken from the car. He said he wanted to see Mr. Emerson and Mr. Geo. P. James, private secretary to Mr. Emerson, and he was confident he could fix the matter up with them as he had it in his heart to do nothing wrong. He not only confessed to having taken all the bed clothing, etc., which he was accused of stealing, but also said he had taken some portiers found in his room from Car No. 305.

HIS FOOT BADLY MASHED.

Young Man Severely Injured in A. C. L. Shops Yesterday Afternoon.

S. D. Bryant, a young white man employed in the A. C. L. shops, had his left foot seriously mashed in a turn table yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. All the toes on the left foot were broken and the heel and ankle badly crushed. Mr. Bryant with other men were engaged about the turn table and had just rolled a locomotive off, one end of the table track having been held up by the weight of the locomotive and as soon as it passed off the track structure came back down on the man's foot. The turn table was so heavy that the locomotive had to be run back on one end of the track so that the foot could be released.

Dr. John C. Wessell and P. J. Thomas attended the injured man and sent him to the James Walker Memorial Hospital. They were unable to say last night whether or not amputation would be necessary.

Story With a Moral.

An instance which illustrates not only the value of the STAR as an advertising medium, but also the intelligence of the canine generation of high breed, is related by Mr. J. C. Loder, of the U. S. Engineer's Corps in this city. A few days ago Mr. Loder lost his fine blue setter, and from his residence telephoned an advertisement to the STAR that night, offering a reward for the return of the dog. The next morning when Mr. Loder awoke and started out the door at his home the blue setter, which had been lost or stolen, met him with a copy of the STAR containing the advertisement in his mouth. The dog had returned during the night, and when the carrier boy threw the paper on Mr. Loder's porch the dog let it lay undisturbed until he heard the approach of his master. Then he picked up the paper, as had been his custom, and brought it to the owner, wagging his tail significantly.

In Thursday Night's Wreck.

Messrs. H. M. Chase, M. F. H. Gouverneur, C. W. Bigwood and T. F. Simmons, of Wilmington, were on the second section of A. C. L. train No. 38, which was in collision with the locomotive of a construction train near Soney Creek, Va., Thursday night. Mr. Simmons says the experience was a tragic one and one which passengers on the train will not soon forget. The Wilmington party was all aboard the Pullman and escaped with only a bad shaking-up. Mr. Simmons speaks in highest terms of the courage of Engineer Boney, who never released his throttle and was found seated at his post when parties from the train came forward with lanterns from the wreck. How any of the engine crew escaped death, Mr. Simmons says, he doesn't know.

Kidnapped a Girl.

Constable Savage last night arrested Maggie McArthur, a mulatto woman of questionable character living at Teah and Meadow streets, a charge of kidnapping being preferred against her by Harriet White. It is alleged that the McArthur woman took Augusta White, the 13-year-old daughter of the prosecuting witness, to South Rocky Mount and there abandoned her to a life of shame. Upon her return to Wilmington the McArthur woman was arrested. She gave \$25 bond for her appearance in Justice Fowle's court when the girl can be gotten from Rocky Mount.

IMPOSED ON GARNIVAL FOLKS.

Fairer "Skinned 'Em Alive" and Skipped the Show at Midnight.

The Naval Reserves' Carnival passed off almost as a quiet incident until the close last night, when the local management and not a few of the patrons of the affair were imposed upon by about one of the most brazen fakirs ever seen in this city. The man induced the Reserves to let him have one of their tents in which to give a show last night with a woman who accompanied him. The show was one of those "after the show" performances in which the person "overcredulous" about refinement, etc., were advised to stay away and the "sports" were promised for 25c a head something "rich, rare and racy." Between 75 and 100 of the "boys" ran over one another to snap at the bait, and when the fakir had raked in the shekels to the tune of about \$25 he crowd was turned into a rear apartment for the "after-show, males only," but the show folks disappeared. The crowd acknowledged that it was sold and a majority of the number would have torn down the tent had not word been passed around that the canvas was the property of the Naval Reserves. A search was made for the fakir by the Carnival management, but they had skipped their boarding place on Front street last night and their trunk, found at the A. C. L. station at midnight, was taken and returned to the house by their landlord to quare up the delinquency.

Robbed in a Negro Restaurant.

A negro who keeps a restaurant on Fourth, between Bladen and Brunswick streets, was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage, charged with assault and battery upon and the robbery of another negro, who alleges that about dark yesterday a week ago he went into the eating house of the defendant, paid 80c. he was due the proprietor, sat down to eat a meal and while at the table was knocked senseless from behind and robbed. The negro says when he came to his senses he was in the back yard of the restaurant and everything he had on his person was gone. The restaurant keeper gave \$100 bond, with Henry C. Green as surety for his appearance in Justice Fowle's court.

SNOW STORM IN NEW YORK.

A Fall of Nearly Two Inches, Accompanied by High Wind—Trans-Atlantic Liners Storm Bound and Delayed.

New York, Dec. 10.—A snow storm accompanied by a high wind descended upon New York early today. Nearly two inches of snow fell in the city has not been so seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed. Many of the ferries had difficulty in making their regular schedules.

Snow officers of the French line steamer Lorraine, which arrived this afternoon, confirmed stories of storms in Atlantic lanes, during the past week. The Lorraine, which left New York on December 3rd and immediately encountered bad weather and the passengers were kept behind storm doors during most of the passage.

FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Lumber Plant of Robinson & Co. Destroyed at an Early Hour This Morning. No Estimate of Loss.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 11.—Fire that broke out at 1:30 this (Sunday) morning in the lumber yard of Robinson & Company, Portsmouth, is beyond control of the entire Portsmouth fire department and is sweeping through a whole block before a high wind. A shower of firebrands is falling in the surrounding property. The fire district is bounded by High, Queen, Chestnut and Pine streets and the property on it is devoted to a large lumber yard, a planing mill, lumber mill and saw and door factory.

At 3 o'clock the firemen checked the flames in time to save the office building in answer to an advertisement to apply for a secretary's post and was awaiting her inspection. She needed the position, and she waited anxiously. Presently she was called into the office, and the interview was satisfactory, but she was asked to wait, as there was another applicant to be interviewed. She went into an adjoining room, and through the open door she saw a small, pale woman, nervously answering the questions put to her, and could hear the pitiful story of her husband's death, the small children dependent upon her and her need of work. The woman was told, however, that her services could not be accepted, as another person had already applied and had just received a promise of the position.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. VIRGINIA MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL MAKE Contest for an Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, had a talk with President Roosevelt to-day about the exposition. He thanked the President for his interest in the project as expressed in his message. He referred to the announcement that the sub-committee of the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions had decided not to recommend an appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition, but would recommend that provision be made for a naval display there. The promoters of the enterprise expected that an appropriation would be made by the government for the exposition and they feel that as they favored appropriations for the St. Louis and Portland expositions, they ought to have similar treatment. The Virginia members of Congress will make a contest for the appropriation.

CARGO FROM PERU.

Norwegian Tramp Steamer of Large Capacity Arrived from Lobos Islands.

Wharf Merchants Enjoying Fine Xmas Trade—Schooners for Boston—Cotton Off Again—Government Steamer in Port—Notes.

The big Norwegian tramp steamer, "Hanseal," 2,177 tons, arrived at anchor at Southport yesterday with a big load of Peruvian guano from Lobos Islands, Chile, for the Smith-Davis Company, of this city. The big steamer is drawing 23 feet of water and will proceed up the river to-day or to-morrow. She will discharge at the Wilmington Compress. The Smith-Davis Company has already built up a large business in the importation of high grade fertilizers to Wilmington and in distributing the same throughout all this territory. Several cargoes were distributed by the company from this point last season and other cargoes will arrive early in the new year. The vessel which arrived yesterday is consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co. The cargo consists of 5,000 tons and is the only full cargo of Peruvian guano brought to Wilmington in twenty years. The business of the Smith-Davis Co., has increased so rapidly that they have difficulty in supplying the demand. This guano has been used in this section chiefly for cotton and corn, but the truck farmers are now appreciating its value and are buying it quite largely.

Wholesale merchants on the wharf, especially those handling the lighter lines of candies and fruits, report an excellent holiday trade. Many of their shipping clerks and stock keepers are working over time and the proprietors themselves are not on "easy street" so far as the rush is concerned. The retail dealers are likewise busy, but the greatest period of activity for them is yet to come. The holiday business this year is already large in nearly every line. The slump in cotton appears to have had little effect thus far on the trade in the country, and the merchants in the near future are putting in big stocks of Santa Claus goods. The travelling salesman of Wilmington jibbers report most favorable conditions in the country and say that everybody is busy.

The revenue cutter "Seminole," of this station, has completed repairs at Baltimore and will sail in a day or two for Wilmington to resume her duties on this part of the coast. The winter cruising of the steamer this year will include from Cape Hatteras to Savannah and will call for almost constant activity of the cutter until April 1st. The "Seminole" has lately been fitted up with an apparatus for blowing up derelicts by dynamite.

The United States lighthouse tender "Armeria" arrived in port yesterday on her semi-annual visit. The "Armeria" covers a great stretch of coast on the Atlantic and in the Gulf of Mexico. There are certain supplies which are apporportioned to the lighthouses that must last six months or thereabouts and the "Armeria" is in the Cape Fear district to supply the local ports.

A GIRL'S HEROISM.

It Required Courage to Make the Sacrifice She Did.

A girl stood one day in the waiting room of an office in London. She had answered to an advertisement to apply for a secretary's post and was awaiting her inspection. She needed the position, and she waited anxiously. Presently she was called into the office, and the interview was satisfactory, but she was asked to wait, as there was another applicant to be interviewed. She went into an adjoining room, and through the open door she saw a small, pale woman, nervously answering the questions put to her, and could hear the pitiful story of her husband's death, the small children dependent upon her and her need of work. The woman was told, however, that her services could not be accepted, as another person had already applied and had just received a promise of the position.

The girl listening in the next room had hardly understood what was going on, but at this point her heart bounded with joy as she realized that she was the accepted person. The next moment she saw despair written on the face of the widow and perceived suddenly what this failure meant to her. "I can't do it; I can't ask for more," she murmured. And without stopping a moment to consider she walked quietly back to the other room and said quietly to the employer: "I wish to tell you that on consideration I find the position you offer would not suit me. Good morning." And she left the office without another word.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

On Thursday night revenue officers from Raleigh captured near Lenoirburg a 50-gallon moonshine still, owned by a white man. Three negroes who were operating it escaped by outrunning the officers.

The Washington papers represent the President as saying John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, will not be disturbed. The papers add that his administration of the affairs of the office has given entire satisfaction.

In the Superior Court at Charlotte on Friday, Clayton and Ethel Lytle, negroes, were sentenced to the penitentiary, respectively, for terms of 15 and 12 years. They submitted to murder in the second degree for killing John Thompson, another negro.

A delegation of High Point citizens arrived in Washington on Friday and invited Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to attend a banquet at High Point, some time in January, when a movement will be set on foot to promote closer relations with Cuba. The delegation was accompanied to the department by Senators Overman and Simmons, who construed Secretary Metcalf's reply to the invitation as tantamount to acceptance.

Raleigh correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: There is likely to be quite a contest for the location of the soil test farm for truck, berries, and small fruits which is to be located somewhere in eastern North Carolina. It will be between Chadbourne and Beaufort, Fred L. Merritt, of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, was here to-day and said that road greatly desired to have the farm located at some point on its line and would do a great deal in aid of the matter. The road is pushing the matter of truck farming in a very active way.

A dispatch from Elizabeth City on Friday says: Mr. B. Ehringhaus, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this city, committed suicide this afternoon at 1 o'clock by taking carbolic acid. Mr. Ehringhaus had not been in good health for some time and had not been to his place of business for several weeks. The family of Ehringhaus is the oldest in eastern Carolina. The grandfather of Mr. B. Ehringhaus settled in this city in 1810 and ran the first bank in this section of the State. The suicide is supposed to have been caused by temporary insanity, as the deceased was in the best of spirits half an hour previous.

At Raleigh on Friday the Secretary of State authorized the Southern Pants Company, of Charlotte, to issue its capital stock to \$50,000 to \$100,000, and the time for its existence is increased to 60 years. The Rocky Mount Guano Company was granted a charter with power to manufacture furniture also, the capital stock being \$100,000 and B. E. Brewer and others being the stockholders. Charter was granted to the Waco, McArthur Company, of Wade, to make lumber, wood pulp crates, baskets and other truck supplies, the capital stock being \$25,000, F. G. Wade and B. W. McArthur, of Florida, and Adam McArthur, of Wade being the stockholders.

A strange animal has been prowling around Greensboro for some weeks, and when dogs attack it the ferocious thing cuts their throats as if it had a two-edged razor. It has been known to slay ten to a dozen dogs in a few minutes. Says the Charlotte Observer: The animal which is causing so much mortality among the dogs and so great havoc among the colored people in Greensboro is undoubtedly the Santer, which ravaged Iredell county several years ago, or one of its pups. It is a very dreadful beast and while it "used" about Statesville the colored people learned to step lightly and carry big sticks.

Raleigh correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: State Auditor Dixon was asked what he would specially recommend in his report. He said he had no right to suggest a matter of the kind to the Legislature, but gave it as his private opinion that it would be advisable to omit from the revenue act what is known as the merchant's purchase tax, in view of the fact that there is now \$133,000,000 more of property listed for taxation than there was on the tax books in 1900. It is his view that this tax and other petty taxes is dispensed with, and that the State is concerned that these matters be left to the counties. He thinks enough ad valorem taxes can be collected to meet all the expenses of the government, economically administered.

In the United States Circuit Court at Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Malvina A. Bodden was given a verdict of \$2,111 against the Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World. Her husband, master of the schooner Break O'Day, was lost near Caribbea sea and payment was refused on his policy because there was no proof of death.

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FAMILY MURDERER AND THEIR BODIES CREMASED.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 8.—A special to the Chronicle from Edgefield, S. C., says: A crime was committed at Trent last night similar to the Statesville affair. If the generally accepted theory be true that the victims were murdered before the house was fired at 5 o'clock this morning the residence of B. P. Hughes, centrally located in the town, was discovered to have been the scene of the crime. The fire had progressed so far that the entrance to the house was impassable. An inquiry was made as to the whereabouts of the inmates. It was thought that they had made their escape in their night clothes. As soon as the fire had died down sufficiently the charred and almost unrecognizable bodies of the entire family, consisting of Mr. Hughes, his wife, and two young daughters, Emma, aged 13, and Estelle, aged 16, were discovered. Mr. Hughes' body lay near the door leading from his room to the hall with a bullet hole through the upper part of his head. A pistol with one empty chamber was lying near the body of his wife, who was similarly laid. The skulls of the three were crushed as if hit by an ax or some blunt instrument. The bodies when found completely encased in a mass of molten metal, which was so hot that it was necessary to dig a trench to get the bodies out. The bodies were placed in a coffin and taken to the morgue. The charred remains were placed in a coffin and taken to the morgue. The bodies were placed in a coffin and taken to the morgue.

Under the direction of Solicitor Thurmond a coroner's jury was empaneled, but as yet no testimony has been taken. There is no reason to await further developments. It was said that three tracks were discovered leading up from the field to the house. The tracks were secured and put on the trail, but this effort has availed nothing. The affair is veiled in mystery.

Every external evidence shows that the family were killed before the house was fired. One theory is that the house was entered for the purpose of robbery, that upon being discovered the robbers fled, and the house was fired. Another theory is that the robbers were in the house and fired the house. The robbery runs high, but nothing has been done. Upon the request of Solicitor Thurmond, Governor Heyward has ordered a coroner's jury to be empaneled of the guilty party.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Hughes was a merchant and farmer, supposed to be prosperous. There is no reason known why he should have been murdered, as he was on good terms with the white and colored people of the community. The surroundings of the crime are entirely unexplained. Hughes as the murderer of his own family and to his subsequent suicide. Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but could find no trail, and the absence of any five those who held the theory of murder could not solve the mystery. There was no sign that anybody had left the house after the fire started.

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Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks for this city for the five days this week shows: Loans, \$1,082,089,400; deposits, \$1,118,040,000; checks, \$1,038,100,000; currency, \$34,100,000; decrease, \$1,037,400. Loans to date, \$76,910,100; increase, \$407,000. Specific, \$311,965,100; decrease, \$59,000. Clearing, \$288,678,200; decrease, \$1,683,400. Reserve, \$1,000,000; increase, \$10,000. Increase, \$4,459,828. Surplus, \$2,885,200; increase, \$336,125. U. S. deposits, \$15,191,700; decrease, \$919,585.

Part of Crew of Fishing Schooner Spilled to Have Been Drowned. By Telegram to the Morning Star. PROVINCETOWN, MASS., Dec. 10. The Boston fishing schooner De Witt Hawk arrived here late to-night with nine of the crew missing and believed to have been lost in a storm. The schooner was temporarily aground on Peaked Ebar at 8 o'clock to-night. The crew of the De Witt Hawk five in one and four in another. In the belief that the vessel which was pounding on Peaked Ebar would go to pieces. Their bodies have not been recovered.

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—Rick Relative—I hope, Harold, you have finished sowing your wild oats and have begun to follow some remunerative employment? Scapgrace Nephew—I have, uncle, I am courting old Manoburn's daughter.—Chicago Tribune.

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