

THE HOUSE ALL ABLOOM.

"A MOB IN A FLORIST'S SHOP."

Speaker Cannon Comments Triflingly Upon the Showing of Flowers—Yellow the Color Scheme of Mr. Hearst's Desk Decorations—Expectation of a Demonstration When Hefflin in Sworn Does Not Materialize—The Question of Reduction of Southern Representation is Discussed—Two After Dinner's Job.

By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer.
Washington, Dec. 5.—"A howling mob in a florist's shop" was the way Speaker Cannon said it looked to him just before he let the gavel fall today. Certainly the scene was as animated as the times would permit, and the floral display was well worth seeing. The Republican side of the House blossomed as the American Beauty rose. On the minority side, the floral pieces were hardly so numerous, nor pretentious, always that exception, of course, the desk of William Randolph Hearst, which was banked high with flowers. Yellow was the color scheme of the Hearst chrysanthemums. On the Senate side, the floral honors were more evenly divided. Conspicuous for their size and exceptional beauty were the decorations on the desk of Senator Lattimer, of South Carolina. Three North Carolinians were not in their seats when Congress convened—Senator Simmons and Representatives Small and Pou. While here recently, Senator Simmons expressed a fear that he would not be able to reach Washington before Tuesday or Wednesday, while Mr. Small is detained at his home by the illness of Mrs. Small. It was said Mr. Pou was in the city, but was not feeling very well, and did not go to the capitol. An interesting moment was when the time arrived for administering the oath of office to several new members.

NO NOTICE OF HEFLIN.

It was thought that objection might be made to the admission of J. Thomas Hefflin, or at least, that a few hisses might follow mention of his name. But members apparently of no mind to notice when he was called. Hefflin is the Alabama member who made the offensive remark to the effect that some anarchist might have done the country service by throwing a bomb under the table when President Roosevelt and his cabinet were at the table lunch. Incidentally, it might be remarked that Hefflin is the best-looking of the new members, and it was remarked by several persons that the young man bore an easily noticeable resemblance to William J. Bryan. Those who were seated in to-day took place of deceased members or of members who have resigned.

QUESTION OF REDUCTION.

The suggested reduction of representation in the Southern States was under discussion to some extent at the capitol. Crumpacker, of Indiana, said he would announce no policy until he had had the opportunity to discuss the matter with his colleagues. The writer did not notice anything of the kind, but it was reported in some quarters that the pendency of this problem served to lessen somewhat the freedom of intercourse between the factions, which is usual at the beginning of the session, and that a certain reserve was noticeable among the men who had heretofore been good political friends. The attitude of Republicans is described as that of men who believe that a thing will ultimately be done, but are not convinced that the time is ripe to do it.

AFTER DINNER'S JOB.

It is a far cry to the time when Collector Duncan's term will expire, but the contest will open up at once over his place, if developments of the next few days point to the removal of the would-be third-term office-holder. It became known to-day that Zeb Vance, Walser and Isaac M. Meekins would be candidates for the office of district attorney.

From a source which is looked upon as reliable, the information was given to-day that Judge Timberlake is expected to enter the lists as an accuser and forming the candidate. In fact Judge Timberlake is expected in Washington to-morrow. Of course it all rests with the President. If he recognizes the organization in North Carolina, and does not make any third-class rule that would operate against the men who desire to serve a third term, the chances would all favor the present collector. Mr. Duncan, as the national committeeman, is a good part of the organization himself, and with the circumstances anything like favorable circumstances, it is stated that what he has by proper observance of the first law of nature.

Judge Pritchard spent Sunday in Washington, returning to Richmond last night.

JAPS FALL INTO AMBUSCADE?

Flanking Force Reported to Have Been Driven Back From a Mountain Pass With Great Loss.

Mukden, Dec. 5.—There is a persistent rumor that the forces of Japanese turned back by the Chinese, were ambushed by the Japanese, who were reported to have been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality. It is stated that the Japanese forces, who were reported to have been repulsed, were ambushed by the Japanese, who were reported to have been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality.

Schooner and Crew Probably Lost.

New York, Dec. 5.—A report from Rockland, Maine, that the four-masted schooner Quinebaugh, from Savannah for New York, has probably been lost at sea with all on board is confirmed. The Quinebaugh left Savannah early in November with a cargo of tilling, and nothing has been heard of her since.

JOHN HENRY BONER'S REMAINS.

All That is Mortal of the Tar Heel Man of Letters to be Transferred to Salem and Buried in the Moravian Church Yard—The Services Sunday Morning.

Special to The Observer.
Winston-Salem, Dec. 5.—The remains of the late John Henry Boner, a native of Salem and North Carolina's man of letters, will be brought here from Washington and be interred in the cemetery at Salem this afternoon. The body will leave Washington Saturday night and arrive here Sunday morning. An appropriate service will be held in the graveyard conducted by Bishop Rothbauer of the Moravian church. Mr. Boner died in Washington in March, 1903, and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery. Last spring there appeared in The South Atlantic Quarterly, published at Durham, an appreciation of Mr. Boner's career. A meeting of his friends and associates was held in Washington, the past summer and they organized a John Henry Boner Memorial, having as its chief object the removal of Mr. Boner's remains to the Moravian church here and the placing of a tablet over his grave. The consent for the removal of the remains of Mr. Boner was obtained from his widow. The burial of members of the Moravian Church is allowed in this cemetery and in accordance with time-honored custom the Moravian Church no monument other than a simple slab of prescribed size is permitted.

TYNER DIES OF PARALYSIS.

Postal Official Who Was Tried for Alleged Participation in Frauds Struck down After Effects of the Stains and Advanced Years.

Washington, Dec. 5.—James Noble Tyner, of Indiana, once Postmaster General and at various times a member of the Indiana Senate, Representative in Congress, First and Second Assistant Postmaster General, and assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department, died of paralysis at his home in this city today. He was 73 years old. Mr. Tyner was stricken with paralysis in July, 1902, and was never after that able to actively discharge his official duties. He was in a very feeble condition throughout the postal investigation, during which his name conspicuously figured, and which finally resulted in his indictment by the grand jury. His trial last May, at which he was acquitted, was a heavy strain upon his weakened vitality.

The sensational climax to Mr. Tyner's official career occurred in April, 1903, when he was summarily removed by Postmaster General Payne, following the taking by Mrs. Tyner and Mrs. Barrett of papers from the safe in the office of the assistant attorney general, and the discovery of a large quantity of money hidden in the office.

Postal officials suggest questions for Her Council to Propound—Three Jurors Secured for the First Day.

New York, Dec. 5.—The second trial of Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of Caesar Young, a wealthy bookmaker, in a cab on West Broadway, six months ago, commenced to-day in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, and when adjournment was taken for the day three jurors had been chosen.

Miss Patterson, who has been ill with tonsillitis for several days, appeared in excellent spirits. Her manner was very vivacious and her nervousness noticed during the progress of the first trial had entirely disappeared. She was seated by her aged father.

After nine talesmen had been examined and refused, Justice Davis, who will preside at the trial, interviewed Miss Patterson carefully considered the capabilities of each talesman, and frequently suggested questions for her counsel to propound. She expressed a desire that no old men be accepted.

KILLED BY DRUNKEN MAN.

Prominent Georgia Naval Stores Operator Shot by a Leading Farmer.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 5.—A special from Edith, Ga., in Clinch county, says that Walter Smith, a prominent naval stores operator, was shot and killed yesterday by Walter Foreacre, a leading farmer of that section. It is said that Foreacre, who was under the influence of liquor, was brandishing his gun, and Smith endeavored to quiet him. Finally Smith tried to take the gun from Foreacre, when the latter suddenly shot the former, the charge from one barrel of the gun entering his stomach. Sheriff Sweet went to the scene of the killing, but the body of the hidden out. His friends say he will give himself up later.

A. C. L. Railroad Seeks to Restrain a Bond Sale.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5.—Papers were served to-day on Goodwin Stoddard, of Bridgeport, by Deputy United States Marshal Furness, of this city, in a suit brought in the United States Court restraining the sale of bonds of the Macon, Dublin & Savannah Railroad Company, of Georgia, by the Atlantic Coast Line Company, of the mortgages of the road. Mr. Stoddard is assistant secretary of the Atlantic Coast Line Company.

Battling Average of American League.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The official battling averages of the American League for the season of 1904 show the following for the ten highest players: Lajoie, Cleveland, 381; Keeler, New York, 343; Deavins, Philadelphia, 308; Holmes, Chicago, 308; Hoffman, Philadelphia, 305; Mullen, Detroit, 305; Flick, Cleveland, 303; Bradley, Cleveland, 300; Stahl, Boston, 297; Stovall, Cleveland, 297. In club battling averages, Cleveland comes first with 268; New York second with 258.

Investigation of Lynching Directed.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5.—A special from Huntsville, Ala., says Judge Speas charged the special grand jury of the Circuit Court to-day to make a full investigation of the lynching of Horace Maples, a negro, some months ago, and to indict the guilty parties, if possible.

First Freight Train Over S. A. L. Extension.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 5.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway inaugurated a regular freight train service over its new extension between Atlanta and Birmingham to-day. The passenger service will begin within a few weeks.

OFFICIAL VOTE COMPLETE.

PARKER'S MAJORITY IS 41,682.

The Penitentiary Directors Postpone Action for a Month on the Reformatory Matter—The Power, Light and Heating Plants at the A. & M. College Inspected—Federal Court in Session—Appeals From the Fifteenth District—News Notes of the State Capital.

Observer Bureau,
17 West Cabarrus street,
Raleigh, Dec. 5.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the State canvassing board completed its work, having received the missing electoral vote from Cherokee county, which was 883 for Roosevelt, and 663 for Parker. The board certified the total vote for Parker as 124,124, and that for Roosevelt as 82,442, the majority for Parker being 41,682. The board received the missing returns from Chowan county, in the vote for senator of the first district. The total vote there was as follows: Ward, 1,200; Hays, 700; and Leary, Republican, 2,907.

IMPORTANT ACTION DEFERRED.

At to-day's meeting of the penitentiary directors, a movement was begun for the establishment of a State reformatory for young criminals.

Director John P. Kerr, spoke in favor of taking \$50,000 of the penitentiary's surplus for this purpose. Some of the directors urged postponement of action, saying that while the penitentiary was now a money making institution, it would very probably cease to be so in a few years, owing to the fact that the country is rapidly taking an interest in the question of public road work, and leaving only feeble ones for the penitentiary. Action was deferred for a month.

It is said in companies of the State National Guard have asked the Governor to appoint Col. Thomas R. Robertson, adjutant general, and 21 have asked the appointment of Joseph F. Amfield.

Speaker Blackburn this afternoon gave his explanation as Congressman from the eighth district, it being delivered to Postmaster Bailey. Blackburn said he wanted to be the first to get a commission and he has that honor. A charter is granted to the Noland Lumber Company, of Noland, Swain county, to operate lumber mills, and also mines of any kind, the capital stock being \$25,000, and the principal owner Charles D. Fuller, of Lenoir, and J. C. Jones, of Noland.

The Supreme Court by levying this week to the appeals from the fifteenth district, only one more district coming on the regular call. The docket is light.

FEDERAL COURT.

The term of the Federal Court began here today. Judge Furness presided. The most interesting case is that against J. D. Powell, of Norfolk, charged with swindling merchants by means of the mails. A court official said he did not know whether Powell will be here or not, but that the latter had put up \$1,000 cash bond, and that he had three or four of the United States witnesses arrested at Norfolk on charges of false pretense, etc., the complaint being that there were put on the stand in every case, and that he tried to break down their testimony.

The State Agricultural Department has arranged for a series of farmers' institutes in the northwestern counties, to begin January 15th and to run for a month. There will in all be about 20 of these.

The Secretary of State finds that during the fiscal year ended November 30, 541 corporations were chartered, against 534 the year before. The authorized capital is also less. Almost 300 of the corporations were chartered in the month of November, with a capital of \$7,500,000, were chartered.

Attorney General Gilmer left here yesterday for Washington, D. C., to appear before the United States circuit court of appeals in the new motion in the South Dakota case.

COMPELLOREY EDUCATION.

It is learned from E. Z. P. Smith, of the national organ of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, that a bill will be introduced in the North Carolina Legislature, providing for compulsory education. He says the order is back of this, the matter being one of its cardinal principles. He says the sentiment among the laboring men is in favor of such a law, and that the Legislature will be given a chance to put itself on record in the matter. The order is absolutely non-partisan. He says a bill will also be introduced, placing the American flag over every school house. Such bills will also be introduced in the Tennessee Legislature, and other States, where the order has strength. As he puts it, "The order is behind these measures. It is getting together."

Messrs. D. A. Tompkins and David Clark, of Charlotte, W. H. Bagan, of High Point, and J. C. McRae, of Laurinburg, were here to-day. They devoted the day to work as a committee, inspecting the electric lights, power and heating plants at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Commissioner of Agriculture Samuel L. Patterson being an ex-officio member of the committee. The latter will arrange for the consolidation of all these plants into a central one, which is to be entirely modern, and just what the college requires. The Legislature will be asked to make provision for such a plant. There will be such an electrical equipment as will enable students in the electrical department to get the advantages of the best instruction.

OPENING DAY IN CONGRESS.

USUAL NORMALITIES OBSERVED.

The Senate in Session Only 13 Minutes and the House 53 Minutes—Greetings Between Members, the Great Floral Display and Numbers of Beautifully Gowned Women Among the Visitors Made a Familiar but Always Interesting Scene—Resolutions of Respect for Deceased Senators.

Washington, Dec. 5.—With the Senate in session 13 minutes and the House 53 minutes, the last session of the 58th Congress was closed to-day. The time of both bodies was devoted entirely to the usual formalities attended by scenes, familiar, but always interesting. There were the greetings between members, the great floral display and the hundreds of visitors, with especially gowned women predominant in the corridors, committee rooms and cloak rooms were thronged. The bustle extended even to the floors of the chambers, although no weighty legislative problems awaited solution.

The gavel of Senator Frye, President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Speaker Cannon, of the House, fell exactly at 12 o'clock. The opening prayers were made by the chaplains, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., of Philadelphia, and Rev. H. N. Counden, in the House.

In both the Senate and the House the committee were appointed to wait on the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive any communication from the President in respect to the memory of the late Senator, of Massachusetts, and the Senator, of Pennsylvania, were adopted by both houses, and the adjournments were further tributes to their memory.

Senator Charles D. Fuller, of Lenoir, and J. C. Jones, of Noland, were present at the opening of the session, and the adjournment was further tributes to their memory.

HOUSE MINORITY TWITTED.

Democrats Take the Friendly Gibe of Their Victorious Opponents Good-naturedly—The House in Session in Without Opposition—Floral Display Beautiful.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The House of Representatives convened to-day at noon. The gallery doors were thrown open at half-past 10 o'clock, and in a very short time every seat was taken. The diplomatic corps was well represented in the section set apart for their special use. The spectators evinced the greatest interest in the happenings of the day, and the conversation was incessant. Now and then some favorite entered the chamber, he was liberally applauded.

For an hour or more preceding the opening of the House, the members slowly filed into the chamber, and exchanged greetings. The Republicans, fresh from their recent victory, gathered in groups and talked over the late campaign, while their Democratic brethren gave no outward sign of having suffered defeat. Men of both parties freely intermingled and discussed the issues of the election and its results, the Democrats good-naturedly taking the thrusts and gibe heaped upon them in friendly conversation by their victorious opponents. Good fellowship prevailed.

In his private room for some time before the House met, Speaker Cannon held an informal reception to "the boys" as he is wont to call his associates in the House. The members of the House as a party, the members dropped into pay their respects, and for each he had a pleasant word.

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Speaker Cannon, attired in a black frock coat and wearing a carnation, mounted the rostrum promptly at 12 o'clock. After prayer and roll call, the House proceeded to the reading of the roll, including F. G. Croft, of South Carolina, and J. Thomas Hefflin, of Alabama. A resolution was adopted appointing the usual committee to wait on the President, and the House adjourned.

SENATORS' DESKS OVERFLOWING.

Largest Single Floral Tribute Received by Senator Tillman—Two New York Members Applaud for Senator Fairbanks.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Senate convened promptly at noon to-day. The first Senator in his seat was Platt, of New York. Long before 12 o'clock, the galleries were filled, but the buzz of conversation ceased abruptly when President Pro Tem, Charles D. Fuller, of Lenoir, called the roll. The roll call was completed by 12 o'clock. The Senate proceeded to the reading of the roll, including F. G. Croft, of South Carolina, and J. Thomas Hefflin, of Alabama. A resolution was adopted appointing the usual committee to wait on the President, and the House adjourned.

SPANISH LAND GRANT VALID.

Court Directs United States to Issue Patents for 3,100,000 Acres in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 5.—An important decision ending a suit pending in the United States Court for ten years past, was made by Judge Loker today when a decree was entered in the case of Theodore Dalcour, et al. vs. the United States. The suit is for 3,100,000 acres of land in Franklin and Washington counties, known as the Forbes Purchase. The claim of complainant was based on an old Spanish grant, and the decree entered to-day is in their favor and establishes their title as valid.

The United States is directed to issue patents to complainants for all said lands. An appeal in the case will be taken by the United States.

ANNEXATION OF SUBURB HELDS.

Vineland Loses Its Case Against Macon Before the United States Supreme Court.

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"CARNEGIE" NOTES FOUND.

NEW TANGLE IN CHADWICK CASE.

President and Cashier of the Oberlin Bank, Now Bound Over to Court, Really Possessed Notes for \$250,000 and \$500,000, Respectively. With Carnegie's Name Signed Thereon—Genuineness of Signature an Open Question—Bank Officers Each Give \$10,000 Bail—Young Chadwick Arrives in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 5.—There were numerous new tangles developed today in connection with the affairs of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick and the trouble of the closed Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, O. President C. T. Beckwith and Cashier Frank Spear, of the latter institution, were brought here from Oberlin by United States Marshal Chandler and a deputy, shortly before noon. The bank officials were later arraigned before United States Commissioner Starck. Both pleaded not guilty and waived a preliminary hearing. They were each bound over to the grand jury, which meets in February next. Spear was shortly afterward released on a bond late this evening. President Beckwith, as usual, remained in the city, but the Oberlin Bank, or President Beckwith, really possessed notes for \$250,000 and \$500,000, respectively, with the name of Andrew Carnegie signed thereon. It was known as a definite fact that the notes were forged, but it is yet to be shown. This is stated on the authority of United States District Attorney Sullivan and a very prominent banker of Cleveland. District Attorney Sullivan declared to-day that the notes were scattered all over the city, and that he had the name of Andrew Carnegie, and it was known by C. L. Chadwick, a widely known banker, who requested that his name be used, stated positively that he had never seen the notes, nor signed "Andrew Carnegie." This banker said he was not familiar enough with Mr. Carnegie's signature to state positively whether the signature was genuine or a forgery.

Receiver Nathan L. Lower filed his bond to-day, thus making him the legal custodian of all property owned by Mrs. Chadwick.

It is stated that the approval of Mr. Lower's bond is an absolutely all of the dollar of her debts can be paid out of the proceeds of her estate. All creditors, it is said, must stand alike. This is supposed to apply to the Newton claim, if there is an attempt to pay it out of any money that may be due to the estate. Mr. Chadwick, son of Mrs. C. L. Chadwick, arrived here from New York to-day, and at once went to his mother's home, at the corner of Euclid and Genesee avenues. The young man was deeply distressed, and he refused to talk for publication.

The two notes bearing the signature of Andrew Carnegie were found among the assets of the Citizens' National Bank at Oberlin. According to the best obtainable information, the notes are for \$250,000 and \$500,000, respectively. The note for \$250,000, it is stated, bears the date of January 7, 1894, and reads as follows:

"One year after date I promise to pay to C. L. Chadwick or order, \$250,000, with interest at 5 per cent.

"ANDREW CARNEGIE."

This note is endorsed on the back by C. L. Chadwick.

The note for \$500,000 is said to be in the safe deposit box of President Beckwith at Oberlin, and the key is in the hands of Nathan L. Lower.

10 HURT; 45 AUTOS RUINED.

Spark Leaping From a Gasoline Machine Causes Explosion Followed by Fire in Garage in New York.

New York, Dec. 5.—Ten persons were injured and a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property destroyed as the result of explosions caused by a spark leaping from a gasoline machine, on which a chauffeur was working in an automobile garage, on West Thirty-ninth street, to-day. Forty automobiles were destroyed or badly damaged, and so rapid was the progress of the fire that men working in the second story of the building had opportunity to escape by way of the fire escape, and were forced to leap from the windows.

The spark which started the fire communicated with a tank holding 100 gallons of gasoline. There were 45 automobiles in the building, but the dense smoke prevented the rescue of a majority of them.

The 100-gallon tank exploded soon after the fire started, and spread the flames to other tanks, and in a short time there were ten distinct explosions, filling the building with fire and smoke. The garage was practically destroyed.

BANK OFFICIAL CONFESSES.

President Beckwith Says He Was Assured of Genuineness of Signatures by a Man Claiming to be Carnegie's Attorney—Notes Totalled \$1,250,000.

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Seated in the office of the United States district attorney this afternoon in this city, President Beckwith, of the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, Ohio, made a confession regarding the bank's transactions with Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. Mr. Beckwith said: "I am offering an awful dupe or a terrible fool, and there is no doubt about my being a fool. I have done a wrong, and am crushed to the earth myself. I do not propose to be made a scapegoat to shield the sins of others. The truth is that others also must be called to the bar to answer for their part in this terrible affair, and one of those whose names must be had is Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick."

The banker spoke in broken sentences, and his voice was streaming from his eyes. His acquaintance with Mrs. Chadwick began three years ago. The attorney for Herbert H. Newton, of Brookline, Mass., banker, has stated that their client loaned Mrs. Chadwick money only after a note signed "Andrew Carnegie" had been endorsed by the president and cashier of a national bank. The man, who endorsed the note were President Beckwith and Cashier Spear, of the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, Ohio.

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STEWART TO BE MANAGER.

WILL LEAD UNIVERSITY SWEEPSTAKES.

At a Mass Meeting in General Hall the Doughty Es-Captain and Center is Presented With a Gold Watch by the Students—Carpenter the First Swearer to be Declared an All-American—Stewart Wins the Football Sweater. Are Presented With Monogram Sweaters.

Special to The Observer.
Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—The last mass meeting of the 1904 football season was held to-night in General Hall. The meeting was mainly for the purpose of presenting University monogram sweaters to the new men. The following were the grateful recipients: Messrs. Carpenter, Messrs. St. John, Story, Robertson, Winborne, Bear, Barr, and Webber.

Captain Roush Sidney Stewart was presented with a beautiful open-face gold watch, gotten up by the united efforts of all the students of the university, because of the great work he did as captain of this season's football aggregation. Mr. Stewart delivered a touching speech in response to this lovely tribute of esteem from the students.

NOT GENUINE, SAYS CARNEGIE.

Never Knew Mrs. Chadwick or Signed Papers in Question—Angry Over Forgery of His Name.

New York, Dec. 5.—A United States Secret Service officer was at Chadwick to-day, and had a room on the same floor as Mrs. Chadwick's apartments. He would not explain for what purpose he was stationed there. Andrew Carnegie's secretary gave out the following statement to-day: "Mrs. Carnegie wants me to say that he does not want to be bothered any more about this Chadwick woman. He is quite angry over this persistent use of his name, and wishes it to cease at once. Once for all, he covers Mrs. Chadwick's forgery statement, and he never signed any such paper as the reports credit him with. That's all."

EXPRESS MESSENGER SHOT.

Negro Train Seizes \$400 From a Wells-Fargo Car, Killing in Main Safe.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.—A Wells-Fargo express car on an Abilene, Topeka & Santa Fe line was seized by a gang of negroes who overland passenger train, and held for ransom. The express car was seized near Needles and Daggett, and the express messenger, Fred Roberts, was shot and wounded. The express car was seized near Needles and Daggett, and the express messenger, Fred Roberts, was shot and wounded. The express car was seized near Needles and Daggett, and the express messenger, Fred Roberts, was shot and wounded.

COTTON CROP BY STATES.

Government's Report Estimates 699,000 Bales for North Carolina and 1,099,700 for South Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The report of the Department of Agriculture to-day indicates that total production of cotton in the United States for 1904—50,000,000 bales—will be 12,167,700 bales.

The area picked off to be picked in the season, 30,000,000 acres. The report says that from present indications the average weight of bales is not likely to fall below 500 pounds, net. Round bales have been included in this estimate, and the report indicates the equivalent in square bales. The estimate does not include linters.

The estimated production in bales, by States, is as follows: Virginia, 1,000,000; North Carolina, 699,000; South Carolina, 1,099,700; Georgia, 1,764,000; Florida, 7,730,000; Alabama, 1,278,900; Mississippi, 1,529,000; Louisiana, 917,500; Texas, 2,992,000; Kansas, 822,000; Oklahoma, 246,000; Indian Territory, 399,100.

PITNEY'S DISCHARGE GRANTED.

Lieutenant Boy Whose Adventures in St. Louis Terminated in His Enlistment in the Army is Released "Without Honor."

Washington, Dec. 5.—The War Department has directed that Recruit Stephen Pitney, Jr., of the general service, be discharged without honor from the army on the ground that he enlisted under false pretenses. Pitney is a young Virginian who recently got into trouble in St. Louis, resulting in the loss of all his money. One of the stories was that he had been kidnapped and robbed of some valuable family jewels and that he enlisted in the army while seeking refuge from the effects of a drug given him by the kidnappers.

LIEN WISE'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The President today accepted the resignation of Second Lieutenant Jennings C. Wise, of the 9th Infantry, stationed at Madison Barracks, New York, to take effect Jan. 1. Lieutenant Wise is a son of ex-Governor John S. Wise, of Virginia, and a brother of Captain Hugh D. Wise, of the Ninth Infantry.

DELAY OF BOND SALE ASKED.

Attorney General Gilmer Files Motion in United States Supreme Court to Grant North Carolina Legislature Opportunity to Consider Payment.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Attorney General Gilmer, of North Carolina, to-day filed a motion in the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of South Dakota vs. the State of North Carolina, involving bonds of the North Carolina Railroad Company, held by the former State and for the payment of which the latter State was held to be responsible, providing for a postponement of the sale of the bonds in question from Jan. 1 to April 1. Mr. Gilmer stated the object of his motion to be to afford opportunity to the North Carolina Legislature to take action for the payment of the claim if so disposed. The court took the motion under advisement.

LETTERS IN SWAYNE CASE RECOVERED.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The bones letters, which were introduced in the prosecution against Judge Charles Swayne and mysteriously disappeared, have been recovered by the judicial committee, through the efforts of the Georgia Legislature. The committee has the letters and has apparently mixed with some other papers, and when discovered were turned.