15 AMERICANS KILLED: 600 MOROS

TWO DAYS OF FIERCE GRAPPLE

Force of Troops, Together With Naval ent and Moro Constabulary, Utterly Exterminates Nest of Des-Outlaws Who Had Long Raided With Impunity From Their Stronghold on the Crest of a Lava -Besides the Dead, Wounded Number Four Officers, Including Lieutenant Johnston, of Birmingbam, Ala., a Native North Carolinian, and 32 Enlisted Men-Casualties of Moro Constabulary, Who Did Good Work, 17-Artillery Hoisted by Block and Tackle

Manila, March 9 .- An important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifteen enlisted men were killed, four commissioned officers and 30 enlisted men were wounded and a naval contingent operating with the military sustained 32 casualties. The Moros lost 600 men killed.

Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the division of the Philippines, reports as follows from Jolq, capital of the Sulu Islands:

"A severe action between troops, naval detachment and constabulary Mount Dajo, near Jolo. The engagement opened during the afternoon of March 6 and ended in the morning of March 8. The action involved the summit and extremely steep. The last 400 feet were at an angle of 60 lar ridges covered with a growth of group. timber and strongly fortified and defended by an invisible force of Moros.

LIST OF CASUALTIES. "The army casualties were 15 enlisted men killed, four commissioned officers and 30 enlisted men wounded. The casualties numbered 32. Ensign H. D. Cooke, Jr., commanding the United States steamer Pampanga, was night. In addition to the advices to severely wounded and Coxswain Gil- the War Department to-day, it had more was severely wounded in the el-

"The constabulary casualties ed in the thigh, severely; three enlisted men killed and thirteen wounded; Captain Tyree Rivers sustained a slight flesh wound in the thigh; Lieutenant Gordon Johnston was slightly One of Wounded Officers is Son of wounded in the right hand; Lieutennt W. T. Conway, of the Sixth Infant ry, was slightly wounded in the left eye All the wounded are doing well. "Colonel Joseph W. Duncan, of the

Sixth Infantry, directed the opera-tions. All the defenders of the More stronghold were killed. Six hundred bodies were found on the field.

FOES MASTERLESS OUTLAWS. "The action resulted in the extermination of a band of outlaws who, recfriendly Moros, and owing to their de of the American authorities. had stirred up a dangerous condition

"The artillery was lifted by block and tackle a distance of 300 feet, into position on the lip of the crater. "Brigadier General Bliss and myelf were present throughout the ac-

"The attacking columns were manded by Major Omar Bundy, Cap-tain K. P. Lawton, Captain Rivers, Captain L. M. Koehler, Captain Mc-"The officers and men engaged highly commend the Moro constabut who did excellent work, their

casualties numbering 17 out of the force of 44 engaged. 'It is impossible to conceive a strongnatural position than that at

The fighting lasted two days among the lava ridges, which had been strongly fortified by the Moros. Ar-tillery had to be hoisted by means of

ropes up the last 600 feet at an angle of 60 degrees.

THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT. Washington, March 9.—The official ecount of the fight near Jolo is contained in the following cablegram retelved at the War Department: Following is condensed from Major General Wood's dispatch from Cam-

boango March 9: "Troops, naval detachment, constab-plary, Colonel Joseph W. Duncan comnending, attacked Moro fortifications in crater on Mount Dajo near Jolo. raing March 8. Mount Dajo, 2,100 set high, last 400 feet angle 50 degrees lava ridges, heavy timber. Artillery lifted by block and tackle 300 feet. foros depredated from strenghold for ast eight months and resisted to the About 600 killed. Major Genrat Wood and Brigadier General sker H. Bliss were present through-

out the action.

"Killed, army, 15 enlisted. Captain
Tyree R. Rivers wounded in thigh,
slight. First bleutenant Gordon Johnsten wounded in shoulder, serious First Lieutenant Ernest H. Agnew ant Wiley T. Conway, eye, slight; 32 | State of the convergence of the cilisted men. Names characteristic and wounded will be reported later. Navy wounded: Ensign H. S. Cooke, wound in foot, serious: Coxore, elbow, slight: one sea-

"Constabulary, killed: Three enlist-ed. John R. White wounded in thigh, serious. Total killed, 18; wounded, 52. Troops, naval detachments and con-stabulary all highly com-

Captain Tyree R. Rivers, who was slightly wounded in the thigh was born may 10, 1862, in Mississippi, and was nted a cadet in the Military Acad-

First Lieutenant Gordon Johnston, ho was seriously wounded in the houlder, was born in North Carolina 1874. He first entered the army at the outbreak of the Spanish war and ras appointed from Alabama as a ergeant in Company M, Second Mis-desippi Infantry.

First Lieutenant Ernest H. Agnew was appointed to the army from Kan-

OFFICIALS KEENLY INTERESTED Extraordinary Slaughter of Natives

as Well as Comparatively Heavy American Casualties, Made War and Navy Departments Wonder Secretary Taft Does Not Think Trouble Will Spread. Washington, March 9.-Not because

f the casualties among the American forces engaged, though they were more numerous than in any battle in the Philippines for several years past, but rather because of the extraordinarily large number of the native killed, the news of the battle of Mount Dajo was received at the War Department (and the Navy Department as well, for the blue jackets were in the thick of the fighting) with intense interest. The first authentic news of the battle came through the Associated Press reports, though at the same time the cipher experts of the War Department were busily engaged in trying to unravel a long report which had come direct from Manila by cable. This message was from Colonel An-Crater's Lip - General Wood drews, the military secretary of army headquarters at Manila, who had received his data by inter-island cable from Zamboango, where the commander-in-chief of the Philippine division Major General Leonard Wood, hap

pened to be. The official dispatch does not enable the authorities here to place exactly the scene of the combat. The crater known on the Island of from the capital, which is on the sea coast. There is, however, near the city of Jolo, distant only five miles, a countain answering closely save for the crater, the description of that in the official dispatch. This mountain room was packed to the doors. and Joakinine, the latter one of the and hostile Moros has taken place at chieftains who signed the famous Bates treaty. The mountain is very steep and at its apex is a Moro fortress which had never been taken by

white troops. Lieutenant General Bates, chief of capture of Mount Dajo, a lava cone staff, who had extensive service in was not competent to find the prisoner 2,100 feet high, with a crater at its the southern islands of the Philippine archipelago, and is as well acquainted with the Jolo country, probably, as any officer here, has no fear that this degrees and there were 50 perpendicu- last troble will extend throughout the

> Secretary Taft expressed a similar opinion, saying: "I have not the least fear that this movement will extend to the other islands, and, in fact, I think that the heavy blow struck the Moros will have a strongly deterrent effect upon

them. No further reports of the fighting in Jolo reached the officials here tobeen expected, in view of the participation of the blue jackets, that some message in the way of an official report from that source also would were: Captain John R. White, wound- be forthcoming, but up to midnight no report had reached the Navy Department officials.

LIEUT. JOHNSTON ALABAMIAN.

Gen. R. D. Johnston, Formerly of North Carolina—Wounds Not Seri-

Birmingham, Ala., March 9.-Lieuenant Gordon Johnston, Jr., who is reported to have been wounded in the fights with Moros at Jolo, is a son of Jeneral Robert D. Johnston, of Birmingham, recently appointed commissioner of the Federal land office at Montgomery. He is also a nephew of former Governor Joseph F. Johnston, of this State.

Lieutenant Johnston was a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war and is a personal friend of the President. General and Mrs. Johnston received

cablegram to-night through the War Department stating that the young man's wounds are not considered serious.

Captain Rivers a Tennessean. Nashville, Tenn., March 9.-Captain Tyree Rivers, mentioned in the As dispatch as having ociated Press een wounded in a fight with the Mo-

business meeting of the Audubon Soclety of North Carolina was held this afternoon at the Benbow. There was a was displayed. The report of the secretary, Prof. T. Gilbert Pearson, showed great increase in interest in the work of bird protection throughout the State. During the year 43 game wardens were employed and 84 convictions were secured in the courts for viola-tions of the game laws. Sea birds in protected colonies along the coast more than doubled in numbers. The membership of the society has increase very satisfactory and is growing rapidly in all sections of the State.

Interesting and encouraging address-es were made by Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh; J. Van Lindley, of Pomona; Dr. C. D. McIver and Miss Viola Boddie, of Greensboro, and others. The following officers and directors were following officers and directors were elected: President, Dr. R. H. Lewis; vice president, J. Y. Joyner; secretary, Prof. T. Gilbert Pearson; treasurer, Dr. E. W. Gudger; board of directors. P. D. Gold, Jr., of Greensboro; Dr. C. P. Ambier, of Asheville; S. M. Beasley, of Poular Branch; J. I. Foust, of Greensboro; S. L. Patterson,

of Raleigh. DR. KILGO IMPROVES.

ting along very well indeed. Last hight just before midnight Dr. Gil wiley, of New York, physician and surgeon for the Duke family, arrived here on a special train, coming from Greensboro. On the same train were Mr. B. N. Duke and Mr. J. B. Duke. They were all down in this section of the South and decided to come here and visit Mr. Kilgo. The arrival of the noted surgeon and physician on a special train caused the freports that Dr. Kilgo was worse. His condition to-day, however, does not bear out this rumor.

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20 YEARS FOR MATTHEWS THE VERDICT MEETS APPROVAL

reensboro Physician Sentenced to Long Term at Hard Labor in State Prison for the Murder of His Wife -Motion for New Trial Dealed— His Counsel Give Notice of Appeal and, in Default of \$5,000 Bund, Condemned Man is Remanded to Jall to Await Hearing—Verdict and Sentence Meets With Approval of Public Opinion—End of Noted Case. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, March 9 .- "Guilty of

murder in the second degree," was the verdict rendered this morning at 9:50 o'clock by the jury in the case against Dr. J. B. Matthews, whose trial for wife murder started in Guilford Superior Court a week ago last Wedneso'clock last night but retired before an agreement was reached. They returned to the fury room at 8 o'clock this morning and, after deliberating for one and a half hours, announced to the deputy sheriff in charge that they had agreed. It was deemed best not to ring the court house bell, as it would draw such a large crowd and judge Ferguson and the attorneys on both sides were notified by 'phone. Jolo is well toward the center of the They came into the court room. After island and some distance removed the prisoner had been brought in, he was directed by the clerk to stand up and the verdict was then received. Although the bell did not ring, an immense crowd assembled and the court MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED

> Maj. W. A. Guthrie, of counsel for the defense, lodged, in an informa way, a motion for a new trial, which was denied. Maj. Guthrie then made motion in arrest of judgement because of errors in the record alleging that, under the bill of indictment, it guilty of murder in the second degree, that it was either murder in first degree or acquital. Ex-Judge Bynum, Jr., representing Solicitor Brooks, who had gone to Alamance Superior Court, then prayed judge-ment. Maj. C. M. Stedman made a short talk acquiescing in what Maj. Guthrie had said, saying that he hoped he sentence would be merciful. Judge Ferguson, in passing sentence, stated that he had avoided the expression of any opinion and would do so now. Turning to the clerk he said it is the judgement of the court that the prisoner be confined at hard labor in the State's prison for the term of 20 years.

FORMAL NOTICE OF APPEAL. Maj. Guthrie then gave formal notice of appeal, 30 days being allowed for perfecting it and 30 days more for the State to prepare its case. The appeal bond was fixed at \$50. Pending the appeal, bail was fixed at \$5,000 justified, which the defendant did not give and was remanded to jail. VERDICT MEETS GENERAL AP-

PROVAL. The verdict and sentence meets with general approval and the opinion is freely expressed that the appeal will never be perfected, but that the priswill serve his time, the reason being that he could not hope to gain

anything by a new trial. OAK RIDGE CHOSEN

Methodist Protestant College Will be Located There—Consideration to the Holts \$30,000—Plans for Fu-

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, March 9 .- The local committee of the board of education of the Methodist Protestant Conference finally decided to establish the proposed Metho dist Protestant College at Oak Ridge. This decision was reached this morning at 3 o'clock after deliberating several hours. The plant of Oak Ridge Institute will be utilized and Messrs. M. H. and J. Allen Holt, the principals, will be at the

head of the college.

Special to The Observer. been wounded in a fight with the Moros in the Philippines, is a native of Tennessee, his home being Pulaski. He is a graduate of West Point and a member of one of the most prominent families of the State.

AUDUBON SOCIETY.

Annual Business Meeting Held at Greensboro — Much Accomplished During Past Year.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, March 9.—The annual business meeting of the Audubon Society.

Oak Ridge, March 9.—The action of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant College is very gratifying to all friends of Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant College is very gratifying to all friends of Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant board of education in selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant college is very gratifying to all friends of Oak Ridge as the site of the Methodist Protestant College is very gratifying to all friends of Oak Ridge Information of the Methodist Protestant College is very gratifying to all friends of Oak Ridg Oak Ridge, March 9 .- The action of the ment, besides the consideration mention-ed above. No present change in faculty or methods or curriculum are in contem-plation. Every energy of the church will immediately by brought to bear to raise a larger sum for buildings, equip-ment and for an endowment.

STORY OF THE MURDER.

Sallie Stewart Offers to Tell Police About Killing of Henry Kobre on Promise of Release. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, March 9 .- A report Stewart, who is perhaps the State's most important witness in the Kobre murder case, had confessed to an ofmurder case, had confessed to an of-ficer that she was an eye-witness to the killing. The girl was removed from the lock-up in the municipal building to the jail last night. She occupied a cell upstairs, above the one in which Sam Kobre is incarcerated. This morning the girl stated to an of-This morning the girl stated to an or-ficer that she and Sam had a conver-sation shortly after she was trans-ferred. One of the other prisoners says that Sallie called to Kobre last hight and told him not to have any fear, as she had no idea of telling anything on him. This morning the girl informed an officer that she would agree to tell the whole story, all about how Henry Kobre was killed, if the authorities would agree to re-President of Trinity College Attended by Dr. W. Gil Wiley, Physician to the Dukes—Condition Not Serious.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, March 9.—The condition of Dr. J. C. Kligo was greatly improved to-day: It was reported that he was able to smoke a cigar and was get-

"OKLAHOMA" IS ADMITTED OPPOSING LEADERS' PLAN JEALOUS WOMAN KILLS SISTER. TWO TERRITORIES IN, TWO OUT WHY PRESIDENT STEPPED IN

Active Fornker Amendment to Prevent New Mexico Had 12 to 29, Senator Miles of to Strike Out Everyment, Plejating to These, Motion Carrying, Telating to These, Motion Nominally to 35 Elimination Nominally of Polygamy Based on Prevalence of Polygamy
stic Two Territorics—New State
to Have Five Representatives. Vashington, March 9.-To-day a

p. m the Senate passed a bill the admission of a new State to the Senate passed a bill palled Oklahoma and to be comof the Territory of Oklahoma Han Perritory. It was joint statehood bill with all isions relating to Arizona and Me xico stricken out. The motion to strike out was made by Mr. Bur day. The jury took the case at 8 rows and 1st was carried by the close o'clock last night but retired before vote of 57 1so 35 after having been lost by the still closer vote of 35 to 36.

The find sorte on Mr. Burrows' mo Yea -Alger, Bacon, Bulkley Burrows, Ct tana); lay, Culbert bols, Fait, Potaker, Gallinger, Gearn, H ark (Monnlel. Du-Frazier Mallory Latimer, Mc Martin, Morgan, Ne German Patterson, Perkins, layner, Scott, Simmons, Spo-Rtork Talla ferro, Teller, Tillma Nays-Alle, Allison ninnh. ldge. Brandegee. Clapp Wyoming); Crane, ingham, vd.or Dolliver. Gamble, Hale, He ray Zopkins Kean, Knox, LaFol Lan ap. McCumber, Millard Nelsym, Penrose

Piles, Proctor, Smeat Sutherland, Nixon, Warner, We more 35. The bill as amend it was passed by unanimous vote. Immediately after the statehood bill the grate bill, on motion of allroad rillman was made the unfinished ss, but as the Senate adjustment day and Sunday formal consideration of the begin until Monday FORCED UNION OUT.

The vote on stateland as the climax of a day down to that bill. Most of lusively me was given to discussion oting on the bill and amend not umed an hour and a half. The 1-making excited comparative interest but there was promouceitement throughout the wating d and it culminated wheh ss of the motion to eliminate A Mexico was announced the second vote on that test vote, upon which of joint statehood show h est strength, was on amendment which provides nood.

Foraker zona and New Mexico should have an opportunity to vote sept proposition of joint at tely on the This was carried by a vote of 4" to 29. Previous to this action, procreased appropriations bills was stricken out in order to portunity for a moti Senate amendale in is sent to the Fouse. ne speechmaking began at il o'cl-under the ten-mismar it after the first hour. About a made by Messrs, Dubols and Burrows in denunciation of polygamy in Arizona and New Mexico, Mr. Dubois secured the incorporation of an antipolygamy amendment, but the elimi-nation of Arizona from the measure detracted somewhat from the impor-tance of the accomplishment.

POLYGAMY IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

Mr. Dubois made a speech in support niliting polygamists and Mormons from voting in the proposed State of Arizona as was originally provided by had seen a list of from 50 to 100 polygamists living in Arizona and that there are also many in New Mexico. Mr. Burrows advocated the elimination of Arizona and New Mexico from the bill and presented an amendment to that end. He based his opposition on the ground that there were many polygamists in the two Territories and spoke of polygamy as "an offense against the civilization of the age." He said the real offense was not in plural marriages, but the polygamous cohabitation practiced after marriage elsewhere. He quoted from letters to show that there were many Mormons living' in polygamy in both Arizona and New Mexico and said that there had been 31 convictions under the Edmunds act, a majority of which were for unlawful cohabitation.

As amended by the Senate, the bill provides for the creation of the State of Oklahoma out of Oklahoma and Indian Territories upon the adoption of a constitution. The State is lowed the usual quota of executive, judicial and legislative officers, two United States Senators and five members of the national House of Representaives. A constitutional convention with 110 members, 55 of whom are to be chosen by each of the Territories comprising the State, is provided for The sale of intoxicating what is now Indian Territory is prohibited for 21 years, and longer unless the constitution is changed.

NATURALIZATION BILL DEBATED Colorado Representative Seeks to In-

crease Requirements for Adm of Aliens to Citizenship—408 vate Pension Bills Passed. -408 Pri-Washington, March 9.-The House o-day passed 408 private pension bills and devoted three hours to the consideration of a bill providing a uniform system of naturalization, the chief features of which require an alien to write either his own or the English language and to speak and read the latter and to declare his intention to reside permanently in the United States, before he can become an American citizen. The bill is to be ing privilege. the continuing order when appropria-tion bills are not under consideration. It met many objections and will prove a fruitful topic of discussion. Mr. Bonynge, of Colorado, is in charge of the measure and occupied most of the ime in explaining its provisions and n answering objections. The House adjourned until Monday. Statesville Postmaster's Reappoint-ment Confirmed.

Washington, March 9.—The Senate o-day confirmed the nomination of John W. C. Long as postmaster at Statesville, N. C.

Archhishop O'Brien Dies Suddenly. Halifax, N. S., March 9,—Arch-hishop O'Brien, of the Roman Catho-lic diocese of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Bermuda, died auddenly here to-might.

Meeting of Coal Operators of Pittsburg District Hear From Chairman Robbins Rather Sensational Explanation of President's Interventio to Prevent Strike-President Mitchell, of Mine Workers, Called Up White House by Long Distance Telephone and He and Mr. Robbins Made Arrangement With President for Letter Urging Second Confer

Pittsburg, March 9.-When the coal perators of the Pitsburg district go to the general conference at Indianapolis March 19 with the operators of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, they will plans for the marriage had been practake a stand as a body. This action was determined at the meeting called early to-day to the home of her by Francis L. Robbins, and which was brother-in-law, D. P. Dunham, with held in this city. The wage schedule whose family Miss Whisenant made was not discussed.

To-night, however, it was learned room of her sister. What words pass that there was somewhat of a sensa- ed between the two were known only eion sprung during the meeting. From to the two, but soon four shot rang source that is regarded as trustworty out and Miss Whisnant fell, wounded it is learned that a demand was made in the breast just above the heart, of Mr. Robbins, who was presiding, and in other vital parts. She died half President Roosevelt came to enlist in Mrs. Standifer went to her home, and the pending controversy between the telephoned to her brother-in-law's miners and operators.

in New York. The situation was serious and both agreed that It was necessary to get another meeting of the inter-State conference. Mr. Robbins, explaining further, said that Mr. Mitchell went to the long distance telephone and called up the President at the White House, After explaining the status of the matter to him he suggested that he white a letter to Mr. Robbins urging that a new conerence be called. He also asked the President to talk the matter over with Robbins, and without changing the call Mr. Robbins went on the line and arranged for the letter to be writter

which would be on the basis of the second call of the general conference. This way on Monday, Feb. 24, and the following day, Feb. 25, Mr. Robbins received the letter from President Rosevelt and the call of another convention followed.

\$15,000 FIRE IN GREENSBORO.

Odell Hardware Company's Building Badly Damaged-Flames Confined Basement and Offices-Upper Floors Contained \$75,000 Stock Goods.

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, March 9.-Within two hours this afternoon fire destroyed \$10,-000 or \$15,000 worth of property for ppponents the Odell Hardware Company and Mr. Frank Sitton, one of the most eir great- smoke damaged goods in the store to prominent citizens of Seneca, and the the amount of several more thousand

that Ari- dollars. A clerk in the store went into the basement of the company's handsome office building about 1:30 o'clock and discovered a large pile of okrum to be on for in- on fire. How it started is a mystery. The alarm was sounded from box No. 32 at once and the firemen responded concur in with their usual promptness. They en the bill had considerable difficulty in reaching the blaze, which was near the center of the basement, where there was stored two car loads of axe handles, two carloads of rope, one carload of okrum and a quantity of carriage ma-terials packed almost to the ceiling. several streams of water were directed into the basement, but the fire burnlocated on the first floor were soon a

seething mass of flames. The company's most valuable books were stored away in the vault, but the atre was a brilliant scene indeed. The office furniture and fixtures, including a recently installed \$5,000 Indexing system and a large number of of an amendment offered by him, pro- papers and documents of various kinds were consumed. The steel ceiling and fire walls and double fire doors connecting the offices with the main store building made it possible for the firemen to keep the fiames confined to the basement and offices. On the second and third floors there were \$50,000 or \$75,000 worth of fine cutlery and other hardware and this was damaged greatly by smoke. The company will have temporary offices fitted up by tomorrow morning and there will be no interruption of business, except, or course, so far as re-arranging the damaged stock and fixtures. A squad of firemen will be stationed in the store to watch the smouldering pile of rope during the night. J. A. Odell, president of the company, sent Fire Chief Taylor a check for \$200 to-night as a mark of appreciation for the splendid as at 18. Never was seen such art

work of the firemen. TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.

Requisition Made on Governor of Georgia for W. A. Gautler, Now Serving Term in Penitentiary--win Tried in This State for Killing B. G. E. Daughtry-Raleigh News Notes.

Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson Street, Raleigh, March 9. Governor Glenn to-day made requisi-

tion on the Governor of Georgia for one W. A. Gautier, who is serving a three years' sentence in States penitentlary at Atlanta, hav-North Carolina and sentenced for vilaws. This requisition will bring Gau-tier back to North Carolina and he will be tried for his life on a true bill found by the grand jury of Samson county for the murder of B. G. E Daughtry, a deputy United States marshal, whom he killed while resist States ing arrest. This bill was found in February. 1904. The murder with which Gautler is charged was committed December 17th, 1900 The State charters the Manufactu rers' & Merchants' Co-operative Mer-cantile Agency, at High Point, the chief feature of which will be for the collection of claims. The total authorized stock is \$100,000. H. A. Millis, G. T. Penny and J. S. Griffin, of High Point, are incorporators, subscribing of the Jenkins Bros. Shoe Company, at Winston, is amended, changing vot-

Charlie Cook and Mack Covington

The Raleigh Woman's Club to-day voted for alliance with Federation of Clubs. There was one dissenting vote. The Raleigh board of aldermen, at a special meeting to-day, voted \$2,000 for an inspection of the plant of the Wake Water Company with a view to municipal ownership. Experts will be employed. The matter of city lighting was also discussed.

Cornell University won the annual triangular debate with the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University in New York ias night.

With a tale that 4,000 men are subjected to hardship and indignities. Harles says he went to work last year on a railroad which is being construct. Harles says he went to work last year on a railroad which is being construct inally assault Mrs. Pinnon as week instead of \$4 a day, which he was promised. He charges that 4,000 men are look in Florida, but received only \$7.50 a week instead of \$4 a day, which he was promised. He charges that 4,000 men are to come this way. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He was year on a railroad which is being construct. He was year on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He was year on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. He man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct. The man who altempte on a railroad which is being construct.

Mrs. Edward Standifer, of Atlanta, shoots Miss Chappel Whisenant in Latter's Sleeping Room on Account of Husband's Attentions — Dead Girl Was to Have Married Young South Carolinian Wednesday. Atlanta, Ga., March 9,-Mrs. Edward

M. Standifer, aged 25 years, to-day shot and killed her sister, Miss Chappel Whisenant, aged 18, alleging that she committed the deed because of her husband's attentions to her victim. The dead girl was to have been married next Wednesday to a young business man of Seneca, S. C., and all tically completed. Mrs. Standifer her home, and entered the sleeping an hour later without having spoken. home asking if Miss Whisenant was Mr. Robbins said the whole matter dead. Being informed that she had was accomplished as a result of a died, Mrs. Standifer expressed no reconference with John Mitchell, while gret for her act and said she would gret for her act and said she would be a standard operators. follow Mr. Dunham's advice and sur-She was arrender to the police. rested later. During the day she conversed freely with the police officials, declaring that she had "avenged her

outraged womanhood." E. M. Standifer came to Atlanta two years ago from Gadsden, Ala., where he married his wife. His father, he says, is W. S. Standifer, United States marshal at Gadsden, and his uncle. W. H. Standifer, he asserted, is assistant United States district attorney at that place. He was detained at the police station after his wife was arrested, on the suspicion that he may have had some guilty knowledge of the crime

The dead girl is said to have been engaged to be married to John Sitton, of Seneca, S. C. South Carolinian Denies Any Engagement.

Columbia, S. C., March 9 .- A special to The State from Seneca, S.

J. E. Sitton is a clerk for the firm of J. W. Bird & Co. He is a widower, 33 years old, and has two children. He denies that he was engaged to Miss Whisenant, though he was acquainted with her. It is known that he has recently been paying frequent visits to Atlanta. Sitton is a son of family is well known in that section

MME. RERNHARDT AT ASHEVILLE

Wreck Delays Special and Curtain Did Not Rise Till 9,30—2,500 People Saw and Cheered the Great Actress-Theatre Presented Bril-Bant Scene

Asheville, March 9.-Some seven

Broad a wreck imposed itself between wagon loads of five and a half hours, and the rumor got out in the city that there would be no "Camille" to-night. Nevertheless, the curtain rose at 9:30 o'clock, ed through the ceiling and the offices and the big theatre was said to contain 2,500 people. Most of the men were in evening dress and most of the ladies carried flowers, so that the thecurtain had hardly been up five min-Holding a hand each of Nanine and De Arville, she graciously bowed her acknowledgement to the kept her almost constantly on the throughout its five acts, The inten- ject, combined the two bills, that a deaf man might have trans-

lated It.

It made little difference about the and the eyes. Whatever age may have stolen from her, surely her voice and eyes must be as sweet and expressive when, in the last act, she turns suddenly, sees her lover in the room, runs and flings her arms about him with a wild cry, half delerium, when she is led by him fainting to a seat and strokes his cheeks till she dies When the first curtain went down it rose immediately, in response to a thunder of applause, upon Mme. Bernhardt and two of her colleagues. But the crowd would not have it so. They persisted until she stood alone and held in her arms, bowing and smiling, the tribute of roses which had been thrown at her feet. M. Deneubourg, who played lover, responded with her at all the other act-end encores (for the people hadn't the heart to eliminate him) except the last, of the United States Postal when the greatest actress in the world stood, it being her first appearance in North Carolina, and stretched out her Master Pinson at that place. A midarms to the cheering multitude, happy die-aged man, having all the earand graceful as a girl. Without actually seeing her, one can never imagine the deep appeal of this story agine the deep appeal of this story lived out in a strange language. Few will claim greatness for the play itself, but for the playing no words was engaged near the house and as lived out in a strange language. Few could bestow too much praise. Caldwell and The Observer's corres-

WHITE SLAVERY" IN FLORIDA.

row and will interview Mme. Sarah to

a finish.

Arrival at Boston by Schooner Puts
Up a Tale of 4,000 Men Kept at
Work by Railroad Contractors Through Armed Guards. Charlie Cook and Mack Covington, negroes from Craven county, serving seven and three years, respectively, in the State penitentiary, escaped from the camp at Wendell, on the Raleigh & Pamilco Sound Railroad to-day. Rewards of \$25 each are offered for their apprehension.

The Raleigh Woman's Club to-day young for alliance with Federation of Harles ave he went to work last year.

REVERSES FOR PRESIDENT

HIS STATEHOOD BILL KILLED

Administration's Statebood Bill to Intents and Purposes Killed, Eve Amendment Offered by Mr. Be eridge Voted Downbacks for Mr. Roosevelt's Refo Campaign—Butler Bubble Burst No Confirmation for Mr. Hol Till After Blackburn Trial-Fo estry Preservation Matter of C Interest Between South and New England.

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Washington, March 9. With the admittedly paramount is sue, the rate bill, still in nebulous state, in so far as actual legislation is concerned, and the future filled with doubt, the President has already with two serious reverses in his reform campaign. His Philippine tariff. bill was done to death in committee under circumstances which, it has been declared, would have caused the British ministry to resign, while today his statehood bill, whose passage in the House cost so many pork in the shape of private bills, and so many postoffice jobs, was, to all in-tents and purposes, killed in the Senate, while a great crowd, including half the House membership, looked on and perhaps marveled not a little. The real test came on the Foraker amendment designed to give the people of Arizona and New Mexico an op-portunity to vote on the question of joint statehood, and this amendment was adopted. Not only so, but every other amendment of any cons favored by Mr. Beveridge, the spokes man of the administration matter, was cheerfully killed off just as fast as they were read. It was a bad day for Beveridge and it has only been a little while since he got worsted in a contest with the Fairbanks forces before the Indiana Repub State committee. The North Carolina Senators assisted in putting Mr. Beveridge out of business. It is now pre-dicted that the statehood bill is dead, for a season at least, as Mr. Canno has been heard to assert that the House will never concur in the Se mendments, and if a majority of the House membership, who would per-haps approve the bill in its present masculated form, should and agree to the amended bill despite the committee on rules, there might not be any public buildings built.

BUTLER BUBBLES BURST. While a few believe, and others fear, here may be something in the story about the President favoring Marion Butler for a cabinet position, the be lef obtains among a majority of those who have been heard to discuss the subject that the story was aired by friends of the former Populist Senator for the purpose of promoting his newspaper and political interests in North Carolina. That it was, in short, aired purely for home consumption. Only once in the history of the government. has the Secretary of the Interior come rom an section other than the West because his dealings are almost exclusive with Western interests. Presimiles from Asheville down the French dent Cleveland disregarded the rule and gave the position to Hoke Smith. the Sarah Bernhardt special and this and was as severely criticised for this he was for anything that

pened during his administration.

The assertion is being made to-night that two members of the Senate judiciary committee to-day stated positively that they would not permit the confirmation of District Attor Holton's nomination until after

the Blackburn trial. The people of New England and of the South have now, if never before, utes when Bernhardt entered and a matter of national legislation. Reference is made to the matter of for-est preservation. Several days ago the White Mountain and Appalachian audience forest reserve bills were referred to and went into her, work. The play Senator Overman as a sub-committee. The North Carolina Senator, who has stage and almost constantly talking devoted much attention to this subsity of attention with which the house the combined bill to the whole comfollowed her was palpable. Perhaps mitte, and now the full committee has not one in a hundred was able to fol- favorably reported the bill to the Senlow her French, but the acting of ate. The bill contemplates an imme all the dramatic personnel, to say diate expenditure of \$3,000,000 and with nothing of her own, was so perfect all hands pulling toward the same highly meritorious goal it is predicted that the bill will pass both the Senforeign tongue; the tone did it all, proponements of the joint measure are equally convinced that a much larger sum will be made available at the proper time, when the government shall have become finally and definite-

ly committed to the project. HORSEWHIPPED AT GAFFNEY.

Tramp Who Attempted to Assault White Woman Beaten by Mob and Deed.

Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., March 9.-News has just reached this city of what was probably a fiendish attempt to comstation about six miles from Gaffney. Details are very meagre and almost learned it seems that an attempt was made late this afternoon to assault Mrs. Mose Pinson, wife of Section marks of a tramp, came to Mr. Pine By special invitation Mr. Frank M. the entire corps is now in Gaffney making diligent search, for the man pondent will go on the Bernhardt They say that he passed in a special from here to Salisbury to-mor- feet of where they were work seemingly unconcerned and apparent-ly very calm. When the slarm was given they came to Gaffney fully arm ed and are making a search for culprit. It will doubtless go hard him if caught. They describe the man as a n

aged man, probably 40 or 45 year age. His clothes were very ra and his general appearance was cidedly trampish. He were a