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REQUEST OFFER FROM BELL CO. BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION FOR CHURCH IN CAPITAL BAILEY AMENDMENT LOST REFORMED CHURCH HISTORY. BIG STICK KILLS A TRUST PRESIDENT REVIEWS PROGRESS

WESTERN PAPER COMBINE'S END

ment Secures Abject Surrender uit Refore Federal Court at St. to Dissolve Combination of eral Paper Company With 23 e Concerns, and Dissolution of Merger Will Follow—Reluctant resides Agree to Testify When to Orders Supreme Court Man-Filed, But Completeness of ender Renders This Unneces-

St. Paul, Minn., May 11 .- The Unitd States government to-day secured in the unconditional murrender Infted States Circuit Court before Judge Sanborn, in the suit which the Attorney General began on December 37, 1004, to dissolve a combination between the General Paper Company and 22 other defendants on the ground that an agreement had been, entered into by the defendants in restrain of Inter-State commerce. Attorney Kellog, for the govern-mani, and Attorney Flanders, for the defendants, appeared before Judge Sanborn sitting as a circuit judge and Mr. Kellog moved that the mandate from the United States Supreme Court affirming the order that the reluctant witnesses must testify be filed. Judge Sanborn ordered the mandate filed. The witnesses then appeared before the United States examiner and of-fered to testify. The defendants then withdrew their answers. Mr. Kellog announced that the government did not care to examine the witnesses and moved for a decree in favor of the government for the relief prayed and that the decree be settled on June 10. Judge Sanborn, in the suit which the

16. The three witnesses who had re-fused to testify, namely, C. I. McNair, of the Northwestern Paper Company; A. C. Bossard, of the Itasca Paper Company, and F. B. Nelson, of the Hennepin Paper Company, paid \$100 fine assessed against them for con-tempt of court for refusing to an-wer the questions put to them at a former hearing. Ence Paphtheses Have Killed Colden.

Says Publishers Have Killed Golden Egg Goose.

Menasha, Wis., May 11,-George

Menasha, Wia, May 11.—George A Whiting, first vice president of the General Paper Company, to-day said that the company will now dissolve. "The newspaper publishers will find to their cost that they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg." declared Mr. Whiting. "The General Paper Company was an organization formed legitimately as a natural means for properly conducting the business of the companies compris-ing it.

ing it. "You will doubtless hear a good many sumors about what we are likely to do. I do not know at this time whether one company will be forme or not to combine all the mills unde one management. There have been a great many plans suggested."

GUILTY OF ROBBING MAILS.

uncombe County Assistant Pos ter Convicted by Federal Jury-tence to be Passed To-Day.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, May 11 .- W. B. Smith,

e Company Addr Bona Fide Offer of Sale.

ial to The Observer. Statesville, May 11.-The di of the Iredell Telephone Company, of hearing that the Bell Telephone Com-pany had offered to sell their ex-change here, called a meeting Tues-day afternoon and a committee was appointed to confer with the Bell peo-ple. The following letter was for-warded:

ple. The following letter was for-warded: "It Z. V. Croom, Manager Bell Tele-phone Co., Statesville, N. C." "Day Sir:--Representatives of the Bell Telephone Co. have stated to the board of aldermen and to citizens of Statesville that they have been de-ceived as to the situation here; that, had they known that they were not would the stateston here; that, had they known that they were not would the coal exchange and fran-chise, and that as an exidence of their good faith they would sell the same and quit the city, provided a pur-chaser could be fould who would take the exchange and franchise off their hands at the price paid for it. If this is true, kindly have the proper officials of your company make a di-rect and bona fide offer and the same will be premptly considered by us please let us have your answer not later than the 14th Inst., as we ex-pect to place orders for material for our exchange Board Directors Iredell "It. P. GRIER," "It. P. GRIER," "The Bell people have not pet ro-piled to the above."

SAW MILL DEMOLISHED.

Boller Explodes at Hamlet Wrecking Plant—Lumber Company Suffers Loss by Fire—Primaries Held. pecial to The Observer.

Hamlet, May 11.—The boiler at Mr. L. W. Page's saw mill, four miles north of here, exploded Wednesday afternoon and demolished the entire

afternoon and demolished the entire plant. There were eight men at work under the shed at the time, but no one was hurt. Pieces of the boiler weighing 3,000 pounds were thrown 200 yards. Mr. Page says he will have to sell the boiler and engine for scrap iron. The damage amounted to about \$2,000. The boiler room of the Apex Lum-ber Company here was burned this morning at 4 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The room was some distance from the main plant, consequently no other buildings

COTTON KILLED IN IREDELL

Cotton Oll Mill Closes Down and Will Sell Seed on Hand to Farmers for Beplanting. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, May 11 .- The indications here now are that the unusual cool spell this week has resulted in much damage to crops, especially cot-ton and vegetables. There was frost Tuesday and Wednessday mornings, but yesterday morning there was a killing frost and from all over the county where cotton is grown came reports that all cotton up had been killed by the frost. In addition to the damage to cotton the frost yester-day also hurt early vegetables and it is probable also that the cool spell will affect the fruit that was not far enough advanced to withstand it. The are that the unusual enough advanced to withstand it. The lowest the thermometer registered Attention was called to the rapid growth of the South and to the ur-gent necessity of a strong evangelical movement in that section. To this was 35, but farmers coming in from north Irsdell report some ice. The farmers in this section are all short on cotton seed and the Statesville Cotton Oil Mill has closed down and will sell its seed to the farmers in order that the states are an novement in that section. To this end it was suggested that an evange-lical fund be provided for the sup-port of an army of evangelists to go out among the people. It was also recommonded that a missionary en-listment fund be established where-by missionaries may be recently order that they may replant.

With About 5,000 Delegates and Vis present, Southern Body Con-mes al Chattanoogn and Hears muni Address of President Ste-rens, Who Declares Past Year the urch's Greatest—Remarks That legates Represent 2,000,000 Bar.

pliens, Who Declares Past Year the Church's Greatest-Remarks That Delegates Represent 3,000,000 Bap-tists-Board of Foreign Missions Reports Gifts Largest on Record-President Stephens Re-Elected. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 11.—The Southern Baptist convention mot here to-day for its 54th annual session. About five thousand delegates and visitors are present.

PRESIDENT STEPHEN'S ADDRESS PRESHDENT STEPHEN'S ADDRESS President E. W. Stephens, in his annual address, declared that the past year had been the greatest in the history of the Baptists, and that the prospects of the denomination wers never so bright. He suggested the name of Lookout Mountain as the keynotes of the Convention. He re-ferred in warm terms to the principle of soul liberty for which Baptists stand, and claimed that denomination to have been the pioneer of that

of soul liberty for which Baptists stand, and claimed that denomination to have been the pioneer of that principle in America. He said the number of Baptists in the world is 5,000,000, of whom 5,000,000 are in America, 4,000,000 of them in the South. The number of white Bap-tists represented by the Convention was nearly 2,000,000. The white Baptists of the South own \$15,000,-060 of church property, and have \$10,000,000 invested in education. There are 20,000 churches. Special attention was called to the Baptist general Convention of North America, organized in St. Louis in May 1905, and the World's Congress held in London, in August last, and also to the unusually large conven-tions in the various States during the year. This all indicates, he said, growth in numbers and organizations

growth in numbers and organisations and fraternalism. The Convention comprised Baptists from fourteen Southern States, cov-ering an area of a million square which completion of over 30. ering an area of a million square miles, with a population of over 30,-600,000. When the Convention was organized in 1845, the population was 8,000,000 and the denomination 250,-600. The population is four times what it was then and the membership of the denomination eight times, or double the ratio of the population. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MISSIONS. ber Company here was burned this morning at 4 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The room was some distance from the main plant, consequently no other buildings caught. The loss is \$500, fully cov-ered by insurance. The Democratic primary to elect delegates to the county convention was held here this afternoon. The following were elected: M. C. Free-man, A. S. Cowan, W. A. Cauble, E. A. Lackey, and W. M. Smith, Mr. L. D. Robinson was indorsed for so-licitor.

for the past year \$215,000, were more than they were from 1850 to 1860. There are now 187 missionaries in the employ of the foreign board, over 700 in the employ of the home board and about 2,000 engaged in the State, district and city mission work. The foreign mission work is in Ja-pan. Chins, Mexico, Brasil, Argentine, italy and Africa. The domestic mis-

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

pan, Chins, Mexico, Brass, mestic mis-italy and Africa. The domestic mis-tion work is all over the South and

METHODISTS PLAN \$275,000 ONE ANTI-PASS FEATURE TO SOFTEN le Report on For Representative Washington-Itineracy Structure in Washington—Itineracy Committee Non-Concurs in Memo-rials Asking Time Limit's Removal, But Recommends Extension to Six Years—Klasing Georgis Pastor Re-instated—Address by Delegate From English Methodist Church. From English Methodist 11.—The Birmingham, Ala., May 11.—The enerable Bishop John C. Granberry, f Richmond, Va., occupied a seat the rostrum to-day when the

of Richmond, Va., occupied a seat on the rostrum to-day when the eighth day's session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episco-pal Church, South, began. Dr. John B. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore Con-ferences, conducted the opening de-votional services. After the approv-al of the minutes, Hishop Granberry was introduced and spoke briefly. He was given a cordial reception. A motion was unanimously adopted to send a telegram of greeting to the Southern Baptist Convention, which met at Chaitanooga to-day. The tel-egram reads:

met at Chattanooga to-day. The tel-egram reads: "The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sends greeting to the Southern Bap-tist Convention. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

A committee of physicians submit-ted to the Conference a resolution adopted by the Medical Association of Alabama, opposing the insertion of certain medical advertisements in of certain medical advertisements in religious papers. The itineracy com-mittee made a non-concurrent report on several memorials asking the re-moval of the time limit from the pas-torate of a church. However, it ap-proved a memorial recommending that six years be the time limit and reported an amendment to that effect. reported an amendment to that effect. A non-current report was made on a memorial from Virginia requesting bishops to appoint no preachers as presiding elders more than eight years consecutively unless there are extraordinary conditions requiring such appointment. The Church extension committee reported favorably on the proposition to erect a representative church

reported favorably on the proposition to erect a representative church building in Washington, D. C., and reported a resolution calling on the Church at large to raise \$200,000, if Mount Vernon church, Washing-ton, would become responsible for \$75,000 additional for that purpose. A plan of campaign for the raising of the \$200,000 was also submitted. The committee on appeals reversed the decision of the North Georgia Conference suspending Rev. W. W.

the decision of the North Georgia Conference suspending Rev. W. W. Wadsworth on the charge of immor-ality, the specific charge being "kiss-ing a woman." Mr. Wadsworth was pastor of the Hartwell, Ga., church, and was suspended for a year. Dinsdale T. Young, fraternal dele-gate from the Wealeyan Methodist Church of England to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, delivered his fratern-al address to an immense audience at the First M. E. church to-night. He was warmly received and great in-terest was manifested in his account of the work being done by the Church in England.

SUIT FOR \$20,000.

fanuscript About Ready for Print-ers—North Carolina Classis Hears Reports of Committees and Trans-acts Much Business, By Practically a Party Vote, Tex

Special to The Observer. ML Pleasant, May 11.—After hear-ing two most excellent addresses yes-terday by Rev. Messrs. Leonard and Yundt, Classis settled down to routine work to-day.

The treasurer made his report to the stated clerk. Bev. J. L. Murphy read the report of the trustees of Catawba College. The report show-of that more than \$18,000 had been ment for improvements spent for improvements during the past year. Classis took action looking to the raising of the church-building fund. The committee on the minutes of the Fotomac Synod reported to the chairthe Senate in connection with that bill, was to-day adversely disposed of by the decisive vote of 23 to 54, prac-tically a party vote. The debate on

The committee on the minutes of the Potomac Synod reported to the chair-man, Rev. Dr. Lyerly. The report was consedered by items and con-sumed much of the afternoon. W. S. Clapp and A. S. Peeler, of the School of Theology, at Philadel-phia, appeared before the Classis and the provision was limited to a brief political speech by Schator Bailey, in which he said the President has changed his attitude on the question phia, appeared before the Classis and requested examination for license to preach. An interesting meeting of the board of managers of the Naza-reth Orphan Home was held. Steps will be taken to begin erecting build-ings at an early date. The question of re-arranging the charges in Catawha county was call-ed up and provoked a lengthy discus-sion. of maintaining the rates fixed by the commission until the courts reach a final decision. An amendment offered by Senator

An amendment offered by Senator Raynor, confirming the court review to constitutional questions, was also voted down, but not until after speech-es had been made by Messrs. Raynor and Balley in advocacy and Messrs. Allison, Fulton and Cullom in oppo-sition. The debate was in anticipa-tion of the discussion that is expected to come unon the Allison court for Rev. Anthony Shulenberger, of the Virginia Classis, was recognized and invited to a seat with the Classis. to occur upon the Allison court re-view provision to-morrow. Messrs, Raynor and Balley contended that the The committee on minutes report-ed by the chairman, Rev. J. C. Leonard. Rev. W. W. Rowe reported a new congregation organized in Cabar-Raynor and Bailey contended that the Allison amendment authorizes the broadest possible court review and the Maryland Senator urged that in it Senator Aldrich had achieved a signal victory. Senator Fulton stat-ed that he had first suggested the court review and the set of the action of the set of the action of the signal victory. Senator Fulton stat-ed that he had first suggested the court of the Allison provision. ard.

language of the Allison provision. The committee appointed to pre-pare a history of the Reformed Church LAFOLLETTE WITH DEMOCRATS in North Carolina reported that the work was nearing completion, and that the committee hopes to put the A number of other amendments, offered in the main by Democrats and by Senator LaFollette, were rejected. manuscript in the hands of the

er at an early date. Rev. W. H. Caus-ey reported a new congregation or-ganized at Waughton. This church was committed to the care of Rev. Mr. Causey. Rev. C. B. Heller made the report

by Senator LaFollette, were rejected. The votes were generally along par-ity lines during the entire day, but the Wisconsin Senator voted with the Democrats in all, propositions, and Messrs. McEnery and Morgan, Demo-crats, voted with the Republicans on most of them. The only amendments accepted during the day were those offered by Senator Allison striking out the phrase "fairly remunerative" in the provision allowing the inter-State commerce commission to fx on the Lincolnton mission and the ac-tion of Classis was to place the matter in the hands of the board.

State commerce commission to fix rates; limiting the operations of or-Classis reports a fund for the education of young men studying for the ministry to the amount of \$20,000, ders of the commission to two years; and making the inter-State commerce only the interest on which is used for commission the defendant in suits challenging the rates fixed by it. The anti-pass provision heretofore educational purposes. The centennial services proper were held to-day, the attendance being very The anti-pass provision heretofore adopted was again discussed. It is evident that it will be modified. The Senate began at 11 a. m. and closed at 5:50 p. m. The Senate will meet at 11 again to-morrow. Senator LaFollette offered an amendment providing for sending back to the inter-State commerce back to the back to t commission for its consideration any mer pastors who are living in distant

commission for its consideration any case in which new evidence is pre-sented to the court reviewing the case, the court staying its action while the commission is considering this testimony. The amendment was generally voting with Mr. LaFollette in the affirmation and the Republi-case in which new evidence is pre-sented to the court reviewing the states. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Heller, McNary and Barringer and Mr. Robert Crooks, former pastors. These addresses were listened to with marked interest. The special committee on the re-construction of charges in Rowan and the republi-states. Interesting addresses were in the affirmation and the Republi-states. Interesting addresses were istened to with marked interest. The special committee on the re-construction of charges in Rowan and Shilob will be constituted a partore.

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RATE BILL STRUGGLE NOW

Raynor on President's Sur Availed Naught in Securing tion of the Bailey Amendan the Rate Bill—Thr Heel Se Voted With "Radical" Elec The Minority's One Thing Ga Mr. Blackburn Addresses T Letter to Chairman Rollins tive to Calling State Committ gether.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

gether.

Observer Bureau. 1417 G Street N. W., Washington, May 11. To-day witnessed the beginning the end of the great straggle on the railway rate bill. The show-dow came with the introduction of t came with the introduction of Balley amendment, designed to Balley amendment, designed to se-cure the restricted court review fea-ture for which the President original-ly stood. Senator Balley quoted from messages and speeches of the Presi-dent to show how completely he had reversed himself. Senator Raynor, of Verries d Maryland, was even more emphatic in denouncing what he regards as the President's surrender. He said the resident, after coming within rea ing distance of the prise, after tellin the country that partisan politics had been eliminated from the great issue, had accepted a cowardly subterfuge at the behest of his party leaders. He congratulated the railroads and their retinue of attorneys. However, all this did not avail anything. Mr. Ald-rich had poured Standard Oll on the troubled waters and whatever he said went.

THREE REPUBLICANS VOTE WITH BAILEY.

Only three Republicans voted with Senator Balley, Messra Hale, LaFol-lette and Burke, while eight Demo-crats voted with the Republicans. Senator Balley declared to-day that the so-called Allison amendment not only opened the door to courts, took off the hinges. Perhaps, h ever, this view is extreme. It is of course true that the railroads got the court review feature as broad as they cared to make it, but until the Su-preme Court has finally passed on the rate established by the inter-State commerce commission the rates will emain in effect, except in those rare nstances where an injunction is obtained under the troublesome provisions which are exacted by the bined Overman, Culberson and Bacon amendments. This is the one thing gained by the minority and, in the opinion of many, it is the one thing that will give a semblance of meaning and effectiveness to the bill. The Democrats, of course, expect this con-sideration to be of value to them in the approaching congressional cam-paign. Both the North Carolina Senators supported the Balley amend-ment. They voted, in short, with what is termed the "radical" elsment

BLACKBURN WRITES ROLLINS. Representative Blackburn has addressed the following rather pointed communication to Chairman Rollins: Washington, May 10, 1906. Mr. Thomas S. Rollins, Asheville, 2

Dear Sir .-- Referring

By Practically a Party Vote, Texas Senator's Provision Forbidding In-terference With Commission's Or-ders by Lower Federal Courts is Adversely Disposed Of - Phrase "Fairly Remunerative" Stricken From the Bill-Anti-Pass Provision is Discussed and Will Evidently be Modified-LaFollette Votes With Democrats and Morgan and Mc-Enery With Republicans. Washington, May 11.-Senator Bailey's non-suspension as covered by the railroad rata bill which has oc-cupied so much of the inter-State

postmuster at Homersville this county, was convicted in United. Biates Court this afternoon charged with opening mail and with abstract-ing \$20 from a letter written by B. F. Kirk, of Raleigh, September 27, 1965. The prisoner was ordered into the country of the prisoner was ordered into stant F. Kirk, of Raleigh, September 27, 1905. The prisoner was ordered into the custody of an officer and is now in jail. Sentence will probably be passed to-morrow. It seems that Smith's talk got him into the trouble. After being accused of taking the \$20 and before any of the govern-ment's officers knew of the occurmith paid back the money, rence, S

rence, Smith paid back the money, denying his guilt. Among those interested against Smith were Miss Bessie Keith and her father. After paying back the money with the tacit understanding that no action would follow. Smith got mad and made accusations against Miss Keith, saying she stole a ring. Then the Kelth's got mad, with the, result that the Postoffice Department was informed of the affair and now the assistant postmaster will spend a time in a Federal prison.

GEORGIA-FLORIDA TRAVELERS.

Grand Council of Two States Meets At Jacksonville—Banquet For To-Night.

Jacksonville, Fis., May 11.—The Georgia and Florida grand council of United Commercial Travelers met here in annual session to-day. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. V. W. Shields, rector of the Episcopal church, and the members address from Captain C. E. Garner, chairman of the Jacksonville board of trade. The resonance was by of trade. The response was by Grand Council C. D. Montgomery, of Atlanta. H. D. Derrick, of Jackson-yille, spoke for the local council and Josse Bates, of Macon, Ga., made the response. Several members were in-itlated fo-night.

After an executive session to-mor-row, the delegates will attend the bareball game, and a banquet will be tendered to them to-night.

GRAND JURY CLEARS STROBHAR

Alleged Embezzler From Atlantic Coast Line Exoperated in Florida as Well as Georgia.

as Well as Georgia. F Gainesville, Fia., May 11.—After a thorough investigation of the cases of the Atlantic Goast Line against James N. Strobhar, its former agent hare, the grand jury to-day vindicat-ed Strobhar of all charges of em-bestiement from the railroad. Strob-har, after acquittal in a Georgia court on a similar charge and on the refus-al of Governor Terrell, of that State, to henor the regulation of Governor Broward, returned voluntarily and demanded investigation of the charges against him, with the result that he was exonerated. -After

Returns of Florida State Census. Tallahassee, Fla.! May 11.—The census returns for 1995, which were given out to-day for all counties of Plorida, excepting Dade, Escambia and Orange, show a white population in the State of 314,685; black, 341.-870; other races, 135, making a total of 588,696. This is an increase of 73,580 over the Federal census of 1900. The population of Jacksonville is given as 36,301; of Key West, 20.-498, and of Tampa, exclusive of su-burbs, at 25,525.

Three Barges Cut Loose in Storm. West Palm Beach, Fla., May 11.— The tug Sibyl, with three barges in tow for the Key West Railfroad ex-tension, was compelled by rough weather to cut them house has night, the morning, one pounding to pieces and the others in danger. No lives were lost as far as can be learned. The tug to sufficient outside waiting for fully weather. all a second theory

MR. BRYAN NOT SEEKING IT.

by missionaries may be recruited from the churches and more churches may be brought into co-operation with missionary work. A Letter From Expit to St. Louis Friend, Former Candidate Defines Attitude Toward Presidential Nom-In

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Strike Tics Up New York Undertak-ing Business. New York, May 11.—The strike of 1,500 funeral drivers, ordered last night, tied up the undertaking busi-nes to New York, city to-day so com-pletely that about 150 bodies remain unburied. Hearses and carriages were driven away from churches, mourners were kept waiting all day in homes of the dead and in several instances non-union drivers of hears-es and carriages were stiacked in the streets and police protection had to be called.

INCREASE IN PASTOR'S BALARIES An increase is the solaries of pas-try of churches was urged, as also on churches is system benefi-cence among the church members, that there be more system benefi-er and promote Christian Steward-and promote Christian Steward-and promote Christian Steward-explored to secure an enlarged be done to secure and her be to secure and norse vigilant be be be done and norse vigilant pas-toral service. Baptists were urged

Three killed by Holler Explosion. Shreveport, La., May 11.—The boll-ers of the Big Fine Lamber Com-pany's plant at Colfan, La., exploded to-day, killing three men and parti-ally wrocking the plant. The dead: W. A. Fertor, Louis Hen-ing of Portor, Louis Henspcial to The Observer.

C. Moore, of Statesville, the mail agent who suffered severe injuries in the head-on collision near Swanna-noa last February, has entered suit against the Southern Rallway for \$20,-000 damages. Mr. Moore is repre-mented by McLaughlin & Nicholson. Armfield & Turner, and H. P. Grier, all of the Statesville bar. The case will be returnable at the May term of Iredell Superior Court. The returns from the defferent

townships of Iredell county show that about 600 voters in Iredell will not be able to vote this year by reason of their failure to pay their poll tax. There are about 4,500 in the county who will have the right of suffrage.

Caar and Parliamentary Leader Have

national Parliament was further strengthened to-day by the audience granted by Emperor Nicholas at Poterhof to Prof. Mouromiseff, the president of the lower house. Prof. Mouromiseff returned to St. Peters-burg from the audience apparently much impressed by the Emperor's earnest interest in the problems of the country.

Head-On Collision Between Southern Freights.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, May 11.—Two freights on the Knoxville division of the Southern hit head-on this morning near Olivette, seven miles from Asheville. Only one person, a negro fireman, was injured. There was con-siderable property damage e property damage and the were blocked for several

to stand everywhere for civic right-coussess, for the manchity of the home, for temperance, for the en-forcement of the law, and against the growing tide of Babbath desc-tration."

the growing tide of Sabbath deso-cration." The president closed his address with a glowing reference to the prospects of the South and his op-portunities for religious work. The inflow of immigration, the opening of the Panama Canal, the desp wa-terways, and the splendid resources of the South, he said, afforded rea-terways, and the splendid resources of the South, he said, afforded rea-terman for the prophesy that at no dis-tant date the South is to be a great center of influence, and that the work of the Convention was to bear an important relation to the prog-ress of that section.

an important relation to the prog-ress of that section. Rev. Dr. Willingham read the re-port of the board of foreign missions. REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report stated that the churches ave contributed more than ever be-ore, the aggregate of the sifts being \$15,249, against \$288,415 last year

Te, the against \$288, before. ad \$247,695 the year before. "We are receiving from a number of young men and women applications for appointment to the foreign field." for appointment to the foreign field."

workers. "We are impressed with the ad-rance which has been made along all lines. The board has become more thoroughly convinced of the importance of schools in connection with our mission work." E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., was unanimously re-elected president H. Pollard, of Richmond, Ya., and H. Pollard, of Richmond, Ya., and

barles A. Smith presidents. Dr. Lansing Burley and O.

Southern-600 Iredell Voters Dis-franchised. pcial to The Observer. Statesville, May 11.-Mr. William addition to giving authority to fix a minimum rate the provision author-ized the fixing of a minimum rate and also gave the commission authority over the classification of freights. It was rejected after a debate on the maximum rate question, in which Senators LaFollette, Dolliver and Bailey participated. Mr. LaFollette and Mr. Balley agreed on the wis-dom of an absolute rate.

BAILEY AND DOLLIVER TILT.

There was a sharp controversy between Mr. Balley and Mr. Dolliver as to whether the latter had not originally favored the fixing of a minimum rate. The Texas Senator contended that the Iowan had said that he agreed with the position taken by him in his four-hour speech, and Mr. Dolliver repited that if he

Amicable Talk. St. Petersburg, May 11.—The hope of the establishment of friendly re-lations between the Emperor and the responded that that was his an-

to-morrow.

Freight Crashes Into Rear of Anoth-er With Two Pushers on Bad Grade Near Lynchburg and Both Engines are Derailed-Four Others Injured.

men and injuring four others. The dead are: J. A. WALDON, fireman, Roanoke, J. F. CARROLL, fireman, Lynch-

HARRY BONDURANT, appren-

HARRY BONDURANT, appren-tice freman, Clays, Va. WM. LANGHORNE, a negro brakeman, of Ronnoke. C. A. Wygsal, of Lynchburg, and A. E. Wood, of Lynchburg, engineers on the pushers, and Engineer Parley, of Rice's Va., on the second section, each having disjocated shoulders, and James Hart, who was learning the duties of fireman and who was on the second section, sustained a broken leg. The accident occurred on the worst grade on the Norfolk & Western east of the Blue Ridge, where a block telegraph station, it is said, has not been located because of the steep hill. The trains follow, each other in plain view for several miles, but in this instance the train in front could not be seen on account of the fog.

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Unapene. Washington, May 11.—Right Bey. James H. Hienk, hishop of Porto Ri-co, has been appointed archibishop of New Orleans, to fill the vacancy cre-ated by the desth of Archibishop Unappelle. Archbishop Blenk left Chappelle.

Shiloh will be constituted a pastoral charge. Bethany and Mt. Rope; Grace, Rockwell and St. Luke; Bethel, St. James, Boger, New Gilead and Keller are all constituted pastoral

charges. Clarence Woods, C. C. Wagner and Jacob Palmer were received as stu-dents for the ministry.

Dr. Barringer, chaifman of the committee on examinations and licensure, reported that A. S. Peeler and W. S. Clapp were examined, and that the examinations were satisfactory. The young men presented themselves and were licensed. It was a solemn

act. Another young man will be examined to-morrow. Burlington was selected as the place for holding the next meeting. Rev. Dr. Murphy received a telegram an-nouncing that his father was dying at his home in Thomasville and left at once for that place.

RAPID-FIRE PENSION BILLS.

Auctioncer-Like Legislation in House, Rhode Islander Occupying Speak-er's Chair-Mr. Hepburn Attacks Navy Court-Martial System.

Washington, May 11 .- Three hundred and twenty pension bills were

ments of Mr. Allison striking out the provision regarding the time when orders of the commission shall take effect, and providing that the inter-state commerce commission shall take made the defendant in suits brought to set aside the orders of that body, were offered by Mr. Cullom and adopted without discussion. The amendment conferring jurisdiction upon the Circuit Courts to hear and determine suits brought against the considered when the bill is taken up to-morrow.

clerk and the voice of the acting Speaker once more sounded in unison FOUR N. & W. TRAINMEN KILLED until all the pension bills were pass-The House devoted much time to

Freight Crashes Into Rear of Anoth-cr With Two Pushers on Bad Grade Near Lynchburg and Both Engines are Derailed—Four Others Injured. Lynchburg, Va., May 11.—A freight train crashed into the rear of another with two pushers to-day on the Norfolk & Western road, a short distance east of the city, derailing two engines and killing four train-men and injuring four others. The dead are:

SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS MEET.

Convention at Montgomery, Ala, May 15-16.

May 15-16. May 15-16. Montgomery, Ala., May 11.-To the members of the Bouthern Newspaper Publishers' Association: The fourth annual convention of this organization will be held in Mont-somery, Ala., May 15-16 next, and all members are urged to be in attend-ance. The association's business ses-sions will be held at the New Ex-change Hotel. An elaborate pro-gramme for the estertainment of the delegates has been strauged by the Montgomery Commercial Club. Among the pleasures will be an old-fash-ioned Southern barbecus at Jackson's Lake Tuesday atternoon. F. P. GLASS, Bearstary.

For Customs Collector at Petersbur V3. Washington, May 11.—The Presi ant lo-day sent to the Senate the omination of Wm. Mahone, to be ellector of customs for the district tr of e

urg. Va. Ira. Jefferson Davis Much In

New York, May 11. Mrs. Joffer at his re on Davis, who has been ill with the party to rip for several days in her spart, was re-

of recent date. I beg to ask when you think you will call the State committee together? I note you discuss the question of the time of the State convention, but my idea in writing in my former communication was to inquire when you would call the com-mittee together that they might dis-cuss the question of the meeting of the State convention. I hope you will do me the kindness to write me immediately advising me when you will call the State committee (of which I have the honor to be a mem-ber) together that it (the committee) may discuss the question of calling the State convention. It strikes me that the members of the committee from every section of the State would, be able to give us such suggestions and information as to the conditions and information as to the conditions existing in their respective communi-ties as will greatly aid us in accom-plishing results in the coming cam-paign, and the sooner these views can be had and a line of action settled upon the more satisfactory, it seems to me, will be the results. Awaiting your immediate reply I have the honor to be. Very truly

Very truly SPENCER BLACKBURN.

OIL COMPANY'S 15 PLANTS SOLD.

Property of Defunct Independent Cot-ton Oil Company Goes to South At-lantic Oil Mill Company, Newly Or-ganized \$550,000 Concern, for \$200,000.

Charleston, S. C., May 11.—The property of the defunct independent Cotton Oil Company, consisting of oil mill plants and ginneries located at Darlington, Manning, Marion, Hamer, Charaw Kingging, Timmongulla mill plants and ginneries located as Darlington, Manning, Marion, Hamer, Cheraw, Kingstree, Timmonsville, Mullins, Byracuss, Lamar, Swift Creek, Auburn, Davis Station and Summerton, In South Carolina, and at Wadesboro, in North Carolina, with all the land, buildings, engines, ma-chinery, ginneries, side tracks and other appurtenances; tools, office fur-nitures, mates, seed houses and scales, were sold at Darlington under order of the United States Court to-day and purchased by the South Atlantic Oil Mill Company for \$208,000, the upset price. The failure of the Independent Company was followed by the sema-tional suicide of President R. K. Dar-san, whose speculations caused the trouble. The Habilities of the com-pany when adjudged bankrupt were nasity a million dollars. The Baw company will continue the oil bau-ness and will have a capital of \$50,000.

MAJ, HUNTOON APPEALS,

Co-Respondent in Duke Divores Cam Files Exception to Vice Chancellos Plines's Decision.

pecial to The Observer, Trenton, N. J., May 11,-Mai Trenton, N. J., May I.I.-Mainter Frank Runtoon, of New York, to-day filed in Chancellor Pitney's desi-sion advising a decree of diverse to James B. Duke, On tobacco magnete, from his wife, Mrs. Lilliam N. Dubs, Huntoon objects to the court's ad-visopset which adjudges him guilty