TATE BILL TO CONFERENCE.

ington, May 21 .- The railroad rate bill was considered for three irs to-night by the House commit en inter-State and foreign commerce and the decision reached to recommend disagreement to all of the Senate amendments and to send the measure to conference. The committee will not ask that instructions of any character be given to the House conferees.

There was no disposition to criticise the amendment conferring juders made by the inter-State comcommittee as well as in the Senate, many members contended that the bill as it was passed by the gave that authority to the courts. This amendment and others which, collectively are known as the Allison compromise, undoubtedly will be agreed to by the House conferees.

The amendment which gave the House committee the greatest conern to-night was that making pipe lines common carriers, which committee thought inconsistent with the amendment prohibiting common carriers from producing commodities carried by it. Formal action was not had on any of the amendments, and therefore the House conferees likely will be left free to exercise their

best judgment. Not the faintest show of interest either on the part of the members of the House or the galleries, the child of the House, was displayed to-day when the rate bill came back to that body from the Senate, somewhat dis-figured, but still recognizable.

The bill went to the Speaker's table. for to-night, at which the action herein outlined was taken.

As the measure was reported by the unanimous vote of the Hepburn committee, these members, regardless of party slignment, were called into the E. church observed Children's

PUT ACREAGE INCREASE AT 2.7.

Southern Cotton Association Issues Statement for 1906 Showing 736,-228 More Acres Than in 1905— Says Labor Scarcity Will Cause 10 Per Cent. to be Abandoned.

Atlanta, Ga., May 21.-The Southern Cotton Association, by President Harvie Jordan and Secretary Richard Cheatham, issued to-night the Pride's Crossing, Mass., Special, 20th. following statement regarding the cotton acreage for the year 1906;

on cotton crop acreage for 1906, has hired a detective agency to pro-compared with 1905 (first following tect him from Alexander Berkman, names of States is 1906 acreage, then who has just finished a fourteenthat of 1905): Louisiana - 1,595,118. 1,610,074, ing the Homestead strike in 1892.

decrease 1.55; Arkansas—1,827,427, 3,922,767, 2,826,717, increase 2.51; I to fear from that man?" and he Alabama—3,621,978, 3,571,618, increase 1.41; Texas—7,727,802, 7,311,671, increase 507; North Carolina— that he is not the least concerned 971, increase 507; North Carolina— that he is not the least concerned 1,698,523, 1.116,839, decrease 1.64; about anarchists, for he went about South Carolina—2,173,861, 2,212,807, unattended, with the exception of a driving, and decrease 1.76; Tennessee - 789,386, driver when he went driving, and 780,798, increase 110; Mississippi - his care-taker when he rambled over 3,196.906, 3,145.633, increase 1.63; Indian Territory—944.913, 833.404, increase 13.28; Oklahoma—461.823, 426.717, increase 8.93; Florida, Virginia and Missouri—375,366, 373,598, increase .05; total—27,735,870, 26,-

The statement shows an increase of 736,228 acres this year over that planted in 1905, a net increase of 2,7 per cent. These figures are to be verified or corrected at a meeting State presidents at Jackson,

Miss., May 31. The statement further says that the scarcity of labor, especially in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, will cause at least ten per cent, of the acreage now planted to be abandoned, on account of the lack of necessary hands to cultivate the Fronts about May 8-19 caused considerable damage and replanting.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 10.

Trains Nos. 21 and 22 Between Salisbury and Asheville Will Connect at Statesville With Trains for Charlotte. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, May I The new summer schedule on the Asheville division of the Southern will be one effective Sunday, June 10. In addition to the inauguration of chair cars, through Pullmans and new trains between Asheville and Morristown and Asheville, and Southern who trains between Asterville and Morristown and Asheville and Spartanburg, which have been put in every summer for the past several years, the Southern will put on new trains between Asheville and Salisbury. It is the purpose of the Southern to make permanent these new trains between Asheville and Solisbury. The trains will be numbered I and II. They will make all shops between Asheville and Salisbury will earn and and and solisbury. will make all slope between Asheville and Sallabury, will carry much and will fill a long-felt need on the western road of the Asheville division. Thain No. 21 will leave Sallabury at 6.30 a. in antiving at Asheville at 11.55. In This train will make connection at Statewille with the train from Charleste and will thus en able The Charleste and will thus en western North Carolina before any of the other State nature. other State papers leave Asheville at a not have to wait the connections and will therefore leave in the anxions at Mallebury at 8.5 cm to 1708 train will therefore leave at Salisbury at 8 2. c and also make connection also make contact and Statestalle with

HIS SKULL PRACTURED.

Deaf and Dumb Man Perhaps Fatally Injured by Fellow Operative at

Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., May Charles Hammond, a deaf and dumb Operative employed at the Saxon Mills, was struck on the head sev-eral days ago and fies in a dangerous condition at the Spartanburg Hospi tal. The wound is said to have been inflicted by a boy named Wall, for whom a warrant has been issued and whom a warrant has been issued and the arrest will follow shortly. It is alleged that the two engaged in an altercation and Wail, approaching the deaf and dumb man from behind, dealt him a fearful blow, breaking the skull bone. Hammond, it was thought for a while, had been killed but he revived and was taken to the hospital, where an operation was the hospital, where an operation was performed. The condition of the injured man is somewhat improved though he is not ret out of danger.

\$250,000 COTTON DOCK FIRE.

Two Warehouses Containing the Sta-ple Are Destroyed at Staten Is-land.

New York, May 21.—Fire started to-night on the American cotton docks between St. George and Tompkinsville, Staten Island. The flames apread rapidly and soon threatened to attack the United States light house department station and supply house near by, and the railway terminals at St. George. One fireman is reported seriously injured.

The fire was under control soon after midnight, the flames having been confined to two warehouses containing cotton. The damage is satimated at \$250.000. The docks of the light house, which were for some time in danger, escaped damage. New York, May 21.—Fire started enight on the American cotton

GREENSBORO COLLEGE CLOSES Class Day Exercises Take Place on Campus—Gate City Schools Close Campus— To-Day.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, May 21.—The class day exercises of the senior class of the Greensboro Female College took place this afternoon at 5 o'clock on the new plassa and the campus. The first number on the programme was an instrumental duet by Misses Kramer and Mayo. Then Miss Adeline Mayo read an interesting history of the class and Miss Bess Whitaker told, in an and Miss Bess Whitaker told, in an amusing style, the gramblings of her classmates. Miss Hallie Mayes then rendered a beautiful vocal solo, followed by the class donor, Miss Rob Rone, who, with charming grace and dignity presented to each class a token of friendship from the class of 1904. The class song was then sung 1906 The class song was then sung and Miss Hallie Mayes read the class prophecy, while the class poem was read by Miss Helen Chaffin. Miss Cora Donnell read the class statistics and then followed the planting of the lvy with an impressive ceremony, Miss Clegg, the class president, read an ode to ivy and presented the spade to the junior president. Miss Smith, the junior president, accepted in a happy little speech and the exercises

losed with the singing of the colege song by the entire school. To-night a very delightful and meritorious recital was given in the college chapel by students of the expression department under the direction of Miss Blanche Etta Shattuck, the talented head of that department. The baccalaureate sermon will be

preached to-morrow morning at 11

clock by Rev. Dr. R. D. Smart, of Norfolk, Va. The commencement exercises of the ity public schools will be held tomorrow, the class day exercises at 11 clock in the morning in the chapel Chairman Hepburn at once called an of the Lindsay street school and the informal meeting of the committee presentation of diplomas and an address in the Smith Memorial building at night by Prof. E. K. Graham, of the department of English of the University of North Carolina.

The Sunday school of Centenary M yesterday morning with appropriate exercises in the Sunday school room The programme included a number of songs and recitations and an address by the pastor, Rev. A. T. Bell. The audience overflowed the room and many were turned away at the doors because there was not even standing room for them.

Mr. Frick Did Not Hire Detectives to Watch Berkman.

to New York Herald. Henry C. Frick, a Pittsburg steel "Replies from a very large number manufacturer, who is here inspectof our 17,000 correspondents enable ing his new mansion, to-day denied us to give out the following report that he is in fear of anarchists or year term for trying to kill him dur

"The subject is too absurd to talk about," said Mr. Frick. "What have 1.63; his estate.

HACKETT WINS IN WAUTAUGA. Democratic Convention for

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem: May 21.—Telephone advices received here this afternoon state that the Democratic county convention of Wautauga county was held at Boone to-day and that R. N. Hackett, of Wilkes, carried the convention for Congress almost unanimously, receiving 15 1-2 out of the 18 votes to which Wautauga is entitled in the congressional convention, the remaining 2 1-2 votes being divided between Newland and Bowie. The Sentinel this afternoon forecasts the vote of the congressional convention and declares Hackett will be nominated on the first ballot, with a handsome majority, the first ballot being as ecial to The Observer. some majority, the first ballot being as follows: Hackett 188, Armfield 54 1-2,

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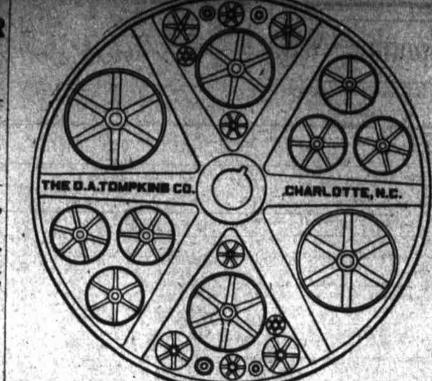
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