\$2.00 A DAY FOR RECRUITS CUHAN GOVERNMENT'S STRAITS

the cause of the insurgents. In ofties there is much more apoin to genuine patriotism, but the rament's offer of \$2 a day for seruits does not meet with more slow response. Many men are ested in the crists, as onlookers, a ganuine, general desire to fight the government is lacking.

hundred troops started this moon by train from Pinar del for Ean Juan de Martines. Letter received from a reliable spondent who visited Pinora at Sau Juan de Martinez says Guerra has not sufficient ammunicationer to take Pinar del Rio or in a prolonged fight. The people plenty of arms, but little ammunic, and they have no chance of tring it. This is believed to be treet view of the situator.

JOSE GOMEZ ARRESTED.

a Miguel Gomez, who was a date for the presidency last fall, who was arrested August 21 at residence near Saneti Spiritus, nee of Santa Ciara, arrived here Batabano on a special train Batabano on a special train this morning and had been ted to the city jull before his al in the city became known, mas, in an interview with the most of the Associated Press

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province of Pinar del Rio,
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Rice to-night are to the effect
the insurgent forces now conating west of San Juan de
lartines, are far more formidable
had been supposed and also are
r supplied for camping and a
aggressive campaign. A promiresident of Hayana, whose word tevery possible necessity. The invitor of his forces is excellent, the tobacco plantations owned by sclans and American properties slying the American flag, this leman declared, are not being ested. He said the insurrected had eight mules loaded with smite and that lately they had lyed aupplies from unknown ces. He positively declared that itically all Cubans in Western

rd has been received here from upo that General Jesus Rabi, 2,060 veterans, will come to the Abajo to help put down the in-ction. This, however, is not

August 19 have been \$270,000 as city council to-day appropri-\$50,990 for the support of the militis, of which there are two dons, the interior and the exte-under command/of General San-Agramonte. The government ounces that the stamer Mexico th will sail from New York on orday will bring 18 rapid-fire guns, \$00,090 cartridges and \$12,000 Len

BUX LOS TEXAS HORSES.

000 WITH INSURGENT CHIEF

under command of Pino Glerra, is again in possession of the constituted forces of the republic, At 5:30 o'clock this evening the troops under command of Colonels Baccalino and Avalouserived here from Pinar del Rio, but news of their coming had preceded them by several hours and by noon the last of Guerra's men had left, taking with them all the horses they could gather. The government troops now have consist of 250 artitlerymen and 50 raw recruits. They are quartered in the churches and public buildings. The town is quiet.

Guerra's force is larger than has been supposed. He has probably 2,000 men well supplied with arms and ammunition, and is well supplied also with money. Guerra's movement westward is not a retreat, nor is it with the purpose of occupying Guanes. That town is in fact already practically occupied by resident insurgents. Guerra's purpose is to effect a junction with several hundred insurgents who are coming eastward from the vicinity of Guanes.

MARTINEZ IS RETAKEN.

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Havana, Aug. 24.—The first en-counter in Santa Clars province oc-curred this morning. A detachment of rural guards attacked an insur-gant band commanded by Manuel Gonzales, between Santo Domingo-and Colon. The insurgents were scattered and some of their arms and ammunition captured. ammunition captured.

IN WAVES AT ATLANTIC CITY.

One Man Is Drowned While Out In Pleasure Boat and Seven Others Have Narrow Escapes—Party of Five Arc Saved by Swedish Fisher-men and Handsomly Reward Him. supplied for camping and a aggressive campaign. A promiresident of Havana, whose word yound question, returned this ng from a three-days tour in vicinity of San Louis and San de Martinez. He informed the lated Press that Pino Guerra's wing in Pinar del Rio now is corfrom 1,500 to 2,000 men. He the idea of his and having sufficiently amountain was ridiculous that he is abundantly supplied every possible necessity. The cor of his forces is excellent.

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He and two companions were on a ashing trip in a launch. Off Brigantine City they were caught in a whiripool caused by cross currents and the storm. In trying to avoid a big wave Simpkins lost his balance and fell into the sea. Despite their danger. Simpkins companions made a brave effort to pick him up, but before they were able to do this he sank and was drowned. As the men were about to leave the scene his body came to the surface and they managed to drag it into the launch.

Shortly after this accident five young men who came here in the sloop yacht Virginia from Island Heights left the inlet for the return trip up the coast. Professional yachtsmen tried to persuade them not to attempt so go to sea, but they did hot heed the warning and sailed away. In making a long tack toward Brigantine Beach the yacht was carried on the dangerous bar outside the inlet. The mast snapped off and the hoat began pounding on the sand. The captain of a large yacht saw the accident, but having on board a number of passengers, he did not care to endanger their lives by going too near. While the five men were clinging to their craft, momentarily expecting to be washed to their death, a hore in the person of John Johnson, a Swedish fisherman, went to the rescue in a frail gasoline launch. He did not faiter in the face of the storm, and after a hard struggle in which his little boat was tossed about by the waves, he managed to get alongside the Virginia, and too the five men off. The rescued men rewarded Johnson handsomely.

Later in the afternoon Thomas and Howard Butter, sons of Congressman

A MAGNIFICENT EXHIBI TAR HEEL PRODUCTS IN BOSTON

Dook Commission Still at Book Commission Still at Notes of State Capital.

Observer Bureau.

122 South Dawson Street,
Raleigh, Aug. 14. ployed at the Hospital for the insane, have gone on a strike. Yesterday two carpenters were obtained, and are at work. The strike was unfortunate, in that it delayed the important finishing work on the new annex for women. It seems that the contractor is one against whom the carpenters union has a great deal of feeling. But for the atrike the annex would hve been finished by this time. It will not be ready until September 15th,-it is now stated. The equipments have been shipped and have nearly all arrived. Some have been installed. This was ordered at a special meeting of the council of Sinte, and it was certainly greatly needed.

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a special meeting of the council of State, and it was certainly greatly needed.

Curator Brimley is a busy man. He is putting the final touches on the exhibit which goes to Beston. The beard of agriculture set apart \$5,000 for this. It is unfortunate that there is not \$1,500 more, as in such a case a great exhibit could be made. As it is, however, the exhibit will be of the highest quality, and it is certain that the display of fruits and vegetables in glass will be the best the State has ever sent out. There are 250 jars of them; some six inches, some three inches and all over two feet high. The seed grains will be artistically shown in 200 glass globes, four inches in diameter, specially made. The minerals will be in 12 cans each eight feet in length, and will flustrate the economic mineral wealth of the State, including select specimens of tale, mica, koalin, gems and gem minerals, monasite, sicron, corrundum, gold, silver, copper and iron ores, and building stones. The North Carolina exhibit is to be shown all the month of October in the most beautiful hall, known as "Paul Revere Hall," in the Mechanics building, the occasion being the Boston Food Fair. The hall is 50 by 30 feet, decorated in crimson and gold, with mahogany woodwork, and polished floor. It is in fact the ball room. The floor is to be covered with canvas. All around the room is a ledge or dais, a foot high, on which are seats, uphoistered in crimson. In the center of this noble room the North Carolina exhibits will be shown in a most attractive way. In fact it may be said now that it will be the showiest exhibit the State has ever put up. The main structure of the institution is 40 feet long and 15 feet high and in the centre of the hall. At the base of this will be bins for fresh and in the centre of the hall. At the base of this will be bins for fresh truit and vegetables of which will be the shown. tion is 40 feet long and 15 feet high and in the centre of the hall. At the base of this will be bins for fresh fruit and vegetables, of which supplies will be regularly sent; above this 100 specimens of the woods of the State, each two, feet high and the Whits Furniture Company, of polished in the handsomest way by Graham; above the wood the row of globes is turning seed grains, with electric lights giving a special illamination from the rear and also light-

nation from the rear ani also lighting 50 large transparent photographs of scenes in the State, all the way from the surf of Cape Hatteras to the highest mountain top; above these being the larger fruit and vegetable jars and on top of all the smaller jarz. The color scheme of the installation will be crimson and gold; the crimson being coth and the gold in the shape of mouldings. It will be exactly the sort of exhibit to impress the people. North Carolina was favored, it being given the best space in the large building.

SOLDIERS' HOME INSPECTED.

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The Soldiers' Home was carefuly inspected this week and the hospital and sanitary arrangements found all right. There are 119 inmates at

The State text-book commission heard talks by the book men to-day on language and grammer studies, and georgraphies. It looks like the end will not be reached before Monday. end will not be reached before Mon-day. It will require at least a day for consultation after arguments are completed. Some of the books men are severe critics of the books printed by other firms. This is a big fight on here, and half a million deliars is the stake which is being played for.

NO PARDON FOR SUSIE HANNON.

The Governor declines to pardon Susie Hannon, the 13-year-old girl who is in the penitentiary for four years and 5 months for murder. He says: "Tough young, her character for morality is very bad and she is under the influence of a very bad father. To pardon means to send her back to a lite of shame and ruin, I therefore decline to pardon, but have directed the neptically and the state of the send of the rected the penitentiary authorities give her light work, to try to make later, if she improves, will try to get her a good home and give her a con-ditional pardon." The Governor's views are those of all who have seen this girl, who, though so young, is large and who is very hardened and utterly indifferent.

The Governor grants a conditional ardon to Thomas L. Davis, first sen-enced to ten years for burglary in

SAN FRANCISCO TO VALPARAISO. PRESIDENT A KARNAGYITE Received for Earthquakers of the South Pacific City re City to be on Finer Lines before—Has Assumed Almost

al Appearance. Valparaiso, Aug. 24.—As the result the splendid courage of the people ad with the co-operation of the city oversinent. Valparaiso will be rebuilt tithin a few years on finer and more seautiful lines than before the disas-

beautiful lines than before the disaster of August 16.

Rain last night caused most of the people to desert the tents which they have occupied since the earthquake, and return to their houses. Almost all the walls are cracked, but there was no violent earth fremor during the night or to-day. Many of the people had to walk long distances, carrying their bed clothes on their shoulders.

There are no conflagrations, but There are no conflagrations, but inues, and loud explosions are fre-uently heard. Otherwise the town us assumed an almost normal ap-carance. Many business houses ave been reopened.

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About 10,0000 workmen are employed in clearing away the ruins here and in searching for bodies of those who lost their lives juring the earthquake and fire. In the wreckage of a house to-day workmen found a child alive in a barrel which had profected it from hard. The naval school is to b reconstructed and it is expected that the cadets will be able to resume their studies there in about two months. The sale of articles of food is strictly suprvised by city and government officials to prevent any abuses in the direction of increases in prices. Merchants detected in the art of selling food above the fixed prices are compelled to close their stores.

President Riesco has visited all the fanted parts of the city in his efforts to do everything possible to ancourage the homeless people.

In different parts of the city depots for the distribution of food have been established, the main features of which are immense caldrons from which under the supervision of young women of the highest society in Valparalso, soup is distributed to the poos.

Materials for the construction of temporary houses or sheds are being distributed gratis by the government and local officials.

and local officials.

In addition to the sums of money received here from various parts of Chill for the relief of the earthquake sufferers \$35,000 has been received from Ban Francisco, Cal.

One of the worst features of the situation is the fact that the supplies of childride of time used in the distinction of the ruins are exhausted and some time must elapse before

and some time must elapse before fresh supplies can be obtained. More Shocks Felt.

Valparaiso, Aug. 25.—3 a. m.—
There were two slight earthquake shocks here last night.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 23.—10 p.m.— Another severe earth shock has just occurred here.

DURHAM IS AROUSED.

d of Taking Down Valgar P pro-Citizens May Orga

Special to The Observer. Durham, Aug. 24,-The order of the mayor that certain immoral and indecent signs be taken from the bill-boards of the city has not been obeyed. Instead of taking down the signs or covering them, the bill poster was busy to-day putting up other similar advertisements all over the

city.
The local manager for the Rich The local manager for the Richmond concern that owns the bill-posting right here asked this morning for time in which to hear from his people. This time was granted him and he went to work immediately to put up a great number of the vulgar signs, advertisements which show the form of a woman practically nude with a thin gauze net spread over her.

her.
The matter has aroused a great deal of interest and there are many people here who will join a crowd, if this becomes necessary, and destroy every bill-board in the city. A prominent minister of the gospet said today that every virtue-loving man in Durham should and would stand by the mayor and the officers in their fight against this evil. The same minister said it was such lustful pictures that appeal to the brutal passion of that appeal to the brutal passion of the negro and low order of whites, thus causing criminal assaults and the lynchings which follow as a re-

But the die has been cast and in the future the town will be cleaner from the stand-point of vulgar pictures disthat by to-morrow there may be an order issued to destroy the vulgar pictures, even if this has to be done by force. Late this afternoon W. F. Freeland, local manager, was arrested and will be tried to-morrow.

STOLEN GOODS IN HER TRUNK.

From Bocks.
Savannah, Ga., Aug. 24.—Mrs. F.
F. McDonald, amo known as Mabel
Drain, was arrested to-day for having
in her possession a trunk marked
with her name, and containing goods
worth more than \$1,000 that were, it
is alleged, stolen from the docks of
the Ocean Steamship Company.

The woman lived in the house of
E. C. Tabb, one of the three policemen arrested yesterday on charges of
pilfering goods from shipping cases.
Tabb, who was out on bond, was rearrested on supplementary charges
when the dacovery of the goods in
the trunk was made by detectives.

KASE BEGARDING SPELLING

ting's English and President's Arc to Separate Markedly and Latter to be Modified in Accordance With Iron-Master's Latest Hobby Instead of Continuing the Nation to be Modified in Accordance With Iron-Master's Latest Hobby Instead of Continuing the Natural Evolution of the Language of Chaucer and John Charles McNeill, if Orders to Public Printer Have Expected Effect—Dicta of Prof. Matthews' Committee to be Accepted as French Academy's in France—Departments in Line.

Carnegie spelling reform movement. He issued orders to-day to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the President and all other documents essanating from the White House shall be printed in accordance with the recommendation of the spelling reform committee headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia University. This committee has published a list of 300 words in which the spelling is reformed. This list contains such words as "thru" and "tho" as the spelling for "through" and "though."

The President's official sanction of this reform movement is regarded as the speedlest and most effective method of inaugurating the new system of spelling throughout the country. Not only will the printed dale, Tenn.

J. A. CLEET, fireman, Ruthtorn, Tenn.

The train was running at a high responsible of speed when it struck the trestle across Moccasin river. If was very dark and the engineer and fire and the week and their bodies pinned under the cars in the water, and were not reached by the wrecking crew until this afternoon.

The river was very high, but as the trestle had stood against the water much higher than if was this morning, the engineer did not think there was any danger and was running He issued orders to-day to Public method of inaugurating the new system of spelling throughout the country. Not only will the printed documents emanating from the President utilize the reform spelling, but his correspondence will be spelled in the new style. Secretary Loeb has sent for the list of 300 words which have been reformed and upon its arrival will immediately order all correspondence of the President and of the executive force of the White the executive force of the White House spelled in accordance there-with. As the spelling reform com-mittee shall adopt new reforms they force of the White will be added to the President's list and also to that of the Public Printer. while the order to the Public Printer.
While the order to the Public Printer to-day does not contemplate an immediate reform in the spelling of the official documents from the executive Departments in Washington, it is regarded that more than likely the respective heads of the Departments will fall in line with the President's ideas and have their official documents printed in the new spelling.

PASSENGERS PANIC-STRICKEN. Street Car Accident in Wilmington Results in Bad Scares, but No In-Resulta

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Aug. 24,-An incoming train of cars from the beach on the suburban line of the Consolidated Company split a switch near the junction at Front and Princess streets early last night, ran out the end of the siding and ran across the square before it was stopped on the square before it was stopped on the paved street just at the crest of a steep incline leading to the river. Thirty-five passengers on the car, consisting largely of ladies and children, were thrown into a panic and great excitement ensued for the time, but no one was injured. Several, however, fainted and had to be attended by physicians.

The cars are controlled by an automatic arrangement, with one motor-

matic arrangement, with one motorman in front. The front car took the main line, as intended, when the train came in, but the rear car took the siding and tore loose from the front car and ran into the siding, side-swiping the main line car as it passed at some considerable speed, caused by the down grade of the switch and the momentum gained before it broke loose from the train. Street car men in the vicinity ran aboard the car and applied the hand brakes, as the air had been cut off when the cars parted.

DRUMMERS VS. POLITICIANS.

Representative of Former Ser Notice That They Originated Bryan Reception and Propose Play First Violin Thereat.

New York, Aug. 24. — Harry W. Walker, who has had an active part in arranging the reception to be given to W. J. Bryan by the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust League on August 30, to-day gave out a statement to the effect that polyticians headed by Alexander Troup, of Connecticut, and Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, are trying to control the movement and that ing to control the movement and that the league will control the arrangements for the reception even if it has to tell the politicians to retire.

"Mr. Bryan accepted the invitation from the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust League," said Mr. Walker, "and we think that he will appear there as stated."

Mr. Mack, who is the Democratic affair and that Mr. Bryan regards it that way.

"Why shouldn't politicians take part in it?" he asked. Mr. Mack said he is not making trouble in the com-mittee and that there is no talk of Hearst in the arrangements.

SAW STENSLAND IN LONDON.

In Letter to Wisconsin Relatives Former Chicago Newspaper Man Says He Met Defaulting Bank President.

of the Milwankee Avenue Bank, of from the English capital received tobanker in London, and went to call and apparently had plenty of money. A. C. I. to Increase Equips

PREIGHT RUNS OFF TRESTLE

en Killed on Virginia Heavy. Bristol, Va., Aug. 24—As & result

of a washout, a freight train on the Virginia & Southwestern Railway ran off a treatle at Moccasin river at 2 o'clock this morning, and the engine and eight cars loaded with coal were plunged into the river and two persons were killed and another Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Prestseriously injured. dent Roossvelt has endorsed the The dead:

R. E. BOOHER, brakeman, Love dale, Tenn.

Booher and Cleet were caught in the wreck and their bodies pinned under the carw in the water, and were not reached by the wrecking crew until this afternoon.

The river was very high, but as the trestie had stood against the water much higher than if was this morning, the engineer did not think there was any danger and was running probably 36 or 46 miles an hour when he struck the trestle and the train was hurled into the river. The engineer was badly injured, but managed to keep above the water, and floated down the river a considerable distance until he succeeded with almost superhuman strength in maching the shore. The property loss is heavy.

WILL VISIT CHARLOTTE.

Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy and Abdoola Blooz, Large Cotton Manufacturers of India, Arrive at Boston and Will Visit Southern Cotton Centers. Special to The Observer.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 24.-The two most prominent cotton manufacturers of India, Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy and Abdoola Hooz, have arrived here on a tour of investigation which will cover the leading cotton manufacturing and shipping centers of the country, including Charlotte, N. C., Columbit, S. C., Memphis, Tenn., Atlanta Ga., Nashville, Tenn., New Orleans La, and other points. They are wonderfully keen business men. They say that they are planning to buy their own American cotton direct instead through England as at present. They compare wages in India with this country. They say wages are very low in India. The operatives work 13 hours a day and are paid monthly. But the workers do not hurry as in America. They go out to meals and occasionally for a smoke, spending two hours of the 13 outside the factory. Children under 12 years work six hours daily and women eight Currimbhoy employes 9,000 hands and makes 100 per cent, on capital invest-

PHYSICAL CULTURE SCHOOL.

Prof. A. Schoenfeld, New Orleans Athlete, Purchases Sulphur Springs Property Near Asheville — Will Probably Open Institute for Physcal Training. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 24. — A handsome realty deal was concluded here to-day when local representatives of the Asheville, Electric company agreed to sell to Prof. Otto B. Schoenfeld, of New Orleans, 388 acres of land in the Sulphur Springs section of Burcombe county, five miles from this city, for a consideration of \$30,500.

It is understood that Prof. Schoen feld, who is director and owner of a large athletic club in New Orleans, where annually thousands of boys and young men are given physical training, will utilize the property for physical training work and that a physical culture school will be established there. Many improvements will be made. Prof. Schoenfeld first will be made. Prof. Schoenfeld first came to Asheville more than a year ago. He came to referee the first wrestling match held in Asheville, the contest between Big Tom Frisbee, of Sons tannery sevral days ago, when Jap. Prof. Schoenfeld was most favorably impressed with this city and section and declared then that he might purchase property in or near Asheville. The New Orleans athlete has been in the city for the past two weeks and is more pleased with his visit this summer than ever before. visit this summe than ever before.

REFUSES \$79,000

Clarendon Water-Works Company at Wilmington Wants Foreign Experts to Set Price on Plant City Wishes to Buy.

Special to The Observer

Wimington, Aug. 24.—The Clarendon Water-Works Company respectfully declines the offer of \$70,000 for its plant in this city which the water commission hopes to acquire and operate as a municipal property. The rejection of the price set upon the property by the city leaves the matter open. The water company wants an appraisment by mutually selected experts from outside the elected experts from outside the me at the next meeting of the and of aldermen to which the commission will report. The commis-sion is believed to be favorable to the building of a new plant outright. At least the chairman has very strong views in that direction and will resist any arbitration

Will Ask for \$10,000 Day Special to The Observer.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 24.—As a result of the var accident at the Hans Resons' lannery several days ago, who one man lost his life and three other were made dangerously Hi, a suit for damages will shortly be instituted Superior Court against. The tanner company by the administrator Zaney Saxton, the victim that died. But for \$10,000 will at the suit for \$10,000 will at the formula of the company's servants will be a leged.

ARRESTS NEGRO SOLDIE

RANGER CAPTAIN GETS HIOT

the Men Charged With Bell cipals in Rioting Which I in Killing of One Brows and Wounding of Another Under Arrest—Perturbation ed by Message Ordering To Remain at Fort Brown Uneral Bell Arrives to Investigate Term of Court Likely, Erownsville, Term Annual Perturbation of the Perturbatio

Brownsville, rek. Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 24.- Las caused the arrest of the members of Company C. Twee fifth Infantry. Bower, Sergeant George O. Jackson Corporal David Powell, Corpo Madison; Privates John Hollom Howard, J. H. Newton, Oscar Reed and J. H. Askew, on the charge of being the principals in the recent rioting which resulted in the killing of a citizen and the wounding of the Heutenant of police.

This morning, after all preparations had been made for the removal of the negro soldiers to Fort Reno. Oklahoma, a cipher measage was received by Major Penroso, directing him to hold the three companies here pending the arrival of General Bell, chief of staff, to make a thorough investigation. Consequently there

vestigation. Consequently there is some perturbation.

To-night there is a renewal of the precautions taken to see that none of the blacks enter the town. It has been determined to ask for a special term of court to sit in the cases. Battalion Ordered to Brownsville.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 24.—It is reported that a battalion of the troops stationed at Camp Mabry will leave in an hour for the Mexican border. While the reason for the issuance of such orders is not positively known, it is rumored that there has been a recurrence of the trouble at Browns-ville and that the troops are to go to this point.

MR. BROWN WITHDRAWS.

Hiness Forces Senatorial Candidate in Twenty-Fourth to Refere From Race —Mr. John S. Efird, of Albemarie, to be Named on His Stead.

Special to The Observer. Albemarle, Aug. 24 .-- At the Stanly Democratic convention at Albemarie in April Mr. J. M. Brown, of this place, was unanimously endorsed as the nominee for the State Senate from the twenty-fourth district composed of the counties of Anson, Davidson, Stanly and Union and his nomination was assured at the conven which has been called to meet in Albemarle, September 6th. A few weeks ago Mr. Brown suffered a severe stroke of paralysis and has since been confined to his room and his condi-tion is still serious. Realizing the importance of an aggressive cam-paign in Stanly this year in order to wrest the county from Republic wrest the county from Repr not be able to take any part il Mr. Brown, acting under the the campaign and his name will not be presented to the convention. His many friends throughout the district and the State will be pained to learn this as Mr. Brown is an able man and would make himself heard in the halls of legislation.

Since his withdrawal there has been some speculation as to whom the nomination would go. This seems settled in the minds of the people even before the convention assembles, for immediately all eyes turned toward Mr. John S. Efird, of Albemarie, Mr. Efird did not seek the honor and at first refused to consider spontaneous demand of the people finally caused him to yield and his will be the only no Mr. Efird is a man of Albemarle, treasurer of the Efird Cotton Mills and a director and stockholder in nearly every other business and in-dustrial enterprise in the town. He has never sought position preferment, always being william to resears in the ranks of the loyal party he makes a sacrifice in ac place but, coming as it does unanfmously from the loyal citizens from wously from the loyal citizens from every walk in life in the county, he car it refuse. There is no doubt about his election, the first being overwhelmingly Democrate and it goes without saying that no will be among the leaders of the next Senate and will grace that body with becom-

ALABAMA PRIMARIES CLOSING.

Spirited Campaign to End To-Night— Race for Sicriff of Jefferson County (Birmingham) Most Exciting.

(Birmingiam) Most Exciting.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—One of the most spirited campaigns ever waged in Alabama will close to-morrow night, and Birmingham has proved the Mecca for all candidates at the close. The State primary will be held Monday. The contest which is attracting more attention than any other is that between B. B. Comer, of Birmingham, and Lieutenant Governor R. M. Cunningham, of Ensiey, for Governor. A full ticket of State officers will be elected including three Justices of the Supreme Court.

The greatest local interest is in the race for sheriff of Jefferson county, which is by far the most lucrative public office in Alabaras. Candidates for the big office have been making a whirriwind finish, and mass meetings are being held in several parts of the county to-night.

Capt. R. P. Johnston Re Special to The Observer.