

THEY CALL MARGINS GAMBLING.

High and Creditors of Estate Handled by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, Sec—Payment of Claims of \$40,000 of Brokerage Money Left Over Debtors With Only Fifty Per Cent Settlement.

Interests adverse to Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, are seeking to have his administration of the estate of J. B. Lanier, who died in New York more than ten years ago, reviewed by the courts, that \$30,000 paid by the Senator, as administrator, to the firm of W. B. Rountree & Co., cotton brokers, of No. 4 Cotton Exchange building, may be recovered for certain creditors and relatives of Mr. Lanier in North Carolina.

Senator Overman, who is a lawyer of great reputation in his own State, was elected to the United States Senate in 1902. His term will expire in 1909. He was made administrator of the estate of his friend, Mr. Lanier, representative of a prominent Southern family, and at once assumed management. Among the debts presented for settlement was one for \$30,000, alleged to be due to Rountree & Co. for notes passed by Mr. Lanier to the firm in cottons and credits in North Carolina were forced to take fifty cents on the dollar. It is alleged, because of the inroads made upon the estate by the payment of this claim.

Relatives of the dead man join with the creditors in the effort which they are about to make to have the courts here and in North Carolina declare the payment illegal on the ground that the notes were given for the purpose of dealing on a margin, which, it is said, under the North Carolina law is construed as gambling. It is held that the administrator had no right to pay out a gambling debt as against other creditors. The centre of the agitation is Salisbury, the home of Senator Overman.

Four prominent law firms have been retained by the creditors and members of the family of Mr. Lanier, and arrangements have been made to have a hearing before a court commissioner in this city. J. H. Clement, of Salisbury, came here this week to conduct the examination in the interest of Senator Overman and E. H. Rountree & Co., successors to the original firm of W. B. Rountree & Co. The sudden death of Albert L. Rountree, a member of the firm, put a temporary stop to the proceedings. Mr. Rountree knew the details of the transaction and was a most important witness.

It is argued by Senator Overman and the Rountrees that cotton operations, even on a margin, have been held by all the courts to be legitimate commercial transactions. They say the position of the contestants is untenable. On the other hand the contestants assert that the matter is still open for review on account of the delay in settling up the estate and filing the final accounting, which was done recently. Papers on file in Salisbury, where the suit is brought, cannot be obtained until the lapse of a year under the North Carolina practice. Hence it is impossible to present the exact language of the complaint.

Some of Senator Overman's friends pretend to see political significance in the attack on him, in view of the fact that a bitter fight has been started upon him by the Republicans and Populists of the State.

After a man has apologized, what does it amount to?

HOLT-MOSER WEDDING.

Charlotte Mail Takes a Bride in Alabama—Holt Guards Leave for Chickamauga—Burlington Personal and News Notes.

Special to The Observer. Burlington, Aug. 25.—Miss Annie Bennett, of Reidsville, arrived in the city Monday afternoon to take up her duties as stenographer in the Piedmont Trust Company's office.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. May have returned from Washington and are at their home, corner of Means and Mendham streets.—Mr. Q. J. Scott went to Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon to accept a position with the R. J. Reynolds Company.—Miss Lala Smith, who has been the guest for some time of her cousin, Miss Stebbins, returned on yesterday to her home in Greensboro.

Among the Burlington people who are spending the week at Morehead are: Misses Sallis and Etta Ireland, Annie Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fonville, Mrs. Arthur Heritage and Messrs. D. F. Morrow, Chas. Sellers and Chas. Horne. A wedding of interest to a great many people in this and other counties was celebrated Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. L. W. Holt, about three miles from Burlington, when at 10 o'clock Miss Effie Holt became the bride of Mr. Chas. C. Moser, of Charlotte. The ceremony was read by Rev. D. F. Milloway, of this place. The marriage was a quiet affair, only a few of the relatives of both parties being present.

Miss Irma Graves, of Danville, Va., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Graves. The Holt Guards, Capt. J. Clarence Freeman in command, left Sunday afternoon for encampment at Chickamauga Park, before leaving, the Guards assembled at the Lutheran church, where services were conducted by the chaplain, Rev. C. Brown Cox. The sermon by Mr. Cox was most impressive and the entire service very helpful.

TO REDEEM STANLY.

Wicaccsett-Efrid Democratic Club Doing Good Work to Oust Republicans—Throat Trouble Prevents Mr. Hackett From Speaking.

Special to The Observer. Albemarle, Aug. 25.—The Wicaccsett-Efrid Democratic Club was organized here with a membership of 142 active members. This club is composed of men connected with the Wicaccsett and Efrid Mills. It is one of the finest and most enthusiastic clubs ever organized in this county. They had invited Hon. R. N. Hackett to address them. He came but, on account of a serious throat trouble, was unable to speak. He talked to them for a few minutes and promised to come back and address the club just as soon as his throat will permit him to speak.

Nearly all the county Democratic candidates were present and made short speeches. The Wicaccsett-Efrid Cornet Band furnished music for the occasion. Quite a large crowd was present. The Democrats are thoroughly aroused and are determined to redeem this county by a large majority. The present Republican administration has not proven satisfactory even to its own party, and a number of leading Republicans have declared their intention to vote the Democratic ticket this fall.

WORKS AS WAITER.

L. E. Cooley's Son is Telling in Hotel Kitchen.

Chicago Tribune. Waiter and kitchen factotum at a resort hotel, Charles Cooley, son of Lyman E. Cooley, of Evanston, famed as one of the world's authorities on engineering, is trying to solve an "uplift" problem by personal experience. He believes that hard work, coupled with self-denial of the pleasures which his friends have been enjoying will pay him "next to himself" better than did his education at the Northwestern University.

Cooley is 22 years old, tall, good looking and an athlete. He also is a waiter and a kitchen mechanic at the Virginia Beach Hotel, in South Haven, Mich., and has been all summer. Like Philip Van Zandt, the Chicago banker's son, who is a scullion at Lake Geneva country club, young Cooley has high ideals. Van Zandt, still a University of Chicago student, is studying for the ministry; he is unfamiliar with the practical side of the world and clean pots, pans and things to get better acquainted.

With Cooley it is different. He has seen the world since the completion of a university education. He has earned a large salary for one of his years as a salesman "on the road." But, like Van Zandt, he has turned to hard manual labor as a solution of the unnamable social convictions which evidently are spreading among the sons of the rich.

"Mr. Cooley, did you say," asked the waiter, "you'll find him in the kitchen of the dining room. He's just gone in there after helping pack some trunks on that wagon that just drove to the station."

The dining room was empty and the kitchen was Cooley's, likewise hot. A negro peered at his work and a couple of chef's assistants were scurrying around the room.

"Cooley! O-o-o-h, Cooley!" called the negro, when the visitor's inquiry was repeated. Presently Cooley came into view, smoking a cigarette. At a glance he would be taken for a guest. He wore a clean white shirt, sleeves rolled up to the elbows, trousers turned up at the bottom, just like scores of sons of cottagers.

"Well, what if I am Lyman E. Cooley's son?" was the frank way of starting a discussion on his remarkable employment. "Don't think for a minute I am head waiter," he went on. "I'm just a waiter. Head waiters don't get here. Of course I am keeping it secret from my parents. Why, last week, when my mother and sister came here, I had to 'resign' in order to entertain them. They don't know yet that I had been a waiter."

Then he expounded some of the Cooley brand of kitchen philosophy at a rapid-fire rate. "First of all," he declared, "I don't want you to think that I'm in this for fun. I'm not. I'm not doing this to help somebody's fellowman, either, but to help myself. I intend to work, and then keep on working—not as a waiter, of course, for this job is unique for me. It's getting me next to things I wouldn't have learned otherwise and it's doing me good."

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High Point Man Recovering from Injuries.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Aug. 25.—Vernie Williams, the young man who met with a frightful accident near Lynchburg a few weeks ago which cost him an arm and whose life was despaired of for some time is now improving rapidly, and will be able to be on the streets in a short while. The New Friends church at Oak Hill, a suburb of High Point, will be opened for worship the first Sunday in September.

Mr. W. C. Denny has disposed of his South Main street residence and will move his family to Greensboro.

Negro Sexually Stabbed.

Special to The Observer.

Kinston, Aug. 25.—Frank Graham, the negro who was stabbed Friday at Woodington by Perry Williams, another negro, is more seriously hurt than was at first thought. He was stabbed in the side and from the two wounds bled enough to have caused the death of a more weakly man. Graham weighs over 200 pounds and was healthy and strong.

On the Study of Swamps.

Field and Stream.

There is no more healthful and instructive recreation for the intelligent boy (or man either, for that matter) than that which is easily obtainable by studying the ways of the wild things that inhabit the swamps, woods and forests in the vicinity of the town in which he lives. It is good for the disposition, too, for the more you know of any living creatures (except beasts of prey, rattlesnakes and such) the less inclined you are to do them injury. Ignorance is the parent of cruelty.

One need not seek the great forests of the North or West to study wild things and their ways. The habit of many interesting birds and smaller wild animals may be studied at the expense of a not very long walk by the dwellers in most country towns all over the United States and Canada.

Only the Eighth.

"Good!" excitedly and joyfully shouted Willie Farrell, the spry boy of the Mule Pen, after he had been holding the telephone receiver to his ear for a brief moment. Willie then turned his beaming face to the reporters, who had stopped their typewriters when the kid shouted "Good."

"I have a new brother," he announced, smiling. "How many brothers and sisters have you?" asked the Big Duffer, who happened to be lounging in the Mule Pen.

"This one just makes eight," replied Willie.

"The Son of Sappho."

The stock company at the park will present one of the best plays of the season on Monday night, entitled "The Son of Sappho." Those who have read the book "Sappho" or have seen the play of Sappho should not fail to see this piece, as it answers a question that has presented itself to thousands. "What became of Sappho?" and what was her son like when he had arrived at majority. As for the play, it contains more real heart-interest than any play this season, and it is unique in as much as it contains no villain.

Men who beg are usually those who formerly squandered. The man who lacks polish doesn't always lack humanity.

GRANVILLE CONVENTION.

General Register Shows That the County Has Progressed Marvellously During Eight Years of Democratic Control—Nominations of Primaries Listed.

Special to The Observer. Oxford, Aug. 25.—The Democratic convention was called to order to-day by Gen. B. S. Royter, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Granville county. Sol. W. Coper acted as secretary in the roll-call of precincts and H. M. Shaw as assistant secretary. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Puckett.

General Register made a stirring address in which he spoke of the advance made in improvements in county affairs during the past eight years. Under the control of the Democratic party, after naming a number of improvements, beginning with a debt of \$6,000 left by the former administration, they now close this year with a balance over \$7,000 to their credit. The roads are improved and the court house painted. The temperance question and public school education was urged. The convention urged the support of Confederate veterans by taxation, more adequate care of the insane, the greatest protection to the people from overcharge by railroads in rates for passenger fare and freight.

Mr. A. Hicks also spoke in favor of the platform of the Greensboro convention. The nominations of the primaries were confirmed. The missionaries elected by the convention are: E. C. Harris, W. H. Wilkerson, Frank H. Gregory, W. L. Taylor, Ralph Currier.

Prof. Tyler, of Amhurst College, said recently: "A man can live comfortably without a digestive system. The dyspeptic has neither faith, hope or charity. Day by day people realize the importance of caring for their digestion; realize the need of the use of a little corrective after over-eating. A digestive like Kodol for Dyspepsia. It digests what you eat. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy."

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