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ce tending to show that there is combination of paper manufactures to fix the price of news print paper in the United States was aduced to-day before the special complitee of the House which is investigating the subject of the duty on wood pulp and print paper as affecting the price in the United States.

Mr. John Norris continued his testimony on behalf of the publishers and presented numerous letters and documents giving indications of the existence of a paper trust. Apparently the committee was particularly impressed with the annual statement. impressed with the annual statement of the International Paper Company. for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1907, showing that the increased cost of manufacture of the International Company was substantially \$200,000 on an output substantially of 500,000 tons of product, making an increased cost of manufacture of approximately 60 cents a ton of output, not justifying he said, "any increase of \$12 a ton in price." He contended that the burden of proof was on the In-ternational Company to show that he increased cost of manufacture as osed by the figures must be explained away to justify the increased price which the company set up.

WILL PROBE TO BOTTOM. Chairman Mann, appreciating the importance of this testimony, nounced that he would go to the bottom and ascertain the cause of so large an increase in the price of

During the day Mr. Norris formulated a number of questions which he wished the committee to propound at once to the International Paper Company and others, and also sub-mitted the names of a dozen persons identified with the paper business whom he desired subpoenaed. The committee took the several requests

under consideration.

By way of fixing the date when the paper companies refused to make quotations, Mr. Norris placed in vidences a number of letters from paper manufacturers in response to requests for prices, most of them dated June or July, 1907.

Norris read a letter from G. Larke, at one time engaged in Marseilles, Ill., Independent pa-mill, but now publisher of The Joseph (Mo.), Gazette. In 1900 1901 Mr. Larke sald he had made exhaustive investigation of Northwestern pulp wood supply and in a lesser degree into freight rates and general trade conditions. Dur-ing that period he traveled hunds of miles through the woods of Minnesota. Wisconsin and Michigan. There was plenty of wood left, he said, and the conclusion inevitably to he reached was that the mills should go nearer the wood. Mr. Larke said he could not see

why consumers should be forced to pay tribute to the new mills and for the cost of the mistakes of the mills in old territory.

A large number of letters to the

publishers' asociation was head by Mr. Norris. These were all dated in the summer of 1907. Mr. Norris said his object was to fix the rates on which quotations were made by the paper companies after they announced they were entirely sold out.

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Mr. Norris read extracts from The Trade Journal of January 23d. 1908, which he said purported to give reports of meetings of various paper groups, to show that there had been

"What is the reason for that?" Mr. Sims inquired, to which Mr. Norris lie or private canal, Sims inquired, to which Mr. Norris lie or private canal, or any part replied that it was for the purpose of showing "that the newspapers of the country are being called upon to appropriation of \$100,000 to make the country are being called upon to bear the burdens of consolidation and high finance and that the conditions are normal, and that the newsundertaking to merge thirty or more mills under one management." Mr. Mann protested that the an-

wer was too general and inquired if it was for the purpose of showing that the paper makers are making larger dividends than they are entitled to or for the purpose of showing that expenditures of their plants are greater than they have a right

"It is," replied Mr. Norris, "for the purpose of showing that they are atsibly con to justify this exceedingly high capitalization. committee adjourned until tomorrow.

DR. MORGAN DIX DEAD.

Rector of Trinity Church, New York, Passes Away at the Age of 81— Death Due to Heart Failure. New York, April 29.—Rev. Dr.

Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity Protest-ant Episcopal parish since 1862 and one of the city's most prominent clergymen, died to-night at Trinity ectory in West Twenty-first street Death was due to heart failure and followed a brief illness which took a serious turn three days ago. Dr. Dix was 81 years of age and was born in this city. He was a son of General John A. Dix, author of the famous despatch "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

The elder Dix was at one time Sec-retary of the Treasury and on January 29th, 1861, directed the message quoted to Lieutenant Caldwell Orleans. Caldwell had been instructed to supercede the captain of a United States revenue cutter who refused to bring the vessel, as ordered, to New York.

Big Music Festival Opens at Sparian-burg, S. C. Spartanburg, S. C., April 29.—The South Atlantic States music festival's opening concert was given here tonight. The occasion marking the fourteenth year of the festival and the opening of a spiendid new auditorium erected by the organization. The at-tendance to-night exceeded 2,000 and ented nearly every Southern The artists appearing in the ning concert were: Madame Jeanne nelli, soprano; Madame Isabelle uton, mezzo-soprano; Mr. Albert mel, tenor; Mr. David Bispham, o. The Converse choral society, nbering 266 voices, was accom-ited by the New York Symphony Orchestra, Walter Damrosch leader. The feetival will continue until Friday hight. Mme. Gadaki will appear as the star on that night.

PLENTY OF TROUBLE To get rid of it and headache siliousness and the poison that saundice, take Dr. King's Non the that do DAVIDSON COLLEGE NOTES.

its of Joint Declamation Contes and Debate—Rev. J. M. Wharey to Supply Church Three Months— Pleasures the Ball Team Had on Its

ecial to The Observer. Davidson, April 29.—The joint contest for a declaimer's medal from each of the two literary societies, which took place Saturday night, resulted in the election of Mr. C. B. Craig, 'II, from the Phi Society, and Mr. D. A. Lynch, 10, from the Eumenean. Monday night similarly the joint debate was heard and the com-mittee of award decided in favor of Mr. H. S. Shaw from the Phi and E. M. Munroe, Jr., from the Eu. Both are mem-bers of the present senior class.

Notice was given to-night at prayer meeting that Dr. J. M. Wharey had accepted the invitation of the seasi as a supply for this church during the three months of college vacation. congregation is very fortunate in thus having the promise of the ministerial services of so acceptable a preacher and earnest, godly man as Dr. Wharey is evrywhere recognized as being.

One of the very great pleasures enjoy-ed by the baseball team and party in their visit to Lexington was meeting again with Dr. and Mrs. Graham and family and being entertained at the hospitable manse of which they are the occupants. The boys were invited to a little reception there with their Washington and Lee opponents Monday night. It was nothing unexpected but none the less agreeable confirmation of what was assumed that both the pastor and his wife have long since now won a warm and tender place in the affections of the Lexington Presbyterians, and that their popularity in their new home bids fair at teast to equal that they enjoyed for so many years at Davidson. Irving Graham is a member of the W. and L. team, which goes next week on a delightful ball trip to several of the Northern cities. His loyalty, however, to Davidson as having so long had a strong place in his affections made his relation to his new love and the old not to be altogether free from a touch of embarrassment. The Davidsonians are loud in their praise of Virginia hospitality on the campus of both Washington and Lee and V. M. I. The latter's dress parade and drill after the game on the beautiful institute grounds with the martial music by fine band was an attractive sight that continues to draw even Lexingtonians.

BEAUFORT TO KEY WEST,

Step in the Proposed Inland Waterway Project—His Resolution Carries \$100,000 For Survey of Route.

Washington.

April 29.—Another

step in the Atlantic deeper waterways project was taken to-day when, as the result of a conference with the congressional sub-committee that has been looking after the matter, Congressman Small, of North Carolina, introduced in the House a concurrent resolution carrying the Boston to Beaufort proposition south from Beaufort to Key West. Mr. Small's resolution is the result of an understanding in behalf of the Atlantic deeper waterways association and is in harmony with the original Boston to Beaufort bill introduced by Representative J. Hampton Moore, president of that association. The Small resolution authories the Secretary of War to cause a survey to be made for a continuous waterway, by route or routes deemed most available, from Beaufort, N. C., to Cape Fear river, or the northeast branch of the Cape Fear river ,and at such point on either river as may be deemed advisable, thence to Winshall be deemed advisable to extend the said waterway south of the Saint John's river, with a report of plans and specifications and estimate of cost; such survey to be for a minimum depth along the entire route groups, to show that there had been proups, with a recommendation of the evidence figures as to the amount of the most appropriate depth; such survey shall include a report upon survey shall include a report upon the desirability of utilising as a part of such waterway any existing pub-

its provisions effective. Since the passage by the Senate of the Moore bill as reintroduced by papers should not be asked to bear burdens imposed upon a corporation public interest in the Atlantic water services of mistakes it makes in ard those in a position to know are inclined to believe that if the House refuses to make an appropriation for the survey this session the chances of having it included in the next rivers and harbors bill will be materially advanced.

Catholic Centenary Closes.

New York, April 29 .-- At noon today the litigurical part of the cele-bration of the Catholic centenary was practically closed with the sing-ing of a grand Te Deum by 5,500 children gathered in St. Patrick's cathedral to observe children's day; and at 8 o'clock to-night the laity began its series of rejoicing with a public meeting at Carnegie Music Hall. The evening meeting was pre-The evening meeting was pre-over by ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien and others on the stage were Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Logue, Archbishops Glennon, Ryan, Keane, and other distinguished prelates, many more persons sought than could gain admission. The prinipal speakers were Cardinals Gibbons and ogue. Bourke Cockran, Dr. James Walsh and Paul Fuller.

Pine Lumber Trust Projected. St. Louis, April 29.-Lumbermen rfepresenting companies comprising in their holdings about 5.000,000 acres, or practically all of the yellow pine timber of the South, have been holding an executive conference, for the past two days and it is understood the purpose of the meeting is to form a holding corporation or merger, not only to conserve the timber supply but also to maintain equitable prices

on yellow pine products. It is wated that the proposed orcorporate fees and other restrictions in Missouri the concern will probably be incorporated in Delaware or New

Amelia Bingham Seriously III. New York, April 29 .- Amelia Bingham, is seriously ill at her home here. The actress is suffering from acute in-testinal obstruction, complicated

with peritonitis. Mrs. Bingham closed her road tour in 'A Modern Lady Godiva" about two weeks ago, and returned to New York to rest pending an engagement which she wa sto undertake next month. With her husband, Lloyd Bingham, and a party of friends she took supper at the Hotel Plaza last Sunday night and apparently was in the best of health, but a few minutes after her return home she became ill.

The "Merry Widow" Hat. Richmond Times-Dispatch.

A large, round, wheel-shaped affair, measuring sometimes thirty-six inches from tip to tip. When it gets into an elevator it saws off numerous heads and scalps of dear, nice old ladies who haven't done





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COSTER, KNAPP & CO. FAIL

rominent Brokerage Concern Goes to the Wall After the Suicide of Charles Coster.

New York, April 29.- Following the suicide last night of Charles Coster, a prominent broker and society man, the stock exchange firm of Coster, Knapp & Co., of which Mr. Coster was did itself credit in entertaining the a member, announced its suspension representatives of the various lodges co-day on the floor of the New York of the Ninth district. The occasion prominent one. In an announcement given out at the time of the suspension it was said that the action was directly due to the death of Mr. Cost-and Norwood, and not a one but left.

No intimation of the firm's assets or liabilities was given and it was not thought that anything like definite figures could be given pending the completion of the assignee's investigation. Mr. Coster, who was rated as a mil-lionaire, had prepared for his voluntary death with a coolness and thor-oughness which proved beyond any doubt that the act was premeditated. To-day J. M. Knapp, of the failed firm, issued a formal statement in which he declared that Mr. Coster had been speculating heavily and that t was this speculation which brought about the suspension of the firm. Mr. Knapp said that the losses would fall almost entirely upon Coster and his brother and to a small extent upon himself. On the floor of the stock exchange it was said that Coster had almost entirely upon Coster and his brother and to a small extent upon himself. On the floor of the stock exchange it was said that Coster had been caught heavily short of the market. Mr. Knapp to-day made an assignment individually and as suryiving member of that firm to Louis was introduced and made an encour-Werner.

Whole Town of Coronaca Was Pracspecial to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., April 29 .- The suit of the Calhoun heirs against certain citizens of Coronaca and Greenwood, nvolving the titles to practically the whole Town of Coronaca, was ended in the Federal Court here when Judge Brawley granted the mo-tion of the attorneys for the defendants and directed a verdict for the defendants. This case has attracted great deal of attention and able counsel was employed. A total of 35 acres was involved.

The suit of Dr. S. A. Foster, of this city, against the Southern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Atlanta for \$20,000 for damages will be called to-morrow: Many citizens of Anderson are here as witnesses. Ex-Gov-ernor A. D. Candler, of Georgia, the president of the company, is here as witness.

Heffin's Victim Will Live.

Washington, April 29.—Thomas McCreary, the New York turfman, who was recently accidentally shot by Representative J. Thomas Heffin, of Alabama, has so far recovered that he will leave the hospital next Friday. A conference was held to-day between Mr. Heffin, Mr. McCreary and the latter's attorney and Mr. Heffin voluntarily offered to rec-Mr. Heflin voluntarily offered to recompense McCreary for all expenses and losses incident to his disability. The agreement, it was learned to night, was satisfactory to all parALBEMARLE A ROYAL HOST.

Ninth District Pythians Well Pleased
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Albemarle, April 29-Last night

the local lodge of Knights of Pythias exchange. The firm was a was ameeting of the Ninth district. bury, Spencer, Concord. China Grove and Norwood, and not a one but left. feeling that he had been royalty entertained. District Duputy Grand Chancellor, P. S. Carlton, Esq., of Salisbury presided over the meeting with knightly dignity. W. Alma, Smith, chancellor commander of the local lodge, in a very feeling address welcomed the visitors into the lodge and to Albmarle. His address was characterized by such earnestness that every visiting Pythian caught the spell of hospitality and was made to feel at home while here. This address was responded to by Thomas J. dress was responded to by Thomas J. Jerome, Esq. of Salisbury, in a pleasant and forceful manner. The degree of knight was conferred upon three capdidates in the exemplified

aging and enthusiastic speech on on "Phythianism in North Carolina." His address was of the DEFENDANTS WIN SUIT.

Whole Town of Coronaca Was Practically Involved—Big Damage Suit Against Atlanta Life Insurance Company.

pecial to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., April 29.—The suit Ina." His address was of that kind and character which causes each member to go into the work with new energy and spirit. At the close of Chancellor Crist's address the knights were led to the banquet hall just opposite the lodge-room, where they were treated to one of the most local properties. seen in Albemarie. The table was

quantity of meats, sweets, drinks, ice cream, etc., and cigars.

From the time the meeting was called to order about 8 o'clock until near midnight there was not a dull moment. The visitors expressed moment. The visitors expressed their pleasure and, it might be said surprise at the royal hospitality of Albemarie lodge, which they will long remember.

Alienists Examine Thaw. Newburgh, N. Y., April 29.—Law-yer Graham and the alienists, Dr.

yer Graham and the alienists, Dr. Charles Pilgrim, of Hudson River State Hospital, Poughkeepsie; Dr. Charles Lane, of Poughkeepsie and Dr. Britton D. Evans visited Harry K. Thaw at the Matteawan State Hospital to-day. They are preparing him for appearance in court. Mr. Graham said to-night tha the expected the testimony at Poughkeepsie would last 3 or 4 days. Thaw is sanguine of a favorable decision.

Mecklenburg's Good Roads. Newbern Sun.

If every man in Craven county could make one little tour of in-spection of Mecklenburg's good roads it would only require time enough to call an election to insure a bond issue sufficient to pave the roads of this county. The evidence all goes to show that it pays.

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