TRAGEDY SHOCKS STATESVILLE FORESTRY BUREAU CRITICISED

seorge Haakell Copeland, 17-Year-Old Son of Capt. J. W. Copeland, Shoots Himself Either by Accident or Design—Patal Bullet Penetrates the Heart and Death is Instantaneous—Tragedy Occurs Just as Members of the Family Leave Him in the Sitting Room Alone—Complained of Feeling Unwell a Moment Before Death, but Had Been in Good Health and Spirits All Day—Death Casts a Gloom Over Statesville. Decial to The Observer.

Statesville, May 5.—One of the most

Statesville, May 5.—One of the most horrible tragedies in the history of Statesville occurred to-night at 8 o'clock when Mr. Haskell Copeland, youngest son of Capt. J. W. Copeland, shot and killed himself at the Copeland home on Walnut street. The shocking news of the terrible affair has spread like wildfire and has cast a gloom over the town. The immediate family of the young man are alate family of the young man are al-most prostrated with grief. They can-not believe the killing was self-de-struction and are inclined to feel that it was an accident. DETAILS OF TRAGEDY.

The shooting occurred almost in sight of those of the family who were at home at the time. Haskell had just returned home from down town a few blocks away and was sitting in the family room of the house with his sisters. Mrs. D. J. Craig and Misses Ellie and Katherine Copeland, when the supper bell rang. All rose to go to the dining room except Haskell. He was sitting in a large chair near the open door leading to the main hall of the house, and when one of the sis-ters insisted on his going to the table the leaned back in the chair and poitely refused, stating that he was not celling well and did not care for supper. The others went on to the dining room and had just scated themselves at the table when a pistol shot rang out. Rushing back they found young Copeland leaning back in the chair with blood gushing from his breast and a pistol in his hands.

DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS. ed immediately and the young man was placed on a couch for examina-tion. Dr. H. F. Long was on the scene tion. Dr. H. F. Long was on the scene in a few minutes, but ilfe was extinct and he could do nothing. While the amendments for that purpose which muscles moved for ten minutes after Mr. Craig reached him, Dr. Long is that the ball had entered just above ture "to advise the owners of the left nipple, passed through the lands as to their proper care" was heart and body, and lodged in the heavy back of the chair, where it was found. The pistol used was a 38 calibre Colt, which young Copeland Idaho from States from which the calibre Colt, which young Copeland Idaho from States from which the had borrowed from a friend a week Secretary of Agriculture may give ago, stating that he wanted it in the permits for the exportation of timber house until the burglar scare subsides, from forest reserves, Senator Hey-or else take with him to the springs burn ridiculed a chart of the forestry

er was at his hotel at Alksiithia Springs, seven miles from Taylorsville, and 25 miles from home, when the tragedy occurred adds to the sadness. They forget, he said, that timber grows, and he declared that "the supply of timber is The father was notified by telephone as great to-day as ever in the world's as early as possible and at 9:30 o'clock history." There was, he said, no he is driving toward Statesville as fast danger of a timber famine. as horses can bring him. A team will leave here to meet him. All other out-of-town relatives have been notimorning of manhood. He was a clever and agreeable young fellow who very fond of him. He was the youngest child of Captain Copeland and was

est child of Captain Copeland and was a favorite of his father and sisters. His mother died about a year ago and he is survived by his father, one brother and four sisters, viz: Mr. J. W. Copeland, Jr., of Clinton, S. C.; Mrs. David J. Craig and Misses Ellie and Katherine Copeland, who are at home, and Miss Corrie Copeland, who is a student at Converse College, Spars a student at Converse College, Sparganburg, S. C. No funeral arrangements have been

STRIKERS ARRESTED.

Three Members of Pensacola Union Held on Charge of Burning Trestle Over Big Bayou.

Pensacola, Fla., May 5.-Charged with burning the trestle over the Big Bayou, the property of the Pensacola Electric Company, President G. C. McCain, Henry Fillingim and John Malone, of the Amalgamated Associa-tion of Street Railway Employes, were arrested on warrants issued by the county circuit court. At the same time they were served with papers from the United States Court citing them to appear next Friday to show cause why they should not be

John Benson, former employe of the company, who was arrested for hurling a rock into a car was dis-charged in the recorder's court to-day, but is cited to appear before the United States Court Friday.

Special to The Coserver.

no other ticket being placed in the field.

The services of the present board and mayor have been so acceptable to the people. It is supposed no one thought a change was necessary, notwithstanding other good men were mentioned before the Democratic control of the people. The people is a large number of cases on the docket, many of which are against the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, and none thus mentioned before the Democratic control of the people interest have been taken up.

elected without opposition.

The following is the ticket elected:

J. H. Prather, mayor; commissioners

—A. E. Smith, F. M. Poore, S. M. Hale, N. P. Short and A. V. West.

The cold weather has injured the fruit to a greater extent than many suppose. While this is true it is now ight a fairly good crop will be

YOUNG MANKILLS HIMSELF NO DANGER TIMBERFAMINE REFUSE TO ENDORSE TAFT

Secretary of Agriculture Notifies Sen-ator Warren That He Will Be Able to Take Care of the Pure Food Law Without an Additional Appropria-tion and the Amendment is With-drawn—Mr. Heyburn Ridicules Chart Showing the Number of Years the Forests in Various Parts of the Country Will Last—Timber Grows and the Supply is as Great To-Day as It Has Ever Been—Objects to Government Setting Up a Lumber Yard.

SENATE SUMMARY. An extended speech in opposition to the forestry service was made by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, in the Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, in the Senate yesterday while the agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration. Mr. Heyburn ridiculed the charts of the forestry service, one of which he ashibited on the wall of the Senate chamber, marked with such legends as "about 30 years supply left" and declared that the chief forester had undertaken to prophesy concerning the life of the forests in a way that would require more wisdom way that would require more wisdom than was possessed by the sages of old. —c said such men forget that forests grow, and added that there is as much forest growth to-day as there ever has been in the history of the world.

He criticised the practice of speak ing of "any man's policy," saying that the only policies of the government that are not fictitious are those that that are written in the laws of the

Mr. Heyburn spoke upon his amend-ment to the bill excepting the forest reserves of Idabo from those from which timber may be cut by permit of the Secretary of Agriculture and ex-ported from the State. ported from the State. Senator Warner, of Missouri, con-tinued his speech on the Brownsville affray but did not conclude. The Senate adjourned at \$:50 o'clock.

Washington, May 5 .- On resumin consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill in the Senate to-day Mr. Warren stated that as he had Neighbors and physicians were call-d immediately and the young man Secretary of Agriculture, saying that as placed on a couch for examina-he would be able to take care of the

Mr. Craig reached him, Dr. Long is On a point of order by Senator of the opinion that death was instan-Clark, of Wyoming, the amendment Close examination revealed authorizing the Secretary of Agricul-

is week.

Mr. Copeland was out driving with of the Senate chambers, marked with Mr. Copeland was out driving with
his brother-in-law, Mr. Craig, until 6
c'clook and seemed as cheerful as usual. He talked with his sisters and
mr. Craig freely up to the time they
went to the table.

FATHER AWAY FROM HOME.
The fact that the young man's fathwhen it declared that a certain sec-

as horses can bring him. A team will leave here to meet him. All other out-of-town relatives have been notified and will arrive early as possible.

George Haskell Copeland was not quite 17 years old and died in the of timber in this country that there was 20 or even 10 years ago."

Mr. Heyburn said he objected to

the government setting up a lumber yard and selling timber in any State Reading from a document concerning expenses of the forest reserve, he criticised statements of expenses as indefinite.

Senator Smoot said if the Senator would refer to any item of expense he would give him the details. POLICY OF THE COUNTRY.

Senator Clark, of Wyoming, said that Congress had sent for that infor-mation and the department had not sent it. He wanted to know how the Senator from Utah had become the mouthpiece of the department and Mr. Heyburn added that it was gular that the Senator from Utah had undertaken to answer questions for the department that Congress had fruitlessly asked the department to

Mr. Heyburn read the names of of-Mr. Heyburn read the hames of of-ficers of the American Forestry As-sociation, declaring that Mr. Wager-houser, the second vice, president, "owned or claimed more timber un-lawfully obtained than any other man on earth." Mr. Heyburn declared that it was

dangerous to talk about "this man's policy or that man's policy." The policy of the country, he added, "is the policy of the people as found in the written isw of the land, and when it is found anywhere else it is fictitious. The people put their policies in the statute books. Yet we hear that the administration's forestry policy is here to stay. We will see whether it is here to stay or

The Senate adjourned with the agricultural bill still uncompleted and the forestry question undisposed of.

Mount Airy, May 5.—The city election on yesterday resulted in the election of the entire Democratic ticket, Special to The Observer, no other ticket being placed in the Newbern, May 5.—Superior Court

Mayor Prather has been true to his town, the people and himself and deserves to succeed himself.

Mr. A. E. Smith, town-commissioner-at-large, is a hustler and works for the upbuliding of his town. He was elected without opposition.

The following is the ticket elected:

J. H. Prather, mayor; commissioners—A. E. Smith, F. M. Poore, S. M. Hale, N. P. Short and A. V. West.

The coll. weather has injured the

Stuckeys in Critical Condition.

Eastman, Ga., May 5.—Oscar at Walter Stuckey were shot by To Spires and Steve Boutwell and n by Spires alone, as first reported. T difficulty is said to have arisen alone some misunderstanding growing of of the rent of land by Spires at Boutwell from the Stuckeys. Ste Boutwell is now in the Dodge county, and Spires is still at large.

Neither of the Stuckeys is dear but both are in a critical condition and are not expected to live, being riddled with buckshot.

NEW JERSEY IS UNINSTRUCTED.

depublican Convention of New Jersoy Votes Down Resolutions Endorsing Candidacy of Taft and Favoring Re-Nomination of Roosevelt—Former Governor Murphy Endorsed For Vice President—Resolution Expressing Sympathy For Ex-President Cleveland and Hoping For His Quick Recovery is Adopted by a Rising Vote—Convention Clearly in the Hands of the Regular Leaders—Delegates Selected Are Not All Favorable to Taft.

Trenton, N. J., May 5.—The Repub-

Not All Favorable to Taft.

Trenton, N. J., May 5.—The Republican State convention to select delegates to attend the national convention at Chicago named a delegation that is uninstructed. The convention also voted down resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Secretary Taft for President and favoring the renomination of President Rossevelt.

A resolution favoring former Governor Franklin Murphy for Vice President, was adopted without opposition.

The following were elected dele-cates-at-large to the Chicago conven-

Governor Fort, United States Sena-tors Frank O. Briggs and John Kean, and State Assessor David Baird. Alternates were chosen as follows: David S. Vorhees, Morris county; Wal-ter E. Edge, Atlantic; C. Edward Murray, Mercer; Lewis S. Thompson, United States Senator Briggs intro-

duced a resolution expressing sympathy for former President Grover Cleveland in his present illness and hoping for his quick recovery. The resolution was adopted by a rising

THE TARIFF QUESTION. The convention was clearly in the hands of the regular Republican lead-ers in New Jersey. For delegate select-ed are not all favorable to Secretary ed are not all favorable to Secretary Taft's nomination. The idea of the Republican leaders in the State is that the New Jersey delegation should go to Chicago unpledged and be in a position to secure whatever favors might be obtained for New Jersey. A strong effort will be made to have the national convention accept former Governor Franklin Murphy as a vice presidential candidate.

a vice presidential candidate.

The platform adopted endorses the administration of President Roosevelt. It contains the following plank on the tariff question:

"The Republicans of New Jersey stand for principles rather than details, and if changing conditions require an adjustment of tariff schedules, we most emphatically insist upon the full maintenance of the protective policy, that the revenues of the government may be preserved. the government may be preserved, American wages maintained at the highest standard and American mar-kets preserved for American indus-

TEXAS FAVORS BRYAN.

County Conventions Universally In-struct For the Nebraskan—Majori-ty of Counties Adopt Resolutions Favorable to Senator Bailey While Several Instruct For Him For Vice President.

Dallas, Tex., May 5.—Democratic the State to-day universally instruct-ed for Bryan for President. Although Senator Balley's majority for deleneighborhood of only 20,000, out of a total vote of 220,000, a very considerable majority of the county conventions adopted resolutions and appointed delegates favorable to him. In many of them they instructed for him for Vice President. In a number of other counties, notably Dallas, resolutions were adopted condemnatory of Senator Balley's action and demanding that the Legislature shall pass laws forbidding public officers to serve or represent corporations. First District Republican Convention

Endorses Taft. Elizabeth City, May 5 .- The Republican congressional convention of the first congressional district met here to-day at 12 o'clock, I. M. Meekins, chairman and D. O. Newberry, sec-

retary.
Wheeler Martin and Harry Skinner were elected delegates to the national convention, Frank G. Paul and Clarence R. Pugh, alternates. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt's administration and declaring in favor of Taft's candidacy were unanimously passed and delegates were instructed to cast their votes for Taft. E. C. Duncan was endorsed for national committeeman.

held two conventions here to-day, 1907.
each selecting delegates to the Chicago convention. Neither set of delegates was instructed.

The convention of the anti-adminis tration forces named Thomas M. Blodgett and C. C. Wimbish, the latter a negro, both of Atlanta, as delegates and H. A. Rucker and W. S. Duggard, two negroes, of Atlanta, as alternates.

alternates.

District Convention Endorses Taft.

Birmingham, Ala., May 5.—At the ninth congressional district Republican convention held here to-day, a resolution was introduced by Postmaster Carter, of Birmingham, instructing delagates to the national convention for Secretary Taft for the presidential nomination. N. L. Steele and Joseph Montgomery, of Birmingham, were elected delegates to the national convention. The administrations of President Roosevelt, and State Chairman Thompson were endorsed. The alternates are N. L. Wilson, of Blocton, and Joseph Brice, of Blount

publican convention of the first con-gressional district to-day selected R.-R. Wright, or Savannah, and J. N. Eider, of Hagan, as delegates to the Chicago national convention. The alternates chosen were H. D. Puches-ley, of Swainsboro, and E. F. Allen, of Summertows.

of Summertown.

The delegates were instructed to yote for Senator Foraker for the presidential nomination.

Taft Their Choice, Winchester, Ky., May 5 .- John W. Langtry was renominated by acclama-tion for Congress by Republicans of the tenth congressional district in convention here to-day. James A. Wallace and Allen N. Cisco, both of Morgan county, were elected delegates to the national convention. They were instructed to vote for Secretary of War Taft for the presidential nom-

Fifth Louisiana Instructs For Taft. Monroe, La., May 5.—The district Republican convention fifth to-day named delegates to the Chi-cago convention and instructed them or Taft and adopted resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt's ad-ministration. The delegates selected were James C. Weaks, of Ouachita, and W. T. Inster, of Richland; alter-nates, S. J. Crump, of Claiborne, and Leopold Eigutter, of Tensa.

Will Vote For Taft. Anniston, Ala., May 5.—The Re-publicans of the fifth congressional district met here to-day and elected George Parsons, of Talladega, and J. L. Abercrombie, of Columbians, as delegates to the national convention at Chicago. The delegates were instructed to vote for Secretary Taft for the presidential nomination. The administrations of President Roose-velt and Chairman J. O. Thompson, of the State committee, were dorsed.

Third Kentucky Favors Taft. Bowling Green, Ky., May 5.—The here to-day instructed for J. Doores, of Warren county, and H.
B. Rister, of Logan county, for delegates. J. Frank Taylor, of Barren,
was re-elected chairman of the diswas re-elected chairman of trict committee, and John A. Logan, delegates were instructed for Taft.

Taft's Candidacy Endorsed. Frankfort, Ky., May 5.—The seventh district Republican convention was held here to-day. The report of the committee on resolutions contained endorsement of the na-tional administration and instructed the delegates to vote for Taft at the Chicago convention. Nominations were made as follows: For up. Congress, L. L. Bristow, of Scott; delegates to national convention, Charles Kerr, Fayette county; George L. Barnes, Franklin county. Alter-nates, Miles Williams, Henry county; German B. Miller, Fayette county; Elector, A. W. Cunningham, Bour-

NORRIS -REPEATS STATEMENT.

aper Manufacturers Have chased Large Tracts of Wood
Lands in Canada and Consumers
Should Not Be Saddled With
Penalties of Such Speculation—
Paper Can Be Made For \$20 a

Ton.

Washington, May 5 .- John Norris, of New York, the representative of holds the balance of power at gate-at-large in the primaries held last Saturday is shown by approxi-last Saturday is shown by approxi-mately complete returns to be in the Association, to-day repeated his statement before the House committee investigating the wood pulp and print paper industry that the American paper manufacturers have hought large tracts of wood land in bought large tracts of wood land in Canada, investing from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and charged that instead of cutting the timber on this land, which they have bought with almost recklessness," they have into the market and artifi marked up the prices on themselves. He protested that the American consumers should not be saddled with the penalties of any such speculation.

He expressed the opinion that paper can be made for \$20 a ton at modern mill. Mr. Norris read figures from Mr. Norris read figures from an Ottawa paper to show that the claim of the paper manufacturers that the increase in the cost of making paper was due to the increase in the cost of wood was not correct.

"A very considerable quantity of the wood used by the paper makers," he said, "I think nearly 50 per cent. of that used in the East has been obtained by paper makers from Canada. The figures for 1905, 1906 and 1997 actually show a decrease and 1997 actually show a decrease per cord value for the year 1997 as

endorsed for national committeeman.

No names were presented for Congress or elector and the convention took recess subject to the call of the chairman for naming candidates for Congress and elector. The convention was largely attended and harmonious throughout.

Two Sets of Delegates Sciected.

Atlanta, Ga., May 5.—The Republicans of the fifth congressional district held two conventions here to-day, 1907.

figures to say that there has not been The administration faction at its at the mill to paper makers," said meeting selected E. F. Blodgett and Ananias Brown (colored), both of Atlanta, as delegates, and W. R. Watson and Dr. William Penn, negroes, of Atlanta, as alternates.

A. AND G. W. CANAL.

Delegation From Atlanta Appears Be-fore Committee and Urges Favor-able Report on Bacon Bill Appro-priating \$75,000 For Survey of At-lantic and Great Western Canal.

Washington, May 5.—A favorable report on the Bacon bill, appropriating \$75,000 for a survey preliminary to the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western canal, designed to connect the Atlantic ocean with all the tributaries of the Mississippi river, which has passed the Senate, was urg ed to-day before the House commit tee on railways and canals by a de Representative Brantley, of Georgia.
The committee was addressed by Ass.
G. Candler, chairman of the delegation; Walter G. Cooper, secretary of the chamber of commerce and of the Atlantic and Great Western Canal Association;

Eyes of Politicians Everywhere Centred on the Contest in the Democratic Camp — Friends of Judge Gray and Governor Johnson Claim That They Will Prevent Bryan's Nomination on the First Ballot—The Situation in Ohio and Alabama Commanding Attention—Maryland Democrats Will Go Uninstructed—The Influence of the Negro Vote in the North and West—Taft Making a Strong Play For It.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, May 5.

The President has sent John C. Dancey, a North Carolina negro, to Norfolk to speak to the delegates at a North Carolina negro, to tending a meeting of colored Metho-dists. Dancey, who is recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, goes to advocate peace. The Nor-folk Afro-Americans have been pronounced in their denunciations of the President and Secretary Taft.

All eyes are on Alabama and Ohio ow. For the Southern States the Democrats are voting on Bryan and Johnson. Candidates for delegates to the Denver convention have an-nounced themselves and the contest promises to be lively. The Johnson men have organized a formidable club and will press his claims. The primaries will be held on the 18th. Johnson entered at the last moment, but his supporters believe that he will make a good showing. The Alabama Congressmen were called on for an expression of opinion on Johnson to-day. Each one received a telegram from the chairman of the Johnson club, with headquarters in Alabama.

Judge Harmon, who was one a candidate for the presidency, but the Ohioans believe that he can come nearer being elected Governor

MAY HOLD UNTIL JUNE. Those who should know more about it than others predict that

Congress will not adjourn until some time in June. The President has at last succeeded in bridling the House. Senator John Walter Smith, of Maryland, gave out an interview today in which he said that his State Have Purof Wood

Of the Southern States.

> Congress on this side of the Potomac. In many States the colored man the

There are some, among them Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who believe that the Afro-Anglo-Saxon dinner given by the Cosmopolitan Club in New York last week was with his brother was dug up after a brief design a forethought. In order to search, arouse the hot-heads of the South No and provoke anti-negro speeches in bodies is expected for some time. races had to be advocated. If the New York affair was planned with such an end in view it succeeded admirably. Tillman, Heffin and others are on the war path. Southern Representatives do not care a snap of the finger for the negro, but Democrats from Ohio, Indiana and other States in that section of the country

fear outbreaks against the negro. "In one precinct in my district there are about 200 negro men," said a Democrat from Indiana to me one day, "and I got four-fifths of vote. Many of our negroes vote the Democratic ticket."

FIGURES IN OHIO. People who read the newspapers will recall many stories about the negro vote in Ohlo, where Secretary Taft and Senator Forsker have waged bitter war on each other. The Afro-American has figured there ex-tensively. The Republican State con-vention of the Buckeye State, which unanimously endorsed Taft for the presidency, inserted in its platform, at the instance of Representative Burton, of Cleveland, the following

plank concerning the negro: 'Believing, as we do, that this mar-velous progress (of the race) in in-telligence, industry and good citizen-ship has earned the respect and en-couragement of the nation, and that those legislative enactments that have for their real aim his disfranchisement for reasons of color alone are unfair, un-American, and repug-nant to the supreme law of the land, we favor the reduction of representa-

THE STATES AFFECTED. The States in which

FIGHT GETS INTERESTING MURDERED BODIES FOUND EXPENSE BILL INCREASED THE FIELD IS AGAINST BRYAN AWFUL CRIME JEALOUS LOVER NO ADDITION TO FT. MEINLES

Grewsome Murder Mystery Comes to Light When Five Murdered Bodies Are Uncarthed in the Yard of the Home of Mrs. Gunness, Who, With Her Three Children, Was Burned to Death Last Tucsday—One Body Was Dismembered and the Arms, Legs, Trunk and Head Buried in Different Parts of the Yard—Body of Man is Identified as That of Mrs. Gunness' Lover, While the Other is That of a Chicago Girl—Three Bodies Unidentified.

Laporte, Ind., May 5.—One of the

Laporte, Ind., May 5.—One of the most grewsome murder mysteries ever unearthed in this section of the

country came to light when bodies of five persons, all of them murdered, were found in the yard of the home of Mrs. Belle Gunness, who, with three of her children, was burned to death on the night of April 28th. So far, only two of the bodies have been identified. These are Andrew Heldgren, who came to this city from Aberdeen, S. D., for the purpose of marrying Mrs. Gunness, whose acquaintance he had made through a matrimonial bureau. The

The fight in the Democratic camp is becoming interesting. The friends of Judge Gray, of Delaware, and Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, claim that they will go to North Carolina, traveling South, with enough votes to keep Bryan from being nominated on the first ballot.

FIGHT GETS INTERESTING.

whose acquaintant through a matrimonial bureau. The other is that of Jennie Olsen Gunness, a Chicago girl, who had been adopted by Mrs. Gunness. She disappeared in September, 1906, and it was said had gone to Los Angeles to attend school. The other bodies were those of two men and a woman. None of them has been as yet identified. BODY DISMEMBERED. The body of Heldgren was dis-membered and the arms, legs, trunk and head were buried in different parts of the yard. It is believed by the authorities that Guy Lamphere, who has been under arrest since the burning of the

Gunness home, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Gunness and her family, committed the Heldgren crime. Lamphere is a carpenter and the manner in which the body of Heldgren was dismembered leads to the belief that it was done by some-body familiar with the use of a saw. In some quarters it is believed that Mrs. Gunness may have known something of the murders of the five There have been rumore President Cleveland's Attorney Generals, will be nominated for Governor in Ohio. The Democrats of the first husband of Mrs. Gunness the nation could not tolerate him as people. is known, however, on this subject. It is known that Heldgren had loaned \$1,500 to Mrs. Gunness and than any other man they could put that he had another \$1,500 in his possession just prior to his It is believed that he was killed by Mrs. Gunness or by Lamphere or by both of them in order to procure the cash he had and to avoid the necessity of repaying the loan he

LAMPHERE DENIES CHARGE. Lamphere, against whom a strong case of circumstantial evidence exists in connection with the burning of the Gunness home and the death of Mrs. Gunness and her three death of Mrs. Gunness and her three death of Mrs. Gunness and her three children, denies all knowledge of the bodies found to-day. He has said islands, Mr. Hay moved to strike it however, on other occasions that out. He maintained there was no military necessity for it, and especial-Mrs. Gunness was anxious to send military necessity for it, and especial-him to an insane asylum because of ly so, since the army bill provided his knowledge of her career. It was phere was insane jealous of Mrs. Gunness and of Heldgren and it is well known that the woman stood in fear of him and had asked for well known that the

that he had never gone to Norway as claimed by Mrs. Gunness and Lamphere. He noticed some recently upturned earth in the yard and sug-gested to Sheriff Smutzer that an excavation be made. The body of

No identification of the If the TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENTION.

Ninth Judicial District Committee Will Meet in Greensboro Thursday Night—Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs in

Observer Bureau. The Bevill Building, Greensboro, May 5.

Mr. John N. Wilson, of this city, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the ninth judicial district, has called the committee to meet in Greensboro Thursday to fix the time and place for holding a convention to nominate a successor to Solicitor Brooks, who placed his resignation in the hands of Governor Glenn when he entered actively into Garwood, of Alamance county, secre- tinguished doctors should be pertary; Frank Nash, of Orange; H. A. Foushee, of Durham; W. A. Devin, of Granville, and J. A. Long, of Person.

Nearly 100 delegates are here from Mr. Fitzgerald inquired why it all sections of the State to attend the

sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, which will be in session until Thursday. The visitors are being entertained by the members of the six federated clubs at Greensboro. The opening session was held in the Elks lodge room this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and was well attended. After an invocation by Mrs. Lucy Robertson, president of Greensboro Famule Col. are unfair, un-American, and repugnant to the supreme law of the land, we favor the reduction of representation in Congress and the electoral college in all States of this Union, where white and colored citizens are disfranchised, to the end that the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States may be enforced according to its letter and spirit."

Mr. Burton is a wise man. His foresight is good. There are 50,000 negro voters in Ohio.

No one South of the old Mason-Dixon line could be induced to believe that the negro would, under any circumstances, vote the Democratic ticked, but he actually elects Democrats in the North and West.

THE STATES AFFECTED.

Provision Appropriating \$180,000 I Purchase of Land as an Addition Fort McKinley, Philippine Islam is Stricken Out by a Unanimor Vote—Mr. Hay Argues That Ther is No Military Necessity For It Eve Though Taft Did Recommend In Fort Already Has 1 550 Fort Already Has 1,800 Ac.
Which Mr. Fitzgerald Says, is 8
ficient For Drill Purposes F
Ogiethorpe and Leavenworth Pris
Get an Increase in Appropriation

A lively debate was kept up all day yesterday in the House on the sun civil appropriation bill. Repeated forts were made by Mesars. Gaines Tennessee, and Chancy, of Indiana, supported by many other members, to procure an appropriation for an investigation looking to increased antety in mining and they had about gotten Chairman Tawney to the point where he would consent to an appropriation of \$50,000, when Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, objected and the wood, of Alabama, objected and the proposition, for the time, at least,

was defeated. A provision in the bill for the purchase of over 6,000 acres of land as an addition to Fort McKinley. Philippine Islands, based on a recommendation by General Leonard Wood elicited severe criticism of that officer by Messra. Fitzgerald, of New York, and Mr. Butler, of Pennsylvania, the former continually reterring to him as "Dr. Wood." The provision, on motion of Mr. Hay, of Virginia, was stricken out by an unanimous vote.

The additions to the bill yesterday were \$100,000 for the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and \$15.500 for an addition to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, or a total increase to date of \$1.341,000.

The three remaining hours of the session were taken up almost entirely by a succession of roll calls, caused by a refusal of the House to take a recess at 5 o'clock, as a result of a joke on the part of some of the Republicans to hold the Democrats in the House until the time the Republican caucus was scheduled to be held. In this they were successful, the House finally at 7:47 p. m. recessing until 11:55 a. m. to-day

Washington, May 5 .- When consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed in the House to-day, Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, offered an amendment providing for an investigation of the causes of explosions in mines located on public lands and urged its adoption. The Gaines' amendment was lost on

point of order by Mr. Tawney, an were also a practically similar one by Mr. Chancy, of Indiana. When the provision of the bill was reached appropriating \$180,000 for the purchase of land as an addition

\$211,000 for additional land for fort. In that view of the case Mr. Slayden coincided. At the instance of Mr. Smith,

Iowa, there was read a letter fre Secretary Taft strongly urging purpose of the land based on recommendation of General Wood. DOCTORS CRITICISED.

The proposed appropriation was bitterly opposed by Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York. He said that Fort Mc-Kinley already had 1,500 acres, and he contended that 1,000 acres was sufficient for effective drill purposes for all the troops in the Philippines. The recommendation for the pur-chase, he said, was made by "Dr. Wood," the commanding general in the Philippines. Mr. Fitzgerald read a letter from General Wood recom-mending the purchase of 17,000 acres of land as an addition to Fort Keithley, which he said already contain a similar average, where was stationed one regiment of infantry and one battery of mountain artillery. dertake to say," said he, "that jud-ing from Dr. Wood's recommend-tions, he would find it utterly imposible to drill a single regiment of the army if he had the entire United States at his disposal." The time, he said, "when these distinguished do tors should have such an influence in this administration should cer Doctors, he asserted, were in command of the army and in comms of naval vessels. "Doctors are tu ed away in every conceivable po tion," he declared. He maintain the congressional campaign. In addition to Mr. Wilson, the members of the executive committee are: A. M. which they are assigned, "these dis-

Mr. Fitzgerald inquired why would not be a good idea to send Dr. Wood out on to the arid lands of the West. The President, he said, ready had exiled one officer beca he thought differently from

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED. In the opinion of Mr. Butler,

In the opinion of Mr. Butler, of Pennsylvania, the proposed addition to Fort McKinley was a "most entrageous piece of extravagance." General Wood was defended by Mr. Kelfer, of Ohio, who said that officer was conscientious and capable, and one who had spent most of his mature life in the army. The proposed appropriation was also criticised by Mr. Sherley, of Kentucky.

The motion by Mr. Hay to strike out the provision was carried unanimous-

the provision was carried unani ly.

Amendments were agreed to ap propriating \$16,500 for an addition to Fort Oglethorpe. Ga., and increasing by \$100,000 the sum originally carried by the bill for the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

A motion by Mr. Payne, of New York, at 5:15 o'clock to take a recess until to-morrow was voted down 14 to 154, most of the Republicant voting in the negative.

The sundry civil bill was laid and the House proceeded to other business.