AFTER MOST PERILOUS TRIP.

Missing Young Lady Located in Columbia. S. C., Yesterday Afternoon,
Her Exact Location Being Discovered When She Put in a Telephone
Call For Charlotte—Had Decided to
Return to Charlotte—Had Decided to
Return to Charlotte and Came Wilingly—Party Left Columbia on
Karly Train—Traveler Had Narrow
Escape From Being Ran Down by
a Train While Crossing Trestle
Friday Night.

Miss Mattie Haven the con-

Miss Mattle Havis, the young lady he disappeared so mysteriously from Columbia, S. C., and, accompanied by the country. her brothers-in-law, Messrs. A. E. Investigations covering the sales of concluded at 4:30 o'clock this after-Cohes and W. W. McDonald, arrived 1014 dealers in 68 localities show that noon and at 10 o'clock to-night the lumbia.

in Columbia and put in a long-distance call for her sisters, Mrs. A. E. the chief of police that Miss Havis week 5.0 per cent. lower. was in Columbia.

she had already decided to come was 6.8 per cent. greater. back to Charlotte and was ready to come. Accordingly the two leresoon higher in price in 1907 than in 1906. for this city.

Miss Havis, when asked why she left home in such a peculiar fashion, without notifying her relatives, merely said she could not tell that. The most reasonable hypothesis is that the extremely hot weather. which is so often so dire in its effects, produced an acute case of disordered nerves.

It is a matter of great gratification to her relatives that the termination to her most hazardous trip was unattended by any serious results.

The young lady's appearance evidences plainly the far too strenuous exertion to which she had put herself, left Charlotte, it seems, Frida morning at 7:15, on train No. 39, was discovered, and was up town there she went to Union, S. C., and the sum with which she is said to little could be accomplished by the firemen. morning at 7:15, on train No. 39, have started out, about \$5, being nearly exhausted, she resorted to

walking and in this way, exclusively, with the exception of aid given by a section master who allowed her to ride on a hand car, she reached Blairs, 26 miles from Union about reached Friday night she must have spent on the road, for she narrowescaped death from being run down far enough shead to slow down to a stop, until she had crossed over. The afternoon train for Columbia

leaves Blairs at 1:03 and arrives in Columbia at 2:30 in the afternoon. Being, most probably, practically pen niless, she did not attempt to secure dging either Saturday or Sunday ghts. Monday morning she called at a farm house a few miles from the city and asked for something to eat. The lady who met her at the in- law of Mr. Friedheim. Yesterday afternoon she returned to Columbia with the result that she was met by her friends.

The past few days have been for the relatives of the missing one season of unending anxiety and worry, while they exhausted every possible means to solve the mystery of Monroe, July 20.—The investiga-her disappearance. The news which tion of the Morris murder conducted

ENTERTAINING ATLANTIC FLEET Sports and a Comic Opera by Amateurs Arranged For the Delectation of Officers and Men—Slight Accident on the Kearsarge.

Honolulu, July 20 .- Boat races, baseball and other sports to-day, and to-night a gala performance of the old comic opera "The Mascot," arday's entertainment of the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet. There was also an excursion to Pearl Harbor, where only Rear Admiral Sperry and staff went to inspect the site of the new naval station for the islands. The battleship Missouri of the third division which, with the Virginia.

pipe on the Kearsarge late Saturday became generally known this morning but it proved not to be as serious as at first reported. Five men were first reported. Five ilson, a water-tender; Frank Wata second-class fireman, and died here to-inght.

London, July 39.—The gentlemen of Philadelphia were defeated in their match against the Middlesex eleven at Lords to-day by I wickets. The conditions were not favorable for good play and the visitors only succeeded in running up a meagre 58 in the first innings and 56 in the second, a total of lile runs. The flome players scored 92 lile runs in the sea of Japan, in May, 1305, died here last night from heart trouble.

It is believed that the heart affectively searched the sea of running up a meagre 58 in the first innings and 56 in the second, a total of
112 runs. The flome players scored 93
in the first innings and succeeded in
passing the Philadelphians total with
the loss of but three wickets the secthe loss of but three wickets the secbattle of the Sea of Japan, in may,
esse in the Sea of Japan, in may,
it is believed that the heart affection resulted from injuries received
by Admarai Rojestvensky in the the
battle of the Sea of Japan.

MISS HAVIS HOME SAFELY INCREASE IN AVERAGE WAGE JURY HAS WHITAKER CASE JUDGE TAFT ON JUSTICE EASTENERS WORRY BRYAN

Higher in 1905 Than the Previous Year, and Hours of Labor Were Shorter—The Average Price of Food Higher in 1907 Than in Any Year During the Past Eighteen—Interesting Figures From the Bureau of Labor.

Washington, July 20.—The average wages per hour in 1907, were 3.7 per cent, higher than, in 1908, the regular hours of labor per week were 0.4 per hours of labor per week were 0.4 per cent lower than in 1906, and the number of employes in the establishments investigated was 1 per cent. greater

than in 1806. These are some of the facts of in Charlotte Friday morning and, for terest in a statement issued to-day by whom relatives, friends and others the bureau of labor as the result of an searched and telegraphed unceasing- investigation of the principal wage ly and unsuccessfully for three days, working occupations in 4,169 establishwas located yesterday afternoon in ments, representing the principal man-

in the city this morning about 1:30 the retail prices of thirty principal ar-o'clock. Although her trip was one ticles of food, weighed according to the outcome, while it is said that bets marked by threatening danger at consumption in representative workmany points she was unharmed higher in 1907 than in 1906. As the adingmen's families, were 4.2 per cent. was greater than the advance in wages About 4:45 yesterday afternoon the per hour, the purchasing power of an missing young woman walked into a hour's wages, as measured by food, was decrease being one half of one per

The average hourly wages in 1507 Cohen, in Charlotte, Previously those were higher than in any other year of interested had visited the central office and made arrangements that, in more than 20 per cent. higher than the case Miss Havis put in a call for average in any year from 1890 to 1900. As compared in each case with the anybody, no matter for whom, she average for the 10 year period, 1890 to should be connected with the resi- 1899, the average hourly wages in 1997 dence of Mrs. McDonald in Charlotte. were 28.8 per cent. higher, the num-Accordingly the operator made this ber of employes 44.4 per cent. greater, connection and immediately informed and the average hours of labor per

The average price of food in 1907 The working of the plan was the the 18 year period. The average price perfection of success. Even while of thiry principal articles, weighed she was conversing with her relatives according to family consumption of the at Charlotte the gentlemen from this various articles, was 20.6 per cent. at Charlotte the gentlemen from this higher in 1907 than the average price city, and the Columbia chief of police for the 10 year period. The purchas-To these she stated that ing power of an hour's wages in 1907

Of the 30 articles of food, 29 were The only article which showed a deper cent.

## TWO FIRES AT ROCK HILL.

Barn of Mr Pride Rotterree Destroyed and Home of Mr. Arnold Friedheim Badly Damaged. Special to The Observer.

Rock Hill, S. C., July 20 .- This city was visited by two disastrous fires this morning in close proximity to one other. An alarm was turned in about o'clock from East Main screet, and the fire department answered promptly. The large barn of Mr. Pride was destroyed along a lot of shelving and counters. Mr. Rotterree's driver had fortunately hooked-up his fine horse to the bug-

Just a short time after this fire the beautiful residence of Mr. Arnold Friedheim, on Main street, was dis covered to be burning. The firemen responded to this call in a hurry and with the aid of citizens had the most arduous job of their lives in saving even a part of this beautiful home. It was a stubborn fire, and hard to get at, but after over an hour and a half by a train while she was crossing the of hard work it was conquered, only Broad river trestle, near Shelton, 5. after the roof and gables had fallen in. The main building was badly damaged by water. Nearly every-thing was removed from the house with but little damage. The building and furniture were fully covered by

> The origin of these two fires is unknown, but is supposed to be from dropped cigarette or cigar in the first instance and a defective flue in the last instance. A peculiar coincidence is that Mr. Rotterree is a son-

NO NEW CLUE DISCOVERED.

Investigation of Morris Murder Yea-terday Not Fruitful of Results— Suspicions Seem to Be Without Foundation—Big Crowd Interested.

came in telegrams yesterday came as by Lawyer Redwine, of Monroe, and a welcome relief, though the fears en-tertained seem to be proven not to-day was held behind closed doors and many witnesses were examined. Mr. Redwine stated to-night that the investigation furnished no new clue to the perpetrators of the crime and that everything is in the same status as before. Suspicion in the neighbor-hood of the crime is now directed against Mrs. Morris, but it is vague and evidently had its origin in knowledge that husband and had quarreled frequently and that Mrs. Morris had threatened to kill her husband. It is also pointed out ranged by the society women of Hon-olulu, were the chief features in the that her story of the murder is the only account of it.

Great interest in the investigation to-day was shown by a crowd of 306 people gathered from all parts of the county, but they were dis-Louisiana and Ohio coaled at Lahaini appointed at its secrecy. The investigation elosed at 6 p. m. and nothing of a seven-inch steam pipe on the Kearsarge late Setundar.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—Dr. M. B. Wharton, pastor of the Baptist church of Eufaula, Ala., and former United States consul to Conneberg, Germany, Fomplum, a coal passer, were severaly burned. None of these is seriously injured and all will be about in a few days. The bust pipe was connected with the forward starboard boiler, and burst directly beneath a tentilator. This allowed the steam to escape. Repairs are now making and the accident will not interfere with the Kearsarge's sailing with the flect on Wednesday for Australia.

I died here to-inght. Dr. Wharton, who was an author of many religious books, and regarded as one of the ablest men in the Southern Baptist Church, was born in Orange county, Virginia. April 5th, 1839. During the civil war he was chief clerk to Major A. M. Barbour, chief quartermaster of General Joseph E. Johnson. Dr. Wharton has filled many pastorates in the South, being at different times located in Baltimore, Louisville, Ky., Augusta, Ga., and Bristol. Ky., Augusta, Ga. and Bristol. Tenn. At one time he was editor ondoners Defent Quakers at Cricket. Tenn. At one time he was edited London, July 30,—The gentlemen of of The Christian Index, of Atlanta.

Long-Drawn-Out Case in District Court at Asheville Given to Jury at 4:30 Yesterday Afternoon and at 10 Last Night No Agreement Had Been Reached—Another Case of Alleged Fraudulent Use of Mails Has Been Called—The Bank Cases Will Be Taken Up This Morning and Motion to Quash Indictment Will Be Argued—Mandamus Brought to Have School Tax Levvied in Cherokee County—Dr. J. B. Weaver, Formerly of Asheville,

Special to The Observer, Asheville, July 20.—The case of Rev. William G. Whitaker, charged the government with fraudulent of the United States mails, is now use of the United States mails, is now in the hands of the jury. The charge of Judge Newman to the jury was have even been laid for and against acquittal.

The features of the trial to-day were the arguments by Thomas Settle for the defense and District Attorney Holton for the prosecution. The court room was crowded with spectatelephone booth at the union station slightly less in 1907 than in 1906, the tors during both the morning and afternoon sessions, and at the close of the trial Whitaker appeared nervous ill at ease and worn out. It is be-lieved by many that the case will result in a mistrial.

BANK CASES COME UP TO-DAY. The First National Bank of Asheville cases will be called to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock when there will be argument on the motion to quash the bills of indictment found at Greensboro eleven years ago against Breese, Penland and Dickerson, the three indicted bank officials. said that the government believes the bills will not be quashed and that it was higher than in any other year in is ready for trial at a moment's notice. The defendants hope that the indictments will be quashed and that the final chapter in these erstwhile sensational cases will be written tomorrow.

ANOTHER INTERESTING CASE. Another interesting case has been called in United States District Court in which D. Frank Jordan, of Asheville, is defendant. Jordan is charged with using the mails for fraudulent crease was tea, the decrease being 0.2 purposes. It seems that about three months ago Jordan had a diamond ring of the value of \$85, which he purposed returning to a lady in Augusta, Ga. The defendant maintains that he placed the ring in a small box and mailed it under a registry stamp to Augusta. When the package reached Augusta it was delivered to the lady by a negro anali carrier sup-posedly intact. The box, it is alleged, was opened and found to empty. The postoffice got hold of the cases and after working on it for a time caused Jordan's arrest.

MANDAMUS INSTITUTED. An interesting mandamus proceed-ing has been instituted in Cherokee county, Asheville attorneys having been employed to represent the de-tendant. The proceedings relate to the school tax. It is understood that the board of county education Cherokee has brought proceedings to compel the board of county commissioners of Cherokee to levy an additional school tax of 18 cents on the \$100 worth of property. The commissioners say that there is no necessity to make the levy and refuse to do it. The hearing will be had at Bryson City before Judge Peebles July 27th. It is said that the 18 cents additional levy would result in a revenue for school purposes of about \$8,000 annually.

DIED EN ROUTE TO ASHEVILLE. News has been received here of the death to-day in Cincinnati of Dr. J. B. Weaver, formerly of Asheville but for several years a resident of Wy-oming. Dr. Weaver was en route to Asheville when his death occurred. He was a brother-in-law of former Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., Post-master Rollins and Judge H. A. Gud-ger and father of Dr. W. J. Weaver, of Marshall, Dr. Weaver was at one time collector of internal revenue of this district and for many years Unit-ed States consul to Bahia, Brazil.

MURDER SEQUEL TO CRAP GAME A Negro Laborer at Rockingham hoots and Kills Another—He is Shoots and Kills Arried For Mur-

Special to The Observer. Rockingham, Harvey, a negro, shot and killed Hugh Price, also a negro, here Sunday morning. He also shot another negro at the same time. The trouble seems to have begun over a game of craps. Saturday night, Harvey left the game in anger, provided himself with a pistol and Sunday morning began to search for the parties. He broke open one room with an axe, supposing that Price and others were in there. They were not there, however, but he found them a few minutes later and began firing on Price. He fired three shots, all of them taking effect. Price died immediately. other negro was shot in the foot. The suspicion against William All are negroes and are working Davis and wife, neighbors of Mr. with Mr. Markley, who is building a sewerage system for the town. They are all from Roanoke, Va. Harvey

Tryon Failed to Have Institution Moved From Its Location at Saluda —Macadamizing of Street Begun.

Special to The Observer. Tryon, July 20.—Tryon failed in the effort to get the location of the Saluda Seminary changed to this place. The citizens of Tryon raised a subscription of \$1,100, but the people of Saluda, by a subscription of \$1,000 and the donation of additional land and other inducements were able to make the board of education of the American Missionary Association, which supports the school, decide not to change the location, which is a great disapthe location, which is a great disap-

The work of erecting chutes and bins for the crushed rock to be used bins for the crushed rock to be used in macadamizing Trade street was begun last week by City Engineer George H. Holmes. The crushed rock for the town will be purchased from the Balfour Quarry Company, of Asheville. The government steam roller was in operation all last week smoothing down the street where the grading is being done. Engineer Eldredge, of the department of public roads. Washington, is here to superintend the con-

MISTRIAL FREELY PREDICTED RURAL FOLK HEAR CANDIDATE. ABOUT THE INJUNCTION PLANK

Neighboring Resorts Hear Mr. Tatt Discourse Upon the Administration of Justice—He is Introduced to His Audience as the Next President of the United States—Declines to Talk Politics in His Address.

Hot Springs, Va., July 20 .- Judge William H. Taft to-day assisted in the given a cordial welcome.

The strength of the judiciary, he derested upon the principle that the peowork of the courts, in the form of trial by jury mandatory at the request duty on juries and in other capacities. CRITICISM OF COURTS.

He justified proper criticism of the courts by the people because by such tion. While reasonably sure of tice shall feel that they are under the critical eye of men and women entitled to have justice of the people administered without fear or favor. He could not come into the atmosphere of the court, he said, without a feeling of deep regret that he had ever left the bench. He concluded his remarks by congratulating Bath county upon the fact that in it the two great political parties are nearly equally divided, which, he said, was a tration of the government.

Judge Taft was frequently interpanied her husband to the court house which was reached after a drive over splendid mountain roads.

Judge Taft was presented to the assemblage by J. A. Rivercomb, a member of the board of supervisors of the county. In presenting him Mr. Rivercomb spoke of his wide and varied experience in public life and in concluding said: THE NEXT RESIDENT.

you the next President of the United

States. "I don't like to introduce a joint discussion just at this time," said Mr. was said at our conference." Mr. Phil-Taft in opening his remarks, "and I lips, however, volunteered the state-venture to say that the last statement ment that a number of Prohibitionists of the distiPnguished gentleman might, would vote for Mr. Bryan as against not receive uXnanimous concurrence their own candidate. He thought the throughout the county. But we are prohibition movement would affect not here this morning to talk politics. the vote in the close States and was I appreciate much the hospitality of unwilling to concede to Taft many of Virginia and of Bath county in in- these votes.

Virginia and of Bath county in in- these votes.

The appeal of Mr. Bryan to the far viting me, a stranger within your The appeal of Mr. Bryan to the far-gates, to come and take part in this mers of the country for campaign

"We are here to-day for a function, the dedication of what is certainly a beautiful court house. I am reminded as I look at this court house of a letter which Mr. Justice Jackson, of the Supreme Court, wrote to Senator Hoar, the chairman of the judiciary committee, with reference to the saiaries of the judges. Said he: 'My Dear Senator: As I go about from city to city and come in these great beautiful Federal court houses, I think the policy of the United States government may be described as erecting magnificent temples to justice starving the high priests.' I don't know about the judicial salaries in Virginia, but if this be a hint that shall lead in any way to the raising of the compensation of hard-working judges, I shall have done something worthy of the day.

FREE GOVERNMENT.

This scene to-day to any one who looks at it in comparison with other countries, suggests the blessing of a free government. Those who have had any experience with other countries will realize that in many of them s government means to the people an entity different from themselves; something in a sense antagonistic to the government, such as we have here to join with us on this proposition but to-day. Such sense of responsibility, public sentument may yet compel it desire to help government, is illustrated in every meeting of this kind the country over. They come from the belief that we, the people, are the government, and in courts of are the government, and in courts of there is no reason why the entire justice, it is increased by the fact that sum necessary should not be supplied the people take part in the adminis-tration of justice, that they are called in courts of law; that they are part the treasury to provide for legitimate of the posse comitates that goes out campaign work and that it all we with the sheriff to enforce the law and make it effective to carry out the decrees of justice. As long as the people feel that these are their courts, that this is their justice, that when it goes wrong, when it results in injustice, they ought to be ashamed for it, and they are responsible for it, we can count on a continuance of a free gov-ernment. But when the people lose interest in the administration of justice and do not have that sense of responsibility that ought to promp every man on a jury to feel that in deciding equally between the prisoner at the bar and the State, the rights of the people are represented by the State, will be seriously injured by injustice to the State, so long as that continues then we may count on a repudiation of our system.

"The administration of justice in the country, perhaps, then illustrates what I have said and the principle of it then even in the city, because if I understand the practice, it is for all the country people to gather about on court day to watch the proceedings, to learn the law as it is delivered from the bench, is take an interest in the lasues' as they are presented to the jury of their neighbors to criticise as they have she right to in a proper way the

The Republican Presidential Nominee
Assists in the Dedication of a New
Court House and in the Opening of
Court at Germantown, Va., a Short
Distance From Hot Springs, Where
He is Spending the Summer—A
Large Assemblage of Sojourners at
Neighboring Resorts Hear Mr. Taft

Lump—Prominent Prohibitionist Has Up-Prominent Prohibitionist Has a Conference With Mr. Bryan and the Former Declines to Go Into Detalls But States That a Number of His Faith Will Vote For Bryan as Against Their Own Candidate—Mr. Bryan Issues an Appeal to 'the Democratic Newspapers.

Lincoln, Neb., July 20 .- Influential opening of court and in the dedica- Eastern Democrats have told William tion of a court house at Germantown, J. Bryan, that in their opinion, the Va., five miles from Hot Springs. The anti-injunction plank of the platform subject of his speech was the adminis- adopted at Denver was hardly worth tration of justice by the courts. He the paper it was written on, the reawas greeted by a large assemblage of son alleged by them being that the sojourners at neighboring resorts and David B. Hill bill, passed by Senate, country folk, many of whom traveled Democratic plank, simply carried out far to see and hear him. He was the common law provision, granting a jury trial in contempt cases "in the jurisdiction of the presiding judge."
The plank was drafted on the asclared, was based on the fact that it sumption that the Hill bill was passed rested upon the principle that the peo-ple share in the responsibility for the Senator Allen, of Nebraska, to make

of the defendant. Mr. Bryan spent several anxious hours after he received this informacriticisms "those who administer jus-criticisms "those who administer jus-majority of the committee on resolutions had been tricked caused him worry and he admitted that he would

have an inquiry set on foot.

The Associated Press correspondent this afternoon relieved this suspense by submitting to him advises from Washington showing that the Hill bill as finally adopted by the United States Senate in 1896 provided for summary punishment by the court in direct contempt cases, but made it mandatory for the court to grant a trial by guarantee against evils in the admin- jury in all cases where such contempt was cimmitted outside of the jurisdiction of the court and where such rupted by applause. Mrs. Taft accom- jury trial was demanded by the ac-

This was the Allen amendment, as Bryan remembered it, and it cleared up what threatened to become an awkward situation for the Democratc candidate for the presidency.

The part that the prohibition question will play in the campaign was talked over by Mr. Bryan and Wiley Phillips, editor of The California Voice, of Los Angeles, who is return ing from Columbus, O., where he was "I take pleasure in introducing to a delegate to the national Prohibition convention.

"We agreed," said Mr. Phillips. "not to discuss for publication what

contributions is bearing fruit, To-da a number of responses were received the sums enclosed varying in amount. Two retired farmers of Omaha, one aged 82, and the other 79 years, preferred to deliver their contributions in person. They hobbled up pathway to Fairview and each placed in the hands of Mr. Bryan a \$5 bill. An appeal by Mr. Bryan to the Democratic newspapers of the try to begin the collection of funds for the campaign was one of the important happenings of the day. The statement follows:

"I wish every Democratic would begin the collection of a fund from its subscribers. There are very few Democrats who could not afford to make a small contribution and the people will never be able to control the government until they take on themselves the burden of supplying campaign funds. As long as a few men furnish the money to finance a campaign these men will exert an un-

due influence upon the government. end of corporate contributions and this is a step in advance but the individuals who control these favor-seeking corporations may still dominate politics by furnishing the sinews of war. The Democratic party has struck a blow at this system by limitthem. In such countries among the ing contributions to \$100 and provid-people there is an absence of a sense ing for publicity before election. The of responsibility as to what is done by Republican party has so far refused to do so. I have no doubt that the Democratic party will receive contributions from more individuals than ever contributed to any campaign and by contributions from the masses. every Democratic paper will take the upon the jury, that they are part of the matter up and lend a helping hand tribunal that decides the issue of fact we will soon have money enough in we will soon have money enough in the treasury to provide for legitimate

> Late this evening George Fred Williams, of Boston, arrived and was driven from the station to Fairview by Mr. Bryan. The two held a lengthy conference on reaching the Bryan nome, where Mr. Williams expected to spend the night. One thing is definitely settled

that is that the chairmanship of the national committee will not go Southern man because of the attitude of the Southerners toward the negro. Although Mr. Bryan thinks highly of Mr. Ollie James, of Kentucky, and his name was prominently considered for this place, the position taken by Mr. James some time ago in favoring the disfranchisement of the negro made his appointment out of the

PEN MIGHTIER THAN SWORD

Mr. Gonzales Authority For the State-ment That the Democratic Candi-date Will Depend More Upon the Press in His Campaign Than on Speech-Making.

West during which he twice visited the Democratic standard-bearer at Fairview. "That feature will be the resort to the pen rather than the tongue; to the press rather than the

HEARING ON MILEAGE BOOKS.

laims of Traveling Men and the Railroads Heard by Railroad Com-mission, Though It Has No Manda-tory Power in the Matter—South Carolina Candidates Let One Day Pass Without Making Speeches. Observer Bureau,

1300 Skyscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., July 20. Beginning at noon and lasting until night a hearing before the South Carolina railroad commission in the matter of mileage was held to-day. A large number of traveling men repre senting the T. P. A. and U. C. T. of this State and other States was present to protest against the system of exchanging mileage for tickets before boarding the trains at stations. The traveling men claimed that this sys, tem causes them to lose time, requiring twenty or thirty minutes more to get tickets and check baggage than formerly, and that this is a serious inconvenience in trying to make several towns a day.

The side of the railroads was presented by high passenger officials of several roads, including Passenger Traffic Manager Hardwick and General Paesenger Agent Taylor, of the Southern; General Passenger Agent Craig, of the Coast Line; General Passenger Agent Ryan, of the Seaboard, and others.

The commission has no powers in matter, as mileage is a voluntary matter with the roads, and any action taken by the commission is merely a statements were taken by a stenographer and when submitted to the commission the board will make its finding

The First Regiment, South Carolina National Guard, will leave Wednesday for the encampment at Chickamauga, under command of Col. W. W. Lewis, one of the best military men in the South. As Major John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill, cannot attend the encampment, Adjutant General Boyd has designated Lieutenant Colonel Coggeshall, of the Third Regment, to command one of the battalions of the First Regiment at the encampment in place of Major Rich-

Commissioner Watson and Conressman Lever left this morning for Union to address a meeting of farmers this morning and to-night to speak before a meeting of the board trade.

To-day was an off day with both candidates for State offices and for United States Senator, there being no campaign meetings to-day. The to-morrow at Bishopville, Lee county, and those for Senator at Walhalla. Oconee county. Several of the State candidate spent Sunday and to-day at Columbia but most of the senatorial candidates remained in the up-country for the two rest days.

NEWS OF THE GATE CITY.

Mayor Brandt and Messrs, Brooks Get record that I will take action Carved in Magnificent Manner. Observer Bureau,

The Bevill Building,

mayor Brandt, one of the alternates from the fifth district to the Democratic national convention, and Mr. A. L. Brooks and father, Dr. Z. T. Brooks, who attended the convention. as interested spectators, have returned and report a most pleasant and profitthrough Canada.

John W. Kern, the candidate for Vice ment regarding the demand on his President, at the home of Mr. Bryan mother: and secured from him a promise to Martin and Jim George, both colored, ness before I had a good friend, who engaged in a bloody battle at a used to loan me any amount negro restaurant last night, were held wanted up to a couple for the Superior Court under bonds thousand. This friend's of \$100 cach. The two negroes en-wanted to get into the gaged in a quarrel over some trivial Dames of America, of which worked over two hours sewing up the with his mother, he guessed

of the Greensboro lodge.

TO INVESTIGATE CONTRACTS.

New York Cotton Exchange Passes a Resolution Looking Toward a in 1664. Van Rensselaer was twice Complete Investigation of Present married, having divorced his first Future Delivery System, New York, July 20.-The board of

managers of the New York cotton exchange to-day passed a resolution for the appointment of a special committee to make a complete investigation of the present contract for the future delivery of cotton as required by the rules of the ex-change and to inquire into other features of the institution's policies. The action of the board of managers followed a conference recently with

bureau of corporations, recently criticised the New York exchange

State, one of them in New York City, and six or eight speeches in the States of Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. He proposes to discuss fully some one Democratic principle in each of these addresses. The remainder of the campainn, Mr. Bryan expects to stay at home and prepare letters or articles in the nature of signed editorials for such newspapers as will use them. He will also discuss the issues with any Democratic speakers that wish to consult him.

"The West is giving Mr. Bryan rulings of the court or the verdict of the jury, so that those who are administering justice shall feel that they are under the critical eye of men (and I may say of women) entitled to have the justice of the people administered without fear or favor."

Life Crushed Out by Wheel of Ice Wagon.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, July 20.—This afternoon a son of Mr. Charles Hairston, a driver for the High Point Ice and Fuel Company, was run over by the heavy wagon driven by his own father and his head was mashed into a jelly.

Heavy wagon driven by his own father and his head was mashed into a jelly.

THREATENED HIS MOTHER SCION OF OLD FAMILY JAILED

ohn Van Rensselaer Insists That His Mother Raise \$5,000 on "That Fancy Name of Hers" in Order That He May Get a Start in the Brokerage Business—The Police Brokerage Business—The Politake Him in Hand and He Missive—Says Gave His Mother \$5,000 When the Uppers, Which Was on Her Uppers, Which Ho Secured From a Good Friend Who Wanted to Get His Mother in the Colonial Dames, But When His Mother Blackballed His Friend's Mother There Was Nothing More Doing—The Van Rensselaer Blue Blood.

New York, July 20 .- John A. Van Rensselaer, son of Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, and a member of one of New York's oldest families, was taken into custody to-night on a charge of attempted extortion. The arrest was made on advices from Chief of Police Crowley, of Newport, R. I., who received a complaint from Mrs. Van Rensselaer that her son had written a letter threatening her bodily harm unless she provided him with funds. Van Rensselaer is \$4 years old and married.

Van Rensselaer is connected with local brokerage house and he returned to his home to-night he was placed under arrest by detectives, who produced the letter alleged to have been written by Van Rensellation to his mother. The detectives and Van Rensselaer was brought in the police station, declare that the young nan stated that he had written the letter. which is without any ventional beginning or ending and of which the postscript is unsigned. The letter reads:

THE BOY'S LETTER. "I have just seen Lawrence Lee, and I am given to understand that you will pay \$30 per month for my board if I will go three hundred miles from New York, and that I must have your written consent to leave the place that you may select.
"Did it ever occur to you that I

have an absolute remainder interest

in Aunt Frances' estate securities

and that by blowing your head off, that my wife would have an income sufficient to support her? "I will take that course if necessary and upon my head will rest the

consequences. (Thaw is still aliver maybe I will be). campaign meetings to-day. The "In any case my wife, God bless candidates for State offices will speak her, will benefit by your demise, even

"I have seen many disagreements Several of the and sufferings in my life and I must say that most of it is due to you, a selfish peacock, whose name in the times amounts to nothing, and who is almost, if not entirely forgotten, in circles once tread.

"I am now in no humor to trifled with, and I wish to go Back From Denver Convention, sight, unless something is done at After Visiting Other Points—Negro once. You gave Harold \$6,000 and You gave Harold \$6,000 a trip to Europe. What have I had

for being honest? "I want you to raise on that fancy ame of yours \$5,000 for me. If you

ARRESTED BY POLICE. a most pleasant and profit-Mayor Brandt came back police headquarters and the police of by way of Dallas, Texas, and attended Newport, where Mrs. Van Rensselae the meeting of the Grand Lodge of is now residing, were notified of the Elks in his capacity as district deputy arrest. The prisoner made inquiries for the western half of North Caro- regarding ball and spoke vaguely of lina. Mr. Brooks and his father ex- a man named Lee, who would be tended their trip to Colorado Springs glad to furnish it. Van Rensselaer and other points and came back will be carefully observed by the Admitting to police. Brooks, who is the Democratic Mannion that he had written the letcandidate for Congress in this dis- ter. Van Rensselaer, according to the trict, had the pleasure of meeting Hon. police, made the following state-

"I gave her a thousand dollars when come to North Carolina and make she was on her uppers and now I several speeches during the campaign. wanted \$5,000 to go into the broker-In the police court to-day Henry age business. When I was in busi-This friend's mother matter and George drew a gun on mother was a member, but my Martin, when the latter got busy with mother blackballed her. Then, soon his knife, cutting his foe in almost after that, I went to this friend again every imaginable place on the body for another loan, but he told me if except a vital spot. Two doctors my mother was too good to associate

money was too good for me," Squire D. H. Collins returned this Van Rensselaer is a son of John afternoon from Dallas, Texas, where King Van Rensselaer and grandson he attended the meeting of the Grand of Brigadier General Henry Bell Van Lodge of Elks as the representative Rensselaer, aide de camp to Major General Winfield Scott. Rensselaers are descendants for Col. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, was a member of the Colonial sembly in this State and its Sponger in 1664. Van Rensselaer was twice

> wife. NO NEWS IN DREW MYSTERY.

The Murder of the Young Troy Gov-erness as Complete a Mystery as the Day When Her Body Was Found — Suicide Theory Given

Troy, N. Y. July 20 .- There is at no trace of the murderer of Hazel Drew, whose body was found in Teals' the spinning interests in the North and South, which have criticised the methods of the exchange.

The special committee will be appointed later and will be composed of seven members, including President George Brennecke, of the exchange, who is directed by the board of managers to endeavor to obtain the active participation of the United States bureau of corporations in the inquiry and its advice upon the formulation of the results. Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, recently an arrest. July 11th. The affair is as comrecently an arrest.

Spech-Making.

Columbia, S. C., July 20.—"Mr.
Bryan's campaign will have at least one novel feature," said William E.
Gonzales, editor of The State, who returned to-day from a trip to the West during which he twice visited the Democratic standard-bearer at Fairview. "That, feature will be the states and six or eight speeches in the States and arrest. It is considered by many that the it is considered by many that the substitute of the substitute of the states and arrest. It is considered by many that the states authorities are playing a waiting game and endeavoring to lull the substitute of the states and arrest. It is considered by many that the substitute of the sub