VADE MECUM HOTEL BURNS

Fire Originating in One of the Bath
Rooms of the Popular Resort Hotel
Destroys the Structure and Its
Contents, Including the Personal
Belongings of Many of the Guests—
The Total Loss Estimated at \$15,000
—A Difference of Opinion as to
Whether Blaze Started From
Lightning or an Exploding Lamp—
Monogement Finds at Necessary to

Special to The Observer.

ton-Salem People.

been learned, had a very narrow es- others. cape. Both had their hair hadly Mrs. N. E. Blatchiev, who reside on Grove street, had a thrilling experience during the storm. Lightning

the management of Dr. H. P. Mchit the bed and threw Mr. and Mrs.
Knight and was doing a splendid busiBlatchley several feet into the floor. ness. An estimate of the loss has not not otherwise injured. At the time yet been secured. It is said that there of the stroke Mr. and Mrs. Blatchley was some insurance on the building, which was owned partly by Winston-

THE TOTAL LOSS. The total loss including the building, furniture and guests' belongings is estimated at \$15,000. There was no insurance at the time, the po'icles which had been carried having been dropped a few weeks ago.

The estate of J. H. Sparks owns a two-third interest in the Vade Mecum Springs Company and the other one-third is owned by Messrs Cleero Tise

and A. H. Eller, of this city.

Many of the guests rushed out of
the hotel half clad and lost about all of their wearing apparel, and clothing had to be sent from Moores Springs, two miles way. Breakfast was also sent over from Moores.

OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN. fire started. Some are of the opinion that the building was started by lightning and set on fire while others hold to the opinion that the explosion of a lamp is responsible for the confla-

Dr. McKnight will erect a kitchen at once and con the season. He lost \$1,200 in money in the fire.

MR. TAFT IN NEW YORK.

pends a Day With City and State Leaders Who Aassure Him That All Will Be Well in November— Goes to Cincinnati For the Noti-fication Ceremonics Tuesday.

New York, July 24.—The Republeaders of the city were fully alive to their opportunity to-day to make the personal acquaintance of their candidate for the presidency, and when William H. Taft leaned back in his Pullman seat late in the afternoon to begin his journey to retary Wright informed the young Cincinnati, he had shaken the hand to the report and take their cases of practically every district leader in Cincinnati, he had shaken the hand of practically every district leader in Greater New York, a number of State leaders and had conversations with politicians of varying degrees of prominence to the number of several hundred. "It has been a day of acquaintance making," was Mr. Tatt's comment after the impresent the secretary must be severally be several days before final disposition was reached. The court is understood to have been unanimous on the dismissal sentence. In the opinion of War Department officials, therefore, the Secretary must be severally accommendation to the report and take their cases under advisement, indicating it might be several days before final disposition was reached. The court is understood to have been unanimous on the dismissal sentence. In the opinion of War Department officials, therefore, the Secretary must be severally accommendation to the report and take their cases under advisement, indicating it might be several days before final disposition was reached. The court is understood to have been unanimous on the dismissal sentence. Taft's comment after the impromptu reception was over, "There is no po-litical significance to be attached to any of the interviews I have had, It upon the authorities to dismiss or a little too early for me to get reports of the situation in the State, but from what has been told me. by the men I have seen, satisfaction seems to be the prevailing state of

So far as Mr. Taft now intends this will be his last visit to the city until after election. He will reach Cincinnati to-morrow shortly after noon. After the notification ceremo-nies Tuesday it is his purpose to return to Hot Springs at the earliest possible moment. Although Mr. Taft spent the greater part of the night going over the proof of his notification speech, he was up early and kept a breakfast engagement with his brother, Henry W. Taft, and wife at the Piaza, He was called on here by Paul Morton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, long time personal friends. When the candidate reached hi sapartments at the hotel Man-hattan he found a delegation awaiting him, and the callers came be is a young lady greatly esteemed throughout the day without cessa-for many pleasing qualities of mind tion. Henry W. Taft assisted the candidate in receiving the guests friends and admirers. For several for some time. Among the callers sessions she has been a member of the faculty of the Cornellus High ments of Mr. Taft's head for a porments o trait. The candidate declared at the end of the rush that he had really enjoyed the day, and regarded it as having been most profitably spent.

The tug Wahan went to the assistance of the schooner but was unable to pull her off. The towboat captain reported that the vessel had been reached and that a line had been placed aboard, but on account of the high wind it was impossible to take her off the breakers. The captain and crew of the schooner rate still aboard.

Pleasing Social Event at Morganton.

A Strike is India.

A strike is India. Charleston, S. C., July 24, The

WORK OF THE STORM.

THE GUESTS NARROWLY ESCAPE Buncombe, Had a Thrifting Experience—Lightning's Queer Frenks in Asheville.

Management Finds at Necessary to from here, was in town this morning Borrow Wearing Apparel For the Guests From a Neighboring Resort

—The Property Owned by the Estate of the Late J. H. Sparks and by lightning. Mr. Clayton and family had a thrilling experience during

the progress of the storm. A bolt Winston-Salem, July 24 .- The main of lightning struck the house and building of the Vade Mecum Springs ripped great rents in the outside peb-Hotel, about 40 miles above here in ble-dash and the inside plasterings. Stokes county, was destroyed by fire at a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had a collock this morning, and a number of members of the household had year. The last one goes to the Tar River Lumber Company, with \$306,000 capital stock, headquarters at Rocky mount, Horace E. Barker, of Eimlra, N. Y., and some other people from that State being the largest stock-holders. the building at the time, but they were ney and crushed an old "grandfather" the building at the time, but they were ney and crushed an old granutater of the property of the very handsome memorial drinking them did not have time to get any of their belongings.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Mr. John T. Simpson and wife, of the building them did not have time to get any of their belongings.

Mr. John T. Simpson and wife, of the building them and walls there another bolt struck and he was stunned for a mother bolt struck and he was stunned for this city, were among the number who ment or two. The lightning went tains. The ceremonies will take place falled to save anything. One lady twined and which led to the pig sty with a baby, whose name has not and killed one hog and snocked speech and Mayor James Iredell John-

The hotel this year has been under struck a light metre almost over their iron bed and ripping it from the wall were asleep and were naturally badly frightened and startled at finding themselves prone on the floor. It is now almost a certainty that the Asheville cotton mills were fired by a bolt of lightning.

HAZERS VISIT MR. WRIGHT.

West Point Cadets Lay Their Case Before the Secretary, Declaring That They Did Nothing Brutal or Humiliating—Court Was Unani-mous For Dismissal Sentence.

from a trip of inspection of the ma- crime. neuvre camp at Chattanooga, receiv-ed a call from the eight young men and had long been United States comwho, as cadets at the military acad- missioner and a magistrate. He is emy at West Point, have been found also a Confederate veteran. A num-guilty of has ng and sentenced to dis-ber of members of his family are here missal. Mr. Wright has not had time and will go with the lawyers who are It is not definitely known how the to examine the report which had been urging pardon to present the case besubmitted to him. After a few min-fore the Governor. The case has ex-utes' formal talk with the young men, cited no little attention in that part all of woom, the Secretary said sub-of the State. There are petitions sequently, impressed him as bright, against pardon, it being alleged that manly fellows, Secretary Wright said: the crime was brutal and premeditated and that punishment was fully dewhat you did to get yourselves into served.

That any of the others, but he felt that none had committed serious offenses. gin on the building. He explained frankly and briefly the nature of their hazing of the plebes. "Bracing," Rossell explained, "was an exaggerated form of bringing a piebe to 'attention.'" He said that all of them had been through such an experience which, far from being brutal or humiliating, tended to make the right sort of men of cadets. Secion of War Department officials, therefore, the Secretary must either approve the findings or set them aside altogether. The law is mandatory dets found guilty of hazing and it is not discretionary with even the Sec-retary of War to minimize the punishment.

Christenbury-Armour edding is Announced. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, July 24.—Davidsonlans age reading with much interest the following card of invitation to the wedding of two popular young peopre, resident in the town:

"Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Christenbury request the honor of your pres-ence at the marriage of their daughter, Eunice Arvista, to Mr. Holt Ar-mour on Wednesday evening. August the fifth, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at six-thirty o'clock, Methodist church, Davidson, North Carolina."

Mr. Armour is a successful prosperous partner in the firm of M. H. Goodrum & Co., and his bride-to-be is a young lady greatly esteemed

New Enterprise For Rockingham. Special to The Observer.

Rockingham, July 24.—Hardly & day passes without some new enter-prise bobbing up. Rockingham cer-tainly has got the right "go" on it now. The Rockingham Foundry & Machine Company has been organized and will build a general foundry and machine works within the course of a

Bombay, July 24—Two officers were fatally wounded and several strikers still well occupied, but wholesalers killed to-day in a clash between the police and a mob of strikers. The employes of eleven factories Joined the strikers to-day and unless the military is called out the situation will soon be sole, and higher figures are named for belling builts.

Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building, Raleigh, July 24. Considering the panicky times, the officials in the office of the Secretary of State think the number of charters granted to corporations holds up very

To-morrow afternoon at 6 Sclock son accepting the gat. Then the water will be turned on and man and beast will be given a much needed showing.

To-day the attorneys for the corporation commission in the freight rate discrimination case against the Norfolk & Southern and its ailled railways were here, consulting with the commission and making up the briefs for the case, which will be heard in eptember at Washington, D. C., before the inter-State commerce com-The exact date is not yet decided upon.

HEARING IN REGISTER CASE. Governor Glenn fixes to-morrow of a case of H. B. Register, a convict, aged 70 years, who for some time has been in the hospital in the penitentiary here. He is serving a life sentence, having been convicted, together with his son, Jabel, of murder in Columbus county, in 1903. The son was hanged Washington, July 24 .- Secretary of in February, 1904, and the father was War Wright, who returned to-day convicted of being an accessory to the

Cadet Ressell, an honor man of the made for the erection of a large first class and a son of Lieutenant dormitory at Wake Forest College, but Colonel William T. Rossell, of the the panic came on and there was some engineer corps of the army, stepped hitch about the matter, so that it was forward as spokesman. He said per-held up for a while, but to-day an haps he had been more to blame than architect went out to the college and it is expected that work will soon be-

CHAIRMAN ELLER'S PLANS. The new chairman, A. H. Eller, of the Democratic State committee, remained here to-day and had a conference with various State officers and with a number of other prominent men in the party. He remarked to your correspondent that his head-quarters would be established here, of course, and would be opened as soon as possible. Meanwhile Secretary Feild will be busy prepairing the way for the most active work of the cam-paign. The election of Mr. Eller was, of course, known to be certain for some weeks. The retiring chairman, Hugh Chatham, only held the place temporarily, having months ago declined to take it except upon such conditions.

PRICTION AT CAMP GLENN. There was some friction to-day at Camp Glenn, Morehead City, between Brigadier General Armfield, com-manding the camp, and Colonel Gardper, of the First Regiment, because of the fact that after the former had ordered that part of the troops leave for home this evening and part tomorrow, the colonel ordered all to leave to-day. Governor Glenn upheld General Armfield's authority. In the Elks Temple to-night a new odge of Knights of Pythias was instituted with nearly one hundred mem-

bers, by Grand Chanceller Thomas H. of Durham, and State deputy J. D. Nutt, of Wilmington. The penitentiary officials announce that John Bristol, white, aged about sentenced from Caldwell last August for two years for incest, has scaped from the State farm near Til-

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Industrial Plants Are Gradually Enlarging Their Operations and Retail Trade is Growing Better—Spinners Can See No Profit and Are Rejecting Propositions. New York, July 24 .- R. G. Dun &

Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: Industrial plants gradually enlarge the percentage of active machinery, furnishing more work for wage earners, which stimulates retail trade, while favorable crop progress strengthens confidence in a continu-

NEWS OF CAPITAL CITY THE SULTAN SURRENDERS SUBSERVIENCY OF MR. TAFT TWO OPINIONS HANDED DOWN. FIGHT ON FREIGHT RATES

lishment Forces and the States of the lowed—Becomes Augry at One of His Officials and Immediately Discharges Him From the Grand Viziership—Feared a Revolutionary

Constantinople, July 24 .- Startling as was the sudden dismissal of Ferid Pasha from the grand viziership and the appointment of Said Pasha in his place, this step was as nothing compared to the sensation created in all surprising that Judge Taft, the Repubquarters his morning by official announcement that the Sultan had de-

cided to convoke a parliament. It was felt that in view of the gensral revolt in the army unprecedented in the history of the Turkish Empire, fact so boldly. It is fully known here with the views expressed in the opinion some change was inevitable, and that and throughout the country pretty of this court. some change was inevitable, and that and throughout the country pretty of this court.

far reaching measures of reform in the central government were bound to be inaugurated. But the drastic action of the Sultan, who took the reins into his own hands and by the stroke into his own hands and by the stroke of a pen suddenly yielded to the de- he himself drafted the platform. mands of the young Turks and restor- platform was not drafted and submit- in Caswell county. The Secretary of the ed the constitution of 1876 has taken the palace clique, the members of the diplomatic corps in fact, the entire population of Constantinople completely by surprise.

ALBANIANS DESERT SULTAN. The immediate cause of the Sultan's raising of the white flag was the recelpt of a telegram addressed to him from the Albanians of Uskub informcath to favor the re-establishment of the constitution. This message land-capable of making the not himself ed like a thunderbolt at the Yildiz Klosk. The Sultan had been under the impression that he could depend upon the Albanians under all circumstances. Ferid Pasha, who is an Albanian, had fostered this conceit. When the facts became known the wrath of the Sultan immediately fell upon his favorite, who was summoned to the palace and dismissed on the

The former grand vizier, Said Pasha, was then summoned to the palace. He gave the Sultan an insight into the country, and the hopelessness of attempting to restore permanent peace in the army and among the people unless the personal regime, with its attendant abuses and intrigues which ing a measure of constitutional gov-

ORDERS ELECTIONS.

The result of this conference was that an imperial trade was issued, ordeputies in accordance with a constitution which had been elaborated by the Sultan. The trade had been communicated to the Valis and the district lieutenant governors with the necessary orders for the holding of elec-

After 32 years of autocratic rule under Sultan Abdul Hamid II. Turkey again has been granted a constitution. The constitution is practically a restoration of the one proclaimed De-cember 23d, 1876, by the present Sul-tan immediately following his elevation to the Sultanate after the violent death of Sultan Abdul Aziz June 4th, of that year, and the deposition of Sultan Murad V, on August 31st, 1876. MUTINIES AMONG TROOPS.

This action on the part of the Sulban, which came as a complete surprise to a lot of surveyors of the progress of events in Turkey, was wrested from him by the young Turks, a political party that has been working for good many years for the establishment of a constitutional government in the realm of the Sultan. About ten days ago there began to come re-ports of mutinies among the Turkish troops in Macedonia and it was declared that the young Turks had succeeded in winning over 90 per cent, of the Turkish army to their cause. This was cutting the ground out from un-der the Sultan's feet and the last straw was broken when the Sultan learned that the wild people of the Albanian country would support him no longer but had joined the liberal movement and were calling loudly for constitu-tional reforms. Then suddenly the Sultan decided to bow to the inevitable rather than face the alternative, a revolutionary outbreak throughout all Macedonia.

JOY IN MACEDONIA.

Imperial Edict Read to Immense Crowds and It is Greeted With En-thusiasm—"Long Live Liberty" is Ringing Through the Streets.

Twenty-Five Drowned in Swiss Tunnel Berne, Switzerland, July 24.—
Twenty-five Italian workmen were
drowned to-day in Loetschberg tunnel
when a flood of water from a subterranean river or lake filled the tunnel
the walls giving away before the rush

HEARING IN THE REGISTER CASE WILL CONVOKE A PARLIAMENT NO SURPRISE TO WASHINGTON

Aged Convict Sentenced For Life From Columbus County For Being an Accessory to a Murder For Mils Own Hands and Restores the Constitution of 1876—Announce Mils Son Was Hanged, Will Have a Chance For Freedom To-Day—Releigh Folks to Have More Water—The New State Chairman, Mr. A. H. Eller, Biscusses His Plans—Will Have Headquarters in Raleigh—Work Expected to Begin Soon on the New Dormitory at Wake Forest College—News Notes of the State College News Notes of the State Notes Notes No Comment at the Capital Neconomic News Notes No Comment at the Capital News No Comment at t Flunkey.

BY ZACH M'GHEE.

Observer Bureau, 12 Post Building, Washington, July 24. In Washington it is not considered lican candidate for the presidency, or rather "My candidate," should go to

Oyster Bay, as he did yesterday, to submit his speech of acceptance to error; in error to the Circuit Court at his political father, preceptor, and Baltimore, Opinion by Judge Boyd. Reboss. The only surprise expressed is versed and cause remanded with directhat Mr. Taft should announce the tions to grant a new trial in accordance him. In this respect only does the speech of acceptance differ from the platform, that Mr. Taft himself seems Oyster Bay only to have it O. K.'d by his boss. Mr. Roosevelt will use by his boss. Mr. Roosevelt will use his blue pencil on any portion of it not to his liking, and he will add what-ever in his judgment should be added. capable of making his own speech, that he has no views of his own, that he is not his own man, that he is not willing to express any opinion without consulting the man higher up. What a spectacle indeed! And yet some Democrats are talking about voting

Mr. Rossevelt himself has copied. TWO OPPOSITE OPINIONS.

about her graduation essay. had brought the country to the verge of ruin, came to an end and some steps were taken in the direction of grantwent to the Philippines and by dint of persistent jollying kept down scandals in that scandalous mess, and that while the office of Secretary of War is comparatively of no importance he daining the absolving of a chamber of joilier, keeping the President and the others who sat around the board in a good humor. The very few American people who have seen the great big fat man with the perennial smile all like him, for he is personally irresistible. But as for being President no-body would ever have dreamed of his being that if it had not have occurred to Mr. Roosevelt. And some there be hereabouts who say that it might not have occurred to the President if it had not been for the social bug which got into the bonnet of Mrs. Charles P. Taft, whose husband is furnishing the barrel in the campaign Unless Mr. Taft can show some good reason why he should be elected President, the people, argue this school of counsellers, will vote for Bryan, and the only asset he has is the O. K. of Roosevelt; therefore, let

make it very clearly understood that he is Mr. Roosevelt's candidate. "ME AND MY POLICIES." On the other hand, on account of the business depression in the East which the Wall Street interests have been laying at the door of President Roosevelt, "Me and My Policies" are not so popular in the doubtful States of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland as they used to be. In the East the chief objection urged against Mr. Taft has been that he is incapable of standing on his own feet, and that if elected he would be the tool of Roosevelt. To go now to Oyster Bay with his speech of acceptance for Roosevelt to edit confirms this belief in the subserviency of Taft. He had better be doing something to show his independence of Roosevelt and his ability to boss his own actions.

WILLING T OBE A FLUNKEY. A little instance occurred a few of this place, was broken into weeks before the Chicago convention several pairs of trousers, shoes which shows that Mr. Taft himself, whether his party advisers consider it wise or not, is going to cling to his one asset of being Roosevelt's man. The Taft publicity bureau in Columbus, O., sent out a circular to the effect that Mr. Taft was a different sort of the man from Roosevelt's man. if the presence of the civil and military authorities and before an imperation of the county and another three properties and before an imperation of the civil and military authorities and before an imperation of the civil and military authorities and before an imperation of the civil and military authorities and before an imperation of the civil and there were thusiness may orderly crowd. Great enthusiness may orderly crowd. Great enthusians provided and thorse were of hostility to Bosevelt on the part of the business men of the East thought he was making a master of the pooling the proposed to build a dock. The policies of the young Turks. Marshal Osman Felix Pasha, commandant of Monastit, was adducted during the might be considered the control of the pools of the young Turks. Marshal Osman tit, was adducted during the might be controlled. The control of the pools and the proposed to build an enthusiant of the results of the remarkable as it appeared. The idea of denying that if elected he will be first of business of the pools and the pools and the pools and the pools and the passage of the young Turks. All that was a fair benefit of the pools and the po

opinion prevails more or less generally here that the people of the West do not think any the less of him for being a flunkey, so great is their preposterous admiration of Roosevelt.

Injured in Runaway Accident.

Circuit Court of Appeals, Sitting at Asheville, Decides Interesting Cases —District Court Finds For Defend-

with Deputy Clerk Claude M. Dean in attendance. The two opinions handed down

No. 734. John A. Mills, frustee of J. R. Franklin, bankrupt, appellant, vs. Vir-ginia-Carolina Lumber Company, appellee; appeal from the District Court at Opinion by Judge Boyd. Ai-

firmed with costs.
No. 819. United States of America, plaintiff in error, vs. The American Surety Company of New York, defendant in

who would not vote for Taft, and that of the destruction by fire November 25th, general increases in freight rates are he himself drafted the platform. The 1903, of a distillery belonging to Freeman to become effective on August 16th on and sent it out to Chicago. No changes the destroyed spirits and instructed that were made in it without consulting suit be started for the recovery of the amount, a total, principal, penalty and interest, of about \$3,900. The case was tried before Judge Boyd who decided to have written his speech and goes to that the finding of the Secretary of the Treasury was final. The case was appealed and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals granted a new trial, the court holding that the defendant had a right to a jury trial. The jury this merning found that there was neither fraud, collusion or negligence in the burning of the distillery warehouse five years The case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The remains of Mr. W. L. Culberson, who was so badly crushed between two freight cars at Canton yesterday afternoon that he died last night, were taken to Nebo this afternoon for interment: Mr. Culberson, a brakeman on the Murphy division, was engaged in switching Two opinions are expressed here as at the yards in Canton when he was to the wisdom of this holdly going to caught between the bumpers of two Roosevelt with his speech like the freight cars. The lower right limb was school girl who consults her teacher amputated after the accident in an effort

Printed Pamphlet Severely Criticizes Republican Convention—Fair Asso-giation Issues Premium List.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, July 24.—A printed pam-phet is being circulated in North Carolins, a copy of same has reached here severely criticising the late Republican convention at Greensboro. It handles Messrs Adams, Price and Skinceedings more fully than before pub-lished. Some presume to say ex-Governor Butler is behind it from all ap-

pearances. Asheville sent a delegation to our town to-day, in the shape of a color-ed excursion. A heavy rain this evening has dampened their prospects for sight seeing and pleasure.

The Republican county convention for this county will meet on the 22d of August and nominate a full county ticket and send delegates to Charlotte. The Yadkin Valley Fair Association has issued their premium list for the coming fair. The list of prizes will far exceed anything before offered and any person desiring to compete should write the president, M. L. Jackson, and get a copy.

Active operations have begun in the granite beit near here and large quan-tities are being shipped to different points. A large number of wagons are bauling into the city for building and curbing purposes.

Walter Murphy, Esq., attended the meeting of the Democratic State committee at Raleigh. When he and Col. Walter Henry meet on the hustings there will be times. A stronger than the one they will have to be supplied to hold up their avoirdupois.

WAYNESVILLE THIEF CAUGHT.

Bud Lenoir, Negro Accused of Rob-bing Store at Waynesville, Caught at Louisville and Will Be Brought Back.

Special to The Observer,

Waynesville, July 24.—Some ten days ago the store of Lee & Mock,

the Macon Hotel this morning at 7:30 o'clock of a runaway couple from Petersburg, Va., created quite a ripple here. The contracting parties are Mr. Paul Bullfant, aged 21, and Miss Edith Maywood Newell, aged 13, all of Petersburg, Va. B. B. Massenburg, Esq. performed the ceremony in the Macon Hotel parlors. It is learned that the groom had stated that they had been refused license at several places, the light being Henderson, and that they came here last night at 8 o'clock but Register of Deeda Roome was out of town and a license could not be recurred until this morning. Register Boone required an affidavit as to the

PRESIDENT ASKED TO ASSIST

Receivers and Shippers' Association
Asks President Roosevelt it the
Decree-Issued Several Years Ago is
to Be Enforced That Suits Be Begun at Once Against Roads Which
Have Announced an Increase in
Rates—Declares That There is No
Politics in the Matter But That the
Violators Are Burdening the People
in an Unlawful Manner—Roads
Have Ignored the Mandates of the Have Ignored the Mandates of the

Cincinnati, O., July 24.—Brushing aside all intermediate modes of action, the Receivers and Shippers' Association of Cincinnati has carried its war against a general increase in treight rates directly to the President of the United States. United States.

A communication was forwarded to President Roosevelt last Saturday a Oyster Pay and made public here to night asking the Chief Executive whether he intends to enforce a cree issued several years ago agai certain rallroads, forbidding increed rates. If so, he is saked at one to cause the Attorney General to brim proceedings for contempt against the certain roads, prompt and positive action became necessary. In conclu the letter says:

"This association stands for a square deal for the carriers. It believes that their property rights should be protected the same as the property rights of individuals. But we are ably opposed to any policy of the cars riers which has for its purpose the ignoring of our courts and the placing of themselves above the laws of the land. If they expect the protection of the laws and the courts, they must show wholesome regard for the law and respect the decrees of the courts. If the Missouri Pacific and the Rock Island deliberately ignore this solemn mandate of the courts and continue in an unlawful manner to burden trade and commerce among the States by continually increasing rates the question arises: Is there no power in this and sufficient to reach railroad companies that recklessly brush aside the decrees of our courts?

. "This association believes that you will, in carrying out your policy for the strict enforcement of the law, see to it that these two railroad companies are required in the future to observe this decree."

HUGHES WILL AGAIN BUN.

Gives Out Statement That If He is Re-Nominated He Will Again Make the Race For Governor—Nomination Will Enable Him to Carry Ont the Policies He Has Outlined.

Saranac Inn. N. Y., July 24 .- Governor Charles E. Hughes will accept a re-nomination if the Republican party of this State desires him to again be public to-night the Governor so declared himself. He says the personal reasons which prompted him to say privately some time ago that he did not desire a re-nomination are not controlling, "and that if fe-nominated

I ought to accept." The Governor's statement in part

follows: "Some time ago I said privately that I did not desire a re-nomination and that I felt that I could not undertake to serve a second derm. This, however, was for reasons entirely personal Upon further reflection I am convinced that I have no right to regard these as controlling, and that if re-nominat-

ed I ought to accept.

"But it is my desire that the will of the party to which I belong should be freely expressed and that it shall take such action as shall be most closely in accord with public sentiment. I believe that the people thoroughly derstand the principles which I have sought to apply in administration and if they so desire, I shall regard it as a privilege and a duty to continue office for another term.

"CHARLES E. HUGHES,
"Saranac Inn. N. Y., July 24, 1908,"
The Governor declined to make any
further comment for quotation, but
made it clear that he regards the policles he has pursued since he assumed office on January 1st, 1907, as a cause which should be continued. As he is sponsor for them, many of the Governor's friends have expressed the opinion in letters to him that they can be carried out better if he in elected for another term.

WANTS HIS NAME CHANGED.

One-Time Promoter Appeals to Spar-tanburg Court to Permit Him to Take on an Extra Cognomen Re-cause of a Blot on His Escatcheon —Red Light Habitues Ordered to

Natalbany, La., July 14.— pany of State truops from J parish arrived here to-nigh protection against ; further