NO SLEEP AT SPRINGFIELD VETERANS TAKE WINSTON MEETING OF THE TRUCKERS CITY YET UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Negroes Though There Seems to Be No Reasonable Ground For It—Scores of the Blacks Seek Refuge in Arseinal Under the Protection of the Military—Another Coal Mine Closed Because the Whites and Blacks Refuse to Work Together—The special Grand Jury Examines Two-Score Witnesses But Makes No Return of its Proteedings—The Troops Pass a Miserable Day and Night Owing to the Downpour of Rain.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19.—Fear and Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19 .- Fear and

terror prevailed in the homes of Springfield begroes to-night. The departure of two regiments of infantry to-day and the announcement that two more organizations will be that two more organizations will be sent home to-morrow caused consternation among the colored residents.

"The mob will be here sure if those soldiers go away," they said, and delegations were hastily organized and sent to the State, county and city officials to protest against a relaxation of the military regime. The authorities' afforts to quiet this feeling were only partially successful and in many only partially successful and in many a humble home there was no sleep

Every footfall or challenge of a sentry sent quivers of alarm among the anxious watchers. NEGROES SLEEP IN ARSENAL.

before dawn.

Scores of the terror-stricken blacks sought refuge in the arsenal Early in the evening, almost twice as many applications for shelter had been received there as on previous nights, and about 300 negroes curled up in the corners of the balcony, sleeping on the floor or curled up in chairs,

The exodus of negroes, which had begun to abate, was renewed. Trains and trelley cars were used by those fortunate enough to possess a little money, but many of the unfortunates took to the road, tramping across the country in a drizzling rain until exhaustion forced them to seek rest in cornfields or in wood lots. The children and aged who were driven to the open suffered heavily and it is feared that many of them will succumb to

TROUBLE NOT OVER. Adjutant General Scott insists that there is no good ground for the fear of the negroes.

"There are night," he said, are plenty of troops to-"and the force that will be available to-morrow, about about 1,500 men, can certainly protect the city against any mob that can form. Then too, the presence of the large body of soldiers was irritating sections of the community and there was an element of thouble there that could not be everlooked."

This opinion was endorsed in other It was pointed out that the rioting was overcome before the last 1,500 men had reached Springfield and that the attempts to re-new lawlessness had occurred before the soldiers were thoroughly famil-iar with the territories which they are now covering. It is asserted that 1,500 men can easily hold the advan-tage that the larger body of troops gained and the addition of the cavalry has increased the mobility of to such a degree that the presence of the full force is absolutely

The special grand jury to-day exaimed nearly two-score witnesses but made no return of its proceedings Unusual precautions as to secreci have been taken and the identity and testimony of the persons who have appeared to give information against rioters have been carefully guarded. Assistant State's Attorney Wines, who has charge of the grand jury work, said to-night that some indictments or other return, may be made tomorrow from the grand jury room.

Another coal mine was closed today because the whites and negroes refused to work alongside each other underground. The shaft is in the neighborhood of the two which closed yesterday and the trauble was due to the same cause, each race claiming that the members of the other were armed. The union officials are work-ing in conjunction with the mine owners in an attempt to overcome the difficulty but no strict measures will be adopted because of the effect that they might have upon the situation. The troops passed a comfortless day and night. A steady rain be-gan in the morning and continued into the night. Some of the com-panies quartered on the State House

grounds moved cots into the corridors of the building but only a comparatively few of the troops were thus equipped and the others preferred to seep on the rain-soaked turf rather than on marble tiling. Patrol duty was miserable work under the weath-WARNING LETTERS SENT

officials as soon as the repressive officials as soon as the repressive The mascot of the Mecklenburg measures began, increased in number Camp, little Miss Ruth Porter, was to-day. No attention has been paid to introduced by Capt. R. R. Hunter, these missives but several merchants and the child recited "Lee at the who have received similar communi- Battle of the Wilderness," scoring a cations are beginning to feel alarmed. great hit with the old soldiers. One grocer was warned that his place of business would be burned unless he discontinued the sale of provisions to negroes. To-night a small fire broke out in his establishment, but its location precluded the idea that it was Another recipient of anonymous

threats is J. P. Perkins, secretary of the Odd Fellows Building Association. and a prominent member of the Liners took exception to his action in hiring a negro boy as elevator con-ductor in the Odd Fellows building. A troop of cavalry was sent to lighth street and North Grand avenue early to-night to remove an effigy which had been hung to a telegraph pole. A toy bear had been singed and meared with tar and to it man

Gen. Julian 8. Carr, Division Commander, Calls Convention to Order in Elks' Auditorium—Addresses of Welcome Made by Mayor O. B. Enton and Mr. C. B. Watson—A Most Eloquent Speech Made by Gen. Bennett C. Young, Commander of the Kentucky Veterans—Charlotte Well Represented at the Reunion—The Twin City Giving the Visitors a Splendid Time—Some Interesting Characters on Hand.

Special to The Observer.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Aug. 19. - Two

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, division commander, looking spick and span in his new grey uniform and bright high boots, called the convention to order. The auditorium was crowded to its capacity and the shrill "rebel yeil" reverberated throughout the high-domed chamber. Bishop Edchurch, delivered the invocation in in-

ress, making the point that Southern cause was constitut nally 236 crates or two tiers high in beautiful tribute to the women of plaints had been heard. The Southern States to commemorate the of the refrigerator cars had valor and virtue of the South's found. women was well-nigh ready.

Col. Henry A. London spoke in behalf of the veterans, expressing handsomely their appreciation of the hospitality which the Twin City was. showing them. His eulogy of the courage of the Southern armies and victories on many fields brought many to their feet, cheering, and others wept with bowed heads when he depicted the suffering of the South in the last days of the strugle.

Gen. Bennett C. Young, commander eloquent address.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL YOUNG. General Young's address was the crates. principal one delivered and left the stage upon its conclusion the 896; this season, 1,694, an increase old soldiers crowded to him, some of 198 cars. The average loading grasping his hand and shedding tears, last season was 239 crates to the car; It was several minutes before order this season 236 crates. Last season was restored. General Young's ad- the average pick per acre was 46 dress dealt in a vigorous manner crates; this season it was 61 crates.

The former was on a 50 per cent. in the great conflict between the crop and the latter on a 60 per cent.
States and with signal eloquence crop. The average not referred for epitomized the valor of the South's 1907 was \$71 per acre; this season great leaders and their perfect con- \$103.70 per acre. ecration to duty.

General Walker's request that the

charge of the raising of funds for a wemen's memorial was readily accepted, and General shortly name the committee. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, had a rising vote of thanks given to Gen-eral Young for his fine oration. Gen. W. L. London, of Pittsboro, presided at the afternoon session. Led by Chaplain Betts the crowd

rose and sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." OLD OFFICERS RENAMED. All the old officers were elected as

follows: Carr, of Durham; brigadier general, first brigade, Gen. P. C. Carlton, of Statesville; brigadier general, second brigade, Gen. W. I. London; brigadier general, third brigade, Gen. James S. Metz, of Wilmington; brigadier general, fourth brigade, Gen. J, M. Ray, of Asheville.

A committee of the commanders was appointed to decide on the next package, \$156,301.50, giving a total annual meeting place. Invitations of \$594,013.50. This deducted from annual meeting place. Invitations were extended to Charlotte by Dr. F. O. Hawley, to Hendersonville by Colonel Pickens, to Wilmington by Colonel Dowdy and to Greensboro by Threatening anonymous letters S. M. Keith. The gentlemen named which began to arrive at the offices of are also members of the committee.

The day's official programme then ended, the veterans repairing to Brown's warehouse, where a feast of several hundred watermelons was gratulates the Atlantic Coast

A joint band concert, with pleces playing, was given to-night model service rendered the strawin the Elks' Auditorium. TO-DAY THE "BIG DAY.

The banks will close to-morrow in and a prominent member of the Lin-coln-Jefferson League, which joined union. The parade will have more in the meeting at the chamber of than 2,000 men in line and it is commerce yesterday. The letter writestimated that as many more visitors will be in town to witness it.

The veterand are praising the arrangements that have been made for their benefit. Street car tickets have been distributed among them and the Twin City Club, the Elks' Home and the Bugles Club all have thrown open their doors to the boys in grey.

INTERESTING CHARACTERS

PRESENT. There are numberless interesting characters in attendance, not the least being an aged negro, "Uncle Billy" Peddiford, \$4 years old, who The place is in the neighborhood of the Hallam and Ballard homes, where the negroes, Richardson and James, are alleged to have committed the crimes for which they have been indicted. The police are searching for the persons who hung the effigy, the act being considered as one inciting to riot.

Linear being an aged negro, Billy" Peddiford, \$4 years old, who came with the seventy-five veterans from Granville county. He cooked for his masters in the war and was famed as a forager. He is a type of the good old-time darky, enjoys act being considered as one inciting to riot.

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THOUSANDS AT STATE REUNION. RAHLROADS ARE COMMENDED

Pwelfth Annual Session of East Caro lina Truck and Fruit Growers' As-sociation Held in Wilmington Yes-terday Afternoon—Executive Com-mittee and Officers Submit Encouraging Reports—The Service Given by the Transportation Companies Excellent and a Resolution of Commendation is Passed—Capacity of Refrigerator Cars Determined—Mayor W. E. Springer, of Wilmington, Re-Elected President

Special to The Observer. thousand Confederate veterans were gathered here to-day in the annual convention of the North Carolina division, which was begun in the transportation lines for the excellent spacious Elks' Auditorium. With hundreds of women lending their past season and the election of a presence, the scene was inspiring, en- board of directors were the features thusiasm ran high and the stirring of the twelfth annual meeting of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Grow-eloquence of the speakers brought ers' Association held in the court house this afternoon.

The president, Mayor W. E. Springer, presided and delivered his annual address. The address, which annial address. The study as reviewed the progress of the association since the organization twelve years ago and makes several suggestions for the consideration of the stockholders, was received with the transfer and fruit ward Rondthaler, of the Moravian interest by the truckers and fruit growers.

tensely fervent manner and words, the crowd standing the while.

The address of welcome by Mr. Cyrus B. Watson and Mayor O. B. Eaton, thrilled the crowd. The veterans were told that they were the law while they stayed here.

Gen. C. Irvine Walker, of Charleswhile they stayed here.

Gen. C. Irvine Walker, of Charleston, S. C., commander of the army of
Northern Virginia, made a short adthe minimum car load of strawberries the for the season of 1908 was to be founded, and that therefore in reality frigerator cars, and expressed the the Northerners were the rebels opinion that the minimum agreed against the principles of the founders upon had proven satisfactory to the of the republic. General Walker paid shippers and growers, as no comthe Confederacy and said that the tive committee considered that a work of placing a statue in every satisfactory solution of the capacity for effort, the railroads are making

A reduction of five cents a crate in the srawberry freight rate to Baltiduring the season. The secretary, Mr. H. T. Bauman, then submitted his report to the board of directors for the year end-

ing August 18th, 1968. The follow-The acreage of strawberries re-ported planted this season was 4.of the Kentucky veterans, made an season was 291,808, crates, divides

Governor Glenn sent a cordial average sales \$3.60 per crate, making message through Commander Stronach, of the L. O'B. Branch Camp, of \$1.60 per crate, leaving a net to the Raleigh. General Walker's request that the shipped 291,808 crates, average sales convention instruct the appointment \$3.20 per crate, making the returns of a committee of fifteen to take \$333,785, less expenses, \$1.50 per charge of the raising of tunds for crate, \$496,073.60, which shows increase to the growers of \$129,-200.60 for 1908. The increase in the number of crates shipped was 4,248.
"There was a large increase in the shipment of vegetables, lettuce, etc., from the various sections, the press showing a total movement 1908 of 79.121 packages; the re-frigerator, 94.281 packages; in venti-

lated box cars, approximately, \$2.25 per package, making \$468,204.50 less expenses, estimated at 75 cents per package, \$156,301.50, leaving a net to the grower of \$312,603. lows: Strawberries, \$3.20 per crate, \$933,785.60; vegetables, etc., \$3.25 per package, \$468.904.50, giving a total of \$1,402,690.10. The expense of raising these crops and preparing them for shipment was about as follows: Strawberries, \$1.50 per crate, the sales leaves a balance net to the growers of \$808,676.60."

ATED. The following resolution was fered and was unanimously passed: "Believing that railroads and other along with other people, and con-tending that we should be as quick to commend the transportation companies for good and efficient service as we are to condemn them for their shortcomings, it is therefore, resolved that this association and Seaboard and other railroads completing his work, and refrigerator companies upon the berry and vegetable shippers during the same be duplicated each succeeding season hereafter."

The stockholders elected a board of directors and the directors met immediately upon the adjournment of the stockholders and elected officers and an executive committee for the ensuing year as follows: President, W. E. Springer; vice president, have and J. A. Westbrook; treasurer, S. H.
Home Strange, of Fayetteville; secretary,
H. T. Bauman, of Wilmington; atgrey, torney, Robert Ruark; executive
RS committee, W. E. Springer, J. A.
Brown, J. A. Westbrook, W. L. Hill
and J. S. Westbrook.

ETHEL BLAIR TRIAL SOON.

Tar Heel Woman Who Killed Her Husband is to Face Jury Another Time—Lincoln County Youth Kills Himself in South Carolina—Ex-Governor Heyward Regaling His Health at Blowing Rock. Observer Bureau,

300 Sayscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., Aug. 19. At the fall term of Richland criminal court, which convenes September 7th, with Judge Ernest Gary presiding, Mrs. Ethel W. Blair, the handsome self-made widow, will be given a second trial for the murder of her husband, Conductor Cullen W. Blair. The killing created a sensation throughout both this State and North Carolina, Mrs. Blair's home being in the Tar Heel State, and the new trial will attract much attention. A number of other important murder trials is to be had at this term also, among them Wade Hampton Sellers for the murder of Constable Jim Farmer and Pressly Mims for the killing of his

father at Wateree bridge. County Treasurer W. T. Bradley is dead at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Pressley, near Cedar Springs, Abbeville county, in his 53d years. He had been in bad health two years. Mr. Bradley was prominently connected throughout the upper portion of the State.

Jake Reep, a young white man from Lincoln country, N. C., committed suicide about five miles west of Ruby Saturday night. He was despondent over family troubles, the nature of which is not explained. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Reep's death was self-inflicted. He had been telling his friends that he intended killing himself, but little at-

tention was paid to this.

At Lake City yesterday 193,204 pounds of tobacco was sold, netting \$19,073.41 to the local farmers, who are well pleased with the prices. This is the largest sale reported in the State so far this season, and the larg; est in the history of the Lake City market.

The Railroad Commission is not satisfied with the efforts or excuse to comply with the new law passed by the Legislature at the instance of Sen ator Sullivan requiring all day coaches to be provided with cinder deflectors more and Washington was secured as effective and similar to those used on Pullman coaches. have been using a sort of shingle, at-tached to a bit of wire to keep from falling out of the window, this ing stuck under the window to keep the sash up. There has been some complaint, especially on the part of Senator Sullivan, who has written to 783 1-2 acres, a decrease from 1907 the commission on the subject. Seconf some 500 acres. The output this retary Lumpkin was sent down to the as follows: Refrigerator, 257,670 mesaurement of these shingles, and crates; express, 34,138 crates, an inwas the crates. The total number of re, when he frigerator cars used last season was issued notifying the roads to comply Accordingly an order was within two weeks or suffer prosecu-

Prof. Yates Snowden, of the University of South Sarolina, has just returned to Columbia from a visit to Blowing Rock, N. C., where ex-Gov-ernor Heyward is spending the sum-mer to regain his health, after a caused him to retire from the race for United States Senator. Professor Snowden reports that Governor Heyward is apidly regaining his health and strength and is apparently well on the way to permanent recovery. He takes long walks over the mountains daily and sleeps and eats well and is in splendid spirits and gaining in weight. The most serious hinfrance he suffers now is a slight pain in the back on rising from a chair.

THE TRICK MULE ARRIVES.

First Stunt of the Animal is to Throw an Eastern Newspaper Correspondent-The Peerless One De nies Himself to Visitors and Works a While.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 19 .- The advent to-day of the trick mule, which was presented to William J. Bryan by the Minnesota Agricultural Socisty, was made memorable because The Central Carolina Fair Asso-of an incident which occurred this ciation is preparing to erect a large "The value of the strawberry and of an incident which occurred this vegetable crops for 1908 was as foll afternoon. The mule and an Eastern newspaper correspondent were the \$3.25 central figures. When announcement was first made of the fact that the animal had been presented the particular correspondent served that he would be the first to ride it: To-day the opportunity came with \$437,712; vegetables, 75 cents per the result that the correspondent to night is nursing a sore head and bruised leg, suffered when hurled into the air by the mule, which had been trained to permit no one to ride it. RAILROAD SERVICE APPRECI- Mr. Bryan witnessed the proceedings and exhibited a good deal of solici-tude for the writer. The mule was taken back into the stable and there is every likelihood that it will not corporate interests have their rights be permitted to display any more of along with other people, and contending that we should be as quick without incident. When Mr. Bryan starts on his ten-day's trip to-m row night he will have completed nearly all the set speeches that he will make during that time. He denied himself to all visitors, desiring to utilize every available moment in

END TO HARD-FOUGHT CASE.

ty Found Guilty of Negligence But Judgment is Suspended. Special to The Observer.

Clinton, Aug. 19.—In the case of the State against V. J. McArthur, A. T. Herring and George Highsmith, constituting a former Republican board of commissioners of Samp county, the jury to-day returned a verdict of guilty of negligence. These defendants were charged with turning over the tax books for 1906 to defaulting Sheriff Aman before having a settlement with him for 1995. Judge yon suspended judgment upon pay-ment of the cost and stated in open-ourt that he regarded the infraction of the law as a simple misdemeanor which did not call for punishment. The defendants will not appeal and a long-drawn-out and hard-fought

Payetteville's Mayor Served With Notice of Mandamus Petition. Special to The Observer.

voted to Judge Graham, head of the Granville delegation.

Negro With Punctured Heart Likely to Recover.

Jacksonville, Fig. Aug. 18—Oscar Grimes, a negro, in a fight with Mary O'Brien this afternoon stabbed the woman and, thinking her dead, the word breast seven times, the heart being ponetrated by one gash. He was taken through Robersonville en route to Williamston, but there was no aign of violence.

Fayetteville, Aug. 19—Mr. S. G. Ayer, a merchant of this place, to day served Mayor Bullard with notice of a perticular with notice of a perticular with notice and a progressive looking city.

The Raleigh drum corps attracts much attention, being composed of which petition alleges among other which petition alleges among other with good country people.

The Charlotte delegation.

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NON-PARTISAN SCHOOLS URGED DESPONDENCY CAUSES SUICIDE.

Strong Pica Made by Mr. G. S. Brad-shaw For Divorcement of Politics and Education, and Republicans Will Probably Make no Nomination Will Probably Make no Non For Superintendent of Public In-struction — Platform Committee Meets Monday and Executive Com-Tuesday-Mrs. Charles D. McIver Delivers Address Before Guilford Teachers' Institute—Central Fair to Erect Agricultural Building and Rebuild Poultry Building Bullding.

Observer Bureau The Bevill Building. Greensboro, Aug. 19.

In his speech opening the Guilford county Republican convention Monday Mr. G. S. Bradshaw made strong plea in favor of the proposition of climinating the cause of education from politics, saying it is not a political question and the public schools should not be hampered and hindered by being subject to the fortunes of partisan politics. He let it be understood that, in his opinion, the Republican State convention could not do a wiser thing than to take such action as will show the people of North Carolina that the education of the children of the State is of more importance than the ambition of any one man or the temporary success of any party. This was the keynote of Mr. Bradshaw's speech, and it is said that his position is that of a great many influential Republicans.

It is altogether probable that the Charlotte convention, in response to this sentiment, will make no nomination for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. convention may even go farther and endorse Superintergient Joyner. One of the leading Republicans in North Carolina said to The Observer correspondent to-day:

"Mr. Joyner is conducting his office most successfully and in a manner entirely satisfactory to the people, and since all of us are interested in the continued advancement of our public schools, I see no reason why he should be interfered with. desire a change to be made in this office at this time."

PLATFORM COMMITTEE MEETS MONDAY. Republican State Chairman Adams o-day issued a call for the platform ommittee, appointed in accordance with a resolution adopted by the State committee, to meet in Charlotte Monday afternoon and draft a platform to be submitted for the consideration of the convention to meet Wednesday. Following are the members of this Chairman S. B. Adams, committee: Secretary W. S. Pearson, E. Carl Duncan, Virgil S. Lusk, T. T. Hicks. Charles A. Reynolds, Charles D. Wildes, Walter R. Henry and Gilliam Grissom. A number of other leading party men will be present to confer with the committee

The State executive committee will meet Tuesday afternoon to consider certain matters that will come before the convention.

ADDRESS BY MRS. M'IVER. The feature of the Guilford county work of the association. The provement of conditions surrounding has been marked in recent years. largely due to the influence of the Woman's Betterment Association. A. number of people other than the leachers in attendance upon the institute heard Mrs. McIver, who is a forceful and interesting speaker. A class from the Oxford Orphan Asylum gave a most enjoyable concert at the Smith Memorial Building last night, under the auspices of the local Masonic lodges. A large mudience was present and a goodly sum

was realized for the orphans. agricultural building, which ready for the fair in October. The work of rebuilding the poultry building, destroyed by fire Saturday night,

will begin in a few days. On the petition of creditors the J Ed Albright Plumbing Company is adjudged bankrupt, R. C. Hood being named as receiver. W. N. Whicker, a farmer and lumber merchant of Kernersville, to-day filed a voluntary petition in bank-ruptcy. Judge Boyd referred the

case to J. E. Alexander, referee. Taft Puts in a Day on His Speech, Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 19.—Judge Taft put the finishing touches on his speech the Virginia Republicans, after devoting practically the entire day to the work. The speech according to a statement made regarding it by Mr. Vorys in not a reply to Mr. Bryan's notification ut terances, but rather an exposition of the records of the Republican and Democratic parties in their practical work towards control of trust and monopolies abuses From this comparison, said Mr. Verys. Mr. Tuft draws the conclusion that outhern Republicans have a very effective slogan with which to go after the independent Democratic vote of the South. The speech, which contains ap-proximately 5,000 words, will be delivered Friday afternoon to several train loads

Heavy Travel Necessitates Quicker Schedules.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 19.—As a result of the great crowds of visitors now in Asheville and the consequent heavy travel on street cars the Asheville Street Railroad Company has found it necessary to operate quicker schedules on several of its lines in order to accommodate the people and prevent over-crowding of cars. On these lines where increased travel has been so marked the former schedules of 15 minutes from the Pack Square to the terminus of the lines have been changed to 7% minutes. Even with this double schedule the cars are always filled.

MAY ENDORSE MR. JOYNER FOUND HIS WIFE A CORPSE THE BIG FLEET AT SIDNEY

Mrs. R. J. Abrahams, of Alabama, in Asheville For Her Health, Believes Her Life a Burden to Her Husband and With a Pistol She Ends Her Existence—Body Found by Hustand When He Opens Door to Her Room at Hotel Berkeley— Two Letters Addressed to Her Hus-band and Her Mother, Both Containing Very Affectionate Expressions—The Body Taken to Her Home in Huntsville, Ala., For In-

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 19 .- When Mr. R. J. Abrahams, of Huntsville, Ala., mounted the stairs, two steps at time, to the second floor of the Hotel Berkeley this morning about 7 o'clock immediately upon his arrival here after several hours of weary travel, it was with light-heart and smiling countenance over expectancy of fond greeting from his wife, who had been in Asheville for the past two or three weeks. When, however, after inserting the key to the lock, obtained from the hotel office, and pushing open the door he was horried to find his wife lying in the middle of the floor dead with a bullet wound in her temple. Mrs. Abrahams, despondent from long ill health and seeing that she was a burden, had suicided during the night.

Mrs. Abrahams came to Asheville two or three weeks ago and until yesterday was a guest of the Battery Park Hotel, when she went to Hotel Berkeley. Last evening she was nervous and to the housekeeper com-plained of a wretched headache. About 11 o'clock she secured from a local, drug store a heudache powder which she took and about midnight retired to her room. She appeared nervous and ill. Defore retiring, however, Mrs. Abrahams left with the night clerk her purse and several articles of jewelry. This, however, excited no suspicion. About 3 o'clock this morning another guest Really of the house, a light sleeper, heard there is no reason why any one should a noise like the popping of a cap but to this no attention was paid. believed, however, that this noise was the report of the pistol that Mrs. Abrahams fired in carrying out her well-planned suicide.

LETTERS TO HUSBAND AND MOTHER.

On a small table this morning were found two letters written on hotel stationery and after Mrs. Abrahams had retired to her room. One of the letters was addressed to her husband and the other to her mother. The weapon used was a 22-calfbre pistoi. When found she was lying on the floor gowned in a street costume and with her hat lying a short distance away. The pistol was also nearby. It is evident that Mrs. Abrahams, after writing her letters farewell, lay down on the floor and placing the muzzle of the against her temple sent the bullet into her brain.

The letters were beautifully worded and contained many expressions endearment for those she loved. ried life and the love and affection teachers' institute to-day was an ad- and goodness of her husband. She dress by Mrs. Charles D. McIver, field said that she was a burden; that her secretary of the Woman's Betterment continued illness was a great expense Association of North Carolina, who and that she would end it all; that discussed plans for extending the when she was gone her husband would have an opportupity to accumulate some money. The letter writthe rural schools of North Carolina ten by Mrs. Abrahams to her mother was also filled with words of affec tion, appreciation of kindnesses and

The coroner, after making investigation, held that an inquest was not necessary. The remains were taker to Alabama for interment.

WAS DETERMINED TO DIE.

Young Edgecombe Farmer Drinks Iodine and Shoots Himself Also — The Suicide Carefully Plannell and a Note Left His Sweetheart.

Special to The Observer. Tarboro, Aug. 19 .- William Alton Christenberry, a young farmer, committed suicide last night at the home of W. F. Thorne, near here, by swallowing an ounce of jodine and then shooting himself in the temple with a despondent for some time and left a note to his sweetheart telling of his intentions. No reason was given for the deed. He told friends last night before retiring that it was his last night in this world, but they thought he was joking. His preparations were carefully made, and the dead man was found this morning by his friends. He was 23 years of age.

AFFAIRS AT SALISBURY.

Chairman Kluttz Receives Letter Concerning Challenge of Mr. Hack-ett—Brazing Company a New En-terprise For the City—News in

> Observer Bureau, 421 North Main Street.

Salisbury, Aug. 19. Hon. T. F. Kluttz, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, had a letter to-day from Chairman Henry Reynolds, of the Republican committee, in regard to the challenge for a joint debate between Congress-man Hackett and Mr. Cowles. Mr. Reynolds had been away from nome and only yesterday got Mr. Klutts's letter written some time a.o. He regretted the delay but stated that he would see members of his committee and give Mr. Klutts an answer not later than the 26th, the date of the Republican State convention. Until that date Mr. Klutts will not Republican State convention. Until that date Mr. Kluttz will not make any definite plans for the campaign.

A number of former employes of the Southern are returning to the Spencer shops now that the company is increasing its force there. Among the last to return is Mr. James Rideoutte, whose splendid base voice has been missed from the church choirs of the city for some weeks. He has been in Macon, Ga.

The Rowan Brazing Company is the latest addition to Salisbury's in-

THOUSANDS GREEN THE SHIP

So Intense is the Interest by the American Ships of War That Half the Populace Remains Awaks All Night in Order to Greet the Great Ironelads When They Poke Their Noses Into Harbor—The Warships Arrive on Schedule Time, Though the Hospital Ship is Left Behind—Sidney Harbor, With its Special Decorations, Never Looked More Beautiful, Nor Did American Sailors Ever, Witness a More Inspiring Scene.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 20. Early this morning a thin veil of smoke on the horizon signalled to the watchers on the coast the approach of the American warships, and at 5;35 official notification was sent out that the flest had been sighted. It was yet 20 miles outside of Sidney harbor, but this word, which had been awaited eagerly by tens of thousands, stirred Australians like a call to arms, and almost instantly those who had not already left the city to take up points of in droves to line the quays, the roof tops and other places on the harbor front, to watch the coming of the guardships of the new world.

The day broke bright and clear, and American ships of war that half the populace remained awake all night. and thousands and thousands of them long before the night was over were on their way to the hill tops outsile of the city limits, where they congregated seemingly in unbroken lines along the coast from Bondi beach to Manly.

It is estimated that hardly less than half a million people assembled to give the visitors a royal Sydney harbor with its innumerable bays, coves and branches, never looked more beautiful, nor did the American sailors ever witness a more in-spiring sight than that which met their eyes as the white ships came through the channel, past the great headlands into Port Jackson. A hundred thousand people.

greatest single assemblage of all, gathered on the south heads, where a magnificent view of the whole scene was to be had. Hundreds of craft of all kinds moved up and down, and even at that early hour, all the waters. with the exception of the fair-way and the anchorages, being dotted with little and big vessels decorated every concelvable manner with flags

The fleet left Auckland at 8:15 Saturday morning and with the exception of one day had fair weather all the way to Sidney. On Tuesday the warships encountered heavy winds which threw up a stiff head sea, greatly retarding their progress. Throughout Tuesday night, the high seas caused the larger of the ships to roll at least twenty degrees, while the auxiliaries. suffered even more severely. was considerable discomfort for all the men, and the intervals between the vessels were increased to 500 yards The formation, however, was not changed. No evolutions were indulged in on account of the heavy weather during this period, but this abated the following day, when the ships were about 160 miles from port.

ON SCHEDULE TIME. Speed was then increased to 12 knots, and although the hospital snip Relief was left behind the others iched the coast on schedule time. the Americans as anxious as the Australians to participate in the festivi-ties prepared for them.

In perfect alignment, the flagship Connecticut leading, with Rear Admiral Sperry on the bridge, the warships came out of the horizon, first a little smoke showing and then the

low down, in the distance. Passing in through the Sydney heads in double column, at intervals of 400 yards, the ships looked to have world of speed and power under their glistening sides. The fleet was attended by convoy steamers and was greeted with a roar of salutes from the forts, as it steamed slowly The thousands ashore and affoat added 38-calibre revolver. He had been their cheers to swell the noisy walcome and countless British and American flags were flung to the breeze and were still waving long after the anchors had been swung from

The American ships boomed forth a salute to the port and as soon as they were safely moored, official visits were exchanged.

GOV. JOHNSON RENOMINATED.

Minnesota Convention Stampedes the Governor and Names Him Re-Election After a Remarks Demonstration.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 19 .-Democratic State convention this af-ternoon stampeded for Gov. John A. Johnson, and nominated him for reelection with a rush after a remark-able demonstration. When the roll call of counties was made for noming tion, Aitkin county yielded to Rame county (St. Paul), and Mayor Daniel W. Lawler, of St. Paul, took the plat-form and at the conclusion of 10 words he mentioned the name of John

A. Johnson.
One of the wildest demonstrations ever seen in a Democratic State convention in Minneads ensued. Hennipen county (Mineapolis) tore up its standard and started a wild march about the hall. Everybody else seemed to join in. Some Democraty grouped themselves on the stage about the picture of Governor Johnson, Band music added to the pandemonium and delegates cheered for Governor Johnson.

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Frank Day, the Governor's private secretary, immediately rushed out a the building to find a telephone in or der to get into the building to find a telephone in order to get into communication with
the Governor at the Capital. Minute
after minute sped by but still the delegates yelled excitedty, waved hazners,
carried the picture of Governor Johnsen about the ball and put on a Jupitcation of the demonstration given to
Bryan at Denver.

The convention was wild for Johnson, "Marching Through Georgia,"
and "Hall, Hall, the Gung's All Here."