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## NIGHT-RIDERS IN STATE? YEAR BEGINS AT THE NORMAL. WHITE CHILD ABANDONED ANOTHER APPEAL FOR TAFT SMALL - MEEKINS DEBATE

#### THREATEN TO BURN GINNERY.

Manager of Southern Cotton Oil Com-pany's/Plant at Shelby Informed by Auonymous Letter That Gin Will We Burned If It Continues to Run-this Believed to Be First Outcrop-ping of Night-Riding Movement in North Carolins-Armed Guard Surrounds Gin and It Continues to Run-Detectives. Put to Work an Run-Detectives Put to Work on the Case by the Company-Letter Received Saturday But Matter dent Foust announces that the enroll-Kept Quiet. V

cial to The Observer.

the manager of the Southern Cotton immediate neighborhood of the col-Oll Company at this place, received a lege and others have been forced to letter Saturday notifying him that if he continued to gin cotton in the face A week's criminal term of Guilford of the declining market night-riders Superior Court opened this morning. would burn his gin. Not knowing with Judge Jones on the bench. Sowhether this notice was genuine or a licitor Jones Fuller, who appears in hoax, he requested local papers to Guilford for the first time in the camake no publication until he could pacity of the first time in the ca-submit it to the Charlotte office of his company. In the meantime he has the members of the bar and other instructed his night watchman to friends in the city. He will have a shoot any person found around the busy week, the docket, being especialpremises at night. The original letter ly heavy. There are \$2 prisoners in was sent to the Chariotte office and jail awaiting trial, to say nothing of only two or three of Mr. Jenkins' many that, are on bond. The case intimate friends were informed of its Under this situation less receipt. than a dozen people of this place while on a hunting trip seven or eight have any information or knowledge of the matter and Mr. Jenkins, when approached about it, stated that he Sydney Pass, colored, with the mur-had nothing to give out as he had referred same to the Charlotte office. Summerfield on the 12th inst. Mr. referred same to the Charlotte once. Baxter Shemwell, who figured in a ceived such notice so far as can be recent sensational encounter with learned and there is a difference of Southern Railway Conductor Smith-opinion among the few who have ers is here for trial. He is charged heard of the notice received by Mr. With an assault with a deadly ome think it to be genu- weapon. , while others think that possibly

it is the work of some personal enemy.

Nothing has occurred in the State in recent years which excited so much an advanced course in theology. talk in Charlotte as the news received yesterday afternoon to the effect that the much-feared night-riders had ap-peared in North Carolina, this time

in Shelby, not to operate plant until 12-cent cotton was realiz- with paralysis last night and is in ed, otherwise his establishment "would a critical condition at his country go up in smoak." The first intimation of impending trouble came to those in charge of the central office in this city Sunday, when a special delivery letter was received, which contained the threatening message and all other facts bearing upon the case. This special defivery letter was sent by Mr. Jenkins, who deemed the situation one of the gravest importconsideration of the highest au-That the officials here thorities. agreed with him is evidenced by the fact that positive instructions were iven yesterday that armed guards be picketed about the ginnery grounds and any strange parties appearing on

the scene be immediately fired upon. These guards will be maintained day

and night until the whole matter is cleared up by the secret service agents of the government. The ginnery yesterday ran as usual and noth-ing out of the ordinary transpired. THE THREATENING LETTER. The threatening letter was received by Mr. Jonkins Saturday. It was not discussing her here, although malled in Shelby Friday and was written on a half-sheet of ordinary experts are attending to these mat-The writer was evidently a person of education for the chirography was good and the grammer and spelling excellent. But one mis- to-day said: was made in the whole letter and that was in the spelling of the word "smoke." It appeared "smoak," evidently an intentional error to dis-The letter was in guise the writer. pencil, well punctuated and in a clear, Sam's pockets some \$300,000. In bold spencerian hand. Everything all the United States, it costs the govwent to show that the author was ernment but three cents to collect a person of reasonable intelligence each dollar of this amount. and not schools. statement appeared in it that "We are your friends but-," which is taken to indicate that it was not designed governme to promote a private grudge against of the plant who is a manager very popular resident of Shelby, nor rect what you think are errors in its paragraphs." as it the expression of one of disorder-ed mind. The Southern Cotton Oil ginnery in Shelby is but a small plant, situated on the grounds of the oi mill for the purpose of handling such cotton as is brought there and can hardly be said to be running in competition to the other ginaeries of the section. There has been no friction between the authorities of the cotton oil ginnery and any other and nothing of a personal matter could hard-Criminal Court here to-day, although his case was set for trial this mornthis reason, the officials at headquarenter into the situation. here believe that this letter is nothing more than the first outcrop-ping of the night-riding movement in North Carolina and it goes without now out on ball, has settled already with his creditors, it is said. The district attorney's office is non-com-mittal but states that another coneaving that they are considerably worried.

All Rooms in Dormitories Filled, the Enrollment Being 530—Guliford Court Convenes For Trial of Crimi-nal Cases—Negro Wanted at Hills-boro For Murder Arrested.

Observer Bureau. The Beyill Building, Greensboro, Sept. 24.

The regular work of the fall session of the state Normal and Industrial dent Foust announces that the enrollment of students is 530 and that every

room in the dormitories is occupied. Shelby, Sept. 21 .- Mr. J. F. Jenkins, A few girls have found board in the

one manslaughter in killing Ed Aldred, months ago, is set for trial during the term, as is the case charging Sydney Pass, colored, with the mur-

Rev. A. C. Hamby, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Ashe-boro Street Baptist church, will leave

this week for Louisville, Ky., to take John Mebane, colored, who is wanted in Orange county for murder, was arrested at Liberty yesterday after-noon and brought to Greensboro. He in Cleveland county, where Saturday they notified Mr. J. F. Jenkins, man-ager of the Southern Cotton Oil gin-Mr. Frank A. Matthews, an ager

his and well-known citizen, was stricken The first intima- home south of the city.

### AMERICAN APPRAISERS MEET.

Results of Importance to American Industries Are Expected From the Conference Being Held in New York —Appraisers Addressed by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. New York, Sept. 21.-Results of

mportance to many American industries are expected to evolve from a conference of United States apprais-ers from all the scaports of this dountry, which began here to-day. The meeting will be in progress until Sep-tember 29th, and during this time the various schedules of the great va-riety of goods imported into this country from foreign lands will be thor- paid. oughly discussed and revised where it is thought advisable.

C. F. KING VINDICATED?

the failure of the case to come

more trustworthy employes, he is re

Creditors.

to-day.

deep woods.

"It is the industries rather than the returning travelers," said one of the officials, "which concern us here. The rich woman is the chief offender, parent is that he recently The rich woman is the chief that the second wife, married a short on incoming steamers, but we are while ago, in New York, objected to although the children, one of whom was found some of our confidential agents and a home in Wilmington after the second marriage. action of the Salvation Army and James B. Reynolds, Assistant Secreother friends who have become intary of the Treasury, in an address terested here is purely a matter of humanity. "All of the signs point to a speedy a criminal prosecution will result or not. Either through Norfolk friends revision of the tariff. That will mean increased work for you. or the Salvation Army here imme-"Each year the work that you and diate steps will be taken to provide your colleagues do puts into Uncle the child with a comfortable home and safe environment. It is understood that the Wilmington man in question admits having carried the child North but says that We wish unsequainted with the every dollar that rightfully belongs It is significant that the to the government, but not one penit was placed in a home for foundlings and every arrangement made You must neither be un-Hs care. which is taken fair to the importer nor permit government to lose its just dues. Yours is the duty of enforcing the NOT ADMITTED TO NORMAL. existing tariff schedules, not to cor-President Foust Refuses to Let Four

### FATHER A WILMINGTON MAN. PRESIDENT AGAIN TO HIS AID LIVELY MEET IN PASQUOTANK.

Salvation Army and Friends Investigating Sensational Report of Recent Abandonment of 2-Year-Old White

Abandonment of 2-Year-Old White Child in Norfolk—Business Man of Wilmington Believed to Be Guiliy of the Crime—Had Married a Sec-ond Time and Wife Objected to Children—The Tot Left With Ne-gro Woman et Norfolk—A Home to Be Provided For It and Father Probable Provided For It and Father Probably Prosecuted.

pecial to The Observer. Wilmington, Sept. 21.-The Salva-tion Army at Wilmington, through James Yates and several friends who have interested themselves, is investigating a sensational report of the abandonment of a 2-year-old white child to the care of a negress yes terday a week ago in Norfolk, the circumstances being such as to indicate that the father is a resident of this city and is employed at a leading Front street establishment, the proprietors of which are also making a careful inquiry into the matter. Sun-day night at the Lynnhaven Hotel, of the largest and most fashionable hostelries in Norfolk, a man giving his name as "James Culmer registered, carrying in his arms a pretty flaxen-haired baby. The clerk asked about the child and the father replied that the mother would be there in a few days. The guest and child were assigned a room and the man rarely left there. However, he arranged with one of the negro bell

boys to have Amanda Perry, a negress on New street, to care for the child that day, stating that he was going to the races. CHILD LEFT WITH NEGRESS.

"Culmer" paid his bill Monday to endorse Mr. Taft for the presidency morning and disappeared. Mean- and Mr. Foraker for re-election to the time he had taken the child to the negro woman's house and made her a liberal offer to care for the little one, bringing a suit case with a good al-lowance of clothes for the child. He promised to return for the baby Monmoneyed interests. day night, stating that if he was late not to be worried; that he would

The President cites the Brownsville by that night any way to see stop was a phase of the effort "by the rep-resentatives of certain law-defying corporations to bring discredit upon the little one. When the white man did not return

Tuesday morning the colored woman reported the case to the police authorities and the child, which paralyzed on one side, was turned over to Miss Seeley, matron at the central police station. Later the central police station. Later the colored woman received a letter purporting to be from a triend of the family in New York stating that the child he left with her was not his own but that of a friend whose wife died about a year ago in New York; that his name was Harry Atkinson, who left his wife and child about sixmonths ago, and that he (the teen friend from New York) had come to

Norfolk with the hope of finding him and had been three weeks looking The colored woman was him. for begged in the letter to see some charitable person so that a home for her could be found until the father was found and she would be liberally

REASON FOR ABANDONMENT. child by the supposed Wilmington Mr. Roosevelt's Latest Plea For Sup-port For His Candidate, Judge Taft, Brought Forth by the Hearst-Foraker Controversy – Declares That the Defeat of Taft Will Give National Extravagance and Mr. Satisfaction Only to the Moneyed Interests-Points Out That Taft is Meckins the Democrats for State Expenditures-Small's Courage in the Antithesis of the Forces That Were Responsible For Foraker-Taft's Candidacy Based Upon His Great Record of Actual Achieve-Congress Severely Ridiculed-Pro-hibition Question Was Launched. Meekins Declares, to Distract tention of Voters-Mr. A. P. Godment, Says the President. win Speaks Also.

Governor Haskell and his associates,

written by Mr. Taft to a friend

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR CITED.

of wealth, but especially with the cor-

ministration in consistently prosecut-ing all offenders of great wealth, pre-cisely as it has prosecuted all other

Foraker.

posite party."

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Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 21 .- Late Special to The Observer. to-day Secretary Loeb gave to the Elizabeth City, Sept. 21 .- Pasquopress a formal statement by the Pres-

tank voters were to-day treated to a ident, which was called forth by the thorough discussion of the political recent exchanges between William R. issues of the day. Superior Court Hearst and Senator Foraker, of Ohio. convened this morning but held no Mr. Hearst, in public utterances/ had session, this morning on account accused the Senator of relations with of the speaking. The court house at the Standard Oil Company inconsistent 2 o'clock was packed to its utmost with his duties as a Senator, and his capacity and A. Pilston Godwin, canattitude as a representative of Re-publican policies and professions. didate for the State Senate, was the first speaker. His speech was very In to-day's statement President forceful and convinced his audience Roosevelt makes another appeal for that he was thoroughly conversant the support of Mr. Taft and declares with the issues confronting the first that his defeat would bring "lasting district and the State generally. satisfaction to but one set of menpledged his best efforts for the furth-erance of his people's interests. Mr. namely, to those men who, as shown in the correspondence published by Mr. Hearst, were behind Mr. Foraker, Godwin was Senator from this district in the last Legislature and his rethe opponent of Mr. Taft within his election is assured. own party, and who now are behind

SMALL FOLLOWS GODWIN.

the opponents of Mr. Taft in the op-The next speaker was that polished and astute Representative in Congress functions will be to ascertain formal- licans were not pulling together. The statement embodies a letter from the first district, John H. Small, by the facts and report them to the Chairman Hitchcock expressed the in Ohio, July 20th, 1907, in which the logical argument in behalf of Demo- of the President. Republican candidate for the presidency refused to acquisce in the plan of the Ohio State central committee assuring his hearers that he was al-ways ready to do their bidding. He Fla. to retire, but to this offer Col-Senate in a single resolution. The President points out that Mr. Taft's said the people make issues and not the leaders of the parties and quoted attitude has always been directly opthe words of the Peerless leader, will retire; if not will remain on duty." posed to that charged against Senator Foraker by Mr. Hearst regarding the candidate or leader was any better

than the average individual voter supporting him. He compared the personnel of the two leading parties in affair as a case where the agitation this State and county and left it with his hearers to decide which party deserved their support. Mr. Small unmercifully assailed the

Republican party for extravagances the administration." It was, he says, in a large part, "not a genuine agitaand laid the blame for the recent tion on behalf of colored men at all. panic, effects of which are still felt, but merely one phase of the effort by at its door. He said the government the representatives of certain law-defying corporations to bring discredit upon the administration because it was seeking to cut out the evils consupported his statement with convincing facts and figures. He declared nected not only with the corrupt use the Republicans under Roosevelt were in favor of a strong centralized govrupt alliance between certain business ernment and opposed to the Dem-ocratic idea of State's rights. Mr. men of large fortunes and certain politicians of great influence. The Small explained in a comprehensive abandoned St. venomous hostility of these interests manner the workings of the protecand of their special representatives tive tariff and presented homely ilin public life and in the press, to the nomination of Mr. Taft., was merely the natural sequence of their hoseulogizing Bryan and predicting his tility to the measures of the administration for the regulation of great election in November. corporations doing an interstate busiin November, amid cheers

SAILED.

Col. I. M. Meekins, Republican nominee for Congress from this dis-It is stated that the presumable offenders. Mr. Taft has been nomi-reason for the abandonment of the nated for the very reason that he is about an hour. He jumped into a de-Colonel Stewart. the antithesis of the forces that were fense of the tariff as the first thing

Colonel Stewart to be Examined Be-fore a Retiring Board as to His Disability. Its Nature and Wheth-er Incurred in the Line of Duty-This Action Outcome of Recent Examination at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Washington, Sept. 21 .-- Col. William F. Stewart, of the Coast Artillery, whose case because of his de-

tail to the ungarrisoned fort at Fort Grant, Ariz., has been before the At public for some time, has been ordered to appear before a retiring board at Washington, where he will be ex-

amined as to his disability, its nature a long, vigorous speaking campaign and whether it was incurred in the have not been forthcoming was frankline of duty. This action by Secretary ly admitted to-day by Chairman Wright is the outcome of the physical examination of Colonel Stewart by a Ariz, when he appeared recently at ment was made in explanation of the that post for the purpose of taking delays that have attended the be the test ride of 90 miles, directed by President Roosevelt. That board reported that the colonel was practi- of the States. cally blind in one eye, and that because of this and the additional fact said. "We knew long ago that we that he had heart trouble, he was dis-He abled for military service. Privilege that reason we decided that the prop-to take the ride was denied Colonel er thing to do was to get the State Stewart, the examining board in its in shape for an effective campaign

ing and retiring board at Washington of factional differences in a ing and retiring board at Washington of factional differences in a large which will take up the case. Its number of States where the Repub-

who delivered a most powerful and Secretary of War for his use and that opinion that if an active campaign Colonel Stewart's "exile" to Fort that is for the month of October-the cratic principles. Mr. Small opened his speech by giving his views of the Grant dates back a year. Before being Republican national ticket will duties of Representatives in Congress, sent there, however, he was given an successful in all of the normally Re-

> onel Stewart replied: "If appointed brigadler general, ticians.

regarding Colonel Stewart at the at Colorado Springs, Chicago, Boston time were to send him to Fort Grant, and other places," said Mr. Hitchwithout command, until he reached cock. "It costs a great deal of the minimum age of 62 permitting of money to keep a large speaking force years' service. When information was 1st.

sought at the War Department as to party with whom I have conferred, the basis for such action, the only party with whom I have conferred, comment forthcoming was that Col- agreed with me." Senator Crane, of Massachusetts appropriations were not justly dis-tributed over the United States and impossible." Colonel Stewart, it had to-day made a statement which efbeen asserted, was unfit for command-\fectually ing a body of men and did not get along well with subordinates.

Stewart obtained an order directing him to take up his residence at the Francis barracks, St. Augustine, Fla., for the time expected to serve-three years or moreon the lustrations to drive the truth home. active list, but two weeks later the He closed his one-hour speech by order to this effect was countermanded by the President.

Last spring the case of Colonel tewart was discussed with much Stewart ness and to the attitude of the ad- TARIFF DEFENDED; SMALL AS- warmth in the Senate. On two occasions Senator Rayner, of Maryland. criticised the President for what he termed "his petty attitude" toward

Pou and McCoin at these points.

Mr. Murphy Speaks in Lenoir.

vention was held and nominated Mr.

J. A. Long for the fourth time for the

the House, both ex-Confederate sol-

diers, Col. John S. Cuningham,

chairman of the Democratic execu-

tive committee, moved to organize a

Bryan-Kitchin-Brooks Club and made

a strong speech for party harmony.

The club was organized with over one hundred members, and Maj. J. T. Yancey, upon motion of Colonel Cun-

Ring Doesn't Like Davidson Ticket,

Legington, Sept. 21 .- The Republican executive committee of Davidson

ounty was in session here all this

ingham, was elected president.

Special to The Observer.

Senate and Capt. John S. Coleman for

SEVEN PEOPLE POISONED.

Chairman Mack Plans For Big Fight in the Far

ORDERED TO WASHINGTON. REPUBLICANS NEED FUNDS

THE CAMPAIGN WORK DELAYED.

National Chairman Hitchcock That Funds Necessary to De Expenses of Speakers' Have Been Forthcoming-Caused a lay in Beginning of Campaign W in Most of the States-Plans Effective Campaign Work Du Month of October-Time So Month of October—Time So Fai Devoted to Adjusting Factional Differences—Scenator Crane Issues Statement Regarding His Visit to Western Headquarters.

Chicago, Sept. 21 .- That the funds necessary to defray the expenses of Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Repubginning of the campaign work in most

"I have noapologies to make," he report declaring that to do so would endanger his life. Brigadier General W. P. Hall is president of the examin-most of my time to the adjustment

> be publican States and in most of the States that have been put in the doubtful column by conservative poll-

when our "That was the theory plans were outlined ,at conferences The War Department's intentions which I had with the party leaders his compulsory retirement by the going, and even if I had thought it President unless in the meantime he necessary I would not have been able should voluntarily retire, after 40 to start the paid men before October But I have not thought it necessought at the War Department as to sary, and all of the leaders of the with whom I have conferred,

disposes of the published story that his visit to West-ern headquarters of the Republican Last April the friends of Colonel national committee presages a reorganization and the subordination Chairman Hitchcock's authority to that of other Republican leaders. It follows:

"I came here at the especial re quest of Chairman Hitchcock with whom 1 am, as a member of the advisory committee, associated, and who wished to consult with me regarding the campaign. Mr. Taft, whom I recently met at Cincinnati, expressed himself as being thoroughly satisfied with Chairman Hitchcock's management of the campaign."

AFTER PACIFIC STATES.

BIG CORPORATION AROUSED.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company is one of the largest couper. It has the kind in the country. It has more than one hundred ginneries operating at different points through-out the cotton belt, of which seven out the cotton belt, of which seven is one of the largest corporations of those at the head of this corporation are determined to take the matter in hand at once is shown by the instructions given yesterday to the manager of the threatened plant. The. letter which excited so much talk was immediately turned over to the secret ervice authorities of the government and every effort is being made to apprehend its author. Requisition will be made on Washington, if neces-ary, for special officers in order that no stone may be left unturned to probe the whole matter to the bottom.

Night-riders have appeared in Georgia and other points in the South within the past few ,weeks. The movement had its inception in Ken-tucky, where millions of dollars worth of mhacea was consumed. For months of tobacco was consumed. For months the papers were full of the midnight operations of these unknown despera-does. The state of the tobacco in-dustry in Kentucky to-day is evidence of the thoroughness with which they operated. The price of cotton having Union or the Southern Cotton Associa-tion has anything to do with this Shelby demonstration. No organiza-tion designed to uplift and promote the cause of the farmers could father

operated. The price of cotton having fallen below the minimum, effort was made to duplicate the performance in the cotton trade. More than one instance has been chronicled where farmers eager to sell their cotton for less than 10 cents were met by dis-guised parties and ordered back to their homes under thmant of severe penalty in case they refused. So also with cotton gins. The proprietors of several establishments farther South have been notified to close down en notified to close down the return of better prices. These operations have heretofore been hundreds of miles away and only a

been notified to close down ing the return of better prices. a operations have heretofore been irreds of miles away and only a ory interest was taken in them. It the outcropping of a similar meat in North Carolina has ght the matter very close at ing will be left undone to ap-and those who are behind the meant and it goes without saying cursory interest was taken in them. But the outcropping of a similar ovement in North Carolina has ing will be left.

Twin City Girls Register Because They Were Delayed in Arriving on Account of Attending Dance-Win-Stirred ston-Salem Considerably ut It. Yesterday Was Time Set For His Trial

Special to The Observer. on Charge of Larceny, But as He or His Accusers Did Not Appear It is Believed He Has Settled With His Winston-Salem, Sept. 21 .-- A storm of dissension among the relatives and friends of four of this city's popular young ladies is raging about the head

Boston, Mass., Sept. 21.-Cardenio F. King did not appear in the Superior of President Foust of the State Normal College, at Greensboro, because he refused them admission to the in-stitution to-day. A dance given in ing on the charge of larceny of \$29,-000 on thirty-one counts. Mr. King, their honor by young men here, Friday night figures in the case. President Foust says they were tardy for regis-The tration on account of the dance and they declare he flaunted the newspaper clipping reporting it when he is-sued orders for their return home, ference with Mr. King's attorneys and Judge Pierce will be necessitated by Several young ladies from other towns arriving at the Normal to-day met similar fate, among them being the There are court officials who think daughter of a high State official. The

the King case will never come to trial. Although the financier was ready to meet his accusers face to parents here say there is no objection to the discipline but resent the . methface to-day, the failure of any of them od adopted. Over long-distance telephone Pres to show up in court is taken as an indication that Mr. King has been vindicated. Meanwhile Mr. King is the hardest-worked man in Boston. ident Foust told one of the girl's father that a State school had as much right to insist on a definite registra

tion day as to require & voter In his old headquarters furnished register on a certain day. One girl, a French scholar, calis President with' less elaboration but peopled by gaining his old prestige and many Foust King Louis and suggests the motto "Letat, C'est moi." New England customers have forgot-ten the doubtful past and are flocking Winston-Salem has a large repre-sentation at the Normal. Those to him. His fight is considered re-markable and it has impressed the publiv and driven his accusers to the ident Foust's displeassuffering President Foust's displeas-ure are old and popular pupils. Two of them will not return under any con-

that the guilty parties will be prose-cuted to the limit. FARMERS' UNION NOT IMPLI MINISTER LEADS RAID. CATED. It is not believed that the Farmers

Ten Men Arrested at Newbern For Blind Tigering-Eighteen Warrants Issued and Evidence Worked Op by Detectives. Special to The Observer.

Newbern, Sept. 21.—As the result of a blind tiger raid last night ten men, seven white and three colored. men, seven white and three colored, were arrested and jailed. The raid was engineered by Rev. J. W. Ham, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, and began at midnight. Eighteen warrants were issued, but thus far only ten of the men have been caught

The preliminary trial was to occur at noon to-day and a large crowd as-sembled in the court house, but sembled in the court house, but Justices Hines and Barrington finally consented to postpone the trial until Tuesday at 9 o'clock, fixing hall at \$1,000 cach. Only one man was \$1,000 each. Only one man was able to furnish the bond required and there are nine in fall to-night. The evidence is very strong against the may and has been worked up by two detectives, who have spent three weeks here.

MAKES AN APPEAL FOR TAFT. letter, the President says:

"I publish this letter without At any rate, Taft's knowledge, becaause I feel it my duty to the public that his attitude should be known. The man who unnesitatingly fresists temptation, It is not known whether cannot be swerved by any considerafrom foltion of personal interests lowing the course which his lofty con-ception of duty dictates to him, the

man whose whole concern is for the welfare of the people, and who has proved in a lifetime of difficult and useful public service his extraordinary capacity as an administrator, is surely the man of all others to be entrusted with the presidency. Mr. Taft's can-didacy is not based upon large and vague promises, part of which would be impossible of achievement and part

of which would be absolutely mischievous to the people of the whole country if put into effect. His candidacy is based upon his great record of actual achievement, his great record of service to the public, upon his inflexible adherence to the high-

est standards of righteousness and upon his proved and absolute fearlessness in relentlessly warring against evil wherever it may be found. I appeal to all good citizens, all high ninded, conscientious men who love their country for the sake of their country to put such a man at its and salaries. head.

PRICES PLUNGE DOWNWARD.

Exciting Day on the Stock Exchange Which Ended in Demoralized Sell-ing-Result of Sharp Break on Saturday.

New York, Sept. 21 .- Declines of to 5 points in the prices of most of the active stocks were the net re sults of an exciting day on the exchange to-day which ended in de-moralized selling. A plunge of prices lownward at the opening came as the

natural consequence of the break on Saturday, which brought in scattered outside liquidation. Banking interests and the powerful capitalists supposed to be interested in the speculative position brought prices up again to the Saturday closing level during the quiet midday period. Apparently advantage was taken of this restored level to

unload stocks with even greater pre In the final hour long strings of transactions in several thousand-share blocks were recorded in the Harriman and Hill The stocks, Reading and St. Paul. looked as though some im. portant speculative interest had

and was obliged to sacrifice holdings for what they would bring. Rumors were current of a renewed

ment on Standard Oil and reports of an unfavorable turn in the steel and

copper trades also were rife. The sensation caused by the exposures of alleged Standard Oil methods in influencing the acts of men prominent in public life was feared as threateding to stimulate a revival of hos-tility to corporations. A subsidence of the agitation of this subject has con a prime factor in the active seculation for a rise in stocks. The

prospect of renewed activity of this agitation came, therefore, on a weak

speculative position. ter Slipped and Negro is Shot.

Special to The Observer, Gaffney, S. C., Sépt. 21.-Mr. Ralph Gaston, the ticket agent of the Southern,

Gaston, the ticket agent of the Southern, while engaged in examining a pistol Saturday night let the hammer slip, shooting a negro through the muscles of The wound was at once dress. his arm. ed by a physician and the negro probably be all right in a few days.

there and a series

Commenting further on Mr. Taft's and that to revise or lower the same would mean the destruction of all legitimate manufacturing interests, Fur- Special to The Observer. Mr. thermore he said the farmers could not get 40 cents for chickens and 25 cents a dozen for eggs under a low tariff. He compared the present panwho ic with the panic of 1904, saying ing which occurred in this city that the former panic was due to the yesterday afternoon at the residence that the former panic was due to the yesterday afternoon at the residence beinderate. Jernotate beinderate bei gress, particularly his efforts in be-half of the inland waterway, the Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grav and two half of the inland waterway, the Southern Rallway, etc. Mr. Meekins said a Republican Representative could accomplish something in the They Fecelved prompt medical at-they fecelved prompt medical at-they fecelved prompt medical at-being for Bryan and Kern. "I regard the middle States," said Chairman Kern to-night, "as safely Democratic and all our efforts now national House. He claimed that the tention and all are doing fairly well. Republicans in 1868 instituted the preme Court of North Carolina found Slik Hope, 29th; Merry Oaks, 30th; from the Pacific coast and we reat record tions regarding passenger rates un-his great constitutional and Glenn had to issue a hurry call to repeal the act. He shouted with great oratorial gusto that Glenn's administration was a total failure and in order to distract the attention of the voters the State

prohibition issue was launched. Special to The Observer. He accused the Democratic administration as extravagance for having increased the number of State officers Mr. Meekins closed his great ora-

torial effort by calling down the court house to-night. The speech stars, moon, etc., to witness the great was very much enjoyed and his disdeeds accomplished by the Republicans during Roosevelt's regime and urged his hearers to cast their lot for "that great and illustrious

patriot, William Howard Taft." CLUB FORMED IN WAYNE.

Mr. H. A. Grady Discusses the Issues urday at LaGrange and at at Goldsboro-Club Membership Over Five Hundred.

Special to The Observer.

was with him at Sandy Bottom. Goldsboro, Sept. 21 .--- To-night at the latter place they addressed 8 o'clock a large body of enthusias-tic citizens of Goldsboro met in the large gathering of farming people and the speeches were well received. court house for the purpose of or-Mr. Newland Speaks ht Roxboro. ganizing a Bryan-Kitchin Club. Five Special to The Observer. hundred and eight of Wayne's loyal Roxboro, Sept. 21.-Mr. W. C. Newland, Democratic nominee for Democrats joined. Mr. W. D. Creech was elected president and Gurney B.

Hood, secretary. The secretary was instructed to request each township of the county to to a large crowd, that was well

elect a vice president. After the organization of the club Mr. Hood, in an enthusiastic and eloquent speech, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Henry A. Grady, of Clinton. Mr. Grady for an hour discussed the national and State issues of the campaign in a clear logical manner, giving special attention to the conditions in Sampson county

under Populisi-Republican misrule. The club adjourned to meet again next Friday night, when Mr. W. C. Newland will speak here. The De-mocracy of Wayne county is in earnest and a good big majority for Bry-an and Kitchin in November is assured.

MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Messrs. Pon and McCoin to Speak in Chatham. Obeserver Bureau, The Holleman Building,

Raleigh, Sept. 21. Ex-Governor Aycock, at Governor Glenn's special request, fills the lat-ter's political meaking appointment

at Troy. Chairman James Richard Youn of the Democratic committee of this district, announces that Congressman Pon and Elector McCoin will speak at the following named places in Chatham: Harper's Cross Roads,

tariff originated with the Democrats Gaffney Citizens' Lives Endangered ports Received. by Eating Peaches and Cream, But No Fatalities Result.

New York, Sept. 21 .--- Norman Mack, chairman of the Democratio national committee, is planning to force the fighting in the Pacific States Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 21 .- The Ob and during the month of October speakers of national prominence will be sent West to aid in swinging all

debatable States into line for Democrats. Mr. Mack said to-night that the reports received from strong effort they would be captured for Bryan and Kern.

will be to hold our advantage, which will be made easier by the row of the Republicans. The national comfirst free public school; said the Su- September 28th; Siler City, that night; mittee is receiving glowing reports the Legislature's and Judge Long's ac- also in Franklin county. Youngsville, make added efforts to bring Callfornia, Oregon and other States October 1st, afternoon; Louisburg, 2d, at night. Chairman Young inline. I am going West soon and will likely meet the national committee-men of the Pacific States some time vites Willis G. Briggs and Frank D. Jones, Republican nominess to meet in October in some city in the far West, and I may make a flying trip through all the debatable States.

Kinston, Sept. 21 .- Mr. Walter SHOT AND KILLED BY SHERIFF.

Kinston, Sept. 21.—ar. Hanter Murphy, of Salisbury, Democratic nominne for presidential elector-at-large, addressed a very large assem-Wounded Georgia Sheriff Sh-and Kills Negro Whom He Atten ed to Arrest For Murder.

speech Fort Gaines, Ga., Sept. 21 .- Sheriff cussion of educational issues was W. W. Beard, of Clay county, was forceful and masterly. Mr. Murphy shot five times here this moraing by George Thomas, the negro alleg is a fine speaker. He was introduced troduced George Thomas, the negro alleged to py man-Collins ten days ago, and Thomas in turn fr. Mur-was shot and killed by the sheriff, county Sheriff Beard met Thomas on the street and ordered him to halt, Sandy Homas opened fire and wounded Beard for thomas opened fire and wounded by Mr. Plato Collins in a happy manner. Messrs. Murphy and Collins were college mates. This is Mr. Murphy's third speech in Lenoir county during this campaign. He spoke Sat-Beard five times before he could draw Bottom to-day. Mr. E. R. Wooten, his pistol. Beard finally got his pis-tol out and shot Thomas dead. Sheriff Lenoir county's next Representative, Beard's condition is reported to eritical.

Three other negroes, Essie Coler Alma Johnson and Savannah Woods, the woman whose house is near the scene of the tragedy, are confined in

scene of the tragedy, are conniced in the county jail as accessories. The only evidence against Essie Coleman and Alma Johnson is that they were with George Thomas on the night of the murder. Coleman claims to have been drunk and re-Lleutenant Governor, addressed a large and enthusiastic andience here to-day and made a magnificant speech members nothing. Johnson is unable to give an account of herself. received. The Democratic county con-

#### ARRESTED FOR FRAUD.

Thomas C. Duncan, Son of the Late Bishop Duncan, Charged With Ob-taining \$8,000 From Union, S. C., Bank by Misrepresentation.

Union, S. C., Sept. 21.—Thomas C. Duncan was arrested here to-day charged with obtaining money by misreprerentation to the amount of misreprerentation to the amount about \$8,000. The charge was ma-by the receivers of the People's Ban of this vity, which several mont ago went into voluntary liquidation and reintes to certain checks a drafts on the Bank of Spring CH Tenn., paid by the People's Bank, by turned down by the Spring City has as Duncan had no funds on depose He was released on bond. Duncan is the son of the late Bishe Duncan is the son of the late Duncan.

# afternoon and it was generally report-ed that the committee was consid-oring many changes in the ticket named Saturday. This however, was denied by the chairman to-night, but President Returns to Washing

denied by the chairman to-night, but he did not state what was considered. Ex-State Senator P. C. Thomas, or Thomasville, iformed the committee that if S. W. Wall, who was nominate ed Saturday for the Senate, was not taken down and he (Thomas) named immead he would some out independ-ent as a "wet" candidate. It is said that some of the ring Republicans are not entirely pleased with the result of Saturday's convention.

## cipitancy from the start. ditions, their parents say. President Foust told them to write letters to him after getting home. caught in an uncomfortable position