

FOREST FIRES STILL RAGING.

Saturday, a Wisconsin Settlement, Destroyed.—The town of Ashland, Wis., situated on Bad River Indian Reservation, Rhinelander, Wis., Sept. 22.—Sat. a settlement of half a dozen homes, three miles east of Rhinelander, was destroyed by fire to-day. The settler fled to Moens Lake, where they are cared for. No loss of life has been reported. Rhinelander is now regarded as safe, and the fire has been quieted by lack of wind.

THE BEARS GET BUSY.

Great Disturbance on the Stock Market.—Yesterday's Session and Repeated Downward Plunges—Early Recovery in Many Instances. New York, Sept. 22.—The stock market showed more disturbance to-day than at any time since the troubled period of last October's panic. Sensational and repeated downward plunges in prices followed each other, and it was not until late in the day that any material relief was shown from the incessant purging process under way. Enormous lines of stocks were thrown upon the market without apparent regard to the price they would bring. The day's sales aggregated 1,456,000 shares. At one time the loss over night extended in Reading to 6 points. Louisville & Nashville and Delaware and Hudson, 5; Westinghouse Electric, 1-1/2; Union Pacific, 3 1/2; Consolidated Gas, 3 1/2; Southern Pacific, St. Paul, Illinois Central, Atlantic Coast Line, Northern Pacific, United States Steel, Amalgamated Copper, Anaconda, General Electric, Northern Ore certificates and others, 2 to 3 points. Much of this seemingly heedless selling came from brokers who have been most active in the operations on the advance for weeks past. This gave the impression that wealthy and influential capitalists were unloading their holdings and abandoning a speculative position on the long side of the market.

SCARED BY BRYAN GAINS HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

NEW YORK ALARMS THE G. O. P. They are Seriously Threatened With the Loss of the Empire State—How They May Win It. New York Special, 20th, to Washington Post. "What are you fellows trying to do with the election, and why is this campaign?" inquired a man who is conspicuous in business circles here of an officer of the Republican national committee this evening. "What do you mean?" the latter asked in turn. "Why the newspapers are full of matter tending to show that Bryan has left the defensive, is stirring up the middle West against the Republicans, and expects to carry New York. Is that true or not, or are you fellows planning a raid on our bank accounts?" The Republican politician's answer is immaterial for the point to this little colloquy is that a genuine scare is being stirred up in the middle West, particularly those with Republican leanings. Most of the news that has reached New York tells of Democratic aggressiveness in the States which are chiefly in the campaign. Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, etc. DEMOCRATS HAVE GAINED. These tidings have been so consistently of the same general trend that at last Republicans have awakened to the fact that a real danger confronts them; that confidence beget confidence; that the confidence of former triumphs may be misplaced and that Democracy is making headway into the White House will sweep Bryan into the presidency.

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

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NEW FIRES IN NEW YORK STATE.

Number of Small Towns and Summer Resorts Threatened—Danger of Fires Burning at Least a Score of Places—Fires Being Fought by 10,000 People. New York, Sept. 22.—Alarm is felt in many sections of the State because of the rapid and continual spread of the big forest fires that have been burning for many days in the Adirondack region. The burning is reported and according to dispatches received by The Associated Press here to-night, dangerous fires are burning in at least a score of places, and a number of small towns and summer resorts are threatened. There are hundreds of small fires that may become dangerous. Probably 10,000 men are fighting the fires to-night, but the flames have gotten so far beyond control that only a trenching rain will stop them.

HOSPITAL COMPANY ORGANIZES.

Stockholders of Gaston Hospital Elect Officers and Discuss Plans—Rival Concern For Gastonia Rumored. Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Sept. 22.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Gaston Hospital, recently chartered by the State with an authorized capital of \$100,000, was held last night in the office of Attorney George W. Wilson and perfected an organization by electing the following officers: President, J. G. White, vice president, J. J. Adams, secretary, S. A. Williams, treasurer, H. F. Glenn, directors, J. O. White, C. B. Armstrong, G. A. Gray, W. W. Wilson, R. M. Reid, S. A. Williams and H. F. Glenn. An agenda of business will be held Thursday night, October 1st, to complete details with reference to opening the hospital.

ONLY CONSERVATIVES FOR EAST.

In pursuance of a definite plan to conciliate business men who have been opposed to him in the past, he directed the national committee to send all radical stump speakers to the West and assign only men of proved conservatism to proclaim Democratic doctrine in the East. This is illustrative of the tactics this consummate political leader is employing these days. Now that the excitement incident to the Republican and Democratic State conventions and the visit of Bryan has subsided, the managers of the two parties are beginning to take stock of the Democratic field and to evaluate for satisfaction than the Republicans do, for reasons specified in recent dispatches. The Democrats have more to accomplish in order to carry New York than the Republicans because the State has been in the control of the Republicans since 1894, and they have had plenty of time and opportunity to enter the minds of the voters and their advisers, have succeeded in weakening their grip, and now the Republicans must regain what they have lost.

YORK CROP CONDITIONS.

Condition Short About One-Fourth or One-Third—Corn Acreage Very Large But the Yield Will be Off. Special to The Observer. Yorkville, S. C., Sept. 22.—About three weeks ago the statement was made in this correspondence that at a conservative estimate the cotton yield in this county would be about 20 per cent less than that of last year, and that at that time the estimate seemed to be fully warranted by the information that was available. Since then picking has become general and it is now pretty generally conceded that the crop is off from 25 to 33 per cent, as an average for the entire county, while in some sections it is estimated that the crop will not exceed 50 per cent of that of last year. The yield of 1907 was the largest in the history of the county, the total crop aggregating about 44,000 bales. While it is a fact that the crop is being harvested with unusual rapidity, owing to the very favorable weather that has prevailed during the past two weeks, and immediately after the rains, much of it is not being thrown on the market. Some farmers report that they are getting from 75 to 90 per cent of all the cotton they will gather this year at the first picking.

SERIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Damage Amounts to Millions of Dollars and Thousands Bored Into Idleness—Many Plants Shut Down. Pittsburgh, Sept. 22.—Conditions due to the prolonged drought in western and northwestern Pennsylvania, and in the western portion of Ohio and West Virginia, and forest fires, for which the drought is responsible in many sections of the territory, are becoming more serious. The total damage already amounts to millions of dollars from the actual destruction of timber, growing timber and farm crops, while the loss in wages of thousands forced into idleness through lack of work is being estimated at \$100,000,000. A large number of manufacturing plants already have closed their doors either entirely or in part. The part time workers are also not suffering from lack of work, and many are being forced to go to other sections of the State in search of employment.

GEORGIA CASE COMPLETED.

Interstate Commerce Commission Now Taking Testimony in Case of Alabama Railroad Commission For Relief From the Increased Rates on Freight From the West. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—Wholesale grocers and the railroad commission of Georgia completed the presentation of their case today, and the commission of the Alabama Railroad Commission was taken up late this afternoon by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is taking testimony with regard to the freight rate increase in freight rates from Western to Southeastern points. In the Georgia case the right was reserved to further examine E. H. Hinton, chairman of the Southeastern Freight Association, with reference to documents submitted by him today. Those documents constituted correspondence between the railroads and the freight association during the consideration of the increase. Mr. Hinton has stated that the association was nothing more than a debating society, or an information clearing house for the railroads.

STILL IN TAFT'S FAVOR.

Change of Schedule a Great Boon. Special to The Observer. Yorkville, S. C., Sept. 22.—By reason of a change in the schedule of the southbound passenger train on the Carolina & Northwestern Railway, which became effective the 13th, it is now possible for a passenger to leave Yorkville at 5:45 p. m., and reach Columbia about 6 o'clock and Charleston by daylight the following morning. For about four months previous to this change passengers from this place to Columbia had been forced to wait at Rock Hill or Chester from nine to ten hours. It is to be hoped that the present schedule will be allowed to stand indefinitely.

MEN FAST SIXTY IN DANGER.

More than half of mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger. It is the only remedy that has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered for many years with kidney and money trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years. My doctor is Dr. Taylor, who prescribes P. H. Jordan & Co. and W. L. Hand & Co."

CHAOLERA STILL SPREADING.

The Epidemic in St. Petersburg Assumed More Apalling Proportions Every Day—Authorities to Improve Water Supply and Sewerage System. St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The cholera epidemic, which continues to assume more appalling proportions every day, has now reached the attention of the St. Petersburg authorities on the long neglected task of improving the water supply and sewerage facilities of the capital. Up to now, however, the municipal hospital reported for the past 24 hours, 47 cholera cases and 178 deaths. There is a total of 1,847 cholera cases in the various hospitals. The cholera death toll has increased at Preobrazhenskaya, which is situated at an hour's distance on the railroad from St. Petersburg. A train of several coaches carrying the sick and a dozen freight cars with the bodies in rude coffins, goes daily to this place.

WILL REDUCE WAGES AND RUN MILLS Full Time.

Fabier, Mass., Sept. 22.—The 600 men employed at the cotton mill of the Theobald Company were notified to-night that a reduction of wages will go into effect next Monday and that the plant will go on a half-time schedule on the same day. The mill has been running only four days a week since last November. The agent, Charles A. Taylor, said to-night that he was unable to fill the amount of the wage cut at this time.

NO FAILURES AMONG WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Not a single failure was reported in the wholesale drug trade, according to President Edward H. Taylor, who presided at the annual address at to-day's opening session of the national Wholesale Druggists' convention. The president declared that the drug business of the country is one of the most strongly entrenched of any trade, and has suffered less than others during the depression.

YOUTH FARMER ASSASSINATED.

Lifeless Body Found in Wagon in Which He Carried Cotton Pickers to Their Homes—Bloodhounds Sent to the Scene. Columbia, S. C., Sept. 22.—Presley Reeves, 24 years of age, the son of A. M. Reeves, who lives about eight miles below Branchville, in Darkester county, was assassinated just after dark this evening. Reeves left his home about dark to carry a load of cotton pickers to their homes. About an hour later the mules were found at home with young Reeves dead in the wagon, having been shot in the back. The wagon was found about 200 yards from the field with the cotton pickers. Reeves leaves a widow.

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UTAH DEMOCRATS NOMINATE KNIGHT FOR GOVERNOR.

Logan, Utah, Sept. 22.—The Democratic State convention to-night nominated Jesse Knight, of Provo, for Governor by acclamation.

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SPECIAL LOW RATES VIA SEABOARD TO ROCKINGHAM, N. C. Account big automobile meet-and-home coming week celebration at Rockingham, N. C. September 23 and 24th, the Seaboard Air Line Railway has announced rates from all points in North Carolina within a radius of 100 miles from Rockingham including Charlotte and Wilmington 50 per cent of the double one-way local fares, tickets to be sold Sept. 23 and 24th, with final return limit Sept. 25th. Fare from Charlotte round trip \$2.50. For further information call on your agent or address the undersigned: C. H. GATTIS, T. F. A., Raleigh, N. C. JAMES KER, C. F. A., Charlotte, N. C.

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Democratic Appointments. The following gentlemen will address the people on the issues of the campaign at the times and places stated: HON. W. W. KITCHIN, HON. B. F. AYCOCK AND HON. M. L. SHIPMAN. Franklin, Wednesday, Sept. 23d. Webster, Thursday, Sept. 24th. Marion, Friday, Sept. 25th. Rutherfordton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Henrietta Mills, Saturday, Sept. 26th (Night). HON. W. W. KITCHIN, Rockingham, Monday, Sept. 28th. Lumberton, Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Wilmington, Wednesday night, Sept. 30th. Southport, Thursday, Oct. 1st. Whiteville, Friday, Oct. 2d. Fayetteville, Saturday, Oct. 3d. HON. LEE S. OVERMAN, Lexington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. HON. R. B. GLENN, Concord, Monday, Sept. 28th. Charlotte, Monday night, Sept. 28th. Fallston, Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Marion, Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Newton, Wednesday night, Sept. 30th. Taylorsville, Thursday, Oct. 1st. Statesville, Friday, Oct. 2d. Mooresville, Friday night, Oct. 2d. HON. J. W. BAILEY, Mooresville, Wednesday, Sept. 23d. Thompsonville, Thursday, Sept. 24th. Mocksville, Saturday, Sept. 26th. HON. J. W. BAILEY AND HON. C. W. TILLET, All citizens are invited to be present at the above appointments and hear the issues discussed. A. H. ELLER, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee. ALEX. J. FEILD, Secretary.

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