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CHARLOTTE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1909.

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PRICE HIGH SWEEPS PLACE

piscoterni Vesterday Morning 9:30 O'Clock Threatened En-Neighborhood, Which is Close all Up. But is Checked After Completely Rayaged Long iding and Addition. With Loss
Approximately \$25,000 Caught Combostible Feed-Stuff on Sec-Floor-All Phree Fire Com-S Engaged in the Conflict-ten leive and Ten Thousand

Witness the Affair, raided but raging like a tora flery avalanche of flame and from front to rear C. A Black's stables on East yesterday morning As the dense t persade the place, . . alization came in nre. At the re quartered Men rushed considerable ... animal came him

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part of the roofing beneath.

encompassed the Black stables sides a sudden shifting of the from the north to the south and creditable nghting on the part three are companies intervened we a dezen nearby houses from destruction. Immediately in f twenty feet, ran a line of dwellings whose chances for at one time looked like thirty Yesterday afternoon the rosin at out by the intense heat was eptible and timely warnignition were frecurlings of smoke. reatening danger.

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EH T'SE STOCK.

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Gibbon and was hee with an insurance of and other inflammable material h a spark was sufficient to transinto a Vesuvius in eruption. This s which was responsible for the (Continued on Page Flve).

property of Drs.

TROOPS MOVE ON THE CAPITAL. PROMINENT MEN ON BROILER.

Six Train Londs of the Third Army Corps at Tohntaljac, About 67 Miles From Constantinople and Within a Day or Two the Committee Will Have Between 15,000 and 20,000 Men There—Advance of the Soldiers Has Greatly Impressed Public and It is Believed That the Sultan and the New Government Will Find It Impossible to Reject Their Demands.

Constantinople, April 17,-The committee of union and progress has given convincing proof of its power and influence over the third army corps. Two military trains, each containing humor at a special dinner compli-800 infantry, arrived this morning at mentary to the new administration Tohataljae, about 67 miles from the Willard. Care was taken that men, capital, and four other trains are ex- prominently in the public eye, got all pected to reach that point within the that was coming to them in the way next 24 hours. Preparations also are of thrusts and jibes that kept the being made at Saloniki for the despatch of a number of additional trains some skits by an aggregation of scinfor Constantinople.

After remaining a short time at Tohataljae, the two trains continued on the class of professionals. to Spartakuleh, which is inside the miles from the capital, which were the Cabinet, and the diplomatic corps. takuleh, where they should number

Within a day or two the committee aid, presided over the evening's doings. will have between 15,000 and 20,000 The onslaught on the banquet room men within striking distance of Constantinople, where the mutinous gar- loned dinner bell announced that evrison, having practically discarded its crything was ready. As soon as the officers and all discipline, certainly diners were seated, the room was will not be able to offer resistance, if, thrown into darkness while a musical indeed, any attempt at resistance is welcome was extended to the distin-made. It is believed that the Saloniki guished guests. Then the mammoth battalions, on their arrival here, will electric gridiron flashed into view, the demand the fulfillment of several con- lights were turned on throughout the ditions, which the Sultan and the new room and the fun commenced. Algovernment will find it impossible to most the first thing to greet the guests has greatly impressed the public, and speedy messenger beys announcing it is expected that some quick changes that there would be a great minstrel will be made among the government show by all-star performers, includofficials. A special mission composed ing "Vocalists, comedians and Cabiof two pashas, three ulemas and three net officers." This undoubtedly was deputies has been sent to Tohataljae, the hit of the evening. to persuade the troops that the constitution is being maintained and to explain also the real meaning of the rising on last Tuesday.

It is rumored that the commission has not been successful in impressing The programme of the show was a the leaders of the Young Turks, who also rejected the explanation of flight, as accounting for the absence from the deputation of the deputies from

Saloniki and Monastir. SITUATION IS GRAVE.

Another deputation, composed of 25 members, is leaving to-night to convey to the troops the assurance of the chamber that there has been no infringement of the constitution, which still rules. The situation undoubtedly is grave. Owing to the tension of the public mind the slightest incident may provoke a confiagration, while the news from the provinces possibly may arouse race prejudices, which, up to this city.

The artillery at Hademkoi mutinied during the night. Seizing some of their officers and compelling others to don the uniforms of privates, they entrained for Constantinople to the number of twelve hundred in order to assure themseives that the constitution was being maintained and that the Sultan was alive. They were met at the depot by a Saloniki chasseur, who is believed to have been an officer in disguise. They marched to the war office, where they were entertained with tea and refreshments, afterwards proceeding to Parliament. Here they listened to reassuring speeches by the acting president of the chamber and several prominent deputies.

HARVEY BRADFORD GUILTY.

Neero Who Entered Converse Student's Room Convicted of Burglary and Will Spend the Remainder of His Days in the Pen-Other Cases presidents' messages.

Disposed Of. Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., April 17.

Harvey Bradford, colored, charged with burglary, entering the room of Miss Julia Reed, a student of Converse College, to-night two weeks ago, was convicted to-day, the jury returning a verdict late this afternoon. The trial of Bradford attracted a great deal of interest, the court room crowded all day long with young college girls and ladies of the city. principal witness was Miss Reed, the heroine of the night in question.

In a most dramatic manner she described the midnight intruder and him and the bite she gave him, causing him to flee. In his flight he dropped his hat, which, with the bite led to his arrest. Harvey is a roughlooking negro who lives in the outskirts of the city. Under the verdict

he will be given a life sentence, John Guinn, white, who was convicted on the charge of mansiaughter for the killing of Earle Trammell, at Greer several weeks ago, was sentenced to serve two years. The jury recommended him to the mercy of the court. Will Haywood, who killed Matthews Harley, at Reidville several months ago and found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced twelve years in the sen. John Collins, convicted of killing Joe Lockman last Christmas Eve, and who was recommended to mercy, was given a life

Laying Concrete Sidewalks

Special to The Observer. Marion, April 17.—The laying of concrete sidewalks was commenced ast week and they are a thing of beauty and will be a joy forever. They are fifteen feet wide and will be placed on Main and Henderson atreets to the depot. The Merchants and Farmers' Bank took the initiative and work will be commenced Monday by the First National Bark and D. N. Lonon, Esq., and will be continued by the board of aldermen to be elected in May,

Derailment on Atlantic Coast Line Special to The Observer. Wadesboro, April 17.-The north Wadesboro, April 17.—The north-bound passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line was delayed several hours to-day by a derailed engine at the long trestle near Morven. No one was mjured, but several persons had narrow escapes. A wrecking crew from Florence, S. C., is at work clear-ing un the wrackage. ing up the wreckage.

THE STABLES BURNED COMMITTEE HAS FRIENDS GRIDIRON CLUB'S DINNER lengthy conference, it was decided to let him take care of the cow.

Men Foremost in the Public Eye In-Evening—Song Entitled, "Enting Through Georgia," Proved Popular McVeagh -Secretary McVengh Classed Among the 57 Varieties of Demo-

Washington, April 17 .- The broiler of the Gridiron Club, that famous organization of newspaper men, was kept busy to-night serving up wit and given in the banquet hall of the New tilating stars that would have put to blush many who count themselves in

Of course President Taft was there line of fortifications at Hademkol, 40 as were Speaker Cannon, members of abandoned during the night by the Senators and Representatives, men artillery of the garrison. The Saloniki high in the industrial and financial troops evidently are collecting at Spar- world, and plenty of others of distinction. In the absence of President not less than 7,000 by to-morrow, with Henry Hall, who is just recovering reinforcements that are coming from a long fliness. Vice President Adrianople. Vice President

reject. The advance of the soldiers was a hand bill distributed by some

In true minstrel fashion, with all the accompaniments of dusters and a more or less discordant band, this case of the board of trade of troupe of club talent paraded through the hall before going to the "stage." clever imitation of the real thing, even together with a "special note by the management," which called attention to what was to come, with the injunction that there should be no flowers.

"EATING THROUGH GEORGIA." "Sound the good old dinner horn, we'll "Sound the good old diliner norn, well sing another song.

About the trip that Taft once made when, with digestion strong.

He ate his share of everything that they would bring along.

As we went eating through Georgia.

"We tacked the o'possum that they took such care to bake;
We are caned watermelon and a dish they called hoefake;

watermelon and a dish ration is denied." We didn't even draw the line at alliga-

As we went eating through Georgia. "By Southern hospitality our hearts And we resolved to do the very best that

could be done For Democrats; and so we saved some As we went eating through Georgia.'

Hurrah hurrah, we sound the jubiled Hurrah, hurrah, 'twas something fine We put away three meals a day

And sometimes three, As we went eating through Georgia There ensued some lively conversation between the middle men who posed as the vice president and 'Speaker of the House," and the "Cabinet officers," who composed the balance of the troupe. After a good

deal of sparring over what was the meaning of "dead literature," and whether it referred to Sanscrit or Aztec, the end man declared it to be THOUGHT IT WAS ROOSEVELT. "Say, Mr. Vice President," a mem-

ber of the "Cabinet" inquired, you remember the morning when all those boilers blew up and scared a lot of people?"
"Oh yes, I remember it perfectly,

but I do not see why it should have scared anybody. It was merely a big noise.

"Yes, that was it. Everybody thought Mr. Roosevelt had back.

"Please leave the dear old trusts alone; they're seeing things at night," was the title of a song by James S. told of the flerce struggle she had with Henry, of The Philadelphia Press, "The wonderful soft pedal barytone in which the trusts informed Attorney General Wickersham that they were she gave him, served as a dive that tired and eleepy too, and appealed to him to put them in their little beds.

Secretary MacVeagh was classed among the 57 varieties of Democrats and reformers who had great difficulty in remembering when registration day came around. This discussion was cut short by some reference to the tariff, which it was stated was being talked pro and con "Indeed," remarked the 'vice president" with evident surprise. "Yes," replied the end man, "pro

means for-for the trust. what the consumer gets."

TH EWHITE HOUSE COW. The White House cow, now already famous, was made the subject of one of the best stunts of the evening. Attended by a dairy maid, a splendid imitation of the bovine was led into the room, which instantly caused the "President" to inquire, "What's "President" to inquire, "What's this?" He was promptly informed had been a lot of that while there loose talk about the 'possum being the animal emblem of the present administration and that the Teddy Bear was one of "my policies" had been inherited, it was all "The emblem of this administration," said the animal's keeper, the cow, and this is it. It was dis-covered that the salk paid was minus the lacteal fluid and in its stead were found numerous articles, among which was a buttle tagged with a

from it instantly." The pail was being emptied of its contents when in rushed a member who had impersonated Castro and who demanded a place of "There is nothing we can do for you,
Mr. Castro: you must so," was the
answer to his appeal, but the exiled
President persisted and following a Santa Anita track to-day.

testimonial from Senator Aldrich as

follows: "We used this medicine on

the tariff bill and removed all Payne

A buriesque on 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' made it a close rival of some of the other funny stunts. Eliza was depicted as fleeing across cluding President Taff, Got What holding in her arms two children, Was Coming to Them-Minstrel maximum and minimum, wrapped in the tariff bill and pursued by the the tariff bill and pursued by the Proved to Be the Biggest Hit of the howl of the grey wolves of the Senate. A miniature wire basket, which Popular served as the congressional waste Classed basket, was the souvenir of the dinner, and into it were dropped at crats and Reformers Who Forget intervals various things which were When Registration Day Comes supposed to represent papers that are liable to find their way into such a receptacle. A cold storage receipt of a local company had this written on

"Received from Frank H. Hitchcock eighteen crates and five barrels containing T. R.'s policies. Storage prepaid for eight years from date Value asked but indignantly refused. "Marks: Slightly damaged.

"Stored in room: Basement of cel-

"S. W. HUURRIEDIN." With all the formality of an execu- gether. tive session of the Senate, the nomination of Thomas C. Noyes, of The of The New York Times, for member-

matters in general. President Taft enjoyed to the limit Cabinet members. Indeed, there were few, if any, who did not get placed on the Gridiron.

The speakers were President Taft, Secretary Dickinson, Speaker Cannon: Senators Taylor, of Tennessee, and Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Governor Marshall, of Indiana. The banquet hall was a veritable flower garden, in which apple blossoms and American Beauty roses pre-

was a marvel of culinary art. DECISION FAVORS TWIN CITY.

dominated, while the dinner

itself

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds That Rates on Bituminous Coal Are Unreasonable-Rates on Soft Coal Corrected Also.

Washington, April 17 .- Unreasonable rates on bituminous coal shipped to Winston-Salem, N. C., were cor-rected by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision rendered to-day by Chairman Knapp, in the ton-Salem against the Norfolk Western Railway Company.

The commission held that the circumstances and conditions of transto the naming of the executive staff, portation are different at main line points from Lynchburg to Norfolk than at Winston-Salem and Durham on branch lines to the South from the main line, and that the defendant may make higher charges to the latter points.

It was also decided that under the circumstances shown, the rate charged Winston-Salem on goft coal in cardioads is unreasonable to the extent that it exceeds \$2.10 per ton, and that the charge to Durham is unreasonable to the extent that it exceeds

HIGHWAYMEN CAPTURED.

Held Up Vice President of a Bridge Company and Relieved Him \$3,200, But Were Later Caught.

San Francisco, April 17 .- James M. Thompson, vice president of the Phompson Bridge Company, on entering his office to-day with a sack con taining \$3,200 was confronted by two through the chest, inflicting a serious The men escaped with the wound. money, but were captured. During the shooting William Roseburg received a stray bullet but was not seriously hurt.

Mr. Thompson had just drawn the and when he entered the office he dis- environments that encourage son was confronted by the masked ber of original cases of tuberculosis men, who promptly fired upon him. and thereby secure a reduction in our Then grabbing up the sack the men mortality from this cause." made a dash for a buggy nearby, which one of the robbers with the his escape.

The fleeing man was pursued by policemen in an automobile and finally was captured.

THE KING OF ALL CROOKS.

Colored Parson Reaps Harvest of Coin From Sale of Certificates of Religion.

Special to The Observer. Marion, April 17 .- Of all the systems of graft an ingenious age has produced, a negro preacher of this place has invented the most unique He has been holding a revival for the past month and there have been if is said, 110 conversions. When a nigger is converted he issues a cer tificate like this: "This is to certify that Sister Jane Jones has this day been born into the kingdom of God and charges the poor, deluded fool the sum of 50 cents for her pass port into Glory. A number of them have been framed by a picture dealer and are prized by the holders more than the left hind foot of a grave yard rabbit.

Want Will of Baroness Set Aside. Norfolk, Va., April 17 .- The heirs of Baroness Mary E. Von Zollikoffer, who died in Rome, Italy, October 30, 1997, have instituted suit here to set aside the will of the baroness, posing of a large estate to friends in America and Europe, and establishing in her Norfolk residence the Mary Ludlow home for aged Virginia women which she liberally endows The grounds given are that the baroness "was of weakened and deranged

mind and utterly without testa-mentary capacity." Princess Fred-erica, of Hanover, is among the de-

endant legatees in the suit.

Daring Attempt to Hold Up Bank. ttempt, but an unsuccessful one, to hold up the American Savings Bank 13 by this morning's and two by and Trust Company at the point of a evening's trains. This will reach the revolver, was made by an unidentified market Monday 'morning and acman to-day. The would-be robber cording to drift of quotations should fired at Secretary Harry Welty and command \$2.50 to \$2 per basket. escaped. Arthur Drew, the paying there being 400 baskets to the car. teller, dodged behind the counter

when commanded to "come through with some money." Worseman Committed Suicide,

TO ENFORCE NEW LABOR LAWS. JULY WAS STRONG AT CLOSE.

State Commissioner Sends Out Warnings to Manufacturing Companies Against the Employment of Children Under the Legal Age-Have Evaded the Law by Entering Their Children as "Helpers"—Much Cotton Thrown on the Market During the Week-Insurance Companles Join in the Fight on the Great White Plague—Their -Co-Operation Expected to Result in Great Good.

Observer Bureau, 1230 Berkeley Building,

Columbia, S. C., April 17. Under the new labor laws of this State, Commissioner Watson is to-jay sending out warning to cotton mills and every other establishment employing women or children, which is designed not only to keep the children under the legal age from working in the mills or factories, but to keep them out of the establishments alto-

"Hereafter," he said, "it will not be well for the mills or other concerns Washington Star, and Oscar K. Davis, employing children to let the inspectors catch a child under the legal age in the club were received and inside of an establishment of the kind, confirmed, but not until the two even to bring a lunch. The oustom scared candidates had been subjected has prevailed at many points in the to a rigid cross-examination as to State to have children helpers-a child their opinions of those present and helps his mother, or older brother or sister, and his name does not appear on the pay roll-but when the the darts directed at himself and his facts are brought to light it is discovered that this child is running two sides in a mill, the brother or mother be stopped.'

A RUSH OF COTTON.

Great quantities of cotton have been called out all over the State this week by the advance in the price to 10 cents, although no such scenes said to have been witnessed throughout North Carolina Wednesday morning following the news Tuesday afternoon that the price had gone up to 10 cents, the telephone and telegraph ines spreading the glad tidings to all points of that State.

That there were great quantities tain, however, for although Columbia tle wagen cotton has appeared here, pin their faith to the Patten view. the Columbia banks have had evidence moved at a lively clip during the past May wheat," says The Tribune topleasing to all classes of business, and it is expected that as a result business ket experts estimate that the broker generally throughout the South will and his coterie have sold to the pubshow material improvement right lie 20,000,000 bushels of May wheat away in the matter of collections and at an average profit of 20 cents, givotherwise. The only sad feature about | ing them a profit of \$4,000,000 and bethe matter is that this rise did not sides this he has made a substantial come earlier when there was more profit on July wheat, to say nothing of cotton to be sold.

The State Farmers Union will hold mass meeting here on the 29th, out the business will be not so much concerning the present prices as it will have to do with methods for handling the new crop.

INSURANCE COMPANIES FIGHT-ING TUBERCULOSIS.

A very important ally to join the reat army fighting tuberculosis, and which is expected to greatly aid in turning some important engagements against this great scourge, is that of the great life insurance managements, which have begun to fight in earnest for business reasons, to protect their finances by keeping the death from climbing up.

A letter which Commissioner Mc Master received to-day from one home masked men, one of whom shot him office enclosing him a specimen circular on the treatment of tuberculosis which it is sending out to all its policyholders, is just a type of the literature Mr. McMaster's office has recently been receiving along this line. This letter says:

"Our idea is that by educating polmoney from the Bank of California Icyholders out of habits of life and the covered his book-keeper tied to a spread of the disease we may in time chair. On turning his head Thomp- effect a material reduction in the num-

The recent suggestion before the life insurance presidents' association of money entered, while the other made Dr. Burnside Foster that the insurance companies conduct a re-examina tion of policy-holders every five years for discovery of diseases in their incipieno» particularly tuberculosis that their progress might be arrested, has much interested insurance men, physicians and others here and else where throughout the State,

The results would be worth cost, according to Dr. Foster's belief, and a practical application of the culture Wilson's arraignment of the suggestion would, he said, bring about a revolution in the business of life insurance and confer an immense benefit to the world.

GIRLS WERE ENTRAPPED.

Elevator Boy Ran Car Through Smoke and Flames and Saved Many While Others Fled Through Fire Escapes.

New York, April 17 .- Fire in the Empire building at Broadway and Bleecker street to-day entrapped 150 girls working on one of the upper floors. All were rescued, however, the elevator boy in the building running the car repeatedly through smoke and flames and carrying 50 of the young women down, while the others fledown the fire escarag saching the street unharm-c. The fire was quickly extinguished and did little damage. Broadway was jammed by a dense crowd that saw the girls, whom Tony Sarino, the elevator boy, had rescued, surround and kiss and hug him for saving them.

The firemen believe that the fire was started by a lighted cigarette thrown into a box of feathers.

Record Shipment of Lettuce. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, April 17 .- A new high record in volume of lettuce shipments fro mthe Wilmington and Wrightsboro sections was made to-day when Seattle, Wash., April 17 .- A daring 15 solid car loads of the vegetable were forwarded to Northern Markets,

Receivers For Zinc Company. Iola, Kan., April 17,-Upon application of Alton B. Parker, acting on be-Horseman Committed Suicide. half of the Trust Company of Ameri-Los Angeles, Cal., April 17.—G. W. ca, trustees for the bondholders J. O. Poole, familiarly known as "Bishop," Rogers was to-day appointed receiver one of the best known horsemen in for the Lanyon Zinc Company, one committed suicide to-day by shooting the country, committed suicide at the of the largest smelting works in the

Patten Left the Market to Its Fate and the Patten Crowd Improved Considerably, May and July Options Advancing Over a Centcago Tribune Says Patten and His Crowd Have Cleaned Up Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 on May Wheat—Patten Pays His Respects to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Saying Latter's Estimate of Available Supplies Is a Joke.

Chicago, April 17 .- After a memorable speculative week the ticker's "good night" was received at noon today with a deep sigh of relief from board of trade men, not to mention an army of laymen drawn into the vortex of the wheat pit by the publicity given James A. Patten, the leader, and his following.

To-day Mr. Patten, personally, left the market to its fate, fate from the view which the Patten crowd improved considerably, as prices advanced over a cent in May and July options. Mr. Patten paid his respects to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, declaring that the latter's estimate of available supplies was a joke, and lectured reporters whom he alleges have been more entertaining than accurate in their stories.

As to talk of removing the tariff on wheat as a slap at manipulators, Mr. Patten was for it. "I am in favor of removing it right now, because we Will have to do it inside of ten years at any rate. It wouldn't affect the or sister getting the pay. This will price of wheat a penny, for the markets of the world are on a parity right now.

July, which went to 1143-8 under tremendous pressure on Thursday, closed to-day within a shade of the best price of the week at 118 3-8.

Whether this price is too high or were witnessed over the State as is too low cannot of course be known until the time for delivery on contracts. Both Secretary Wilson and Mr. Patten have remarked that "time will tell" and "time" in the present instance means two months and a half from the present. That the fight between opposing interests will be one of the most exciting in the history of cotton thrown upon the market at the board of trade, no one doubts. In these who believe in the accuracy of is a poor cotton market and very lit- the government reports and those who

"The Patten pool has cleaned up The situation is particularly day. "Of that amount 'Jim' Patten has pocketed fully two-thirds. Marthe September and December options which he has scalped in the market for a profit of from 2 to 5 cents, making his total winnings not much under \$5,000,040."

CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

J. L. Fox Convicted of Murder of the testimony offered by the State.

Special to The Observer. Wadesboro, April 17 .- J. L. Fox, charged with the murder of Stephen slaughter by the Superior Court jury of absent witnesses, and by this morning. Judge Biggs sentenced When the sentence was pronounced the defendant broke down the court house and was almost pros-

trated with grief. Watson was shot to death in a wareroom connected with the store of W. N. Pinkston on the night of February 18. Fox had been seen to enter the room a few minutes before the shots were fired. The trial occupied three days and the defendant did not introduce any evidence. The jury reduced the charge to manslaughter

after being out all night. Attorneys for Fox will appeal. has not been given. Fox formerly resided in Newton.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

the Day Briefly Summarized.

The More Important Happenings

Washington, April 17.-Another of the notable gridiron jollifications with President Taft a star guest; the opening of Washington's new Potomac drive, under White House auspices, which brought out a great concourse on the river front; Secretary of Agriwheat corner in Chicago; preliminary campaign for the Daughters of the American Revolution convention next week, and a formidable repudiation of published allegations affecting the personnel of the national bureau of engraving and printing were among the happenings at the national capi-

tal to-day. President Taft has planned a trip across the country during the late summer and early autumn, visiting Alaska and also the South. event Congress appropriates the necessary traveling expenses.

Marion's New Mill Marion, April 11 .- The stockholdweek and elected directors and will be let on the 1st of May, and work will commence on or before the 15th of May. 'It is expected that the mill will be completed and in operation by the 1st of September. With cheaper fuel than any cotton mill in the State, being located near the junction of two great trunk lines, with an abundance of robust help, it is predicted that this mill will be a success from the beginning.

Demurrer Sustained in Naval Stores Case.

Savannah. Ga., April 17 .- Judge Sheppard, in the United States Court to-day sustained the demurrer of the American Naval Stores Company in the so-called turpentine trust case on one count and overruled it on two others. This will result in the case being tried on its merits. The trial will begin on Monday next.

Suicided in Paris,

Paris, April 17 .- William E. Bainbridge, special agent of the United States Treasury Department, who has was temporarily insane.

VERDICT IS SIMPLE ASSAULT. York County Citizen, Charged With Criminal Assault Upon Mrs. Nannie Holman, is Found Guilty of Sim-ple Assault—Maximum Pennity For the Offense is a Fine of \$100 or 30

Days on the Roads, the Same as Imposed by the Rock Hill Record-er—Jury Had Remained Out All Night and the Verdict is Believed to Be a Compromise Jury Stood Eight to Four For Conviction on First Ballot — Solicitor Henry's Speech Able and Eloquent.

Special to The Observer. Yorkville, S. C., April 17 .- The jury in the trial of the case of Marshall Steele charged with criminal assault upon Mrs. Nannie Holman at Rock Hill on the night of February 6 of this year, was given the case, as stated in The Observer of this morning, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, reported its verdict this morning at 7 o'clock, the conclusion being that Steele was guilty of a simple assault. Under the laws of this State the maximum penalty for the offense of which the jury pronounced him guilty is \$100 or 30 days on the chaingang,

him under a charge connected with the occurrence the following day. Many persons who heard the testimony as brought out on the witness stand and also Judge Klugh's charge to the jury, freely expressed the opinion that the verdict would be either guilty as charged or a mistrial, the majority holding to the latter opinion.

which is identically the same penalty

imposed on Steele by Recorder Craig, of Rock Hill, at the time he tried

VERDICT A COMPROMISE?

The verdict has been the talk of the

town to-day, and while many are out-spoken in their denunciation of the jury, others contend that there is every reason to believe that it was the result of a compromise on the part of those who felt that the testimony and law warranted a verdict for the offense as charged, with those who favored an outright acquittal. It is said that after going into its room and the first ballot being taken, the jury stood eight for conviction as charged to four for acquittal. Later various parts of the State is quite cer- the aggregate it will be waged between it stood three for conviction as charged, five for assault of a high and aggravated nature and the same four for acquittal. Subsequently all agreed to a verdict of guilty of an assault of from all parts of the State that cotton between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000.000 on a high and aggravating nature, but before irrevocably committing themselves one or more of the "not guilty" quartette insisted that the court be asked to expound the law as to the maximum sentence that could be imposed, and when informed that a sentence of as long as ten years in the penitentiary could be imposed on one convicted of an assault of a high and aggravated nature, the four who originally stood for "not guilty" their first position, and it was only possible, it is claimed, to have prevented a mistrial by the majority agreeing to a verdiet of simple as-saus.

The story of the affair as published in The Observer of the 16th was con-Stephen Watson and Sentenced to Twelve Years in the State Prison—nesses, on the stand in reply and the character of the plaintiff was not attacked either by implication or oth-

erwise. The defense made strenuous efforts Watson, was found guilty of man- to secure a continuance on the ground means; but Solicitor Henry. him to the penitentlary for twelve convinced of the gravity of the case and of its tremendous importance was not to be moved by any kind of and wept bitterly. His wife was in an appeal, and determinedly pressed the court house and was almost prosthe greatest vigor. All of the jurors were put on their voir dire, and the defense exhausted its full ten challenges and the State its five before the panel of twelve jurors was se-

cured. SOLICITOR'S ABLE PLEA.

Solicitor Henry's speech to the jury was characterized by burning quence and terrible earnestness. viewing the testimony detailing the circumstance of a virtuous woman was allowed in the sum of \$2,500, but coming into a strange town for a happy meeting with her husband, and falling into such treatment, he said and I tell you, gentlemen, if ye be men it is time that such things must stop. Has it come to the point where a lady can be deceived from the protecting roof of a relative and assault ed by such characters as this and nothing be done about it?

"What was that man's motive?" he asked. "What did he send that hack o that house for? and with this thing going on," he continued, "what is to become of the safety of your wives and my wife, of your daughters and mine?" Here Mr. Henry Here Mr. Henry's voice quavered and broke, and in his eyes there was more than a strong suspicion of tears.

AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

Mr. Griffin Describes His Thriffing Drop Through Deep River Bridge. Special to The Observer.

Pittsboro, April 17.-In an interlew with Mr. Griffin, the rural free delivery man who had such a narrow escape from death yesterday, he says he had no warning whatever of the giving swar of the approach to the screen and he only remembers him sudden drop and for one-half hour he ers of the Marion Manufacturing was unconscious. When he revived his buggy was suspended in the air of- and his horse evenly balanced in midficers. The capital steck is \$300 000, air on a sleeper. Mr. Griffin says he Contracts for erecting the buildings cut the horse toose and he dropped several feet into the water. horse les since died of his injuries. The top of the bugy was all that saved Mr. Griffin, a piece of timber crushing the top, going through and cutting a large hole in his stiff hat. The physician who made an examination says that not a scratch can be found on Mr. Griffin, though he is suffering right much with his head

> driver was not killed outright. Prizes For Best Yields of Corn and Potatoes.

and chest. This is considered a most

remarkable accident in that the

Special to The Observer Marion, April 17 .- The Manufacturers' Club, ever alert to any and everything to advance the interests of Marion and McDowell county, has offered substantial premiums to the farmers for the most corn an dpotatoes produced this season upon an acre of land. A number have signified their intention to compete for these prizes. It is believed that this will greatly stimulate the farming inpreciated by the corn and potato raisers, and result in greatly increased

crops.