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# LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1912.

#### TEACHERS AND COMMITTEEMEN MEET.

# LUMBER RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Joint Meeting Held Here Saturday for Discussion of School Problems -Meeting Well Attended and Much Interest Manifested-Subjects Discussed.

County school teachers and committeemen held a joint meeting in the court room at the court house here Saturday for the purpose of discussing school problems. About 135 teachers and 50 committeemen attended and the discussions were profitable and helpful.

County Superintendent J. R. Poole called the meeting to order at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of. Chestnut Street Methodist church, led in praye., after which all joined in singing "Carolina," Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper leading.

Supt. Poole stated that school reports so far received were most encouraging, the enrollment and average attendance being better than ever before for the time of year. He announced the following topics for discussing:

1. What definite qualifications and what definite things have you a right, as a school committeemen, to expect of the teacher in your district this session?

2. Along what definite lines has the teacher in your district a right to exyour active co-operation as a pect school committeemen.

3. What definite benefits have been cained for the children of your disunet, as well as the Jonur Mit, \* 2 large, through the voting of local tax ?

4. What definite benefits have been gained for the children of your district, as well as the community at large, through the consolidation of the small one-teacher schools into a school with two or more teachers?

5. Along what definite lines can you, as a school committeeman, labor to improve the educational opportunitics and advantages of the children of your district, as well as your county at large?

These subjects were discussed by Committeemen J. E. Carlyle, of dis trict No. 1, Raft Swamp, and Jno W. Gaddy, of district No. 4, Thompson's; L. C. Brogden of Raleigh, State su-pervisor of rural and elementary schools; R. H. Pope, principal of the Parkton graded school; M. Shepkerd, principal of the Orrum high school; D. F. Giles of Marion, formerly superintendent of McDowell county schools, now representing Rand, Mc-Nally & Co.; Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school; J. E. Dowd, principal of Red Springs

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Major Howell, a War Department Engineer, Visits Lumberton to Secure Data-Will Report on Advisability of Making Lumber River Navigable.

Major G. P. Howell, in charge of a corps of engineers of the War Dewith headquarters at partment. Charleston, S. C., spent last Thursday in Lumberton, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, getting information upon which to base a report upon the proposed improvement of Lumber river. At the last session of Congress, it will be recalled, Senator Simmons and Congressman Godwin secured an appropriation of \$5,-000 for a survey of Lumber river from its mouth to the Turnpike bridge in Scotland county, this survey being for the purpose of determining the feasibility of the Government's undertaking to straighten and deepen the channel of the river in order to make it navigable.

In order to give the people chance to express their interest in this matter and to give Major Howell the information he desired, President R. D. Caldwell, of the Industrial and Commercial Club, invited all who were interested to meet Major Howell in the club rooms Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. About 60 business and professional men manifested interest in this most important matter by being present, and the meeting was an interesting

one. stances which had come under his observation, in Florida and in Scotland especially, where apparently insignificant streams, not so large as Lumber river, had been made navigable and were now important factors in transportation, and expressed the conviction that Lumber river could be made navigable at no greater cost than had been incurred in making many other streams navigable and that the results would make the work well worth while.

Mr. Caldwell and others informed Major Howell that it might be expected that the river would be used largely in transporting lumber, fertilizers and cotton and he seemed favorably impressed with the representations made, so that it may fairly be expected that he will make a favorable report to the Govern-ment. Whether or not an additional appropriation will be made to follow up the survey will depend upon Major Howell's report.

Postoffice Application Bill Reported

NEW PARCELS POST RULES. MT. ELIAM MATTERS. New System Will Go Into Operation

January 1st-What the Regulations Provide.

Washington Dispatch, 12th.

Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation January 1, next, were made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock today. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffce, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice to have the mails moved with the usual dispatch, and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes as well W. McLean presided, in assuming where there is delivery by carrier. exthose living in cities and towns Where there is at present no delivery by carrier the parcels will go to the postoffices as is the case with ordinary mail.

> The postage rate for the zone, that is, within distance not exceeding 50 miles, will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided. The maximum rate being 12 cents pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

> For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed \$50 will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmast- it was inside of a couple of tiny a set of stamps of 12 denominations. Parcel post maps with accompanying guides are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cnts, through the chief clerk of the Postoffice Depart-

Train Kills Several Cows-Making

Invalid Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton Passed Away Suddenly Saturday Night-Funeral This Morning-A Brilliant Young Lady Who Had Been a Sufferer for Years.

CLARE TOWNSEND.

DEATH OF MISS

Miss Clare Townsend died Saturday evening about 9:30 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and streets. She had practically been an invalid for about nine years, though death was sudden and came as a great shock. For the greater part of

ferer, she was able to be up, going in dition was thought to have been better than usual Friday and Saturday. Her desire for food was better and Saturday she ate three hearty meals, eating a quail for breakfast and another for dinner. She cleaned up her own room Saturday morning and had thrown a little coal on the fire only a short time before she died. She was sitting in a chair when she died and was talking to her sister, Miss Vivian Townsend, when she dropped her head in her hands and seemed to be threatened with a nervous spell, which she often had; then she threw her head back on her chair, drawing pany. We have been requested to say that here will be a box supper at the only a few minutes before stepped out of the room, ran in and called a physician, and Dr. T. C. Johnson, the family physician, was there in less than ten minutes after the call but it was too late.

The funeral was conducted from the home this morning at 11 o'cloc! by Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The pail bearers were: Messrs. J. Dixon McLean, John D. McMillan, Howard Morrison, Elwood Whaley, Ed G. Fancke and S. F. Caldwell.

As a mark of respect for the fam As a mark of respect to the school was ily, work at the graded school Mr. suspended during the funeral. Townsend is a member of the board of trustees. The funeral was attended by a large crowd and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Among the many from out of town who attended the funeral were Miss Canal wil be a small affair compared

WHOLE NO. 2820

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

-Cotton today, 12% cents.

-Rev. T. P. Noe, an Episcopal minister of Wilmington, will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock

-The article about Red Cross Christmas Seals, published elsewhere in this paper, was crowded out of Thursday's paper and since it was put in type the seals have arrived and are being sold rapidly.

- Rev. Frank Gorrell, of Deerfield, Va., preached at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning and evening. He arrived Saturday and will leave tomorrow. Mr. Gorrell preached two able sermons.

-Glennwood school, near Moss Neck, Prof. H. L. Edens teacher, will have a box supper and Christmas tree Tuesday evening of next week-Christmas Eve-at 7:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the school. The public is invited.

-Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins left Saturday for Charlotte, where they will make their home. Mr. Collins, who had been engaged in the lumber business here for several months representing several Southern mills, has purchased half interest in the Carolina Lumber Co. of Charlotte, wholesale dealers and manufacturers, and goes to Charlotte to take charge of the business as vice president and general manager. Mr. Jas. A. Fore is his partner in the business and is president and treasurer of the com-2008-31 12102

Why Knock One's Own Town?

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

As an officer of the Industral and Commercial Club of Lumberton, I feel called upon to say something of a paragraph in "Happenings from Lumerton," in yetserday's Wilmington Star. We have noticed how this column contains, weekly, knocks on the town, two of which appear in this is-

This writer is one of the best friends the editor of this column has and makes these statements, not that he loves the editor less but that he oves his town more.

The paragraph is this:

"Major Howell, of the corps of engineers, addressed a meeting of citizens here Thursday on the question of the Government improving Lumber river. None living here now will see that job completed. The Panama M. J. Lebby of Charlotte, who was with making Lumber river a navigable stream. The first boat from Georgetown we hear is to be called the 'Hardy Bell.' Wait for the whistle to blow before you start down to see the boat coming in." Now, do you think that if fifty or more of the hest citizens of the town would leave their places of business at 11 o'clock in the day on a busy fall day and attend a meeting in the interest of this project after a bill has been passed by our representatives appropriating \$5,000 for the investigation and an officer from the government sent from Washington, do you think this is a matter to be hooted at in the columns of a State paper by one of our very own cit-Izens? Major Howell, after making his investigation and after the river had been surveyed from Lumberton to Georgetown by the Government, made the statement to this writer for battleships and ocean liners but appendicitis, which was successful, for boats of ample size to supply our but didn't relieve the nerve trouble. demands. Now we think, whether Lumber river is ever made navigable or not, er, for goodness sake, "lay low" and We certainly hope the major, who avored instrument. Deceased is survived by her par-is to report the project to the Gov-ernment, did not see Sunday's Star. WOODBERRY LENNON, Secy. and Treas. I. & C. C.

Ready for Another Crop-County Farmers' Union Meeting Thurs-

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mt. Eliam, Dec. 16 .- Myself and Mr. Frank Gough spent yesterday on

the "Mount." This was our first trip there in three weeks, a long time to stay away from the best place of allhome. We found a good number at Sunday school. They were delight- Mrs. C. B. Townsend, Ninth and Elm ed to have Mr. Gough with them. He taught the lesson to the whole school in a very easy-understanding

way. Saturday Mr.Orion Martin's mule ran away and hurt him to some ex- the 9 years that she had been a suftent, not serious.

Friday night the train killed all the cows Mr. Redden Phillips had, ex- and about the house as she pleased, familiarize themselves and their cep one-five in number-and knock- though she was never well. Her coned the horn off the only one left. So it must have been a miraculous es-cape for her. That is a big thing, the

way cows sell these times. Saturday Wilton, small son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Britt, was cut very painfully with an axe which was in the hands of another child. The

wound is not very serious. The school is coming on fine. Rev. M. A. Stephens, our popular

pastor, will fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday next. Saturday at 2 p. m., Sunday at 11 a. m., Sunday school at 10.

The farmers are making ready for another crop, much sign of ditching, dicking and clerainmup being visi

there will be a box supper at the school house in district No. 4, Wishart's township, Friday night of this week. The public is invited. The proceeds will be used for the benefit

the school. We were pleased to have with us yesterday Revs. S. L. Purvis and Luther Smith of Columbus county.

Don't forget the county meeting of the Farmers' Union which will be held in the court house here next Thursday of this week. It is very important that we have a large attend-ance. HAPPY JACK.

A Good Play Rendered Under Trying Circumstances-A Cold, Cold Time.

"The Rosary" was presented at the opera house Friday evening under circumstances most trying to actors and audience. If there was a spot in the house that was not icy cold

ers for use in the palcel post system stoves with which the owners of the opera house were experimenting. These stoves did their possible. no doubt, but they were up against a Presbyterian hospital at Charlotte task impossible for them; for heating that place is a job for several full grown stoves and these little stoves are built for lesser tasks. S. C. Oh, but it was cold! Br-r-r-!! It is a wonder the actors did not | some nerve diso der, which seemed flatly refuse to go ahead with the to have been unknown to medical play, but as they did not it is a lot science. During her illness she was to say for them and the play that treated by several specialists and the audience stayed it out. What was all the time under the treatment that bunch of players do under favorable circumstances is merely conject- | er part of all the years that she had ure with this reporter, but he knows that here they certainly put it across in great shape when they were bound to have been chilled to the bone; and that they were game to time she was not thought to be stick it through is all to their credit. seriously hurt, she was never well Yes, it was a good play. The first act was disappointing, mainly because, perhaps, the actors had not gotten over the first shock of bracing the cold, but after that they froze to their work-which is the same as saying they "warmed" to it, only it would be ridiculous to speak of any one "warming" to anything there and then- and it was all right. It is most unfortunate that the opera house was so cold on this occasion, for those actors will never forget or cease to "cuss" Lumberton's opera house till their latest breaththey'll tell their children's children about one cold night in Lumberton in December; and, worse luck, they'll make other good companies shy about coming here-but one cold snap does not make a winter and the very fact that the house was so cold Friday night makes it all the more probable that it will be warm and comfortable when the next play comes to town. At any rate it is to be hoped so.

Space will not permit a report in detail of the excellent ideas advanced by the different speakers. Mr. Brogden spoke more at length than others, discussing especially the following qualifications which a committeeman should expect of a teacher: Honesty, sincerity and morality; cheerfulness of disposition; neatness; knowledge of subjects to be taught; use of most improved methods, such as reading courses, and subscription to journals of education; registers neatly and correctly kept; attendance upon and help in Sunday school work. He also touched upon what might be expected of a committeeman. Supt. Sentelle said he was glad that subject was on the programme for discussion, for it was important. Some of the things that teachers ought to expect of committeemen, as brought out by the speakers, were: Co-operation in securing attendance; keeping building in repair and looking after wood and other supplies; visits to the school once a month and spending at least 25 or 30 minutes in the school room.

Mr. Gaddy told how they went about getting special tax in his district-No. 4. Thompson's-and the good that has resulted. Before special tax was voted people moved out of the district because they could not have a good school, whereas now they have an up-to-date school building and a term of 7 or 8 months. Prof. Shepherd bore pretty much the same testimony as to conditions before and after at Orrum and declared that the special tax, instead of being a burden, is a paying investment.

Prof Dowd brought out the fact that a word of encouragement from the committeemen helps the teachers in their work.

One important point brought out by Mr. Brogden was consolidation of small one-teacher schools into schools with two or more teachers. He recommended this as the last solution of the small rural school problem.

o'clock p.m . It proved helpful to both teachers and committeemen and is expected to result in much good.

#### Public Debate Tomorrow Evening by Graded School Boys.

There will be a public debute in the graded school auditorium tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, by members of the Boys' Athletic and Literary Society. The question for debate is, "Resolved that we should have a compulsory system of education in North Carolina." Knox Proctor, Ertel Carlyle and Herbert Kornegay will argue the affirmative; John Warwick, Lass S. by Last John Proctor will do and the negative, ----This will be the first public debate attempted by the boys of the graded The public is not only invited to this debate, but they are urged to come and show an interest in- this great work of development in which the boys are engaged.

"I have been somewhat costice, but Doan's Regulate give just the result desire. They act mildly and date the bowels perfectly."-fiest B. Erause, Alteona, Pa.

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to the House. Washington Dispatch, 12th.

The postoffice appropriation bill, avgregating \$278,489,781, including \$750,000 for parcels post equipment and \$25,000 for the Parcels Post Commission, was reported to the House today. The total is a decrease of \$3;301,727 from last year's estimates.

The Postoffice Department submitted increased estimates, partly attributed to the expenses of the parcels post and to the postal savings bank. The estimate was reduced by the commmittee on the ground that the estimates as to these projects are largely speculative at this time. Despite the Postmaster General's report of a small surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, the Postoffice the North Carolina Agricultural So-Committee reported that there was a of a surplus of \$219,000 for that year. terson, John Leach, J. T. Poole, Dr. J. Similarly, according to the committee, the accounts chargeable to this year may make a change in the Postmaster General's audited deficit of \$1,785,523 for the fiscal year 1912.

#### Bladen Union Items.

Fayetteville, R. F. D. 8, Dec. 11 .-Looks like we are going to have some more snow.

Mr. Z. V. Tolar and wife and little daugher Myrtle Lucas, passed Tobermory this morning en route Dunnelon, Fla. They expect to be gone one month. Mr. Tolar is the rural mail carrier from Tar Heel and it is said one of the best in the State. He has been serving now on this route for about 8 years and has given entire satisfaction. His health is somewhat impaired and he hopes by taking a month rest to be restored to his wonted state of health agnin. The meeting adjourned about 2:30 Augustine, Jacksonville and others ber of persons from Stanly and Roware on his programme. He will visit n's sister Mrs. Maxie Gillis, while in Florida, an aunt, Mrs. J. M. Tolar, at Sanford, an uncle. Matt Tolar, of Valdosta, Ga., and perhaps a cousin ir two in Florida and Georgia. His riends here where he spent his boy-

to the Old North State.

s quite sick at this writing .- Mr. A. Cain is on the sick list. I am so glad Aunt Becky has come

back to The Robesonian again. I did enjoy her letters so much. Her tele of writing carries us back to weeks. ante-bellum days. May she live and write oftener than ever to The Robeint, one of the best newspapers in this part of the South.

UNCLE SANDY.

#### Ambassador Whitelaw Reid Dies in London.

London Dispatch, 15th.

bassador to Great Britian since 1905. died at his London residence, Dor-chester Ho. . Shordy after moon today from pulmonary oedema. The end was quite reacted. Mes Mobert Ward, were at the bookies. at Underwood unnecessary.

# Funeral of Col. E. F. McRa ..

Maxton Special, 12th, to Wilmington Star.

ment.

At 11 o'clock today from the home of R. M. Williams was borne the body of Col. E. F. McRae to the Presbvteran church, where the funeral servce was conducted by Dr. H. G. Hill, who took for his theme "The Time is Short." The active pall-bearers were T. O. Evans, A. J. Mc-Kinnon, J. W. Carter, A. M. Mc-Nair, W. J. Currie, L. L. McGirt. Honorary, Maj. Lee O. Hart, representing ciety; S. B. McLean, J. P. Wiggins, J. deficiency of about \$260,000 instead C. Everett, A. H. Currie, D. A. Pat-D. Croom, Sr., Mayor McKay Mc-Kinnon, A. C. McKinnon.

A special choir sang "Abide With Me," and "Jesus is Mine," at the church and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Jusus Savious Pilot Me" at the grave. Floral decorations were numerous and handsome. The North Carolina Agricultural Society, Bank of Maxton, Sunday school class, Merry-Go-Rounds sents wreaths. The body was intered at Eastside cemetery.

## A Quick Action Development Start-

ed Up Hoke County Way. Southern Pines Dispatch, 10th.

A quick-action development has started on another 2000-acre tract-of land just across the Hoke county line from Southern Pines. Dr. A. C Bethune of Aberdeen has sold the He expects to visit several Byrd tract of 2,000 acres on Rockold historic towns in the South-St fish creek for division among a numan counties, and some of the buyers are moving in and beginning clearing operations.

The Pickle brothers, Knooce, Surratt and others are among the newcomers, and it is stated that 10 famibood days on the farm will be glad lies will be on the new lands by when the time comes for his return spring. This tract adjoins the 1,-Little Miss Hazel Rebecca Ward C. Witherspoon, who has also bought 2000 acres further over toward Montrose, which brings the total sale in the one vicinity up to the neighborhood of 4,000 acres in a couple of

#### Underwoods, Bladen County, Does Not Get a Station.

A Raleigh dispatch of the 13th reads as follows: The Corporation Commission has made an order turning down the petition of J. T. Underwood and others for the Virginia, the First Baptist church of Wilming-Whitelaw Reid, the American Am- Carolina & Southern Railroad Co. to provide a station at Underwoods in Bladen county. This action is on the ground that the railroad company is already maintaining stations and ishin sufficient distance on center conductive of North Cirolin.

## Marietta High School Entertainment.

At Marietta high school- Prof. W. Tom Jenrette, principal; Miss I. Mc-Nair Wicker, primary; Miss Pansy V. Bowles, piano-Friday evening of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the following programme will be rendered:

Chorus-School.

2. Duet-"Entry of Gladiators," (Scharwenka)-Misses Nellie Temple and Alyce Page.

Song—"See-Saw."
Drill—"Blue and the Gray."

Vocal Duet-"In the Starlight" William Glover)-Misses Lula and Anna Page.

6. "Brownie Wedding." Christmas Star Drill.

8. Inst. Duet-"The Grand Galop de Concert" (W. Ganz)-Misses

Theda Nance and Anne Page. 9. Play-"Vera's Vacation." 10. Pantomime-"Nearer My God to

Thee"-Twelve young ladies.

Col. Wm. J. Bryan will deliver his lecture on "The Making of a Man" at the academy of music in Wilmington this evening under the auspices of the business men's Bible class of ton.

Gov. Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, Vice President-elect, will deliver the principal address at the fficient distance on either commencement exercises of the Uniplace the first week is June.

Townsend's nurse while in the some years ago; Dr. J. R. Rogers of Dillon, S. C., and Mrs. S. C. McMillan and Miss Julia Rogers, of Latta,

Miss Townsend was affected with of some physician; and for the greatbeen a sufferer was under the care of a trained nurse. While at college she wrenched her back in trying to raise a window, and though at the afterwards, having to come home shortly after the accident on account of her health. A month or so later she re-entered college, but was able to stay only about four or five that Lumber river was clearly a nav-weeks; and about a year from this igable stream, not suitable of course time she underwent an operation for

Intellectually Miss Townsend was unusually bright. She entered Elizabeth College, Charlotte, when she was but thirteen years old, entering the sophomore class. She left col-lege in January of 1904, when she lege in January of 1904, when she would have graduated in June. Her the citizens, if they can't boost record as a student was excellent. She don't knock, but like the ancient record as a student was excellent. She don't knock, but like the ancient was especially gifted in art and in bear story, if you can't help the hunther room are several beautiful paintings that she did. She was also tal- don't help the bear. ented in music, the violin being her favored instrument.

ents and two sisters-Mrs. O. C. Spaulding of Maxton and Miss Vivian.

#### Tar Heel Topics.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tar Heel, Dec. 15 .- Prof. A. N. Collum and daughter Mila Florence of Fayetteville, week.

On next Sunday morning there will be a Sunday school mass meeting. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock they places.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Tolar and little daughter expect to leave tomorrow for Florada, where they will shot and seriously wounded by Chief spend several weeks.

## BLUE EYES.

was unseated by the House of Con- mistool, the other for the negro, both gress Thursday by the passage, 15% Selig member of a porse in search of to 118, of a re-olution declaring that nim, and began firing on each other. corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910. At the same Women in shih delphia have organtime the house refused, 181 to 88, to ized a close of leggee and are seat George R. McLean, his Demo- wagen, a conclusion to reduce the craffe opponent. It was charged on high cost of this good, the first day the floor that he had been guilty of of their company, the sich inst, they the same practices as were alleged sold in Philadel; his 150,000 dozen grinst Bowman. The seat from the engening in the down and declard wenth district will be vacant until that the campaign would be waged March 4, when it will be filled , by until the retail desires who have lota J. Casey, a Democrat elected theory intelling chicks with third Savember.

#### More Bibles Ordered.

The Robesonian has had an astonishing demand for the Bibles it is advertising for 95 cents-a really surprising value for the money-and ent. A large supply was ordered are ent. teaching singing school here this last weak and should be here some time this week, when it will be possible to fill all orders. Those who have sent in orders by mail will receive Bibles as soon as this new shipwill sing at Zion Tabernacle. We went comes in Any others who desire Bioles would better send in orhope for a large crowd at both der- at since in order to insure prompt delivery.

Irvin T. Jones of Aiken, S. C., was of Folice Howard of the same town Thur day night in a chase after Harris Miller, a negro charged with Representative Charles C. Bowman, killing Eleadord Courtney, a well-of the eleventh Pennsylvania d'strict, acov. farmer. Elech of the men

econ augne a distough Resses.