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GIVING THE CASE AWAY.

That was a remarkable speech of Senator Foraker, Wednesday, in opposition to the resolution of Senator Vest declaring that we had no constitutional right to acquire the Philippine islands with a view to permanent occupation and control as dependencies, and in answer to the speech of Senator Hoar in support of that resolution.

The contention of those who agree with Senators Vest and Hoar is that "the consent of the governed" is a basic principle of this Government and that without ignoring this principle we cannot acquire territory and deny to the people occupying such territory the rights and privileges accorded to citizens of the respective States and territories within our jurisdiction. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, and Senator Foraker combat this contention and insist that as this is a "nation" it can do anything that any other nation can do, regardless of the Constitution or of the Declaration of Independence or of anything else save the power to do.

But leaving the question of constitutional construction out of consideration as not absolutely material in this case, if it be not the intention to hold the islands, Mr. Foraker gave the whole case away when he declared that he did not believe it was the intention of this Government or of the President or of any Senator to take permanent possession of those islands (although contending that we have the right to do so), but to hold them only so long as it may be necessary to establish stable Governments (as in the case of Cuba) and then recognize their independence and turn the Government over to the people of the islands. Mr. Foraker does not profess to speak by authority, although he reiterated that statement with deliberation and emphasis, but the presumption is that he is in this declaration the spokesman of the administration.

If he speak by authority, and if this be the course the "expansionists" intend to pursue, then they are talking expansion for nothing, for there is to be no expansion, and that much talk for nothing is to be pulled down in a twinkling the interrogations as to "who would pull it down?" If this be the intention then there has been much ado about nothing, and they have simply provoked a fight against something they profess not intending to do, when the fight would not have been made if they had declared that intention in the beginning. No one has offered any objection to temporary occupation of the Philippines any more than they have against the temporary occupation of Cuba or Porto Rico, the demand simply being that we deal with the people of those islands candidly, honestly and keep the pledges made to the world and to them, as we are bound to do in good faith and with due regard to our national honor. If this declaration had been candidly made and the position of this Government fully understood, there would have been no expansion talk, no protesting against the colonial idea, no ground for any contention at all, for the "anti-expansionists" in this country would be satisfied and so would the Filipinos.

Enumerating the various kinds of women clubs there are in this country, the *Atholion*, *Kansas*, *Globe* in a matter of fact remarks that what should be cultivated is cooking clubs. The editor must either be a confirmed dyspeptic or a hopeless old bachelor, when he blurts out that "American women should be ashamed of themselves," because good cooks are so scarce, "although no country in the world has so much to cook." Of course no married editor would dare to write that way.

A New York dry goods man who went into bankruptcy recently, showed up with 10,000 creditors and total assets of \$200, the value of his clothing.

It is said there have been three Thomas B. Reeds in Congress, but only one Czar. His shadow has entirely obscured the others.

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THE STAR IN THE CAMPAIGN--WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The recent election in the Sixth Congressional District, reaching the proportions of a political revolution, was so remarkable in its results as to attract widespread attention.

In 1896 the District gave Martin (Fusionist) for Congress, an apparent majority of 4,816; but if we add to this 190 votes cast for him, but thrown out on a technicality, the real majority to be overcome was 5,006.

The counties composing the Sixth District sent to the Legislature fourteen Representatives and six Senators, if we include the small county of Montgomery in one of the Senatorial Districts. In 1896, of these twenty members of the Legislature the Democrats had only two—one Representative from Fender and one from Anson.

When was the result in November 1898? Bellamy (Democrat) carried the District by a majority of 5,838, showing a Democratic gain of 10,859. This was a remarkable result. But no less remarkable was the election of every one of the twenty Democratic candidates for the Legislature, six Senators and fourteen Representatives.

Very early in the campaign it was realized that in order to carry the District there must be large accessions to the Democratic ranks from the Populists, of whom there were 1,300 or more in the county of Robeson alone, and more than 5,000 in the District. So, it was decided to supplement the ordinary methods with an educational feature. As its reputation for conservatism, its unimpeachable record on the silver question, and its loyal support of the whole Bryan electoral ticket (made up of Democrats and Populists) in 1896, from the day it was nominated to the day it was elected, led to the conclusion that the STAR would be more influential with Populists than any other leading paper in the District. It was then determined to send the WEEKLY STAR (which is a reprint of the best reading matter of the *Daily*) to every Populist in the District whose name and postoffice address could be ascertained. Every precinct was canvassed and the result was a list of 2,800 Populists (including 200 Croats), to whom the STAR was mailed for an average period of three months. The list for Robeson county embraced 850 names.

Fully realizing that the STAR was only one of many factors that brought about the wonderful victory in the Sixth District, we yet had a desire to know what influence had been wielded by the educational feature of the campaign, as represented by 2,800 copies of the STAR placed in the hands of Populists.

We therefore addressed a circular letter to a number of leading Democrats of the District (most of them Precinct Chairmen) asking of them a "candid" expression of opinion on this point. This letter was not sent out until a month after the election, when the excitement incident to the campaign and the victory had subsided, and when every one addressed could give an opinion characterized by coolness and deliberation. The circular letter is as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MORNING STAR, WILMINGTON, N. C., December 10th, 1898.
DEAR SIR:—During the last three months of the recent campaign we mailed 2,800 copies of THE WEEKLY STAR to Populists in the Sixth Congressional District, free of charge to them—all to individual addresses. Many of these papers went to Populists in your neighborhood. I write, therefore, to ask you to give me your candid opinion as to the influence exerted by the STAR in bringing these Populists over to the Democratic party in its struggle for white rule and good government.

As we selected every number of both Houses of the Legislature in the Sixth District, and gave Bellamy a majority of 5,838, it is a self-evident proposition that several thousand Populists voted the Democratic ticket. Just what influence this STAR had in helping to win this great victory is what I wish to ascertain.

Yours, very truly,
WM. H. BERNARD.

The replies to this circular letter were numerous, and all highly complimentary to the work of the STAR; but we print only enough of them, in whole or in part, to show their general tenor:

DR. EUGENE HOLMES, Lumberton, Robeson Co.: "The STAR did not work in the last campaign, but the people are profoundly grateful."

L. SHAW, St. Paul's, Robeson Co.: "I believe there were great many Populists brought back to the Democratic party by reading THE MORNING STAR."

H. W. WILLIAMS, Clarendon, Columbus Co.: "I think it was the influence of the STAR that brought 75 per cent. of the Populists back to the Democratic fold in this section."

J. W. CLARK, Marion, Robeson Co.: "I have said several times of late, and now I say it again, that I believe the STAR did more to reconvert the Populists than any other paper in it."

A. L. SHAW, Lumberton, Robeson Co.: "I believe at least 25 Populists voted the Democratic ticket throughout this township alone, through the influence of the STAR." (A Democratic gain of 60.)

JOHN P. LITTLE, Jr., Little's Mills, Richmond Co.: "I can safely state it as my opinion that the STAR was a great power in our section in bringing about our splendid victory at the recent election."

H. CLAY WALL, Representative from Richmond county, Rockingham: "I recognize no newspaper as having contributed more to our success in the late election, especially in its work on the Populist side, than did THE WILMINGTON STAR."

J. F. STANLEY, Alton, Robeson Co.: "I cannot say how much good the STAR did. It is considered the extra weekly extra by the people in this section, and must have exerted a good influence."

People's side than the speeches made on the campaign, as the paper would reach every member of the family and they could read it calmly. We did not have a single Fusionist vote this year in Precinct No. 3, Alfordville township."

J. A. HUGHES, Buies, Robeson Co.: "In our struggle for white rule and good government, THE STAR has been an instrument of much good. The exact number of votes it caused to gain I am unable to say; but my opinion is, we won at least one-half or two-thirds of the gain in our community."

"Thanking you for your great work in saving our county and State I am yours very truly."

DR. E. PORTER, Chairman Democratic County Committee, Rocky Point: "It affords me real pleasure to say the STAR was an important factor in carrying Fender county solidly for the Democratic party in the late election. It is the first time in the history of the county that the whole Democratic ticket was elected, and it is conceded that the STAR deserves much credit for the result."

J. S. OLIVER, Representative from Robeson county, Alton: "The STAR sent to Populists in this neighborhood during the recent campaign certainly did a great deal of good towards winning them back to the Democratic party, as well as to the cause of the State. It was a great factor in the victory, and I am proud to establish White Supremacy among Democrats. The good the STAR did cannot well be estimated, but it was a great help to the cause."

L. W. STANTON, Vice-President, Columbus Co.: "Just what amount of influence the STAR had in winning our victory, I am unable to say; but I am fully convinced that the noble work of the STAR did have much to do with bringing about this victory for the Democrats. Not Populists only were turned by its influence, but careless Democrats were changed from a torpid state to be active voters."

D. J. JOLLY, Esq., Columbus Co.: "I know all about how many of your papers came to my township, for I furnished you with the name of every Populist in the township, and I am proud to say to you that the amount of good the STAR did cannot be estimated. It certainly had a powerful influence, and it surely did the work it was intended to do. I was in the campaign nearly all the time myself, and I know what I am talking about. The debt of gratitude the Democratic party owes you can never be paid."

DR. K. J. POWERS, Willard, Fender Co.: "The success of the Democratic party in this county was largely due to the great circulation of the STAR, which visited the homes of so many. Not only the Populists, but the white Republicans, by reading its columns, were brought back to a knowledge of the sad condition in which they had placed our State, that on election day they would vote for the Democrats. It was the STAR that came forward and did all they could to help us redeem the State from this miserable situation of misrule and ruin."

L. M. TOWN, Ash, Brunswick county: "In my opinion the STAR exerted a great influence in bringing over a great many to the Democratic party. Yes, I may say that the great success of the Democratic party in this township is due to the STAR, and to the good work of the most neglected parties, perhaps, in the district by the canvassers. Yet our township gave a good majority for Bellamy and the entire ticket, and the STAR was all the help that the white committee had in bringing about this grand victory."

MCM. PATTERSON, Elrod, Robeson Co.: "I am sure the STAR sent out to every Populist in this district a great deal of good in bringing Populists back to the Democratic party. They could not stand the *Wilmington Star* that was published in the county, and they took their papers to the STAR, and only saw one side of the question; but after seeing the STAR they were convinced that negro rule would not do. I know of three persons who have been converted by the STAR, and that would not have done so if they had not read the STAR."

H. C. MORRIS, Clerk Superior Court, Columbus Co.: "The STAR, 'The Weekly Star' did a great deal of good in Whiteville township during the campaign. I heard quite a number of persons who had formerly voted the Populist ticket, quoting the STAR as authority for their quitting that party and voting the Democratic ticket. It is impossible for me to tell the amount of good the STAR did; it is simply incalculable. But people are very grateful to you for your noble work in the interest of white supremacy, and may God ever bless and prosper the STAR and its honored editor."

W. B. HARKER, Marion, Robeson Co.: "More than 200 of the former Populists in my vicinity voted the Democratic ticket in the late election. I am sure the STAR did much to bring about this result. Early in the campaign, before the STAR had taken place, our white friends were furnished with the WEEKLY STAR, which in my opinion was one of the best campaign papers published. It was long before the effect could be noticed in the approachable nature of those who before were not inclined to listen to Democratic arguments. The STAR led the way for all other workers in this district, and it was the general comment of our leading Democrats."

DR. GEO. F. LUCAS, Superintendent Fender County Board of Health, Curran: "I have never been so powerfully impressed with the influence of the STAR in making and controlling public opinion as during the late campaign. The STAR, which was read in the home of every Populist in my section, so changed their views that not only the party, but the whole community, was by reading matter that they might learn the true situation. Our committee here early saw this, and we regarded the STAR, free of charge, as the only and prudent action in one of the most potent factors that aided the struggling committee in the doubtful counties to bring about the grand result. You deserve the thanks of the party of the State, and the Secretary of the Fender committee, I was in a position to appreciate the influence of the STAR."

BUCK WILLIAMS, Burgaw, Fender Co.: "The whole thing is a great deal to do to the Populist side in public, to have attended our Democratic speaking would have been confession by many of the opposition; but this class of voters did not mind, and in the most effective way was by reading matter that they might learn the true situation. Our committee here early saw this, and we regarded the STAR, free of charge, as the only and prudent action in one of the most potent factors that aided the struggling committee in the doubtful counties to bring about the grand result. You deserve the thanks of the party of the State, and the Secretary of the Fender committee, I was in a position to appreciate the influence of the STAR."

DR. H. D. STEWART, Vann, Union Co.: "There cannot be a more appropriate estimate of how great influence THE WEEKLY STAR wielded for white rule and good government in Union county. It changed many a man from Populism to Democracy, and it was the only paper that the white Republicans, THE STAR, the Raleigh Post, the North Carolinian (weekly edition of the *News and Observer*) and the Atlanta Constitution, were very potent factors in our election—the STAR the most potent of all. After carefully observing the work done and the success attained in the recent campaign, it is my honest opinion that the Wilmington STAR did more than any other agency toward bringing over honest voters to Democracy in Union county."

A little romance was happily spoiled in a New Hampshire town recently, where a young man became much in love with a young lady and asked her to be "his'n."

She stated the case to her parents, and was very much surprised to learn for the first time that she was only an adopted daughter, whom they had taken as an infant from a Boston institution. Inquiry revealed the fact that she and the young man are sister and brother. But she consoles herself with the thought that while she cannot be his wife she can always "be a sister to him."

The Danville, Va., cotton mills seem to have been remarkably successful. They started with a capital stock of \$75,000 and are now said to own \$2,000,000 worth of property, and to have made sales last year amounting to \$1,700,000.

WHAT IS THERE TO SHOW FOR IT?

We are among those who believe that the Penitentiary under proper management can be made self-supporting, but we believe more than that, that it can not only be made self-supporting, but that it should be made an agency for rendering valuable service to the State, which it never has been made to an extent worth considering.

Not to go back any further the expenses for the past six years, omitting the time in which Superintendent Smith had charge, (of which there is no accurate report) stand as follows. Under Mr. Leazer's management:

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| 1893..... | \$ 137,051.29 |
| 1894..... | 137,741.38 |
| 1895..... | 131,835.35 |
| 1896..... | 140,904.91 |

Total.....\$546,932.92

This is an average of \$136,733.20 a year.

Under Mr. Mewborne's management:

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| Audited bills paid..... | \$ 107,713.21 |
| Audited bills unpaid..... | 62,670.39 |
| Demographic average..... | \$ 136,733.20 |

Excess by Mewborne.....\$38,450.40

Giving Mr. Leazer due credit for his efficient management, and without criticizing what may be a lack of management by Mr. Mewborne, it may be asked what has the State to show for the \$717,315.80 here represented, not counting what was expended by Mr. Smith and not included in Mr. Mewborne's figures? It has been paid for guards, for feeding and clothing convicts, for stock for the farms, for farm rents, &c., in return for all of which the twelve hundred or more convicts have rendered no service by which the State has been materially benefited. If they had been employed in grading railroads, at a fair compensation for their labor, requiring the companies to feed, guard and care for them; in working roads and making new roads; in draining swamp lands which might become valuable for cultivation or for the lumber in them, they would not only be earning their support but would be rendering valuable service to the State, and adding much to its wealth, for good roads would facilitate development and add inestimably to the value of the lands tributary to them.

A BAD MESS.

As long as the Philippine matters were left in the hands of Admiral Dewey we got along without any serious friction with the Filipinos, but as soon as they began to direct matters from Washington the trouble began, for they played double, and acted treacherously, dividing the American people and shaking the confidence of our late allies in the islands.

This whole business, as far as the administration is concerned, has been characterized by insincerity, and a disregard of obligations that are in no way creditable to it, and reflect seriously on our national honor, for every nation is bound in honor to make good its pledges as far as possible, and maintain its good faith with those who had been acting in concert with it. We are bound in honor to deal as candidly and honestly with a weak people or a weak nation as with a strong nation, and when we fail to do that we simply put ourselves in the attitude of the brutal bully who jumps on the weak and tramples on the rights.

It is now admitted that this course has precipitated a condition of affairs in the islands so precarious that exceeding caution must be exercised to avoid collision, which even trifling incidents may provoke, and force us into a conflict that may cost many lives and many millions of dollars, all of which might have been avoided by pursuing the path of candor and honesty, and showing a disposition to carry out the pledges we had made to the world and to the people who through the persuasion and promises of our representatives joined us in fighting the Spaniards. It may not be too late to recover this lost confidence, if those people be officially assured that it is our purpose to act in good faith. This is due to them, and it is due to ourselves.

New Jersey produces something besides "Jersey Lightning," otherwise known as "apple jack." She is the nursery of Trusts. Fifteen of the biggest Trusts in this country operate under New Jersey charters. If she issued charters on the percentage plan she might thus raise money enough to pay expenses of running the State Government.

"Private John Allen," now in the House of Representatives from Mississippi, is a candidate for Senator. A humorist of the Allen stripe would give variety and some originality to the Senate. But Private John would have some rehearsing to do before he could size up to Senatorial "dignity."

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT YEARS OF SERVITUDE.

That is the Summary of Terms of Penitentiary Imprisonment imposed by Judge Battle.

Now that the January term of the Circuit Criminal Court has adjourned and sentenced to terms of imprisonment and to terms of interest. During the term eleven prisoners, all negroes, were sentenced to terms in the penitentiary, a total of 108 years of servitude as follows: Ed King, burglary and murder (second degree), forty years; Jno. Walker, burglary (second degree), thirty years; Charles Fisher, burglary (second degree), twenty-five years; Ed. For, larceny, three years; Sam. Frazier, larceny, two years; W. H. Hamley, larceny, one year; Clarence Davis, larceny, one year; Sam. McKennie, larceny, one year; Bud. Dunsen, larceny, one year; Hamie Brooker, larceny, three years and Eddie Freeman, larceny, one year.

Jailor Mills will carry these convicts to Raleigh and deliver them to the penitentiary authorities to-day. He will be accompanied by Capt. W. P. Oldham and Deputy Sheriff Hill Terry.

There were twelve prisoners, also all negroes, sentenced to terms of imprisonment in the county workhouse, ranging from one to twelve months. These have already been delivered to Superintendent Chadwick.

Jailor Mills will only have four prisoners left in the jail after the penitentiary and workhouse get their respective quotas: One of those left is serving a sentence from the last term of court and the other three have been imprisoned from magistrates courts since the Criminal Court adjourned.

BEST IN MANY YEARS.

Dr. E. Porter Spent a Week With Legislators at Raleigh—His Impressions. Tracking Prospects.

In conversation with a member of the STAR staff, Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, who was in the city yesterday, said that he recently spent a week in Raleigh and while there, mingling freely with members of the General Assembly, was forcibly impressed with the personnel of that body as composed of the most distinguished Representatives and Senators that have assembled in Raleigh for many years. During his week's sojourn in the capital city, he says he did not meet a single Democratic member of either branch of the Legislature who appeared to be under the influence of liquor.

Dr. Porter says that the speediness with which they have gotten down to hard work in enacting salutary legislation should be highly gratifying to lovers of good government.

Referring to trucking prospects, Dr. Porter said that the strawberry vines are looking especially well for the season and that there is every indication that by far the largest crop yet produced in Eastern Carolina will be that of the coming Spring. Dr. Porter is one of the most extensive and best informed truckers in this section.

Very Bad Financing.

It is reported that Governor Russell became personally responsible to one of the Raleigh banks for about \$22,000, the amount expended in equipment, &c., of the North Carolina troops for the war with Spain. It was, of course, expected that the Federal government would promptly refund the amount. The Governor thought it was "all right," or he would not have made himself individually liable for the money, and the bank thought it was "all right," or it would hardly have accepted the Governor's indorsement for so large a sum as \$22,000. It will be recalled that the War Department at Washington refused to do anything more than credit the amount on an old claim of the United States against North Carolina. It is now said that the only hope of the Governor and the Raleigh bank for relief is the possibility of getting a bill through Congress authorizing the payment of the claim in cash. The Governor has been to Washington, and the late Geo. Zee French has recently been there with the supposed object of furthering the Governor's interests.

FAILURE OF W. R. SLOCUM.

Assigned for Benefit of Creditors—Assets and Liabilities Unknown.

Mr. W. R. Slocum, a prominent retail shoe dealer, doing business at No. 120 Market street, yesterday made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., is named as the assignee, and the deed conveyed to him all the stock in the store on Market street and all other personal property belonging to the assignor, to be disposed of for the benefit of his creditors.

Mr. Slocum reserves the personal property exemption allowed by law, and after the expense of disposing of the stock, attorney's fee, etc., are settled, the proceeds are to be divided *pro rata* among the creditors.

At present the amounts of assets and liabilities cannot be learned.

Still One of the Boys.

He made his annual official visit to the STAR office yesterday, and he said: "I am a—fifty-five years old to-day." He is a retired physician whose "sands of life," apparently, have not half "run out." He proved it by dancing a jig and then taking a few steps in the more graceful and stately minuet. He's a wonder, Bill is.

WILL SUE FOR DAMAGES.

Dr. Zachary Will Institute Proceedings Against City and County as Owners of the City Hospital.

Dr. R. E. Zachary, yesterday through his counsel, John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Franklin McNeill, Esq., gave notice to Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, that at the next term of the New Hanover Superior Court, which convenes Monday, Jan. 23rd, a complaint would be filed against the county and city, as joint owners of the City Hospital, for damages.

STAR readers will remember that on December 1st, 1898, the Board of Managers and Board of Regents acting jointly ejected Dr. Zachary from the office of resident physician at the hospital, he having declined to resign the position or vacate the office when ordered to do so by the boards in control of the institution.

Dr. Zachary claimed at the time that he held the position by competitive examination for two years, and therefore the Board of Managers had no right to dismiss him.

The amount sued for will not be made known until the complaint is filed, which as before stated, will be at the coming session of New Hanover Civil Court, January 23rd.

Dr. Zachary has rented the office on Princess street next door to Justice Fowler's office and will make Wilmington his home for the practice of his profession.

Capt. V. V. Richardson.

A very welcome visitor to the STAR office yesterday was Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Columbus. He was on his way home from Raleigh, where he had been to attend a meeting of directors of one of the asylums, and we were glad to see that he seemed somewhat improved in health. It was a great treat to him to be in Raleigh during the session of the Legislature which, he says, is a splendid body of representative North Carolinians. Capt. Richardson has been several times a member of the Legislature, and once came within three votes of being elected Speaker of the House; so, he is a good judge of the material of which that body is now composed. If every member of the present Legislature had the sound practical sense of Van Richardson no mistakes would be made. The Raleigh Post of yesterday says:

"Hon. Van V. Richardson, for years a familiar and popular figure in Raleigh as the Representative of the Democracy of Columbus county, but who owing to ill health has retired from active participation in public affairs, was a welcome visitor to the city this week, and gladly greeted by his old friends."

Good Prices for Timber.

Mr. H. McL. Green, who is good authority on matters pertaining to timber and the timber markets, told the STAR yesterday that all grades of timber are bringing handsome prices just now; in fact, at least from \$2 to \$3 per thousand more than the same grades brought this time last year. These prices, he thinks, will hold for the entire season, as the mills have very little on hand and will need at least 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet during the year. From the outlook, he says, there is not more than half that amount in sight, as the season is so far advanced that getters will not have time to cut much before the crop season will be upon them. Upon these facts Mr. Green bases his predictions.

To Investigate Smallpox Situation.

Dr. C. P. Wertenbach, of the Marine Hospital, left by the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday afternoon under telegraphic orders from the Surgeon General, for Clinton, Jones county, Ga., to confer with the County Commissioners relative to the small pox situation at that point. Small pox has been prevalent in that locality, and the commissioners have now asked the assistance of a government expert. Dr. Wertenbach expects to be gone less than a week. Dr. T. S. Burbank will be in charge of the Marine Hospital during his absence.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores.

The weekly statement of the receipts of cotton and naval stores posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday shows that for the crop year up to yesterday 273,874 bales of cotton have been received, against 279,326 bales received during the same period last year.

The year's crop receipts of spirits turpentine were only 26,148 cases, while during the corresponding period last year 31,547 cases were received. The receipts of other naval stores are about the same as last year.

Excited Much Curiosity.

A freak of the hog kind was on exhibition at Messrs. Brooks & Taylor's store, on Water street, yesterday morning. It was a well developed hog with five and a half feet and was brought to the city by Mr. S. W. Maulsby, of Brunswick county. The extra members grew from the lower joint of the front legs and was the subject of much comment by customers at the store yesterday.

Sportsmen From Illinois.

A company of gentlemen from Illinois arrived in the city last night on a hunting and fishing expedition and are registered at The Orion. They have been in Eastern Carolina for several weeks, having spent the time hunting along the coast between Washington and Wilmington. Members of the party are Mr. J. C. Hayes, and Mr. M. B. Williams, of Chicago; and Mr. W. J. Williams, Mr. M. J. Barckman, Mr. R. D. Kline, of Streator, Ill., and Mr. C. C. Strong, of Grand Ridge. They will probably spend several days here.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

Decree Signed by Judge Thos. R. Purnell and Filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court.

Junius Davis, Esq., one of the attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, yesterday filed with Mr. W. H. Shaw, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court for this district, the decree signed by Judge Thos. R. Purnell Friday, confirming the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad way to the Atlantic Coast Line. Judge Purnell signed the decree in pursuance of instructions from Judge Simon-ton, who is under treatment in a Philadelphia hospital.

It will be remembered that \$3,110,000 was the Coast Line's bid for the road and that is the amount ordered to be paid, while the rolling stock, consisting of three locomotives, ninety-eight box cars and forty-six flat cars, was sold for \$15,000.

The decree vests the right in the purchasers as joint tenants and they are to organize, in accordance with the laws of this State, a corporation to be known as the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company.

The court reserves the power to require the A. & Y. V. R. Co. to discharge all unpaid indebtedness, which may have been contracted by the receiver before the delivery of possession of the property.

The deed is to be conveyed within thirty days, unless for good cause the court grants further time; the purchase money to be paid in full upon the issuance of the deed. It is further decreed that the deed of conveyance shall be signed by the master commissioners and the receiver, jointly. By way of confirmation and further assurance of good title, it is also ordered that the defendants, the C. F. & Y. V. Railway Co., and the complainants, the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of New York, and Wm. A. Lash, executor, acknowledge and deliver, under direction of the master commissioners, a conveyance or conveyances of title to the property.

The court reserves the right to resell the property if the purchasers fail to comply with the various provisions of the contract.

It is further provided by the decree that the master commissioners deposit amounts paid by purchasers in solvent National Banks of the State.

The decree is quite a lengthy document, setting forth in minute detail the order of court, and would make about four newspaper columns.

A Painful Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farriss returned yesterday from Atlanta. While there, Mr. Farriss happened to quite a painful mishap by slipping on the ice and fracturing his leg which was broken in a runaway here in the early part of last November. Mr. Farriss is now unable to walk and is confined to his room at his residence on Second street between Market and Dock. Dr. Bellamy is attending him.

Through Trains Via Wilmington.

On account of the derailing of several freight cars on the Wilson Short Cut at Dunn yesterday, both the southbound No. 23, and the northbound No. 78, through trains, came around by this city, passing at the A. C. L. depot here at 5:30 o'clock. The change of route made no material delay in the schedule of either train.

Died in Burgaw Yesterday.

News of the death of Miss Maggie Hand, of Burgaw, was received here yesterday afternoon. She died about 5 o'clock yesterday morning and the funeral will be at 11 A. M. to-day. The deceased was about twenty-two years of age and was a niece of Messrs. J. B. and Jerry Hand, of this city.

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