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hands by the war.'

'The Senate asked him to lay before

"The Philippine burden is not chargeable to the war. This is the

President's own Pandora box, his New

smites him. No wonder. The guilty Macbeth also cried out, "Thou canst

Whether the acquisition of the Phil-

The pretence that we were com-

pelled to accept the obligation put

upon us and possess ourselves of

these islands when our commis-

sioners deliberately bribed Spain to

turn them over to us for \$20,000,000

is one of the rottenest of frauds.

We could just as well have demanded

that Spain vacate these islands as

we could offer to buy them, and we

understanding with the Filipinos,

and then offered, if they were will-

evade the responsibility.

THE AFTERMATH.

Whatever of honor or glory there

may have been in the successful

war with Spain it is considerably

dimmed by the unfortunate and

disgraceful wranglings, between

those in high position, since the war

closed. With strained relations that

have culminated in almost open

warfare between the Secretary of

War and the commander of the

army, we have a similar state of

affairs existing between the Secre-

tary of the Navy and Rear Admiral

Schley, whose achievements the

friends of Admiral Sampson are

trying to discredit. Personal feel-

with Alger in the case of Miles and

professional jealousy in the case of

The Alger - Miles controversy,

growing apparently out of the bad

beef charges, might have been

altogether avoided if Alger's Com-

missary General had admitted that

possibly some of the beef sent to the

soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico

might have been in bad condition

when it arrived, instead of flying

into a rage and denouncing Gen.

Miles and others who found fault

with it as all sorts of liars. It is a

fact that much of the beef sent was

unfit for use, which might not be

considered remarkable after the dis-

tance transported and the warmth

of the weather when it was delivered

The denial, and the insistance that

the beef was good, in spite of all

that was said to the contrary, in-

vited dispute, magnified the conten-

tion and intensified the scandal, all

of which might have been avoided

The Sampson-Schley controversy

could have been avoided if Samp-

son's friends had been willing to

concede to Schley the laurels which

he had won, and had not sought not

only to deprive him of his laurels,

but to reflect upon his ability as a

These two chapters in the sup-

plemental proceedings as to Cuba

and Porto Rico are unfortunate and

diminish the glory of the achieve-

ments of arms that preceded them.

An exchange rises to remark that

"there is no demand anywhere for

more silver." Isn't there? Send

some more of it along this way and

commander and his courage as

fighter.

by simply admitting the facts, and

properly accounting for them.

Sampson against Schley.

not say I did it!"

have proved this, but he refused.

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EVADING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

President McKinley has achieved the distinction since he has been in office of being a President who can change his views with remarkable rapidity and hold one day views diametrically the opposite of the views he held the day before. The reason of this is because the views of Mr. McKinley are not so much Mr. McKinley's, views as they are the views of others who have influence over Mr. McKinley. In his messages to Congress he was as far from expansion as any man in the United States now is, and he never announced a change of views upon that question until he made that Western tour after the protocol was agreed upon when he gave the first intimations of that and he went back to Washington under the impression that expansion was popular in the West. When he came South he was to all intents and purposes an expansionist, declared that our flag had been raised over the soil where our soldiers had been victorious and asked "who would pull it down?" as if there were something unpatriotic

tion to pull it down. It is a well known fact that up to the time our commissionsers met the Spanish commissioners in Paris there was no definite conclusion arrived at as to anything save acquiring a base of supplies in the island of Luzon, for which we need not have negotiated with Spain, for that island was after the surrender of Manila in our own possession with the assent of the Filipinos who were co-operating as allies with our forces. If there was any intention to do more than that, to claim more territory, then Mr. McKinley didn't know it or he was playing a deceptive and a very discreditable part in that protocol for he was specific as to Cuba, Porto Rico, and Guam, but as to the Philippines only said that their status was to be determined by future negotiations.

or reprehensible in the mere sugges-

Why this non-committal phraseology? Was it to fool Spain, the Filipinos or the American people, or all three? It led the Filipinos to believe that the intention was to negotiate with Spain to evacuate the archipelago so that a government by the Filipinos might be established without further bloodshed, but when the Filipinos were ignored in all the subsequent proceedings and they were not consulted about anything, when they were the most interested in all that was done, they naturally began to suspect the sincerity and disinterestedness of our friendship. Egged on by British sentiment to take possession of all the islands and influenced by greed for the lands which were reported to be rich in valuable resources, the commission, which first-had Luzon only in view, demanded all, but in return agreed to pay Spain a stipulated sum of money. All this without any understanding with or recognition of the Filipinos. Is it to be wondered at that they became suspicious, and resented being bought and sold like chattels? When they did that they were called "rebels," and Aguinaldo, who but a few short weeks before was lauded as a patriot, a liberator and a hero,

became a "traitor." It was impossible that this state of things could last long without culminating in bloodshed, as it has done, most of which, however, was shed by our late allies who were mowed from the face of the earth by our death-dealing guns.

Whether the Filipinos or Amerians fired the first shot doesn't mat ter. It isn't that shot which fixes the responsibility for the blood shed. It was the events which led up to that shot and provoked it. Since that shot was fired and blood shed the expansionists have begun to realize what it may possibly mean and are trying to throw the responsibility upon the Filipinos. The President did this in his Boston speech, as other expansionists had done before, and as he will doubtless he will do in any other speeches he may make or public papers he my write.

To intelligent people who are familiar with the history of the Philippine drams all this is as transparent as glass. Andrew Carnegie | see.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1899.

belongs to the same political house-Running for Congress was first hold as the President, but he doesn't suggested to Representative Dockbelieve in forcible expansion and he ery, of Missouri, by his shoemaker. doesn't believe what Mr. McKinley Dockery, who was then a bank says about it either, for he sees cashier, didn't think he could make through the pretence and the effort a speech, but his shoemaker did, and to evade the responsibility for the billed him as orator at a Fourth of July celebration which came off subsequent proceedings, which he shortly after. Dockery made the thus shows in a letter to the New speech, made a hit, was nominated for Congress some time later and "The President in his Boston speech yesterday makes this extraordinary statement: 'The Philippines, like Cuba and Porto Rico, were intrusted to our elected. He should have a lasting remembrance of that knight of the

"On the contrary, the protocol signed as the result of the war provided for the Philippines not "like A Boston alderman visiting Chi-Cuba and Porto Rico," but expressly reserved them for negotiation with Spain as to their 'future control, discago was shocked to see the mayor with a big cigar in his teeth while presiding over a meeting of the position and government.'

"The l-hilippines have been 'intrusted to us' solely by the unexpected demand for them made by the President himself after he had suddenly aldermen and a number of the aldermen with their feet on the desks. Chicago aldermen's feet are harmless. changed his mind, which was at first that we should not burden ourselves It is the other extreme that causes trouble.

last. That's awl.

it his instructions or correspondence with the Commissioners, which would President McKinley says he is glad he is alive. If he wasn't alive he couldn't have half as much fun distributing offices among his Ohio President's own Pandora box, his New Year's gift to his country, for which he alone is responsible. Neither Congress nor the people had any voice in the matter. But one need not wonder why he should now attempt to evade the responsibility, since he tells us that "evey red drop, whether from the veins of an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart." His conscience smites him. No wonder. The guilty friends and circling 'round the country, enjoying big banquets, etc. There are lots of people who, under these circumstances, would be glad they were alive.

An American syndicate has closed deal for a lot of the largest tobacco manufactories in Havana, and also for a lot of tobacco land and will thus have a string on the Havana ippines was wise or foolish, they are upon our hands not by the war but by the President's own act, and he had better stand up like a man and assume the responsibility, asking his countrymen to forgive his mistake if he now

MRS. MARY LOUISE RANKIN.

Dled at Her Home in This City Yesterday. Funeral This Afternoon From St. James' Church.

A host of friends in Wilmington and a large number of acquaintances in eastern North Carolina will deeply sympathize with Mr. Robt. G. Rankin n the loss of his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Rankin, whose death occurred at the family residence in this city yesterday afternoon.

were under no obligation to hold Mrs. Rankin was daughter of the them or to turn them over to Spain. late Col. S. W. G. Andrews, who was prominent in Wilmington business They were not ours to turn over to circles just after the war, as a member Spain and consequently we could of the firm of Andrews & Borden, fornot do that. We could have had an warding and commisssion merchants.

The deceased had been in feeble health for some time, and while her ing, a specified sum of money with death was not wholly unexpected, it the understanding that this money nevertheless came with a shock to her should be refunded out of customs, many friends and to her relatives, to and then let the Filipinos go on and whom she had endeared herself by her Christian traits and amiable dispoform their own Government, under an American protectorate if need be.

She was fifty years of age at the All this could have been done, the time of her death, and for a number friendship between the Americans of years had been a valuable and conand Filipinos remain unbroken and ristent member of St. James Episconot a drop of blood shed. No pal church. wonder Mr. McKinley is trying to

A bereaved husband, and one son, Mr. Robert G. Rankin, Jr., survive her, and to them the sympathy of the community goes out in the great loss they have sustained.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. James' church by Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., and immediately afterwards the interment will be made.

Small Fire at Wrightsville.

The oyster roaster and pavilion of Mr. William Stokeley on Wrightsville Sound came near being destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. A party of Wilmington and Wrightsville people were gathered there for an oyster roast, when it was announced that the roof of the building was on fire. The party immediately set about, procured buckets and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any great ing and professional jealousy are at damage was done. To the heroic efthe bottom of all this, personal feeling forts of Capt. R. O. Grant and Capt. A. B. Norton, of the schooner Jno. I. Snow, who bore themselves like master firemen, is due the fact that the building was not entirely consumed. The damages are about \$15.

A Successful Shot.

Schooner in Distress. The schooner Sarah A. Fuller, Capt. Brown, bound for Boston with a cargo of lumber, from Fernandina, Fla., put in at Southport yesterday morning in distress. Capt. Brown, who came up to the city last evening, says that he encountered a heavy blizzard off Frying Pan Shoals, which carried away most of the schooner's head gear, consisting of standing rigging, sails, booms, bowsprit, etc. The Fuller arrives to Messrs. Geo. Harriss. Son & Co., and after repairing temporarily, will proceed.

A most beautiful specimen of the wild turkey was brought up from Orton plantation on the steamer Wil mington yesterday. It was a hen, weighing twenty pounds, and its plumage was magnificent. It was killed early yesterday morning by owner of "Orton," who is now one of the most successful hunters in the State. Confidentially, though, the writer saw the Colonel, a good many

a hair." At Maxton and Laurinburg.

years ago, fire two shots at a deer, not

thirtylyards distant, without "touching

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy received notice vesterday that contestant Dockery would take depositions at Maxton, Saturday, 25th, before J. D. Jowers, Notary Public, and at Laurinburg, Monday, the 27th, before W. M. Kelley, Notary Public. Bellamy's counsel at Maxton will be John D. Shaw, Jr., and at Laurinburg Major John D. Shaw and Walter H. Neal.

REMARKABLE CATCH OF FISH.

New River Trout Were Easily Caught by Thousands After the Recent Preeze. A gentleman who returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Jacksonville, Onslow county, reports some

emarkably large catches of trout hat were made in New River below Jacksonville after the unprecedented cold weather of the early part of the He says that there were on a con servative estimate at least 15,000 on the landings at Jacksonville Friday,

varying in weight from three to fifteen pounds each. They were brought to Jacksonville in boats and were sold in quantities as low as four cents each, taking the lots as they came. A large quantity of them were brought to Wilmington vesterday and the dealers found ready sale for them at 25 to 75 cents each. There were also quite heavy shipments made to the Northern markets via Newbern and via Wilmington.

Fishermen say the trout were be numbed by the cold and were easily scooped up in dip nets and some were even caught by hand.

AUGUSTA AND THE A. C. L.

Large Purchase of Real Estate the City Supposed to be for Rail. road Terminals.

The STAR announced several days ago that Attorney Joseph R. Lamar, of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad—a branch line of the A. C. L.—had purchased five blocks of city property in Augusta, Ga, and that the presumption in Augusta was that the property had been bought for the purpose of establishing a terminus for the A. C. L. at that place. It was also stated at the time that prominent officials of the road would neither deny nor confirm the report.

The following from the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle of Friday, 17th inst. will be interesting reading in this con-

in Augusta for many a day and one that is of vast importance to the city was closed vesterday. By it five blocks of city propert

One of the biggest real estate deals

changed hands and the sum involved is \$30,000.

Mr. Joseph R. Lamar is the purchas er of the property, but further than this all is surmise.

The surmise however has a very reasonable basis to rest upon. Mr. Lamar is attorney for the Chareston and Western Carolina railway. The C. & W. C. is owned by the At lantic Coast Line. The Atlantic Coast Line is building a connection from Denmark, where it at present connects with the South Carolina and Georgia road to Robbins on the Port Royal and Augusta branch of the C. and W. C. These are facts well known to the public. When the connection is completed it will be seen that the Atlantic Coast Line will enter Augusta on its own tracks instead of via the South Carolina and Georgia, as at present. The Atlantic Coast Line always works

for the upbuilding of the interests along its roads. The C. W. & C. part of its system is so vitally concerned in Augusta's welfare that what helps the C. & W. C. is bound to help Augusta and what helps Augusta is bound to benefit the C. & W. C.

Augusta may well celebrate the arrival of the Atlantic Coast Line trains over its own track, and the day should be made a memorable one in its festal

DEATH OF MR. M. DOWLING.

terday Afternoon.

Occurred at His Home in This City Ye

The STAR regrets to announce the death of Mr. Michael Dowling, which occurred at his home in this city, No. 713 South Eighth street, about 1.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a long and painful suffering with cancer covering a period of about eight years.

Mr. Dowling was born in Roscommon, Ireland, in the year 1834 and was therefore 65 years of age. He came to Wilmington about 42 years ago, and was an active, industrious citizen until he was seized with the terrible disease which ended his life. yesterday. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and left Wilmington at the opening of the war with Col. E. D. Hall's "Tigers;" was subsequently transferred to Col. McDowell's command, where he served faithfully un-

til the close of the war. Mr. Dowling married a sister of Messrs. Timothy and P. Donlan, both of this city, and she with three sons, Mr. M. F. Dowling, foreman of Engine Company No. 2, Mr. T. J. Dowling, of Davidson, N. C., and Mr. F. M. Dowling, of Charleston, S. C., survive him, and have the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral will be from the late residence at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon, thence to St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral; thence to Oakdale Cemetery.

Boat-house and Yachts Destroyed. Mr. George Harriss, Jr., yesterday received the news that his boat-house at Summer Rest, on Wrightsville with the entire contents. He received the intelligence in the morning and went down in the afternoon to investigate the origin of the fire, etc. It is thought to have been the work of an incendiary as there was no other possible way in which the building could have caught.

The yachts Harry T. and Nixie belonging to Mr. Geo. Harriss, the yacht Restless, owned by Mr. W. N. Harriss and a lot of spars, rigging, sails and other equipments for the boats, were stored in the house and were also completly destroyed.

The loss is quite heavy and is only partially covered by insurance.

John D. Shaw and Walter H. Neal.

O. J. Spears will represent Dockery at Laurinburg and B. F. McLean will appear for him at Maxton.

All epidemic of influenza has prevailed in the greater part of Europe for some time past. In England a mild type of influenza is very prevalent. An epidemic of influenza has pre-

RASBERRY-CROOM MARRIAGE. MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK. Celebrated in the Burgaw Presbyterian

Church Wednesday Night-The Attendants.

Wilmingtonians who attended the narriage of Miss Lizzie Croom, Burgaw, to Mr. P. A. Rasberry, of Scotland Neck, in the Burgaw Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, announcement of which was made in yesterday's STAR, returned to this city yesterday. They report a very pretty marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. McMillan and the wedding marches were played by Mrs. J. B. Moore, of Burgaw. Miss Mamie Croom, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Augustus Bowers, of Scotland Neck, best man. The bridal attendants were Mr. Bruce Black with Miss Bobbie Croom; Mr. Vance Croom with Miss Robbie Sutton; Mr. Claude Dollar with Miss Katie Hand; Mr. Burr Croom with Miss Mattie Bloodworth. The ushers were Messrs. F. T. Croom. Luther Hand, Sam Hand and Wright McNeill.

After the marriage a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry left Burgaw yesterday for the groom's home in Scotland Neck.

PRESUMABLY FOR A. C. L. TERMINALS.

Pive Blocks of City Property in Augusti Purchased Yesterday by C. and W. C. Railroad.

A special telegram to the STAR from the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, received last night, announced that Attorney Lamar, of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad, a branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, yesterday pur chased five blocks of city property in Augusta. The telegram also states that the presumption in Augusta is that the property is bought for the purpose of establishing a terminal for he A. C. L. at Augusta. However Mr. Lamar would make no statement as to the object of his purpose.

A member of the STAR staff called upon Mr. J. R. Kenly, General Manager of the A. C. L. last night, and showed him the telegram. Mr. Kenly said that there was nothing that he could say at present in regard to the matter and would neither deny or confirm the statements made in the telegram.

3,125 IN REVENUE STAMPS.

That Was Amount Required for Deed C. F. & Y. V. Property Filed for Registration Yesterday.

The deed conveying the old C. F X.Y. V. Railroad property to H. Wal ters, B. F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins, Warren G. Elliot and their associates, was filed for registration in the office of the register of deeds of New Hanover county yesterday. The sum of money involved, including the purchase price of rolling stock is \$3, 125,000 and the instrument required \$3,125 worth of documentary internal revenue stamps, 62 of the number being of the \$50 denomination, two of the \$10 denomination and one \$5

The deed conveys the property to the purchasers as joint tenants and not as tenants in common for the use, benefit and behoof of the new corporation, the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Co., created by the purchasers under and in accordance with the laws of the State.

It is signed by Eugene Martin, Esq., and Clement Manly, Esq., Master Commissioners; Gen. Jno. Gill, Re ceiver; E. S. Marston and Samuel Sloan, Jr., president and secretary, respectively of the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., of New York! and by H. Walters, B. F. Newcomer, Michael lenkins and Warren G. Elliot, as the purchasers.

Details of the sale, the consideration, etc., have already been published in

S. C. TRUCK FARMS.

Great Damage by the Freeze - Some Crops Totally Destroyed.

Charleston News and Courier 17. One of the truck farmers from St indrew's Parish said yesterday that great damage had been done to the tener crop by the freeze. He went over his farm after the snow began to melt and ruin was found everywhere. According to his estimate, which is made after a careful examination, the lettuce and peas are about completely destroyed, while the cabbage crop is damaged 33 per cent. The beet crop is about wholly destroyed. The loss will be se-rious to the farmers, as good headway had been made toward getting in a fine early-crop of vegetables for the North-ern markets, where high prices are paid for everything sent out from this

egion.

The truck farmers up the road have also suffered seriously from the snov and the storm. There is satisfaction in the fact, however, that the entire crop is not killed, though some of the farm owners are inclined to think little good will come from what escaped. The reports from various sections are coming in rapidly, and it is only a question of how much has been saved.

Mr. Kyle Appointed Special Agent.

Mr. W. E. Kyle, late General Passenger Agent for the C. F. and Y. V. will continue with the Atlantic and Yadkin as special agent with headquarters at Favetteville. The appointment has just been made by Mr. T. M. Emerson as Traffic Manager. Other appointments recently made are Mr. H. M. Emerson, General Freight and Passenger Agent and Mr. W. G. Pulliam, Freight Claim Agent, the offices of both of course in Wilming-

Organized at a Meeting of Stockholders. Board of Directors-President and Cashier Elected.

As foreshadowed in the STAR several days ago, the new national bank to be established in Wilmington is to be known as "The Murchison National Bank." and the institution is to begin business on or about March 1st. The first meeting of the subscribers to stock was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Murchison & Co., when organization was perfected, the name for the corporation adopted and a board of directors elected.

Capt. W. R. Kenan was elected chairman of the meeting of subscribers to stock and Mr. J. V. Grainger was selected assecretary. The first business, of course, was the selection of a name for the bank and on motion, "The Murchison National Bank" was unanimously adopted. The capital stock of the bank was

fixed at \$200,000 and the following Board of Directors was elected: Mr. J. A. Springer, Mr. N. Jacobi, Mr. W, H. Sprunt, Mr. J. C. Stevenson, Mr. T. M. Emerson, Mr. H. C. McQueen, Mr. A. B. Nichols, Mr. A. S. Williams, Mr. V. Grainger, Mr. Frederick Kidder, Col. K. M. Murchison, Mr. N. B. Rankin, Mr. W. G. Whitehead, Mr. M. J. Corbett and Mr. R. W. Wallace. All the subscribers to stock were

represented in the meeting either in person or by proxy. Those in attendance were Col. K. M. Murchison, Mr. H. C. McQueen, Mr. J. C. Stevenson, Mr. M. J. Corbett, Mr. W. R. Newbury, Mr. J. V. Grainger, Capt. W. R. Kenan, Mr. W. B. Cooper, Mr. F. H. Stedman, Mr. N. B. Rankin, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., Mr. M. H. Curran, J. D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq., Col. J. W. Atkinson, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Mr. N. Jacobi, Mr. E. H. Lippitt, Mr. George Honnett, Col. Walker Taylor, Mr. L. P. McKenzie, Mr. James Sprunt, Mr. S. Behrends, Mr. F. A. Lord, Mr. T. M. Emerson, Mr. H. L. Miller, Mr. J. A. Springer, Mr. Frederick Kidder, Mr. R. B. Lancaster, Mr. A. B. Skelding, Mr. R. W. Wallace, Mr. W. G. Whitehead and Mr. Wm. H. Bernard.

Meeting of the Directors.

After the adjournment of the subscribers to stock, a session of the newly elected board of directors was held, during which Mr. H. C. McQueen was elected president and Mr. J. V. Grainger cashier.

A resolution was adopted requiring that fifty per cent. of the subscriptions to the capital stock shall be paid in on or before February 25th, so that the institution may open for business March 1st.

The bank will start under most fa vorable conditions, as it will succeed to the large and well established business of the banking house of Murchison & Co. It is well officered, too, and the Board of Directors is com

posed of excellent material. Banking House Improvoments.

A force of workmen, carpenters and painters, are now busy repairing, renovating and beautifying the bankng house on Front street, so that the new institution will begin business in nandsome and well appointed quarters?

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Receipts for Week and Crop Year As Posted Yesterday. After several days inactivity on ac-

count of the snow storm, the local cotton and naval stores markets opened quotations: Cotton firm at 6 cents for middling; spirits turpentine steady at 431@44 cents; rosin firm at 90@95 cents and tar steady at \$1.00. There was nothing doing in crude turpen-The following weekly and crop year

Exchange yesterday: Week ending Feb, 17th, '99-Cotton 332 bales; spirits 47 casks; rosin 1133

receipts were posted at the Produce

barrels; tar 425 barrels; crude 58 casks. Week ending Feb. 17th, '98-Cotton 568 bales; sprits 205 casks; rosin 2395 barrels; tar 1494 barrels; crude 50 bar-Crop year, '99-cotton 284,010; spirits

27,191 casks; rosin 151,066 barrels; tar 62,579 barrels; crude 10,606 barrels. Crop year, '98-cotton 297,610 bales; spirits 33,789 casks; rosin 145,195 barrels; tar 56,745 barrels; crude 9,933

Death of a Popular Travelling Man. Capt. Edgar L. Hart, who came

down on his usual trip on the northern train yesterday afternoon, brought news to the city of the death of Mr. Joe Pippen, a well known and very popular young travelling man of Enfield, N. C. Mr. Pippen was about 21. And was a son of Mr. F. L. Pippen, A. C. L. agent at Enfield. He was well and favorably known in Wilmington, and for the past few months has been travelling for Ades Bros., of Baltimore. While on his last trip, about ten days ago, he contracted typhoid fever at Atlanta, was removed to his home at Enfield two days later and died there yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, and the interment will be made at Enfield.

Baron Paul Julius de Reuter, formerly of Reuter's Telegram Company, who is over 80 years of age, is lying at the point of death in his villa at Nice.

George F. Baer, president of the Reading Iron Company, to night or-dered a voluntary advance in the wages of its two thousand employes, beginning March 1st. The amount has not yet been determined.

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CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST. Dockery to Take Testimony Here Next

Saturday-Has Only Five Days for

the Whole District. The first act in the roaring farce en tittled "Oliver H. Dockery, Contestant," will be presented in this city next Saturday, as will be seen by the following notice served on Hon. Jno.

D. Bellamy yesterday: CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST. Oliver H. Dockery, Contestant, vs. Jno. D. Beliamy, Contestee—Fifty-sixth Congress—Sixth District of

North Carolina. To Jno. D. Bellamy, Contestee, Wil-

mington, N. C. SIR:-You will take notice that I will proceed to take testimony in the above entitled cause in the Federal Court room, in the U.S. Postoffice building, Wilmington, before T. E. Wallace, a Notary Public, beginning at

9 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, 25th day of February, 1899, and continuing from day to day if necessary. I will examine the following witnesses, namely:

Jas. G. Blain, J. S. W. Eagles, Jack Moore, Lewis Guyer, Joseph Anderson, Willis Richardson, R. A. Moore, Son, Willis Richardson, R. A. Moore, R. Mo son, Willis Richardson, B. A. Moore, J. C. Williams, Jno G. Norwood, C. W. Norwood, John Whitehead, Jos. Scarboro, David Bryant, Joseph Mc Farland, Robt. Simmons, J. J. Guyer, Fred Guyer, Alex Rhone, Calvin Bell, Fred Guyer, Alex Rhone, Calvin Bell, Jno. D. Franklin, George Littleton, E. M. Green, J. A. Sharpe, Watson McNeill, J. W. Murchison, William Perdew, Marcus W. Jacobi, Joseph Jacobi, Owen F. Love, F. W. Kerchner, Wm. E. Springer, C. D. Foard.

This, the 18th day of February, 1899.

OLIVER H. DOCKERY,
Per OSCAR J. SPRAPS Attorney

Per OSCAR J. SPEARS, Attorney.

Of the thirty-three witnesses named in the foregoing list there are, we believe, nine white Democrats and twenty-four negroes, and the striking feature is the fact that the name of not one white Republican appears in the list. Why is this? Have the white Republicans all turned Democrats? Or is Col. Dockery's attorney afraid of their testimony?

But another remarkable feature of this so-called contest, is the fact that Dockery will have but five days in which to take his direct evidence in the entire district. he law governing these contest is very plain. After notice of contests is served on the contestee the latter serves his answer on the conetstant, who is allowed forty days from date of service of answer to take testimony. Then the contestee is allowed forty days to take testimony and the contestant has ten days in which to take evidence in rebuttal.

As Bellamy's answer was served on Dockery on the 21st of January, Dockery's forty days will expire on the 2nd of March, or five days from next Saturday, when his first witness will be examined. There is no provision in the law for any extension of the time allowed for direct evidence. So, Dockery must be content with what he can do in five days; Bellamy will then have forty days, and Dockery can follow with ten days for testimony in rebuttal.

This statement of facts indicates very strongly that Dockery is engaged in a hopeless struggle, so far as any contest is concerned, and that his real object is to manufacture "campaign thunder" for the Republican Congressional Committee.

FAYETTEVILLE SHOPS

WILL BE CLOSED.

Conference of Fayetteville Board of Trade and City Officials With General Manager Kenly.

The Fayetteville papers of Friday afternoon publish particulars of a conference which was held in that city in again yesterday with the following the afternoon, by Mr. J. R. Kenly General Manager of the Atlantic Coast Line system, with a committee from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and city officials, recently appointed to confer with Mr. H. Walters with reference to the retention of the C. F. & Y. V. shops in that city and generally to look after the interests of Fayetteville in the premises. The Observer's report of the conference says:

> Mr. Kenly explained that he came instead of Mr. Walters to keep the latter's engagement with the committee because of Mr. Walters' unavoidable Mr. Kenly exhibited the kindlies

feeling for our people and the town generally, and declared that he had never had a more disagreeable duty to perform than that which the business interests of those whom he represented required him to do-viz: t order the closing of the shops, which would take place to-morrow night. The committee had hoped that the company would find it to be to its interest to retain and to enlarge the shops in view of the fact that Fayetteville was the hub of a wheel from which five railway spokes radiated. Mr. Kenly replied that the costly shops at Wilmington Rocky Mount and Florence were ample for the whole system and were near enough to Fayetteville for all require ments. He added, however, that his company was resolved to do every thing they could to build up Fayette ville-as, indeed, it was their interest to do in the case of all places which supplied business for their roads. He also declared that it was their purpose to take care of every C. F. & Y. V. employe whom they could. Preference would, of course, be given to their own men where there had to be a choice

solidated at the present Atlantic & ship and immediately embarked no Yadkin depot, but that, for the present one is able to establish the identity of at least, the passenger stations would remain as before.

An explosion of gas in No. 2 mine at Birmingham, Ala., resulted in the death of R. L. Davenport and William Davenport, brothers, and three

SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurgent Leaders Plan for an Outbreak in the City of Manila.

A WAR OF EXTERMINATION.

But the Plan Failed-Otis and Miller Report That the Insurgent Forces Are Disintegrating—Resumption of

By Cable to the Morning Star.

Business in Hollo.

WASHINGTON, February 21 .- The War Department has received the following: "Manila, February 21.- General Miller reports on the 19th instant that

the insurgent forces a few miles out from Iloilo are believed to be disintegrating. Can maintain his position with his present force. Business in the city is being resumed. He has sent up four representative men, offi-cials from the capital of the island of Vegros, where the American flag was raised and American protection requested against a small insurgent force in the island. Affairs there and in Cebu are very encouraging. Shall endeavor to maintain and improve the present promising condition. Affairs in Manila quiet; a small insurgent force, east of the city, was driven way yesterday with considerable loss o the enemy.

WASHINGTON, February 21.-Owing o lack of punctuation and regard to conomy in cable tolls General Otis' bulletin is not very clear in some essential points, particularly the reference to the island of Negros. A careful study of the dispatch on that point has convinced the officials here that General Otis means to say that four representative inhabitans of theisland of Negros have come to Manila, having been sent by General Miller to meet and confer with General Otis in regard to an extension of American occupation to that island. Negros is the fourth island in the Philippine group in importance. It lies at its nearest point about ten miles from the Island of Panay, and General Miller's forces must have been in plain sight of Negros during the weeks preceding the capture of Iloilo. Just to the east of Negros, separated by a very narrow strait, is the island of Cebu, which it is also a part of General Otis' purpose to occupy. From General Otis' dispatch it is gathered that neither at that point nor at Negros is there likely to be substantial resistance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon from General Otis:

Manila, Feb. 21.—Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.—The following was issued by an important officer of the insurgent government at Malolas, February 15th, 1899, for execution during that evening and night in this

First. You will so dispose, that at 8 o'clock at night the individuals of the territorial militia at your order will be found united in all of the streets of San Pedro, armed with their balos and revolvers, or guns and ammunition if convenient,

Second. Filipino families only will be respected. They should not be molested, but all other individuals of whatever race they may be, will be exterminated without any compassion, after the extermination of the army of

Third. The defenders of the Filioines in your command will attack the guard at Bilibid and liberate the prisoners and "presidiarios" and having accomplished this they will be armed, saying to them: we must avenge ourselves on the Americans and exterminate them, that we may take our revenge for the infamy and treachery which they have committed upon us. Have no compassion upon them; attack with vigor. All Filipinos en masse will

second you. 'Long Live Filipino's "Fourth. The order which will be followed in the attack will be as follows: The sharpshooters of Tondo and Santa Ana will begin the attack from without, and these shots will be the signal for the militia of Trozo, Rinondo, Quiato and Sampaloc to go out into the streets and do their duty; those of Pako, Ermita, Malate, Santa Cruz and San Miguel will not start out

their companions need assistance. "Fifth. The militia of Tondo will start out at 3 o'clock in the morning. If all do their duty, our revenge will "Brothers, Europe contemplates us. We know how to die as men, shedding our blood in defence of the liberty of

our country. Death to the tyrants!

War without quarter to the false

until 12 o'clock, unless they see that

Americans who have deceived us! Either independence or death.'

GEN. GOMEZ IN MATANZAS. Escorted by Military to the Palace-A Reception in His Honor.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.-General Gomez rrived last night at Matanzas from Cardenas. He was met by Major General Wilson, military governor of the department of Matanzas, Gen. Sanger, military governor of the city of Matanzas, and the Cuban General Betancourt, who is in command of the Cuban forces in Matanzas province. From the railroad station he was escorted by the Eighth Massachusetts volunteers, the Second United States cavalry and several local clubs to the palace, where he is the guest of the civil governor. A reception was given in his honor soon after his arrival, but he did not deliver an address. This evening he was tendered an elaborate banquet.

AGUINALDO'S EMISSARY. Agoncillo Reported to Have Sailed from Halifax for London.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. HALIFAX, February 21.-From the fact that the name of F. A. Agoncillo appears at the foot of the list of cabin passengers on the steamer Labrador, which sailed for Liverpool this morning, it is confidently asserted that the chief agent of the and other things being equal.

Mr. Kenly stated that the freight Europe. As the first-class passengers business of all the roads would be confor this steamer arrived on a night the passenger registered as Agoncillo.

> The British Offical Gazette an-nounces that the decoration of the Imperial order of the Crown of India has been conferred upon Lady Curson, wife of the Vicercy of India and daughter of L. Z. Leiter of Chicago.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina in the Senatorial deadlocks existing

yesterday made a plea in the executive in a number of States. In Nebraska session of the Senate for the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Ewart. No time was fixed for a vote,