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AGAINST THE TRUSTS AND THE REPUBLICANS

who refused to limit their powers. The profit to day on a basket of peaches is not more than one or two cents. The canning trust has put the screws and refuses to take less than entire carloads at starvation prices.

But these are institutions which Mark Hanna calls "beneficent," and which his party encourages and fosters by legislation that would not be tolerated in any other civilized country on the globe, when the record of their meretricious extortion and oppression had been so often exposed.

RAYNER ON THE SCARE.

Four years ago Isador Rayner, of Maryland, opposed the election of Wm. J. Bryan, but, like ex-Secretary of State Richard Olney, ex-Postmaster General Wilson, Hon. Carl Schurz, Hon. Bourke Cockran, and scores of other eminent men—Democrats and Republicans—he is for him now. In a published interview in the Baltimore Sun he gives his reasons for supporting Bryan, and incidentally refers to the money and panic scares resorted to by Secretary Gage and others:

"Every intelligent man will do his own thinking and voting. Beyond any question of party loyalty my convictions lead me straight in one direction. I am unalterably opposed to the ruinous policy of the Republican party.

"In my humble judgment the money question is one that pales into insignificance compared with this mighty conflict for the preservation of the Republic that is now on hand. I have not changed my mind upon the financial issue at all, but the Democratic party will not be terrorized or driven to its dungeon by a shadow that has no substance behind it. I do not believe in the probability of a panic. You will permit me to say that it does not follow that because there is a decline in speculative securities that have no intrinsic value that the prosperity of the country will be affected. I do not believe that the gambling dens of Wall street are an indicator of national prosperity. Good investments recover from a panic much quicker than they do from a gradual liquidation, and those investments that are worthless ought to succumb.

"It is all idle talk about a Democratic panic. The Government has the inherent power at present to keep the metals upon a parity and every silver dollar is worth a gold dollar and will continue to be worth it until Congress passes a free coinage law, and that there is not the slightest or remotest danger."

"I notice that some of the financial journals are prophesying that if the Democratic party succeeds American securities will be thrown upon us from the European markets. If they are, they will be taken up with eager hands. The money question gives me no concern whatever, and if it did I am frank to say I would yield the point and would feel as some else felt upon a similar occasion that I prefer my country to a debenture bond, and the stability of its institutions to the stability of its exchequer."

We respectfully commend this to the serious consideration of such Democratic papers in the South as refuse to support Bryan because the Kansas City platform reiterates the demand for the free coinage of silver and to these so-called McKimley Democrats who find this an alleged pretext for voting for McKinley.

There are several ways of lying, and some of the Republican organs are adepts in all of them. Here is a sample of lying by indirection taken from the New York Tribune, which says: "In his present speeches Bryan lays no stress on his purpose when he is President to pack the Supreme Court, thus providing a body to render decisions to Populist order." When did Bryan ever express such a purpose? Never; and the Tribune knows it.

TRUST OBJECT LESSONS.

There is scarcely a day that we are not furnished with object lessons showing how the "beneficent" trusts operate, how they reach out and put their clamps on the manufacturer, the farmer and the consumer of the articles they control.

Here are two more. The first is from the Charleston News and Courier showing how the Cotton Wadding Trust, to which we have heretofore referred, crushes out enterprises and extorts from consumers:

"The Cotton Wadding Trust, which recently strangled two independent mills in Columbus and Chattanooga, says the Birmingham Age-Herald, 'is now making a raid on the South, because the wadding trust is strong enough and has enough to back up an independent enterprise. Such mills would be profitable under normal circumstances in every Southern cotton manufacturing State, because they take from other mills 'waste' and convert it into batting. If the House of Representatives should be Democratic the Age-Herald trusts a special investigation of the specially vicious and vile wadding trust will be made. It has strangled without difficulty a factory in Columbus, Ga., and one in Chattanooga, and all the facts concerning its methods and history would be brought out."

A new Gushman gun, just completed at Redding, Pa., is forty-four feet long, weighs 54 tons, and will throw a 2,000 pound projectile with a velocity of 1,800 feet a second.

FIRE IN WASHINGTON

The Loss Estimated at Over One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

IT BROKE OUT ABOUT 1 P. M.

Raged Until 5 O'clock—List of Sufferers. Fire Departments at Greenville and Rocky Mount Wired for Help. Many Persons Prostrated.

[Special Star Telegram.] WASHINGTON, N. C., Sept. 13.—Washington is in ashes. From Water street, beginning at the oyster factory up the street a distance of two hundred yards, or near to the Crystal Ice Company's factory, and from the corner of Water street up Market street to Main street, our town lies in ruins; never surpassed in our town's history since the Civil War, and the property loss far exceeds that of the war, when our town was burned by the Yankees, the loss being approximated at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and upon a careful examination it is presumed the loss will far exceed these figures.

The fire originated in Brabble's restaurant about one o'clock, caused from a defective stove flue, and in a few minutes the building was a total loss and the fire had spread to all adjacent buildings.

Estimates of Losses.

The following is an approximate estimate of the loss at this time, 9 p. m.: O. B. Wynne, bar, \$1,000; W. Farren's bar, \$1,000; J. S. Farren & Co., oyster cannery factory, \$30,000; W. A. Rodgas' barber shop, \$100; W. T. Farren, tenement house, \$2,000; E. S. Hoyt, building, \$300; L. E. Kidd, grocery, \$1,700; Bonita's grocery, \$500; M. F. Watson, restaurant, \$50; J. W. Mayo's fish house, \$300; J. M. Gaskill, fish house, \$1,200; Paulford fish house, \$300; John Harris, sail maker, \$700; E. K. Willis, wholesale grocer, building and stock, \$10,000; Washington market house, \$6,000; Washington Light Infantry armory, damaged \$300; E. Peterson, wholesale grocer, building, \$5,000, stock, \$25,000; Dr. Willis, wholesale grocer, \$6,000; W. B. Rodman, building, \$4,000; C. H. Sterling, fish house, \$1,000; A. H. Latham, grocer, \$1,500; H. Jewell, \$1,200 on stock; John Chesnut, bar, \$1,000; W. B. Rodman, law office and library, \$2,000; Dr. J. C. Redman, building, library and instruments, \$3,500; McBerger, grocer, \$3,000; Miss M. B. Rodman, damage to dwelling, \$500; Mrs. Christine Jarvis, residence and furniture, \$3,000; Spencer Bros., building and stock, \$30,000; C. M. Little, building and stock, \$3,500; W. B. Windley, building, \$500; W. Bailey, stock, \$500; Charles Warren, colored, \$200; H. W. Hollowell, building and stock, \$1,500; E. Peterson & Co., building and stock, \$300; T. M. Willard, stock, \$250; T. F. Brown, building occupied by colored tenants, \$500; M. J. Wright, buildings, \$2,500; M. J. Wright, stock, \$3,000; C. F. Smith, stock, \$2,800; several restaurants on Water street, owned by Wright, Brabble, Stillely and Swindell, valued about \$200.

These are approximate estimates; some of our most conservative men saying that the loss will exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

The telephone exchange is damaged to a very considerable extent; Manager Bell says it is impossible to estimate their losses. The Fulford Hardware Company, Brown Drug Company and Thomas' Bargain House were considerably damaged by water.

Greenville Sent Assistance.

All citizens of the town, both white and colored, did valiant service. The fire raged from one fifteen to five o'clock. Many were prostrated by the excessive heat, we having had no rain for several weeks.

Mayor Studdard wired the fire departments of Greenville and Rocky Mount for assistance, as the whole town was at one time in danger. The Greenville fire company is now on the scene, and the fire is under control. The promptness of our sister towns in responding to the call of the mayor for assistance will ever be remembered.

J. L. YORK BOUND OVER.

Preliminary Examination at Fayetteville of a Promoter Well Known Here.

[Fayetteville Observer, 15th.] The trial of J. L. York, charged with fraudulent use of the mails, which yesterday morning promised to be such a lengthy one, came to an end quite unexpectedly about six o'clock, and resulted in his being bound over to the Federal court.

The prosecution only introduced two witnesses, the postoffice inspector and the sumter, S. C., Cotton Oil Company, the former for the purpose of showing that York sent and received letters, and the latter to testify to the fact that his company had shipped York oil upon certain representations. Mr. Fishburne put in evidence Mr. York's letter ordering the oil, under the name of the National Manufacturing Company of Fayetteville. The defense offered no evidence, and, after some consideration, Commissioner Morrissey bound York over to the Federal court, increasing his bond from \$1,000 to \$1,500. This the accused failed to give and he was placed in jail.

The numerous friends in Wilmington of Sheriff George B. McLeod will regret to read the following from the Lumberton Robesonian: "Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod has been obliged to return to the hospital at Baltimore on account of inconveniences from the wounds he received from a runaway [land have also been "hard to satisfy" in the matter of water.

REGULATORS AT WADESBORO

Community Rids itself of Objectionable Characters—They All Left, Some Without Due Notice.

[Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer.] The regulators took in the town Monday night and, as a result, we see now minus the society of several individuals whose absence, it is generally thought, will be a blessing, as their presence was a curse.

The first person waited on was one W. E. Caldwell. Caldwell is a very tall negro, and is known as the "big 'un." He has been lying around Wadesboro for quite awhile, but has had no visible means of support. He was taken to the depot comparatively early in the night and told he must leave and that if he came back it would not be healthy for him. Instead of leaving Caldwell, as soon as the regulators were out of sight, slipped back up town and went to the house of a negro woman who lives about a mile from town on the Morven road. The regulators found this out and captured him again. On their way back to town Caldwell was taken down and given 26 licks with a leather strap. They say there is not much danger of his coming in Wadesboro again.

The next one who was told to move was a negro girl known as "Bell," who has been living here three or four months. She moved.

A mulatto guitar picker, a stranger here, was then waited on and the riot act read to him. He has not been seen since.

Paul Moses, col., of Darlington, S. C., was sought for but eluded the regulators. They got so close on his trail, however, that he took leg bail and left his shoes and hat behind. He was found Tuesday morning and notified that he must leave town on the afternoon train. He left.

DeWitt Little, Lindzey and Wat Pratt, all well known characters of the town, were also waited on and given their walking papers.

A number of others, who were not invited to leave, have, we understand, taken the hint and have not waited for that ceremony.

PENITENTIARY A BURDEN.

Again Badly in Need of Funds—Treasurer Worth Refuses Assistance—Aid for Galveston Sufferers.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., September 13.—At a meeting of citizens late this afternoon nearly three hundred dollars was raised for the Galveston sufferers and a committee was appointed to solicit contributions to-morrow.

The penitentiary, which has so long been a burden on the taxpayers of the State, is again badly in need of funds. This morning the management tried to get from the State Treasurer's office \$25,000, but Treasurer Worth declined to let them have it. He says the penitentiary drew \$55,400 from the State Treasury last year, which the Legislature provided for as a loan, but that none of it has ever been paid back, and instead demand has been made for the \$50,000 appropriated for this year.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed by W. E. Jones, a dry goods merchant here. His liabilities are \$22,000, and his assets about \$6,000. Another bankruptcy petition filed to-day was by D. D. Blue, of Aberdeen. His liabilities are only \$975.

NORTH CAROLINA HAY.

Mr. Keith Has Some Sales of Fine Forage from His Farm.

A STAR reporter was shown yesterday about twenty-five bales of the finest hay seen on this market for some time. It was North Carolina grown, having been brought to the city by Mr. B. F. Keith from his farm at Keith, N. C., and emphasizes the fact that North Carolina farmers might well profitably turn their attention to farming of this kind. The hay is the ordinary crab grass which will grow anywhere without fertilizer. Mr. Keith had this year about thirty acres in grass and will gather from the farm, even after the drought, about two tons to the acre. This year he marked a considerable amount for the market and will grow it more extensively next year. He has improved machinery for mowing and baling the hay and puts up a bale equal to, if not superior to the forage that is shipped here.

The hay with very little work can be made to yield from \$35 to \$50 per acre.

DR. C. M. PAYNE DEAD.

Mr. Charles Payne, of Washington, N. C., who has been here on a visit to his cousin, Mr. H. G. Fennell, was called home last night by a telegram conveying the very sad news of the death of his father, Rev. C. M. Payne. D. D. Payne's death was very sudden, as his son was reading a postcard from him saying that he was well when the telegram was delivered. Dr. Payne was pastor of St. Andrew's Church for ten years, from 1874 to 1884, and was much beloved by his congregation and others who knew him. After he left Wilmington he went to Concord, and from there he moved to Washington, where he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at the time of his death.

ONE RESULT OF THE DROUGHT.

General complaint comes from persons in the city and country from the drying up of wells incident to the long continued drought, which everybody here has been busy during the past two weeks and those who drive pump wells have also had their hands full. In some localities near Wilmington the situation is said to have become serious. Steam engines stationed on land have also been "hard to satisfy" in the matter of water.

KINSAULS IS REPRIVED.

Has Been Given Two More Weeks to Live. Intercession of a Methodist Minister in His Behalf.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., September 13.—Governor Russell has reprived Archie Kinsauls, the Sampson county murderer who was to have been executed to-morrow, until Friday, September 28th. This action was taken because of Kinsauls' condition resulting from attempted suicide last Friday, when he was to have been hanged. His neck is still in bad condition, and he is said to be trying to starve himself to death to prevent disgrace and the horror of perishing on the gallows. Governor Russell has been flooded with petitions in this case and last evening Rev. H. E. Tripp, the Methodist minister from Clinton, was here beseeching for further reprieve for the condemned man.

Kinsauls' wife is exerting every effort in behalf of the life of her husband. She has personally worked up a petition for commutation in Wilmington.

Rev. Mr. Tripp brought with him to Raleigh a letter from Dr. A. M. Lee, Kinsauls' physician, stating that the condemned man is now in a very feeble condition. His throat is very sore and it will be several days before the wound will heal. He further stated that he would ask, if not inconsistent with the Governor's own idea, that the execution be stayed long enough for the wound to heal.

Governor Russell also to-day postponed the execution of Drayton Medlin, a white man, until Friday, October 19th. Medlin was tried in Dallas, Gaston county, for the murder of Superintendent Brown, of a cotton mill in which Medlin worked. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged at Dallas. His execution has been postponed because of urgent petitions to the Governor to give time to the examine properly prayers for commutation of Medlin's sentence to life imprisonment.

NEGRO DROWNED THIS MORNING.

Colored Fireman on Steam Tug Navassa Fell Overboard from Wharf.

A negro fireman on the steam tug Navassa, aged about 35 years, and whose first name is "Louis," fell overboard this morning at 2 o'clock from a flat tied up at the foot of Princess street and was drowned in a few minutes.

The negro had been drinking during the night and lay down on the wharf at the foot of Princess street and was carried into the water. At the hour named Policeman Grimsley discovered him asleep and woke him up and finding him sober ordered him to go aboard the tug which was tied up at the wharf just across the partition enclosing the Produce Exchange building.

The negro stepped on a flat to draw himself around the partition, when he slipped and fell overboard.

Being stupefied by his sleep and miscalculating a step, he fell overboard between a flat and quickly sank. Policeman Grimsley extended to him a stick, but the negro went under the prow of one of the flats before he could catch to it. His body had not been recovered early this morning.

PASSED SUCCESSFUL EXAMINATION.

Dr. R. J. Price Will Receive Appointment as Regular Army Surgeon.

Dr. Richard J. Price, who stood an examination ten days ago before the U. S. Board of Medical Examiners at Fort S. Monroe, Va., for an appointment as surgeon in the regular army, has received notification from Surgeon-General Sternberg that he had passed a successful examination and his name would be placed on file. He will receive his appointment in regular turn, and it is indefinite as to the time he will be called out. Dr. Price has numerous friends who will be delighted to know of his success, but will regret to see him leave Wilmington. It is probable that he will send in his resignation as Coroner to the Board of County Commissioners within the next few days, so that when he receives orders from Washington, he will be ready to leave without any delay.

MR. WALTERS' ART PURCHASES.

He Buys Many Japanese Ivories at the Paris Exposition.

[Baltimore Sun, 15th.] Advice from Paris state that Mr. Henry Walters, who has been visiting the Paris Exposition, has been a heavy purchaser of Japanese carved ivories. Visitors to the Exposition were much impressed with the rare beauty of these ivories and they attracted much attention from art lovers. They were regarded as among the finest ivory carvings of art on exhibition, being works of the greatest Japanese artists. The extent of Mr. Walters' purchases, with their quality, will form an important addition to the collection of Oriental works of art now at the Walters gallery in this city. Mr. Walters is expected to return to Baltimore about October 1.

A. C. L. NOTES.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: "The A. C. L. has just received six large engines to run on this section of the road. These engines are the largest ever run on this road and are the most modern invention. They will be used principally to carry the fast heavy freight."

The new railroad shops building at South Rocky Mount is nearing completion. The old machine shops, and about the same size, built of brick. This is not the only improvement going on at South Rocky Mount; we will give the full account later.

A FOUL MURDER.

An Aged Negro Inmate of the County Home Killed Friday Afternoon.

HIS HEAD BADLY MUTILATED.

Went to Smith's Creek to Dig Bait and His Assailant Used the Hoe in Accomplishing Dastardly Crime. The Coroner's Inquest.

A. D. Pristelle, colored, an inmate of the county home, was foully and most brutally murdered late Friday afternoon on the W. and W. railroad at the foot of the embankment near the north abutment of the trestle over Smith's Creek, and the body was not found until yesterday morning, when the engineer on passenger train No. 41, which arrives in Wilmington at 9.20 o'clock, saw it lying there and reported it as soon as he arrived in the city.

The crime was one of the most atrocious ever committed in the county and every effort will be made to bring the guilty party before the bar of justice. The murdered negro was 99 years of age and had been an inmate of the county home for nearly two years. He left the home about 4 o'clock in the afternoon with a hoe, bucket and his stick, to dig bait for fishing. That was the last time he was seen alive by the other inmates of the home. He was found in a pool of blood near a telegraph pole with his face downward. His head was horribly mutilated by a blunt instrument. He had several deep gashes around his left ear, and a half dozen similar wounds on different parts of his head. His arms were bruised and it seemed that that was caused by trying to defend himself against the death dealing blows which were being laid upon his head. About twenty feet distant, on the edge of the stream was found his hoe, which was undoubtedly used by his assailant and had been thrown into the creek at high tide to conceal it. Several deep indentures were made on the pole, behind which he must have tried to ward off the blows.

Coroner Price was notified and after his arrival upon the scene of the crime had the body removed to the county home, where an inquest was held yesterday afternoon. The jury was composed of W. P. Oldham (foreman), T. A. Watson, C. H. Daniels, W. H. McEachern, T. W. Clawson and Ed. Wilson Manning, Jr. Eight witnesses were examined, but the testimony of the majority of them was immaterial. Mr. G. H. Hutaff, who has a farm near by, testified that while he was in his field Friday afternoon about a half mile from the spot where Pristelle was killed, he heard several cries of "murder" at the top of a man's voice and a little later the same cry was repeated twice, but in a lower voice. Several other witnesses testified to the same things, but they said it is not uncommon for boys swimming in the creek to make such fuss, so no investigation was made.

The inmates from the home who were examined all agreed in their testimony that deceased left there about 4 o'clock in the afternoon to dig bait at the creek, as he often did, and when he failed to return that night nothing strange was thought of it. He left.

The evidence of one witness may lead to a definite clue to the guilty party, but it was not sufficient to warrant the arrest of the person under suspicion.

The jury did not arrive at a verdict, so they adjourned, to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the Court House, when some additional light may be thrown on the case.

THE STATE FAIR.

Chief Marshal Appointed—Opening of the Democratic Campaign.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 15.—W. T. Old, cashier of the First National Bank, Elizabeth City, has been appointed chief marshal of the State Fair and has accepted.

Arrangements were made to-night for opening of the Democratic campaign here on Thursday night, September 27. A number of distinguished speakers have been invited, and the occasion will be a rally of local Bryan clubs.

The new building of the First Presbyterian church here will be dedicated to-morrow.

LAND SUBMERGED.

A section of earth, probably about fifty feet square, on the west side of Point Peter across the river, where sand ballast is dumped from vessels entering this port, submerged yesterday and carried with it into the river a dummy carriage, track and stationary engine, which is used in bringing ballast from vessels and discharging it at a convenient distance from the water's edge. It was something of a phenomenon and created much interest among rivermen, who afterwards witnessed the scene of the landslide. The engine sank out of sight into the water but will likely be recovered.

WRECK YESTERDAY MORNING.

Passenger train No. 35 on the Atlantic Coast Line met with an accident early yesterday morning at Robbins, S. C., near Augusta, but no serious damage was sustained. The sleeping car was the only one that left the track and the only passenger hurt was Mr. S. P. Adams, of Wilmington, who had an arm and a leg bruised, but his injuries were only slight. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a defective track. The road was cleared in a few hours.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Jurors Drawn from the Several Counties in the District to Serve During the October Term.

The following jurors have been drawn to serve during the term of the United States District and Federal Court, which will be convened at Wilmington October 29th:

New Hanover County—Thomas A. Watson, R. A. Kingsbury, George W. Huggins, R. C. Orrell, G. W. Woodcock, Thomas Quinlivan, B. F. Penny, Dan H. Fenlon, T. C. McMillen, Sr., Sampson County—R. J. Ingram, W. B. Stewart, John R. Register, J. L. Autrey, Jesse M. Jackson.

Fender County—Louis Alderman, J. D. Hocutt, Frank Ennis, Loftin Colvin.

Richmond County—John A. McGregor, A. J. Cassidy, J. A. McNeill, W. H. Bladen.

Bladen County—John C. Monroe, R. C. Daniel, Gabe Powell, W. N. Campbell, James Robeson.

Duplin County—Robert E. Moore, Guilford Farrow, John C. McMillan, L. M. Cooper.

Brunswick County—Robert King, Joseph W. Peardick, A. M. Williams, F. M. Moore.

Robeson County—Eli Phillips, Duncan Regan, A. B. Lowrey, A. H. Currie, J. S. Oliver.

Columbus County—J. D. Maulsby, Minus Meares, J. R. Taylor, J. B. Brinkley, Millard F. Owen.

Cumberland County—Travis Bedsole, A. J. Deal, W. H. Tomlinson, John A. D. Boon, John T. McKoy.

Jurors are required to attend on Tuesday, October 30th, at 10 A. M.

BACK FROM NEW YORK.

Ex-Mayor Fishblate Brings Good News for Democrats—Bryan's Chances Good.

Ex-mayor S. H. Fishblate returned yesterday from a ten days trip to New York, Baltimore and other cities North. While away Mr. Fishblate combined recreation with business and incidentally picked up many interesting bits of news about national politics. He says that he met many leading Democratic politicians and other well informed people who seemed to think that during the past two weeks Bryan has gained considerable strength and that his vote winning campaign keeps up to the present standard until election, he would be overwhelmingly elected.

In New York, Mr. Fishblate says, Bryan received his worst setback in the defeat for the gubernatorial nomination of Coler by Croker at the State Democratic Convention at Saratoga last week. The masses of the people wanted Coler, he says, but the machine politicians wanted his defeat. Many people are disgusted with the proceedings and will not support the State or National ticket. It is asserted by prominent Democrats, Mr. Fishblate says, that Croker has a deal with Platt by which he is to control city politics and patronage while Platt will take the State. If Croker would have allowed Coler's nomination there would have been no doubt about New York's going Democratic and for Bryan, they say, and even as it is, leading Democrats are predicting Bryan's success without the aid of New York.

GOV. RUSSELL'S RESIDENCE.

Carpenters have begun work on the handsome residence which Governor Russell will build across the river on his plantation in Brunswick county. The building will be of wood after a favored architectural design and will be two stories in height, handsomely painted. The contractors hope to complete the building in two or three months.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Criminally Assailed a White Woman in Nelson County, Va.

[By Telegram to the Morning Star.] RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 15.—Yesterday, near Arlington, Nelson county, a negro criminally assailed Miss Ellen Bosworth, a school teacher of that county.

The assault was made in the woods not far from the victim's home, and of negro left her with a broken neck choker her insensibility. The negro was arrested, taken before a magistrate and confined. He was then started for the county seat, as a guard, but was taken from the guard by a mob and hanged to the limb of a tree.

NO COAL FAMINE PROBABLE.

President Oliphant Discusses the Output and Reserve Now on Hand.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—R. M. Oliphant, president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, said to-day that, at a conservative estimate, 4,900,000 tons of coal were taken out of the mines in August. The average output, he added, was between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 tons, so it appears as nearly 1,000,000 tons in excess of the average monthly yield. In addition to this, of course, there will be the output for half the month of September, which will probably be nearly 3,000,000 tons, as the mines have been worked to their greatest capacity, owing to the fear of a strike.

NORFOLK'S POPULATION.

Census Figures Show an Increase of 11,753 or 33.70 per Cent.

[By Telegram to the Morning Star.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The population of the city of Norfolk, Va., as officially announced to-day is 46,624, against 34,871, in 1890. The figures show for the city, as a whole, an increase in population of 11,753, or 33.70 per cent., from 1890 to 1900. The population in 1880 was 21,968, showing an increase of 12,905, or 58.75 per cent. from 1880 to 1900.

Lynchburg's fund for Galveston has reached nearly \$500. It will be forwarded Monday afternoon, by which time it is probable the amount will be \$1,000.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Mount Airy News: The dry weather has greatly injured late cabbage and cut off much of the crop. The prices have been higher on this account.

—Greenville Reflector: Died at his home in Pitt county, N. C., on the night of the 10th of September, 1900, Willis R. Whitehead. He was born at the same place March 6th, 1833. He lived and died at the same homestead.

—Mount Olive Advertiser: Only a small amount of stock remains to be subscribed to complete the capital of the bank. For the last ten days the farmers have been devoting their energies to picking and selling their cotton. All other business has been relegated to the rear.

—Lumberton Argus: The Lumberton Cotton Mill project is moving right along. Mr. Jones has purchased of Mr. Brock Lewis ninety acres of land about a mile east of town, on the Carolina Central rail road. The contract will immediately be let for brick.

—Maxton Scotch Chief: Capt. Archie McNeil who has just returned from a two weeks travel through Richmond, Scotland, Hobson, Columbus and several other cities in the South Carolina, says he has been traveling through this same territory for thirty years and in all that time he has never seen such short cotton and corn crops, not more than half a crop of either can be harvested.

—Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: While returning home from making a professional call a few nights ago, Mr. E. H. Hart, of Gullede township, was shot at by a person concealed in some bushes on the side of the road. Dr. Hart was not hit and the would-be assassin ran. Mr. Hart is now in the hospital at J. B. Burch, of White Store, who was so severely cut last week by Van Chambers, colored, will be glad to learn that his wounds will not prove fatal, as was at first thought would be the case. Chambers was hotly pursued after the cutting, and his arrest was very nearly effected at one time, but he managed to escape. Chambers has not yet been apprehended.

—The Messenger-Intelligencer: Made a diligent inquiry of a number of the best and most successful farmers, representing all sections of the county, as to the conditions of the cotton crop, and we are satisfied from what they tell us that the crop is from 40 to 45 per cent less than that of last year, which was itself a short crop. These are some good judges who say that not more than 50 per cent of an average crop will be made.

—Lexington Dispatch: Mr. J. W. Lambeth, of Thomsville, says that he raised 605 bushels of wheat on twenty acres of land this year. He says that he met many leading Democratic politicians and other well informed people who seemed to think that during the past two weeks Bryan has gained considerable strength and that his vote winning campaign keeps up to the present standard until election, he would be overwhelmingly elected.

—The South African War.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Gen. French Occupies Barberton With Slight Opposition.

[By Cable to the Morning Star.] LONDON, September 15.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, under date of the 14th of September, September 14th, as follows:

"French occupied Barberton yesterday with the cavalry which he took across the mountains. He met slight opposition, the enemy being completely surprised. Twenty-three officers and 400 men were taken prisoner. Prisoners were released, and forty-three locomotives and other rolling stock were captured. The former will be sent to the Cape. The bulk of French's force is still thirty-five miles behind the cavalry, owing to the difficulty of getting the wagons over the pass leading to Barberton."

—Lorenzo, Marques, September 15.—Boers who arrived here yesterday evening aver that the burghers are fighting among themselves at Helapruit and are looking and burning buildings.

FORTIFICATIONS AT GALVESTON.

Board of Engineers Appointed to Examine and Report on Their Condition.

[By Telegram to the Morning Star.] WASHINGTON, September 15.—With a view to the restoration of the fortifications in the harbor of Galveston, if such a thing is possible, General Willson, chief of engineers, this morning organized a board of engineer officers, consisting of Col. Henry M. Roberts, stationed at New York; Maj. Henry H. Adams, stationed at New Orleans; Capt. C. S. Rich, stationed at Galveston, and Capt. Edgar Jadwin, stationed at New York, to meet at Galveston at the call of the senior officer, about the 20th of October. The board is instructed to make a careful and critical examination of the jetties and fortifications of Galveston, and to report to the chief of engineers what action is necessary for the repair and the restoration of the fortifications and harbor works.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease \$5,250,075; loans, increase \$7,022,600; specie, decrease \$2,691,100; legal tenders, decrease \$3,268,100; deposits, decrease \$1,068,500; circulation, increase \$372,000. The banks now hold \$30,886,176 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.