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BAD MATERIAL TO WORK WITH.

Hangings of natives in the Philippines for murdering Americans or American soldiers has become so frequent as to have lost its novelty.

A short while ago there was a triple hanging in the town of Tattay, in the province of Morong, in Luzon Island.

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The organs which support the Crumpacker bill lay much stress on the light vote cast in the Southern States, but entirely pass over as a matter of no importance the light vote cast in the Northern States.

Mr. Crumpacker proposes to reduce representation from the South not because suffrage is restricted, (although that is the pretence) but because the qualified voters do not turn out and cast a full vote at the elections.

This proves nothing, or if it did the election returns from many of the Northern States would apply with as much force to them. There never has been an election held in this or any other section of the country where thousands of voters, who had the right to vote, did not fail to go to the polls, and as every one knows who has had any experience in politics one of the most difficult tasks election managers have is to get out a full vote, which they generally fail to do.

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THROUGH TO RALEIGH

Atlantic Coast Line Train Makes Close Connection to and From Goldsboro.

Recent Changes in Arrival and Departure of Trains as Recommended by Produce Exchange Allowed by the Railroad Authorities.

Mr. C. W. Worth, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Produce Exchange, which was recently instructed to call upon the proper Atlantic Coast Line officials and endeavor to secure a change in the schedule of the incoming A. O. L. train from the North so that the same would connect with the Southern train from Raleigh, reported yesterday to the secretary that the committee's efforts were successful and that the changes desired would be in effect to-day.

The Atlantic Coast Line also yesterday made official announcement of the change in the schedule which in substance is that train No. 41 from the North will in the future make close connection at Goldsboro with Southern train 35 to and from Raleigh, Greensboro and points west thereof.

With the change the public at Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Clayton, Selma, Pine Level and Princeton, who wish to spend a day shopping or sight seeing in Wilmington can leave home in the early morning, make close connection at Goldsboro and reach Wilmington at 10:10 o'clock, having left at 6:45 A. M., but beginning to-day the arrival time will be 7:15 and the leaving time 7:30.

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JAMES N. MACOMBER DEAD.

Well Known Citizen of the County Passed Away Friday Night—Funeral Will Be Held To-day.

Mr. James N. Macomber, an esteemed citizen of New Hanover and for many years a resident of Wilmington, died Friday night at 11 o'clock at his home near Wrightsville Sound after an illness of several months with Bright's disease.

Mr. Macomber was in the 68th year of his age and was of a family that in years gone by was one of the most extensive real estate owners in the county. His venerable mother passed away only a week ago at Richmond, in the 97th year of her age and was buried here.

For many years prior to, during and after the war deceased was agent in Wilmington of the Southern Express Company, but in later years he has been engaged in farming and merchandising in the country. He had been a justice of the peace of the county and for many years he had been tax collector for Harnett township. He took a lively interest in county affairs and was often called upon to perform public duties in his township, which he always did with pride and eminent satisfaction.

The funeral of the deceased will be held from his late residence at 10 o'clock this morning and the remains will be brought to Wilmington on a Seacoast railroad train at 11 A. M. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

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MAJ. FRENCH STRANGE DEAD.

Citizen of Atlanta Well Known in Wilmington and Fayetteville Died Suddenly Wednesday Afternoon.

While talking to a little girl in the store of W. S. Beckman yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock, Major French Strange, a journalist, and for many years a citizen of Atlanta, dropped dead from heart disease. He left his home and walked to the store for the purpose of making a few purchases. He met the proprietor and asked a few questions about trading stamps.

Major Strange had not made any complaint during the day of feeling unwell and when he left his home to go to the store he appeared in good health. The coroner, after an investigation, decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The body was removed to the home of Mrs. Strange.

French Strange lived in Atlanta many years. He was a man of fine education and of literary ability. At one time he was editor of an Atlanta weekly paper. He wrote for many papers outside the State and was a contributor of some of the leading periodicals of the country. He was quiet and reserved in his manner, but had a large number of close friends.

He was born Feb. 3, 1837, at Fayetteville, N. C., and would have been 65 years of age next February. He was the youngest son of Judge Robert Strange, of Fayetteville. He was a member of the Grand Lodge, No. 10, of the Grand Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Grand Chapter, No. 10, of the Grand Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

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LONG DISSOLVES THE SCHLEY COURT

Has Disposed Finally of the Case So Far as the Navy Department is Concerned.

Declines the Application of Admiral Sampson to Make Inquiry into the Question of Command and Declined to Hear Schley's Counsel.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case, so far as the Navy Department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approves the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court; he approves the majority opinion, where there is a difference in the court; he holds that the court could not have entered into a consideration of the question of command at the battle of Santiago, and finally declines the recommendation that no further proceedings shall be had.

The department has read the testimony in this case, the arguments of counsel at the trial; the court's findings of fact, opinion and recommendation; the individual memorandum of the presiding member; the statement of exceptions to the said findings and opinions by the applicant; the reply to said statement by the judge advocate; the report of the court of inquiry; the report of the court of inquiry; the report of the court of inquiry; the report of the court of inquiry.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Durham Sun: Mrs. J. M. Bykes, of Durham, has a cow that is worth having. Friday morning the cow gave eleven quarts of strained milk, and when at her best makes two and half pounds of butter a day.

—Elizabeth City Carolinian: The long rows of machines in the Albemarle shirt factory that at one time maintained such a busy hum and furnished employment to so many people, are now being taken down and packed to be shipped to Washington, N. C., where they will be operated by the factory there, and thus create one of the largest factories in Eastern Carolina.

—Sanford Express: There is talk of a large bleachery being established here on an early date. Parties who are interested in the proposed enterprise have had the water in a creek near town analyzed and find it to be excellent water for a bleachery. Since the cherry tree fraud has been exposed it is found that its victims are in nearly every section of this and adjoining States. Some women lost as high as \$80. There is little hope of securing any of the money of which they have been defrauded.

—Rocky Mount Spokesman: There is talk of another oil mill being established in Rocky Mount. While riding along the road last Sunday morning Mr. W. O. Wells was struck with a runaway cow from his buggy. He was found just before sunset Sunday evening, was carried to a house nearby and died in about an hour. The coroner held a meeting of the stockholders of the Rocky Mount and Blind Factory they decided to increase their stock \$1000 for the purpose of enlarging their plant.

—Winston Times: Thursday Mr. John C. Daniel found Nathan Wooten (col.) lying dead in the road about a mile below Seaford, in this county, near Mr. Jim Bryan's home. Blood had run down over his face from a wound on his head, which looked as if the man had been shot. Mr. Wooten, who was coming to Wilson, soon came along and later reported the matter to the sheriff and made the affidavit which is necessary for a coroner's inquest. It was told that the horse and buggy of Wooten's had been found in the possession of a negro of Seaford named Ben Pratten, who Wooten left Wilson with a hundred dollars. This negro, Ben Pratten, has not been seen since.

—Winston Journal: A nut farm is one of the latest endeavors in this line of enterprise here. One of our citizens, Mr. Frank Jenkins, who has just returned from Texas, has purchased a large quantity of plants and is arranging to plant out raising business on a large scale. Capt. E. A. Jenkins has a farm two miles northwest of Winston admirably suited for this business and has now having planted there six thousand plants of pecan, walnut and chestnut. It will require a number of years before the trees will begin to bear. There are now planted on this farm about two thousand fruit trees and it is expected to increase this number five or six thousand.

—Smithfield Herald: Mr. J. W. Talton killed a hog recently which weighed 552 pounds after being dressed. A few days ago a cow on the farm of Mr. Talton, of Boone Hill township, was seen acting very strangely. It was first thought that she might have hydrophobia as she was frothing and bleeding from the mouth. Before they could catch the cow and see what was the matter with her one of the boys went into the pen and the cow's tongue in the feed trough with the print of the mule's teeth on it. The cow's and mule's stalls adjoined and it is supposed that the mule endeavored to steal the mule's feed through the cracks when the mule decided to put an end to it by biting off the cow's tongue.

Another Explosion at Pittsburg, Pa. Two Boilers in a Steel Mill Burst—Seven Men Badly Scalded and Many Others Slightly Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—For the third time within seventy-two hours Pittsburg steel workers have been killed or maimed by terrific explosions. Following on the heels of the awful disaster at the Boho furnace of Jones & McLaughlin on Thursday, and at the Black Diamond Steel Works yesterday, the city was shocked this morning by the report of another explosion at Singer-Nimick's west end plant of the Crucible Steel Company of America, in which seven men were killed and twenty or thirty others slightly injured.

At 6:55 o'clock two of the battery of five boilers used to operate the sheet mill exploded with terrific force. Scalding water played havoc among the workmen, who had just in for the day when the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion was frozen pipes which supplied the two boilers of the five with water. This freeze came some time early this morning.

NAVAL STORES OUTLOOK.

Regarded in Savannah as Encouraging for Higher Prices—Futures Are Excitedly Scarce Just Now.

(Savannah News, 19th.) For the last day or two buyers of spirits of turpentine in the Savannah market have been inquiring among factors to ascertain upon what basis they can get futures for May-August delivery. This is the season to contract for spirits for delivery during those months.

If present indications count for much it seems that this effort to get contracts will be the same as that of last year, which was the unwillingness of buyers to pay the asked price. They are now bidding anywhere from 35 to 40 cents, but factors state they are not even prepared to talk business with such bids, and may not be able to do so until buyers get up around 40 cents. Factors state they are not even prepared to talk business with such bids, and may not be able to do so until buyers get up around 40 cents.

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PENDER SUPERIOR COURT.

Adjourned Thursday Night and Judge Allen Came to Wilmington for Hearing in Chambers—Prisoners for Roads.

Pender Superior Court for the trial of both civil and criminal cases adjourned Thursday night for the term. The case of A. E. McNeill, of Burgaw, against the S. A. L. railroad for alleged negligence of one of defendant's employes in directing plaintiff to a wrong train at Monroe, N. C. when he desired to go to the bedside of a sick son at Rock Hill, S. C., resulted in a verdict of \$100 for plaintiff. The amount sued for was \$500.

Judge Allen while at Burgaw gave the New Hanover convict squad a very material reinforcement. Sheriff W. W. Alderman and deputy arrived in the city yesterday, bringing with them four prisoners whose sentences aggregate three years and eight months. They are all colored, and are as follows: Ois Fennell, six months each in two cases of larceny and six months for burglary; J. M. Mitchell, six months for disposing of mortgaged property and four months for larceny and receiving; Jackson Hand, twelve months for housebreaking, and Andrew Jackson, four months for larceny and receiving.

The only cost to New Hanover for the prisoners last night was transportation amounting to \$2.70 each and their keep during term of service.

Sensational Story. Published Account of an Assault Upon the President Emphatically Denied. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Both at the White House and British embassy, an emphatic denial is made of the published story of the assault alleged to have been made upon the President Thursday afternoon. The President himself declares the story is not true, and authorizes the denial of it. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, who is said to have been a witness at the assault, emphatically denies the statement. The story of the assault grew out of the fact that an intoxicated man was lurking near the White House on Thursday afternoon as the President was taking his daily walk, and that the man brushed himself against the President. A secret service officer arrested the man, but it is understood he was soon afterward released.

A Florida Feud. Battle Between Hogans and Dormans. Two Killed and Two Wounded. By Telegram to the Morning Star. SANDERSON, Fla., Dec. 21.—A terrific battle occurred at 6:30 o'clock to-night at Lee's tie-camp, five miles from here, between the Hogans and Dormans families, all of whom are well known in this section. A feud has existed between the families for a long time, and on former occasions a fight was almost precipitated. On the battle to-night the firing was intense for a few minutes. The dead are Joshua Hogans and Willis Dormans. The wounded are Andrew Nain and Thad Dormans, who is said to be fatally hurt. Lewis Dormans is mysteriously missing and though his friends are looking for him he has not yet been found. He was discharged.

NORTH CAROLINA WATER WAYS.

Bills Introduced in Congress by Representatives Thomas and Small.

Congressman Thomas, of the Third district, has introduced a bill in Congress providing that the sum of \$9,000 be appropriated to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise expended, to be expended by the Secretary of War for works of improvement and maintenance of Bogue Sound, between Swansboro and Morehead City, in removing the shoals upon which the depth of water is less than six feet.

Mr. Small, of the First district, has introduced a bill authorizing the appointment of a board of engineers to consider the subject of an inland waterway from Norfolk in the State of Virginia to Beaufort inlet in the State of North Carolina, the survey for which was made by Maj. Lucas, of the Wilmington Corps of Engineers, and others about a year ago. The bill does not include the Wilmington waterway some time ago urged by the Chamber of Commerce here.

Judge Means Not a Candidate. Regarding the rumor that the friends of ex-Judge O. P. Means were beginning a strenuous fight for him for the Collectorship of this port, the STAR learned yesterday that the endorsements were secured for him by a number of representative men, entirely without his knowledge. When Judge Means heard of the movement in his behalf, it is stated that he thanked his friends kindly, but stated that upon consideration would he allow his name to be presented for the place.

A BEAN PIGT ROAST.

Fire Destroyed Nearly Fifty Thousand Bushels at Suffolk Friday Morning.

The following special to the Raleigh News and Observer from Suffolk, will be read with interest by peanut growers in Eastern North Carolina: "Nearly fifty thousand bushels of peanuts roasting at 4 o'clock this morning in the midst of a snow storm, made a scene and scent the like of which had never been experienced by anybody here. The Suffolk Peanut Company's principal storage warehouse was blazing, and millions of white peanut hulls burned to the lightness of cinders, were drawn skyward in the draught, and by the glare of the conflagration they could be seen to melt and melt myriads of fallible flakes. The loss is \$38,000; insurance \$38,500. The origin of the fire is unknown."

What Will the Harvest Be? Fayetteville Observer 21st: "Two hundred packages of whisky, ranging from one quart to five gallons each, came in on one train by express yesterday. It is estimated that seven hundred dollars worth of whisky arrived here yesterday by express alone."

Schooner's Mate Held. Chas. W. Summerland, mate on the schooner Abbie G. Cole, was held in the sum of \$50 for the higher court by Justice Fowler yesterday afternoon. The mate is charged with making an assault with a deadly weapon upon a member of his crew, and gave the required bond. He was discharged.