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GOOD ROADS PAY.

The interest in public road im

provement still continues in a num-

her of States and in all sections of

in the Eastern and middle States,

which from their comparatively

la.ge populations, their progress.

wealth, the amount of business they

do, and the traffic over the roads

It is an interesting fact that one

United States was good roads. The

State of Virginia had entered upon

and at one time had a splendid sys-

tem, some of which can yet be seen

in the mountain sections in a com-

paratively good state of preser-

tions by the smaller States

to forming the union was

that Virginia with her immense

domain which then extended to the

Mississippi or the West and to the

Lakes on the North would eventual-

ly be strong enough in Congress to

rule the country. To obviate this

objection the State of Virginia

agreed to cede to the United States

all of her territory outside of the

lines then drawn on condition that

the Federal Government continue

the system of road building which

she had begun, the conclusion being

that the cost could be met out of the

receipts from sales of the lands dona-

ted. The Government kept its agree-

ment and hundreds of miles of

splendid highways were built through

Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland

Ohio, and Indiana and as far as St.

Louis, connecting the agricultural

districts with the Eastern markets,

and these became the great

highways of commerce over which

millions of dollars worth of

merchandise or produce was car-

ried annually, some of them at some

seasons resembling more a main

business street of a large city than a

interest in them waned, and in many

sections they were allowed to go to

wreck, which was a great mistake, as

has since been discovered, and is now

generally acknowledged. Therefore,

late in the day as it may be, interest

The result of the experiments

made has demonstrated this and

shown that aside from other consid-

erations such as convenience and

the comfort of people who live

along them, from a financial point

(and that is the point that carries in

deny that first class highways consti

from the New York Sun:

grow too strong.

exception.

Whiteville Press: From re-

ports received over the county for this week the farmers seem to be much encouraged over the prospects for good crops though rains are need-

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making is undoubtedly true, in a large measure, as regards other parts of the country. It is well known that in the Empire State where, during the four years preceding 1903, \$670,000 had been devoted under the Highle-Armstrong aw to high way construction real estate has appreciated in value greatly, par-ticularly in the sections immediately affected by the expenditure in ques-tion; and it is expected that, inasmuch as the amount of money to be spent this year for road building in this State will be larger by far than that spent in the past, the results to be achieved therefrom will be correspondinly good The introduction of the automobile

has, beyond question, stimulated greatly the interest in the highways of this country. With this new conveyance people nowadays think little of travelling fifteen or twenty miles by road, whereas ten miles behind a horse might seem a comparatively long distance. Hence, there is a stronger tendency than before to es-tablish permanent homes in the tablish permanent homes in the country. As the work of road making continues and avenues are opened which will remain passable the year around, this tendency will surely increase and develop; and, as a prominent member, of the Ontario Parliament recently predicted, it may not be long before the tide of migration to our cities will be effectively turned towards the country as the result of the united efforts that are being exerted to improve the facilities of trans-

portation. the country, and nowhere more than We quote this because we have frequently referred to the road building in New Jersey and how that State has been benefited by it. Indiana is another State whose wealth has been largely increased one would suppose that good roads by road construction, and there are roads were the rule instead of the doubtless others. Why it should be so is so apparent that it seems strange that any argument should of the subjects that first engaged the attention of the people in the United be necessary to show the importance States and of the Congress of the and value of good roads any more than there should be to prove the value of good streets in a city which undertook to do business. Millions a system of turnpikes to penetrate of dollars are annually expended the various sections of the State, upon the streets of cities and good roads are quite as important and valuable to the country which wishes to prosper as good streets are to the city. vation. One of the objections

PEACE IN THE PHLIPPINES.

The amnesty proclamation for the Philippines issued by the President on the Fourth of July substantially declares that the archipelago, with the exception of the Sulus, is pacified, and is now in a condition for the establishment of civil government. We have been officially asthree years that the war was over, and that all the Filipinos wanted was a chance to come in and be good, oval Americans.

But some how or another the killng went on until the American commanders resorted to the process of making "howling wildernesses" out of the provinces where the "insurrectos" kept up a racket. They say that this proved a good plan, took the fight out of the little brown men and convinced them that the best thing to do would be to put away their guns and their bolos.

As far as war in the true sense goes there hasn't been much war there in the past two years and never was, for that matter, for it was a sort of jack-rabbit chase from country road. At any hour of the the beginning. The Filipinos were day hundreds of wagons coming and never organized for war against a going could be seen on them and country like this, for they had thousands of cattle, sheep, hogs, neither the armies nor the equipetc., being driven. The work went on ment for such as they had to make up to the introduction of railroads. respectable war, so that as far as But when the railroads came as war goes the archipelago may be competitors of the turnpikes, of said to be pacified.

course they lost their prestige, the Whether President Roosevelt's amnesty proclamation will settle the business and put an end to the sporadic shooting and killing remains to be seen. We may have succeeded in terrorizing the natives, but they don't like us a whit better in good roads has revived and is now than they did when the shootgrowing stronger. It can never ing first began.

> The job hasn't been finished in the Moro group yet and unless there be pretty level-headed management down there we may have more trouble ahead of us, for the Moros are tougher customers than the

But this amnesty proclamation is this country), it pays not only the not intended so much for use in the people who own property along or Philippines as for home consump. near them, but the State as well. tion and hence it is issued in good As proof of this we reproduce the time for the coming campaigns, following editorial, which we clip when the Republican strikers will playit for all it is worth. No one familiar with the subject will

tute one of the best features which a Some of the denizens of Shippens-State or country can possess. They not only facilitate transportation burg, Pa., would give two dollars among the people who live near them and a half to catch up with a nice but they offer a strong inducement to young man who went through those outsiders to settle along their borders, and thus materially enhance the value parts several weeks ago and sold of real estate. In other words, they their wives cucumber seeds at a The strongest evidence which we nickel a piece which he guaranteed vould produce cucumbers two feet facts comes from the State of New long. They were short on long cu-Jersey, where the work of highway improvement has been carried on dili-gently during the past few years. New Jersey expended for road mak-ing in 1901 half a million dollars, and the appropriation for similar purposes this year will approximate twice that cumbers like that up there, and a lot of the women bought them and planted them according to directions. When the seeds failed to sprout within the usual time, some amount. Since the good roads move-ment was started there the value of of the planters gouged to find the State's taxable property has increased \$27,000,000. Precisely what portion of this increase has resulted directly from the betterment of the highways cannot, of course, be said; but the State Commissioner of Public Roads authorizes the statement that there are several resident and are highways the statement of the statement that out what was the matter, and dug up wooden seeds which the fellow had whittled out and palmed off on the unsuspecting cucumber females. That chap was no wooden head.

there are several regions under his supervision to which improved roads have been, primarily, the means of attracting wealth to the extent of from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

What is true concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of proposets in New Yorks at the concerning the increased valuation of the concerning the The suggestion by Gen. Burt that the United States sell the Philippines to Japan suggests the inquiry, derecy as the result of scientific road undisputed possession? could the United States guarantee

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1902. NATIVES OF THE SOUTH.

According to the census of 1900 there are in the United States 15,-758,318 persons who were born in the South, so that native Southerners constitute nearly one-fifth of the total population of the country. Of this number 1,347,121 are living in other States outside of the South. Of these Virginia has contributed 165,630, Kentucky 330,044, Tennessee 164,122, Maryland 136,333, Texas 141,368, Arkansas 107,880, West Virginia 90,341 and North Carolina 52,781. None of the other States sent more than 33,-000, the emigration from most of the Gulf States being comparatively small.

This emigration has been going on for years, but in decreasing numbers for some years past, so that it is nothing now compared with what it was for some years after the war. when there was a rush to the West. Some of the railroads had travelling agents out working up that business and competing for it.

This loss of population has been partially offset by immigration from Northern and Western States, especially in the Southwest where the bulk of these people have settled. What the number of these settlers is we do not know, but in Louisiana it has been large enough to make that a safely white State. This immigration is on the increase and will continue to grow for some years to come, for as a general rule the new comers have bettered themselves, and are taking an active interest in inducing other Northern and Western people to come South.

The Japanese Governor of Formosa says if Uncle Sam wants to get rid of the Philippines Japan will take them if he will wait till she can raise the cash to ante up. She is rather hard up just now. Why not is permissible for counties to adopt let her have them on the instalment rules of their own and that Cumberplan and give her a couple thousand years to pay up, she taking the chances of the holding Philippeners down? He is travelling in this country now and says he will talk it over with Teddy when he reaches Washington.

The colored brother isn't wanted sured several times within the past in Reading, Pa., either. Twentythree were imported a few days ago to work in a mill in that town and soon a petition was in circulation. signed by many persons, requesting the mayor to remove them for sanitary reasons and because they were menace to the public welfare. Judging from this those imported negroes will not fare well in that burg.

> Chicago is a fast town. The latest move there is a proposition to put breakfast cars on the streat railways, so that early risers can eat their breakfasts on the way to work, and dining cars for men who do not have time to spend an hour or two at dinner. Thus they can eat on the run, as it were, and give more jobs to the undertaker.

Labor is becoming scarce in some of the rural districts in the South, attributed to the fact that many negroes have migrated, while the ease with which land can be leased or bought has caused many negroes who formerly hired out to go to farming on their own account or on the share plan.

Providing against possible contingencies the King of Italy is said to have \$8,000,000 invested in West Virginia coal lands. If he should lose his king job he could emigrate and go into the coal business in this country and become a coal baron, who is a bigger rooster than the average king.

The U.S. Steel Trust's profits for the past three months were \$400, 000 a day. But it would never do, acsording to the Republican statesmen, to reduce the tariff on steel manufacturers. It might hurt this "infant."

In a recent automobile contest in a race from Paris to Vienna, a distance 782 miles some of the automobiles made an average of 51 1-4 miles an hour and didn't kill anybody.

We have come to the conclusion

that henceforth Aguinaldo will have

a very diminutive opinion of Admiral

Dewey. Cuba doesn't want any John Chins man either. She has varieties of color enough already to wrestle

with.

CONVENTION DATES.

Democratic State, at Greensboro, on Republican State, at Greensboro, on August 28.

Second District Congressional (Dem-Second District, Congressional (Democratic), at Tarboro, July 2nd.
Second District, Judicial (Democratic), at Weldon, July 19th.
Third District, Congressional (Democratic), at Goldsboro, on July 2nd.
Fourth District, Congressional (Democratic), at Raleigh, July 15th.
Sixth District, Congressional (Democratic), at Fayetteville, on August 20th.

Sixth District, Judicial (Democratic), at Smithfield, on July 3rd.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

Convention Held in Favetteville Saturday Precipitated Congressional Controversy

REPRESENTATION.

Clark Endorsed for Chief Justice Unanimously-Walker and Connor Also Endorsed-Appeal Taken to Higher District Tribunal.

[Special Star Telegram.] FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., July 5 .- The Democratic County Convention, of Cumberland, was held in Fayetteville to-day. County Chairman H. L. Cook called the convention to order and acted as temporary chairman, with L. B. Hale, Esq., as clerk, until the permanent organization was effected.

Mr. J. H. Myrover was elected permanent chairman and L. B. Hale, Esq., and Hon. E. R. McKethan permanent secretaries. After the appointment of several committees and while the convention was waiting for the committees to make their reports, Hon. Geo. M. Rose was called and made a vigorous speech, telling of the times when it was necessary for Democrats to stand together and that victory was won no other way, and concluded with a strong appeal for harmony and unanimity, first standing by the county candidates in all con-

The committee on rules reported in favor of each township having ten votes in the convention without respect to size and that the majority control both in the township representation and in the convention. Upon a minority report there was a heated discussion pro and con, the majority contending that by previously adopted rule by the County Executive Committee and a recognition of the fact by the State Executive Committee, it and had done so. The minority con tended that the State plan of organization governs all conventions and that the voice of the minority could not be throttled by a majority vote. The majority report was adopted by the convention.

The committee on credentials re-

"no contests" and upon the protest filed in the fourth precinct of Cross Creek against the ruling of J. D. McNeill, chairman, that nomi nations for candidates to the several conventions would not be considered by the chair on demand. upon a motion before the convention asking permission to nominate and vote upon candidates, the committee sustained the ruling of Chairman Mc Neill and upon a minority report, a hot discussion was precipitated, headed on one side by J. D. McNeill and on the other by E. H. Williamson. Mr. McNeill stated that the matter had been decided by the State Executive Committee that each county had the right to adopt its own rules without regard to the State plan of organiza-tion and that Cumberland had heretofore adopted the majority rule and that he believed the majority should control in the convention. Maj. Hale stated that he was a member of the State Executive Committee and that the ques tion had been up before the committee and that they thad decided the question as stated by Mr. McNeill. The mi nority representatives contended for the State plan of organization and for minority representation and that no power except the rules of the State plan could deprive the minority of their vote. The majority report was adopted by a vote of 30 to 90. Hon E. R. McKethan stated that while he was in favor of Maj. Hale for Congress, still he was opposed to suppressing the minority and that they ought to b given their strength.

Upon the adoption of the reports and the entering of protests against their adoption, Mr. N. A. Sinclair offered a resolution instructing for Maj. Hale for Congress and to use all honorable means for his nomination. As a substitute for Mr. Sinclair's motion, Mr.L.A Williamson moved that the convention go into the balloting for candidates and concluded by putting John D. Bellamy in nomination, which substitute was lost by a vote of 30 to 90. And then the motion of Mr. Sinclair passed by the same vote. The discussions were hot and strong and if it had not been for the majority gag put upon the minority by the convention, Maj. Hale would not have gotten more than two thirds of the convention, and there is no doubt but that the action of the convention to-day will cause a good deal of feeling in the party. Where there are two or more precincts in a township the majority controlled. When in nearly every precinct delegation there were some anti-Hale delegates, but the unit rule adopted suppressed that minority. The minority filed their protests to the action of the convention in refusingto recognize the minority and appealed in the congressional convention. Under the rule applied Judge H. G. Connor and Hon. Platt D. Walker received unanimous endorsement for associate justices and upon motion of H. L. Cook Judge Walter Clark for chief justice was endorsed by acclamation. Hon. H. L. Cook was re-elected county

chairman unanimously. Another Account of the Convention.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., July 5. - Hon H. L. Cook, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, called a large county convention to room to elect delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional conventions. On permanent organization, J. H. Myrover was made president and E. R. McKeithan and L. B. Hale, secretaries. The convention voted by townships as a unit. vention voted by townships as a unit. The Bellamy men made a plucky fight but the convention instructed for Hale and finally left it to the president of the convention to name delegates to the Congressional Convention, on nomination by Major Hale, and the convention was pledged to use all honorable means to secure Hale's nomination. The convention by acclamation endorsed Clark; also by acclamation, on motion of Major Hale, it endorsed C. C. Lyon for solicitor. For Associate Justice Connor was endorsed, Walker coming next, Brown third. There was no instruction for Corporation Commissioners. H. L. Cook, the efficient chairman of the executive committee, was unanimously re-elected.

PASSED AWAY FRIDAY.

Mr. John T. Platt, After Lingering Illness, Was Taken to His Reward-The Puneral Services Yesterday,

Mr. John Thomas Platt, one of Wil mington's best known and most highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home in this city, No. 609 Grace street, at 9:10 o'clock Friday night after an illness of more than a year with a complication of diseases. The news of Mr. Platt's death, though not entirely unexpected, came as a very sad blow

to many friends. Mr. Platt was born in Pottsville, Pa., June 15th, 1833, and was in the 70th year of his age. He removed to Wilmington in 1859 and had been a resident of this city ever since. During the war he cast his lot with the Confederacy and rendered valuable service to the cause as engineer on the steamers Owl, Dee and other blockaders running into this port. Three successful trips were made each to Nassau and Europe, bringing supplies to the impoverished soldiers of th South. Soon after the war he ran for a short time as engineer on the Worth line of steamers between Wilmington and Fayetteville and then went as foreman of the machine shops of the Wilmington Iron Works, then conducted by the firm of Hart & Bailey, and later by Burr & Bailey. He served there for 40 years until July 3rd last year, when, on account of poor health, he was forced to retire

from active service. Deceased leaves a wife and eigh children to mourn his loss. His chil dren are: Mrs. T. J. Hoskins, Mrs. R. E. Bizzell, Mrs. Preston G. White, Messrs Philip F., Robert C., and John Platt, all of this city, Thomas Platt, of New York, and Lieut. William P. Platt, United States Army, of Salt Lake City. He is also survived by four sisters, all of them except one being residents of Alabama. A brother, Mr. Edward Platt, died three weeks ago at his home in Pottsville, Pa-

MISS BREWER TO MR.

Pretty Marriage Ceremony in Pranklis, Va, Thursday Evening-Attendants.

Thursday evening, in the chapel of the Franklin Female Seminary, Franklin, Va., a beautiful wedding peremony, performed by Rev. J. L. Lawless, pastor of the First Baptist church, joined in marriage Mr. Claude Gore, formerly a popular young man of this city, and Miss Annie Bruce Brewer, daughter of Prof. John B. Brewer, now president of the Franklin Female Seminary, but formerly president of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro, N. C.

The bridal party entered the chapel to the strains of Grieg's "Norwegian Bridal Procession," beautifully rendered on the piano by Miss Estelle Timberlake, of Raleigh. The bridal party, in the order in which the church was entered, was as follows: Ushers, Misses Ella Early, of Aulander; Cecilia Joyner, Julia Joyner, Irene Mitchell and Jennie Joyner, of Franklinton, and Miss Susie Timberlake, of Raleigh; Miss Jessie Brewer, sister of the bride, second maid of honor, with Mr. William Brewer, brother to the bride; Miss Julia Brewer, another sister, first maid of honor, with Mr. C. I Edwards; then came Mrs. John H. Gore, Jr., of Wilmington, another sister, as dame of honor, followed by little Elizabeth Brewer, youngest sister of the bride, as ring and flower bearer. The bride, leaning on the arm of her father, was met at the altar by the groom with his brother, Mr. John H. Gore, Jr., of Wilmington, as best

The bride was attired in white mousseline de soie over white taffeta, and carried a handsome prayer book. Her veil was fastened with a diamond brooch and orange blossoms. The dame of honor wore white silk and carried asparagus ferns. The other attendants were white organdie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gore left soon after their marriage on the south bound Seaboard Air Line train for Rockingham, N. C., their future home.

NEGRO SHOPLIFTERS CAPTURED.

Cleverly Trapped by Police Early Yesterday Morning-Held for Grand Jury. Charged with the larceny of two pair of pants from Wilmington's Big Racket Store, Sam Long, Jr., Robert Hicks and Ed Holland, colored, were sent over by the Mayor yesterday for the grand jury in default of \$50 bond.

appear in the higher court. The negroes were arrested at Thirteenth and Market streets at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by Policemen C. E. Wood and I. F. Huggins and the stolen property recovered. The negroes visited the store early Monday morning when few of the clerks were down. They were detected in the theft but ran from the clerks and the arrests were not made until yesterday

Walter Ellis and Jessie Telfair, col-

ored, were recognized as witnesses to

morning. Payetteville Third Precinct. A correspondent at Fayetteville writes the STAR that at the adjourned primary of the Third precinct of that town, held Tuesday night, there was a Hale ticket and a Bellamy ticket for delegates, and that the Hale ticket received 44 votes and the Bellamy ticket 38 votes. There were several candidates on both tickets who received 82 votes, the full number cast. The claims of Major Hale were advocated by Messrs. J. H. Myrover and J. W. Atkinson, while Mr. Bellamy's cause was championed by Mr. W. C. Troy Maj. J. B. Broadfoot.

WILMINGTON SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Ida C. Schoolcraft in Bad Condition Off Lookont-The Nimbus Safe.

[Special Star Telegram.]

BEAUFORT, N. C., July 3 .- Wreck ers have abandoned the schooner Ida C. Schoolcraft. She has five feet of water in her hold and is hogged high up on the beach. The Luckenbach Wrecking Company's steamer pulled the schooner Nimbus off the beach and the vessel is inow on the outer reef waiting for the next high water when the steamer expects to float her. She is tight and all O. K.

The Ida C. Schoolcraft is 304 tons Capt. Boyce, and sailed from Norfolk yesterday a week ago with cargo of coal for one of the fisheries at Old Brunswick. She was built in 1884 and her home port is Somer's Point. New Jersey. The four masted schooner, Nimbus, 810 tons, Capt. Stahl, is bound, light, from New York to Savannah. The stranding of both vessels was previously reported.

THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Arrangements for Appointment of County Boards-Other Raleigh News. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., July 3 .- The State Board of Elections met here to-day will full attendance and adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the chairman of this Board be instructed to communicate with the State chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties and request them to furnish a list of their respective county chairmen, and when furnished, that he notify the said county chairmen to send list to the State chairmen of their respective parties, of names for County Board of Elections in pursuance o

Section 6, Election law, of 1901." The next meeting of the Board will be held in pursuance of the above resolution in Raleigh on the 4th of August, at which time County Boards will be appointed for the various counties in the State, and such other business will be transacted as may come before the Board.

Governor Aycock to-day re-appointed all the old directors of the North Carolina railroad for another twelve

Killed an Alligator.

An alligator, measuring 10 feet one nch, was killed by Capt. T. H. Hawkins, of the steamer Croesus, off Dock street wharf, near the middle of the river, yesterday forenoon. Cant. Hawkins saw the 'gater floating near the top of the water, borrowed a Winchester rifle from the Willard Bag & Mfg. Co.'s office and rowed out to him in a yawl boat. A well aimed shot hit the big fellow on the right side of the head. Mr. Ed. Manning. of the steamer Wilmington, later rowed out to the alligator, put another shot through his hide and towed him ashore. The alligator had several shot in his hide indicating that he was 'veteran" of several encounters with his bitterest foe-man.

Fire at Chadbourn. Fire at Chadbourn, N. C., Friday night, destroyed the dwelling house and barn of Mr. G. S. Reid with the contents of both buildings. The origin is unknown; loss \$5,000, with insurance of \$3,500 in Col. Walker Taylor's agency of this city. Mr. Reid is an extensive truck grower and was in Wilmington on his way to Norfolk when he was recalled by news of the ond by the shipping department, and

Superintendent W. N. Royall,

Charleston News and Courier, 3rd 'General Superintendent Royall, of the first division of the Atlantic Coast Line, will leave here this morning for Glenn Springs, where he will spend week before leaving for Wilmington He has received orders to report for duty on July 10. The office here has been turned over to Superintendent Lynch, who will hereafter have gen eral supervision for the company a

- Whiteville News; "The appearance of Capt. V. V. Richardson on the streets Tuesday afternoon for the first time in two months after his accident was a very pleasant event to his many friends. We hall with delight his recovery and hope to see him soon regain his strength."

COTTON OIL MILLS.

Plans for a Mutual Fire Insurance Com pany to Carry All Mill Risks. By Telegraph to the Morning star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 5 .- Committees from the Insterstate Crushers' Association, the Texas Crushers' Association, and the executive board of the Interstate Association, represent ing nearly all of the cotton mills in the United States, met here to-day and after a session of several hours selected twenty directors to perfect plans for a mutual fire insurance company to carry all cotton oil mill risks. The directors will meet in Memphi within two weeks for the purpose named. It is claimed that the action of the committee will result in the withdrawal of twenty millions of dol-

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

W. Passett, a Prominent Parmer of Mount Sterling, Ky. By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

MOUNT STERLING, KY., July 5 .- J. W. Fassett, a prominent farmer and short horn cattle breeder, attempted suicide to day and is not expected to live. He took three grains of morphine, and procuring a dirk and a hammer went to an orchard and plac-ing the knife against his breast drove it into his body with the hammer. He gave as a reason for his action that he was growing old and his children needed his money, so he thought best to put himself out of the way.

TWELVE KILLED, MANY INJURED

Two Trolley Cars Wrecked on Mountain Side Near Gloversville, New York.

FILLED WITH EXCURSIONISTS

Over Fifty Per Cent. of the Passengers Were Injured-Victims Crushed and Maimed Almost Beyond Recornition-Brakes Out Order.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., July 5 .- The wreck of two trolley cars, which occurred on the Mountain Lake railroad late last night, caused the death of twelve persons. It is believed that several other victims will succumb to heir injuries. The bodies of many of the victims were crushed and maimed almost beyond recognition and the scenes about the wreck were horrifying. The accident was caused by the combination baggage and passenger car getting away from the motorman and rushing down the mountain side at terrific speed. The brakes refused to work and at the grade the heavy car crashed into a loaded open car, also descending the mountain. The latter was hurled from the track and turned on its side and over fifty per cent. of the passengers were injured. Those who were pinned directly under the car were crushed to death, and in some instances terribly mutiated. The combination car also left the track and turned on its side.

As the scene of the accident is renote from the city it was two hours before appliances to raise the open car and release the victims were secured. The accident happened at a sharp curve, where the track turns to make The wreck occurred at the end of a day of pleasure at the resort at the top of the mountain, and the cars were loaded with excursionists.

According to Conductor James Cameron, of the open car, the closed carran away while coming down the grade above the curve and collided with the open car as the latter was rounding the curve. Both cars then went down the grade at lightning came together again. Just before the rear car had reached the one ahead the lights in the first car went out and added darkness to the horror. The heavy double car struck the other with such force that it raised the rear eLd of the first into the air and over the right embankment on the side. Both cars were derailed and the passengers were thrown in every direction. All the dead and nearly all the wounded are Gloversville people. City Recorder Frank C. Wood was held under the car for two hours between two dead women with both legs crushed.

A GREAT FIRE IN CHICAGO STOCK YARDS

Swift & Co.'s Plant Destroyed-The Loss Estimated by Officials of the Company at \$500,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, July 5 .- By a fire which broke out in their plant at the stock vards to-night, Swift & Company suffered a loss which is estimated by the officials at \$500,000. The fire was confined to one building standing at the intersection of Packers' avenue and Broadway. This structure was four stories high, built of brick and was three hundred feet square. The first floor was occupied by the wholesale meat market of the company, the secthe third and fourth by the general offices of the company. The latter are said to have been the largest single offices in the United States, more than 800 employes working on one of the

floors in a single room. The cause of the fire is not known, but it was discovered near the engine. It spread so rapidly through the building that it was found impossible to save anything in the structure. The burned building adjoins portions of the plants of Armour & Com-

pany and Libby, McNeil & Libbey, and for a time the fire department had a desperate fight to keep these buildings from the flames. W. J. McGonigle, the superinten-

dent of the plant said to-night that the loss will aggregate fully one million. The loss is fully covered by insurance

DUEL AT FORT MYERS, PLA.

Dennis Sheridan Killed and City Marshal Stroup Badly Injured. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FORT 'MYERS, FLA., July 5 .- In a duel to-day between Dennis Sheridan, well known here, and City Marshal Stroup, Sheridan was shot dead, and in the fight the officer was severely cut with a knife. It is not positively known whether his wounds will prove fatal or not, but it is believed they will. The affair created intense excitement in the town. The duel was precipitated by resistance on the part

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- Laurinburg Exchange: The cotton lice, reported in our last issue to have been doing great damage to the cotton throughout this county,

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have almost disappeared, so we have been informed, and the fleecy staple is taking on new life. - Scotland Neck Commonwealth: After investigation by a number of persons who were present at the burial of Mr. Sam Medford, who was found dead near his father's home more than two weeks ago, it was generally con-cluded that his depth was not suicidal.

- Kinston Free Press: There's money in peaches, too! Mr. W. H. Wooten sold \$10.15 from one tree in his yard yesterday. He has three other trees nearly as good. Mr. Travis Skinner sold \$11.20 worth from one tree in his yard. Think what a nice income could be derived from 100 trees

carefully attended to. - Pender Chronicle: The crate factory of Mr. Daniel Southerland, located about one mile north of Willard. was destroyed by fire on last Tuesday night. The origin of the fire is un-known, but is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss will amount to several hundred dollars and was wholly unprotected by insu-

- Dunn Banner: The town bonds were sold to-day for the purpose of putting in water works and electric lights, bringing a premium of \$2010.00 par value being \$35,000. The successful bidder was Seasongoad & Mayer. of Cincinnati. The other bidders were: Merchents' & Farmers' Bank, Dunn; Humphrey Robinson Co., Atlanta, and C. A. Webb & Co., Ashville.

- Monroe Enquirer: Until recent years the farmers in this section never thought of raising cane as a feed for stock, in fact they thought that green cane was injurious to stock, but within the past six or seven years there has been a revolution in this respect and now some of the best farmers in the county are raising large qunatities of cane for stock.

- Greenville Reflector: Tuesday the body of John Cutler, the last of the victims drowned in the sinking of the tug boat below Washington, Friday night, was washed ashore about a mile from the scene of the wreck. There was a line tangled around Cutler's body, and it is supposed he is the one who drifted by the schooner crying for help. The Captain of the hooner heard the cry and threw out the line but lost his end of it. Cutler must have caught the line and perhaps could have been saved but for the Captain losing his end in the darkness.

- Monroe Enquirer: There has been a great deal of kicking against the ruling that cord wood must be listed for taxation. The argument against listing cord wood is that there speed. At the foot of the hill the cars is such agreat difference in the price of wood. The man who has miles from market has his wood assessed at the same price per cord as the man who has wood at the place the wood is sold, and the man who has corded his wood has to pay tax on it, while the man who has simply heaped his wood or left it lying where cut,

does not pay anything. - Sanford Express: There is talk of a large cotton seed oil mill being - Cotton and corn are looking splendid, and with about two or three more good rains there will be good crops made. -- Sanford has the mumps, and it is not confined to the children either. It is a common thing to see grown people on the streets with their jaws badly swollen with the disease. —— Neil Black was given a hearing in habeas corpus proceedings here Thursday afternoon before Judge Walter Clark for the killing of Pat Pierce near Cameron on June 21. After hearing the evidence, Judge Clark decided that it was a bailable case and required that Black give a bond of \$1,000, which was given.

- Raleigh News and Observer: Tuesday night about 10 o'clock Miss Beulah Lamond, a young lady about 20 years of age, jumped into a well at her home in Durham. There is no doubt the act was caused by desperation on the young lady's part, by reason of cruel treatment at the hands of her sister, Mrs. Alice Link. Miss Lamond was rescued by a young man named Harry Anderson, who went down into the well and brought her to the top. The young man was tied under the arms with a rope and let down a distance of fifty feet to the water, where the young lady was elinging to a pipe in the well. The well is sixty-five feet deep, with fifteen feet of water. The depth of the water undoubtedly broke the force of the fall. When she came up the first time she had present of mind enough to grab hold of the first thing she saw, which was the pipe above mentioned. As soon as Anderson and the young lady were drawn to the top of the well the modest young man slipped out of the crowd as quiet-ly as possible. Reporters tried to keep him back and talk with him, but all he would say was, "It is all right; I only did my duty. My name? It is Harry Anderson." Then he disappeared and the reporters have seen him no more. Miss Lamond is all right to-day and no

MEAT PACKING INDUSTRY.

fears are entertained as to her complete

recovery. — The health report for the month of June, which has been

completed by City Sanitary Inspector T. P. Sale, gives a total of 31 deaths.

Combination of the Yast Interests of Chicago Companies-Jao. D. Rockefeller the Pinancier.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, July 5 .- The Inter-Ocean

to-morrow will say: Combination of the gigantic compa nies controlling the packing industry of the United States has finally been consummated, with John D. Rocke-feller as the central figure in the financial part of the negotiations. Final arrangements have been made for the consolidation of the Swift and Armour interests, which have recently gained control of the other packing

concerns throughout the country.

The final steps which were taken today require merely the merging of the Swift and Armour interests. There are, it is said, one or two companies not yet wholly under this control, but not yet wholly under this control, but negotiations are pending with a favorable outlook. Swift & Co., who own the Sloux City stockyards, and the Libbey, McNeill and Libby Company business, recently secured control of a majority of the stock of the Anglo-

American Packing Company.

Armour & Company have secured control of the G. H. Hammond Packcontrol of the G. H. Hammond Packing Company, and of part of the Fowler interests, and have been negotiating for the Cudahy Packing Company and Nelson Morris & Company, while Sulzeberger and Swarzchild were already in the hands of those

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation, of date July 3d, removing discriminating duties upon Cuban vessels entering United States ports.

promoting the combination.