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OPINIONS OF NORTHERN AND WESTERN FARMERS.

In speaking yesterday of the future prospects of agriculture in this country we remarked that in view of the fact that the supply of public lands suitable for agriculture was about exhausted...

There has been for some years an annually increasing movement of this kind, more noticeable in the Southwest and in the States which border on the Mississippi...

The National Farmers' Congress recently met at Macon, Ga. In it were representative farmers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and other States...

The Southern Farm Magazine, published in Baltimore, solicited the views of some of them as to their impressions of the South...

IT GOES TO THE HAGUE.

The solution of the Venezuelan dispute seems to be that it goes by consent of all the parties concerned as principals in it to the Hague.

Mr. John Hamilton, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, observing that the soil is capable of profitable cultivation...

Over Wilson, of Magalloway, Ill., whose opinion of Southern agriculture was obtained by his trip, writes: "That agriculture has not reached its possibilities in the Southern States is apparent to the casual observer..."

Mr. John W. B. of Quincy, Ill., secretary of the Farmers' National Congress, will show his faith by his work. He writes: "The South does not know of its riches. It has business the best of the South as a field for investment is best shown by the fact that I purpose to invest in it all my surplus dollars from this time on."

of the North, who can never get out of debt on account of the high price of his land.

F. E. Mudge, LaSalle, Ill.: "You have good farmers here, with lands too high. We must come to the land." T. L. Roberts, Jopps, Ill.: "I advise any one who is seeking health, wealth and happiness to try the South, especially Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Of course, I am too old to farm, but the young and the middle-aged should go the South, as I think it far superior to the Western lands for all purposes."

Hiram Varnas, Verona, Wis.: "If Northern farmers should invest in land in Georgia and work as they do here and in the West, I see no reason why they could not make a success."

There are good points in all of these extracts, but it should not require much time or effort to show the advantages of the South over any other section of the country as an agricultural section. It has the advantages of climate that no other section save Southern California has and that is an essential factor in successful farming...

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stated by the nations of the old world, that the Monroe Doctrine can never with the consent of this country come before The Hague or any other European tribunal for interpretation or arbitration.

We interpret that ourselves and stand upon our interpretation, so that there is no danger whatever of the Monroe Doctrine being involved in this settlement, as far as the decision of The Hague Commission goes.

A PRETTY BIG SCHEME.

For some time there have been reports of a contemplated national organization of farmers, called in the press dispatches a "Farmers' Trust," which was to be backed by many millions of capital, and put the farmer in a position where by co-operation he could control his crops, and not be at the mercy of combines or speculators or men who covered crops and put prices up one day and down the next.

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TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Engineer Fisher of the Jones Fell Overboard and Died From the Shock.

HAPPENED AT SOUTHPORT.

Yesterday Afternoon the Tug Was About to Take a Tow When the Accident Occurred - The Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

While at his post of duty yesterday afternoon at Southport Engineer J. M. O. Fisher, of the tug *Alexander Jones* fell overboard and died from the effects of the shock. It was a terrible tragedy and one that will send an arrow of pain to many a heart in Wilmington.

The accident happened about 1 o'clock and in plain view of the dock at Southport. At the time the Jones had just started out to take a tow, the schooner *Rebecca A. Douglas*, lying in the stream, to New York. Mr. Fisher was standing outside his engine room and when the Jones was about half way to the Douglas he pitched head first over the bulwark, only about three feet into the water.

The funeral will take place at Southport to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Woodmen and Odd Fellows will both attend and the former has an official notice in to-day's issue.

BURGULARS BOLD

PAY AN XMAS VISIT.

Two Negro Men Make a Successful Raid on the Rock Spring Hotel - Entered the Rooms of Guests.

One of the boldest and most successful robberies that has taken place in Wilmington for many months transpired Christmas morning. It was accomplished by two negro men and was their boldness that crowned their nefarious efforts with success.

The robbery was committed at 1 o'clock in the morning, an entrance being effected through the main entrance of the hotel. After ransacking the first floor, where the money was obtained, the thieves went to the second floor and visited the rooms of several of the guests.

Mr. Appleby did not obtain a sufficient look at the negro who entered her room to describe him, but is positive it was not the one who entered Mr. Vincent's room and who he described as of ginger cake color, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, and as wearing a soft hat and an overcoat.

HANDS-COMR NUPTIALS.

High School Principal Takes Wife Himself a Charming Wife.

Wilmington folks will read with interest the Christmas letter of Prof. R. D. W. Connor, principal of the High School, this city, and Miss Sadie Hansen, of Mocksville, N. C., which took place at the latter place Tuesday. It is as follows:

"Miss Sadie Hansen and Mr. Robert Diggs Wimberly Connor were married this evening at 4 o'clock at 'Oakland,' the paternal residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hansen. The affair was indeed a very impressive and joyous one. The drawing rooms and dining hall were tastefully decorated in lovely shades of blue and white. In the spacious hall where the ceremony was performed, mistletoe, ferns and palms were used in profusion as a background for the altar.

The bride was charmingly gowned in a delicate creation of white crepe de Chine, with a reception of the shower bouquet was white carnations and on her hair she wore a wreath of real orange blossoms.

The groom wore a dark suit and a white shirt and tie, and on his hair he wore a wreath of real orange blossoms.

ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIES.

Annual Meeting in Raleigh - Officers Elected - A Lively Discussion.

The cheerfulness of the delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Johnson, Burgaw; Mrs. J. C. Paddison, South Carolina; Mrs. Irene Stewart, Mt. Airy; Mrs. James Thompson, South Carolina; Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Black, Mt. and Mrs. J. C. Paddison, Mrs. Peter Peterson, Point Caswell.

The music was furnished by an orchestra from Raleigh and the ball room decorations were made by a Richmond florist.

BOLD BANK BURGLARS.

Robbed the Bank at Ustons, Mo., of \$15,000 - Building Completely Wrecked.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.-The bank at Ustons, Mo., was robbed of \$15,000 in a sensational manner by burglars between 1 and 2 A. M. to-day, according to a report to the Post-Dispatch. Residents in the vicinity of the bank were aroused by the sound of an explosion and some of them rushed into the streets. The burglars, then leaving the bank, opened fire at random and were successful in intimidating the would-be captives until they had made their escape in safety.

With the departure of the robbers an examination of the vault was made. It was discovered that all the money was gone. The building was completely wrecked. No clue to the robbers' escape has been discovered.

ABOUT WILMINGTON.

Mayor Waddell Writes to the Manufacturers' Record of Its Progress.

Forty-odd Other Mayors Tell of the South's Prosperity - The Record Calls Attention to Work of Our Chamber of Commerce.

The business men of Wilmington will find the Christmas letter of the *Manufacturers' Record* of special interest, as it contains much about the progress and prosperity of the South. Letters from almost fifty mayors are published, each setting forth the advantages of his respective city. Mayor Waddell has a very interesting letter, as follows:

"It is a fact which cannot be denied, and which every business man in this city will testify to, that the general business and industrial progress and outlook here is better in every way than ever before. The *Manufacturers' Record* published every week in our city is a testimony to the fact that we are rapidly catching up with the most advanced and progressive cities of the North.

DANCE AT POINT CASWELL.

Many Wilmington People Attended the Elegant Affairs Friday Night and Were Royally Entertained.

Quite a number of Wilmington folks attended the Christmas german at Point Caswell Friday night. It was given by the young gentlemen of that place and proved to be an affair of much elegance and of much pleasure.

THREE MEN SHOT.

in a Fight With Town Officers at Dillsboro, Jackson County, N. C.

DILLSBORO, N. C., Dec. 24.-Phillip and George Morgan, brothers, and George Cunningham, living about three miles from Dillsboro, at the Harris clay mines, in Jackson county, N. C., came to Dillsboro this morning and became intoxicated and disorderly. When town officers, Marshall W. Dills, assisted by T. W. Mason, undertook to arrest the men who had created somewhat of a panic, all three men drew knives and pistols and defied the officers. A fusillade of shots followed. After the shooting had ceased it was found that George Cunningham was shot in the shoulder, Phillip Morgan in the head and George Morgan above the right eye. George Morgan will probably die, but it is thought the others will recover. Dills and Mason were not hurt.

NEWSPAPERS CANNOT BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT MONEY!

Are you indebted to THE WEEKLY STAR? If so, when you receive a bill for your subscription send us the amount you owe. Remember, that a newspaper bill is as much entitled to your consideration as is a bill for groceries.

LEGISLATIVE REGULATION OF RAILROAD RATES.

Discussed Before the American Economic Association by W. D. Hines, Vice Pres. of the L. & N. R. Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.-The second session of the fifth annual meeting of the American Economic Association, held at the University of Pennsylvania to-day, was devoted to a discussion of the "public regulation of railroad rates." The principal speakers were Charles A. Frount, interstate commerce commissioner, whose paper was on "National Regulation," and Walker D. Hines, vice president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, who spoke on "Legislative Regulation of Railroad Rates."

Some members of the commission argue that rates ought to be reduced, but they have not exercised the authority they have to do that. It is to be expected, however, despite the increase in volume of traffic and in efficiency of machinery, railroad net income per ton mile is increasing. Although traffic conditions are not likely to permit increased returns, still as an investment proposition, it is undoubtedly the right to share in the general prosperity when all other services and commodities increase in value.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Mount Airy News: The town commissioners won in the bar-room fight last week. So there is no prospect for the saloons being reopened here right soon, if ever.

Mr. J. D. McCollum killed six fine hogs Friday, weighing 2,435 pounds. The largest weighed 484 pounds. They averaged nearly 400 pounds each.

Monroe Enquirer: 'Squire H. L. Price, one of the best farmers of Sandy Ridge township, has been experimenting with the 'Mammoth Black' breed. Mr. Price killed three seven-month-old pigs on the last week weighing 300, 250 and 200 pounds, and yesterday he killed a fifteen-month-old pig weighing 408 pounds.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS IN AN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

At the Hotel Schenley in Pittsburg, Pa. The Cage Suddenly Gave Way - The Cardinal Uninjured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.-White Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, and other leading churchmen were descending in an elevator at the Hotel Schenley to-night to meet about three hundred representative Pittsburg citizens, the cage suddenly gave way and the occupants started downward at a rapid pace. Fortunately, the drop was but twenty feet and none of those in the cage were injured. Great excitement prevailed, however, as the crash of the elevator when it struck the ground floor was heard all over the building and the guests all rushed to the elevator shaft. Cardinal Gibbons was one of the first to leave the party wrecked cage. He promptly assured those present that he was uninjured as were all those who made the downward trip. The conscientious and prudent elevator operator stated that the power source had broken the lighting pipes at the bottom of the shaft and caused the reception for a time to be held while each guest held a candle. Two Elevator men stated that the power source had given out and this caused the sudden descent.

Cardinal Gibbons arrived from Baltimore to-day to take part in the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Passionist Fathers of the United States, which begins to-morrow and will last several days. He was met at the Baltimore and Ohio station by a committee of prominent churchmen and escorted to the Passionist monastery, where he will remain during his stay in Pittsburg.

Among those who will assist in the celebration is Right Rev. Leo Bald, Chief of the order of the Society of Benedictines and Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina.

LYNCHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Negro Man and His Wife Hanged by a Mob for the Brutal Murder of a White Farmer Near Greenwood.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.-A special to the *News and Courier* from Greenwood, S. C., says: W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the crop section of this county, was foully murdered in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wileman, or his wife; both of them living on the place. Both of the negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated neighbors.

Mr. Jay, on returning home on Friday afternoon, heard Wileman abusing or fighting his (Wileman's) wife. He went to the cabin and ordered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterward, Mrs. Jay, in the report of a gun and saw the two negroes running away. Calling for her husband she had no answer and on looking over the yard she found him dead in a pool of his own blood. Almost his entire head had been blown off.

The alarm was given and parties were soon scouring the country in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured. Before the coroner's jury both acknowledged their crime, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman accused this man. They never changed from this but died accusing each other. If ever lynched, they were in the custody of a constable on the way to jail they were stopped at the Wintersons' bridge, by a crowd of infuriated friends and neighbors. Both men and both negroes were lynched. The lynching took place about midnight, seven hours after the inquest.

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