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THE SOCIALISTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Houston (Tex.) Chronicle: The recent German elections are of importance to Americans because of the great gain of the socialists.

While in the United States, at the Presidential election of 1900, Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist-Democrat Presidential candidate, only polled 87,814 votes.

Now, while the combined Socialist vote is only 135,583, an infinitesimal number compared to the 7,104,779 votes cast for McKinley and the 5,602,925 cast for Bryan.

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WHY COUNTRY PEOPLE WANT TO GO TO TOWN.

Says the New Orleans Picayune: A writer in the World's Work for August complains that the current system of education was made for city people only.

Continuing, this writer claims that "to this fact more than any other, perhaps, is due the backwardness of education in agricultural States."

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DR. VOIGT ELECTED.

A Popular Wilmington Divine Chosen Dean of Lutheran Theological Seminary.

AT CHARLOTTE TUESDAY.

Newly Elected Professor Travelling in the North and Noting Keenly as to His Acceptance or Declination.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, this city, has been elected professor of systematic theology and dean of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary at Charleston, S. C.

The members of the Board, who were in attendance, are: Rev. Dr. Robert C. Holland, president of the Board; Hon. John Ficken, of Charleston, S. C.; President George B. Cromer, of Newberry College, Newberry, S. C.; Rev. C. W. C. of Columbia, S. C.; Hon. C. M. E. of Lexington, S. C.; Rev. J. H. Wilson, of Salisbury; Rev. W. C. Shaeffer, D. D., of Spartanburg; Rev. A. H. Beck, of Albemarle; Mr. J. D. Heilig, of Salisbury.

The seminary is reported to be in fine shape and the prospects for good work ahead are very encouraging.

Dr. Voigt, the newly elected president and professor, is one of the most scholarly men in the Lutheran ministry and is a fine theologian.

Dr. Voigt, who was a pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Wilmington, where he is popular and respected.

When city people are rich enough they own country residences for the summer, and they spend a great deal of money on farming and they spend a great deal of money on farming and they spend a great deal of money on farming.

French doctors have discovered a new disease which they call "motor intoxication." It is an affection of the mental faculties and directly traceable to scorching on automobiles.

Speaker Neff of the Texas Legislature received a modest request a few days ago from the Indian Territory, reading about as follows:

Yes, they swing up negroes in Illinois with as much grace as they do in Delaware and South Carolina for committing criminal assault on defenseless white women.

CAPTURE OF AN OX THIEF.

Elli Carr, Colored, Walked into a Trap Cleverly Set for Him by Mr. Jno. F. Garrell, Jr.

Elli Carr, colored, aged about 21 years, was arraigned in Justice Fowler's court yesterday and sent to jail for the September term of Superior Court in default of \$100 bond.

Tuesday he drove the animal out to the Sans Souci farm and offered him for sale to Mr. J. F. Garrell, Jr., for \$30.

Conductor W. E. Beaton Asks Damages in That Amount—His Injuries.

Conductor W. E. Beaton, formerly with the C. R. & P. Co., has employed Messrs. Russell & Gore and announces his intention of suing the company for \$10,000 damages.

Services at 5 o'clock This Afternoon from Late Residence—Interment.

The funeral of the late Engelhard Rehder, whose death was announced yesterday morning, will be conducted this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the late residence.

CLARKTON TOBACCO WAREHOUSE. Opening Break Last Monday Was Great Success—The Prices.

CLARKTON, N. C., July 29.—A few weeks ago the town was kept lively by an average of 200 farmers coming every day with cumber for the Heinz salting plant here.

United States Consul General Long, of Cairo, Egypt, whose death was noted in the Associated Press dispatches yesterday morning, was a native of Wilmington as stated.

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OLIVEROS GAZE IN SAVANNAH.

Judge Gave Voluntary Order for Mistrial. Unfortunate Remark.

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 29.—A mistrial was ordered in the case of J. B. Oliveros charged with larceny after trial in the alleged misappropriation of about \$5,000 of the funds of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Lawyers are discussing the remarkable case generally. Some hold Oliveros cannot be tried again; others believe the mistrial ordered operates as any ordinary mistrial.

MR. WILLIAM McSWEEN DEAD. Died Suddenly Monday While Travelling in Canada—Well Known Here.

A brief telegram received in the city yesterday announced the sudden death of Mr. William McSween in Montreal, Canada, Monday.

Mr. McSween was a man of noble impulses; possessed an even and happy disposition. His death will cause genuine regret in Wilmington.

HIGH PRICE FOR TRUCK LANDS. East Wilmington Tracts Bought Over \$100 Per Acre—A City Transfer.

By deed filed for record yesterday M. C. Kirkham, of Florence, E. C., transferred to E. C. Craft, of Wilmington, for \$3,200, two tracts of land containing by estimation 9 and 14 acres.

Guests at Buffalo-Lithia. In a column of social news about Buffalo Lithia Springs, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, of Sunday, says:

LOCAL DOTS. The farmers of Darlington will run an excursion to Wilmington on Aug. 18th—\$1.50 for round trip.

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AWFUL ACCIDENT AT LOWELL, MASS.

A Score or More of People Killed and Some Fifty Others Injured.

BY GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION.

Plant of United States Cartridge Company Blown Up—Fourteen Frame Houses Demolished—Seven Burned—Inmates Were Killed.

LOWELL, MASS., July 29.—Two small gunpowder magazines, situated in the very midst of the humble residences of fifty mill operatives, exploded today with a frightful concussion.

The explosion tore a path fifty feet wide for a distance of nearly three hundred yards.

Most of the property destroyed consisted of small buildings constructed of wood and a comparatively small cost.

Four persons are missing, two carpenters, names unknown, and John Riggs and Patrick Spencer.

Both magazines ordinarily contained two or three tons of gunpowder in tin kegs.

It was a long time before the actual cause of the explosion could be ascertained.

It was thought at first that every one within a radius of a hundred feet of the magazine had been killed, but later it was found that Clarence Goodwin, the foreman of the men who were loading the powder on the teams, had survived.

The work of rescue began at once, but in many cases the flames had already gained full sway over the crumbling ruins.

The explosion shook the city and within half an hour there were at least five thousand people on the scene of the catastrophe.

DAKOTA DIVORCE NOT VALID IN ENGLAND.

Husband Charged His Wife With Bigamous Marriage—Respondent and Co-respondent Guilty of Adultery.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, July 29.—The validity of Dakota divorces in England was again raised to-day before the president of the divorce court.

The jury found the respondent and co-respondent guilty of adultery, awarded \$125,000 damages against Dr. Lawrence and granted a divorce.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, July 29.—Pending the arrival of the relatives of John G. Long, of St. Louis, Mo., United States consul general at Cairo, Egypt, who fell down the steps of his hotel, at Dunbar, Scotland, Monday evening.

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A FATHER'S GRATITUDE.

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Advertisement for Wood's Seeds, featuring a picture of a bird and text about vegetable and farm seeds.

Advertisement for Dr. Moffett's Peethina (Teething Powder), featuring a picture of a baby and text about infant ailments.