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A RUNAWAY ENGINE.

Narrow Escape of Big Fire Department Machine, and Driver and Team.

RAN DOWN PRINCESS STREET.

Parting of collar on One Horse and Disarrangement of Lines Endangered Life and Property—Heroic Efforts of Firemen.

But for the exercise of rare presence of mind on the part of the driver and the performance of an heroic act by Mr. Ned Grafton, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., branch office in this city, the big Bilby engine of the Fire Engine Company No. 1, Fourth and Princess streets, the two heavy draft horses attached to the ponderous machine which weighs over 5,000 pounds, and Driver Ernest Burris, would have plunged into the river with terrible consequences at Princess street and Saturday night just before 7 o'clock.

At ten days ago the port of New Orleans received within six days 2,134 immigrants from Southern Italy. The new-comers have already taken up their abode in the agricultural regions of Louisiana, where, it is said, more than 17,000 Italians are now domiciled. These immigrants are, as a rule, of the better class, and are said to make excellent farm workers.

We regard this movement as a healthy indication. We do not look for the objectionable features that have characterized the settling of Italians and other immigrants in the North. These features are traceable mainly to the congestion of the immigrants in the great cities. The Italian is naturally an agriculturalist and modern city life does not agree with him, nor does he agree with it.

Dr. John S. Bassett, a professor in Trinity College, this State, regards Booker Washington the greatest man, save Robert E. Lee, the South has produced in a hundred years, and so states in the "South Atlantic Quarterly." An examination should at once be made as to Bassett's sanity.

Mr. John H. Clarke, who was the Democratic candidate for United States Senator in Ohio, filed a statement showing that he spent \$6,196. Though he suffered defeat, he had Mark Hanna pretty badly scared at one time.

True the farmer gets a better price for his produce, but he is compelled to pay at least a third more than formerly for everything he buys; so he is not so much better off, after all.

SNEED COMPANY, BANKRUPT.

Certain Creditors Ask That Receivability be Set Aside—Reference.

PAVING CONTRACT.

Streets and Harves Committee Opened New Bids Yesterday for Extensive Work.

THE AWARD FOR DRAINAGE.

W. E. Glenn Secures the Contract for \$2,250—Proposals for Paving Still Under Consideration—Some Little Irregularities.

For the drainage there were three bidders, but the contract was awarded to W. E. Glenn for \$2,250. The other bidders were Roger Moore, \$3,500 and E. G. Parmele \$3,700. The pipe has already been ordered for the drainage and will be on the ground within 30 days.

DRUNKEN NEGRO SHOP-LIFTER.

Seized in Rather Unusual Manner Last Night—At Police Station.

An unknown negro shop-lifter, who was too drunk to tell his name to the police, is locked up at the police station for preliminary trial Monday. Early last night Mr. J. B. Moore was passing on the south side of Market street, when a negro emerged from Taylor's Bazaar, a store in that vicinity, with an arm full of dry goods novelties. The negro accidentally dropped a number of the articles and Mr. Moore called him to stop.

NEW COTTON OIL MILL?

Rumors of an Important Enterprise Soon to be Established Here.

The STAR learns with some degree of authority that in the very near future, Wilmington can boast of another new and large industrial plant, comparing favorably with the largest of those already here. It could not be ascertained yesterday who was behind the new company which will launch the enterprise, but it is hinted that it will be another cotton seed oil mill and will be situated on the railroad tracks near the site of the old mill of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Company.

ACADEMY TO BE REBUILT.

A correspondent of the STAR writes from Atholston, N. C., that the Excelsior Academy, which was burned Thursday night, will be rebuilt at once. However, the loss by the fire will be great, as forty boarding pupils will be scattered to other institutions. Until the burned building is replaced near Mr. J. J. Payseur, wife of the principal, and Miss Mitchell will conduct the primary school and music classes respectively.

CONVICTION OF MURDER IN DUPLIN.

George Daniels' Pleas of Insanity and Self-Defense Availed Him Naught. [Special Star Correspondence.] KENANSVILLE, N. C., Nov. 7.—The case of State vs. Geo. Daniels, for the murder of Will Maxwell, was called at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Out of a special venire of 135 and the regular jury twelve men were selected by noon. The defendant interposed two pleas—insanity and self-defense. The State introduced Rufus Stroud, who saw the shooting, the coroner and a few other witnesses and rested in less than two hours. The defendant introduced a large number of character witnesses and proof of his insanity, and went on the stand in his own behalf. The evidence was closed by Thursday at 4 o'clock, and counsel began the argument, which was concluded by the dinner hour Friday. Judge G. H. Brown began charging the jury about 8:30 Friday afternoon. The charge was brief and to the point; in fact, was considered an able and fair exposition of the law. After finding the question of insanity to be granted for the removal of the case to the Federal Court, the papers to be filed in the office of the clerk at Raleigh by December 1st.

CASTLE HAYNES FERRY.

Pender Chronicle: "The County Commissioners of Pender and New Hanover counties are to have a joint meeting in the near future to consider the matter of maintaining a free ferry across the North East river at Castle Haynes. We hope the ferry will be kept up, connecting our counties by a free ferry at that point. It will be of untold benefit to our country, and not this only, but Sampson, Duplin and a part of O'low as well."

YOUNG MURDERER.

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Sees Shotgun With Deadly Effect.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. TAYLOR, MASS., Nov. 7.—Peter Clark, the 11-year-old son of Thomas F. Clark, was shot and instantly killed by Walter E. Bassett, 11 years old, late this afternoon. The Bassett boy was arrested on the charge of murder. The boys had quarreled and young Bassett ran into the house and got his father's shotgun which he loaded in sight of his victim. The top of Clark's head was blown off by the shot.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

John A. Bates, of Surry county, is in jail in Virginia charged with postoffice robbing.

BRVAN IS MADE EXECUTOR.

Of the Will of Philo S. Bennett—Bound Fixed at \$350,000—Mrs. Bennett's Counsel Protested.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 7.—In the Probate Court today William J. Bryan was admitted to act as executor of the will of Philo S. Bennett, an objection to him made by Mrs. Bennett's counsel being overruled. The amount of the bond was fixed at \$350,000. Counsel on both sides indicate that an appeal will be taken. Judge Stoddard, Mrs. Bennett's counsel, protested against Mr. Bryan as executor. He said: "Your honor has decided that that sealed letter is not a part of the will. We shall insist on the performance of his duty as executor if Mr. Bryan is to act as such. But if there is any lingering suspicion that he intends to do an appeal it is not right that he shall qualify also as executor. He cannot serve two masters in this matter. If he intends to uphold the law as your honor has spoken it in your decision, it will be contrary to the law to undertake to destroy the seal. If he does not think that he would want to feel that his duty as trustee might influence him against his duty as executor, I agree to protest against the qualification of Wm. J. Bryan as executor."

MAINE ORDERED TO COLON.

Not Because There is Any Particular Necessity for the Presence There of the Big Battleship.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The battleship Maine has been ordered to Colon. She has sailed from Martha's Vineyard, where she has been engaged in target practice, for Hampton Roads, where she will coal and proceed to her destination.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMY BURNED.

Atkinson School Building in Ashes—Rev. J. J. Payseur, Principal.

ATKINSON, N. C., Nov. 6.—The Excelsior Academy building here was burned down last night, with everything in it, causing a loss of about \$1,500. The "girls' home" was saved by hand work. The burning at the academy is a terrible loss to the community and to Rev. J. J. Payseur, its principal. Ninety-eight students are out of school as a result of the fire.

YOUNG FLAGMAN KILLED.

Crushed While Coupling Cars of Freight Train Near Raleigh Yesterday.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 7.—Ernest F. King, aged 24, a white flagman, was killed at Millbrook this morning by cars running back on him while he was coupling a train in front of an engine. He lived in Raleigh and leaves a young wife.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Destroyed One of the Finest Orchid Collections in the World.

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BOSTON NEGROES.

Issue an Address Censuring Booker T. Washington.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 7.—At a mass meeting of the negro citizens held here to-night an address to the public was issued, in which Booker T. Washington was censured as a mischievous teacher and short-sighted leader. The recommendation was made that "the colored voters of the North, the better to advance their cause, should detach themselves honorifically from the control of both great political parties which divide the country, to organize themselves in every State into an independent body of voters, and to wield the ballot in their hands with an eye single to the preservation of the rights conferred on them and their brethren in the South by the 14th and 15th amendments."

GREAT TIMBER SUIT.

Involving Land in Montana Valued at \$2,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BUTTE, MONT., Nov. 7.—The great timber suit brought by the United States against Senator W. A. Clark, involving timber land in the Bitter Creek valley, western Montana, to the value of \$2,000,000, was settled today by Judge Knowles, United States District Court. In favor of the defendant, W. A. Clark. Judge Knowles finds that defendant was guilty of irregular purchase of lands and innocent of the illegal registration of the same, if such irregularities existed. In his decision Judge Knowles criticizes the testimony of witness Griswold for the government, whose opinion on the decision says is none of the best and whom many other witnesses testified had approached them in behalf of the government. The case is the most famous timberland action ever tried in the West. The reading of the testimony consumed forty days.

FIRE AT OLATH, KS.

Hotel, Opera House and Other Buildings Burned—Loss \$200,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 7.—The Grand Opera, a four-story brick building in Olath, Kan., twenty miles southwest of here, was totally destroyed by fire to-night. The building occupied a half block in the principal street of Olath, and in it were the Grand Opera auditorium, the Grand Hotel, a large general store and offices. A play was in progress when the fire started and a panic was narrowly averted when the alarm was given, as a large crowd was witnessing the performance. It is believed that no one was hurt, however. At a late hour the fire had been placed under control by a Kansas City fire company. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

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