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SOUTHERN COTTON CONSUMP TION AND COTTON TALK.

When we strike the subject of cotton it brings home a question that is extremely vital to the South. For many years that has been true. but to day the people of the South realize the fact in a stronger sense than ever. The time was that Southern interests were wrapped up in the matter of cotton production only and the serious question was over production and the consequent lowering of the price of the raw material. Twenty-five years of progress and mill building has made the cotton problem trebly precious to the South We began with making the cotton, and now we produce it, spin and weave it, and from the seed alone we manufacture oil and cake and bi-products worth \$22,-000,000 annually. Thus we observe that the South's interests in cotton are greater than those of any other quarter of the globe.

Cotton manufacturing in South has grown to such an extent that our mills and those of the North have tremenduously increased the consumption of cotton in America We are, therefore, not dependent upon Europe to take so much of our raw cotton, and the increased consumption at home has enabled us to fix the price in America instead of being subject to the mercy of Europe, which was the principal buyer and put the price on our staple.

Now the increased production abroad as well as in America has greatly eliminated the fear of overproduction of raw cotton, and the fact is the manufacturers in the world are alarmed lest the production will not keep up with the demands of consumption. This is interesting to us, and every step taken by foreign countries to produce cotton in their sub-tropical colonies, and every item about cotton culture in any other portion of the world deeply concerns us. Consequently this from the editorial columns of the Philadelphia Record of Friday will interest the readers of the STAR.

It is possible that the deficiency between the supply of and the demand for raw cotton may cause a resumption of cotton planting in the West Indies. These islands formerly produced an appreciable proportion of the world's war in the United States their output of staple has dwindled to almost nothing. The demand for raw cotton during the past ten years has increased nearly 100 per cent., and at this rate it seems unlikely that the United States can keep up with the world's growing re-

A greater diversity of crops would be most advantageous for the West Indies, which have grown poor in consequence of their almost entire dependracy upon a single and steadily depreciating crop—cane sugar. It is noteworthy that the Porto Rican experiment last year with Sea Island cotton has been a complete and very promising success.

Concerning "Southern Cotton Consumption," this valuable article appeared editorially in Friday's New York Journal of Commerce, which is a high statistical authority and able exponent of commercial

There is nothing new in the facts presented in the monograph on "Conumption of Cotton in the Cotton States" by Mr. Watkins, the cotton expert of the Agricultural Department's Bureau of Statistics, but the facts are brought together and arranged in a manner to make an effeclive impression. The growth of coton manufacturing in the Southern States is one of the most interesting and significant industrial movements of recent years. There was some de velopment of this industry in the South before the civil war, but it was relatively unimportant. In the year 1859-60 the cotton crop reached 5,387,052 bales, and was a very large one for that time, two per cent. of it was used as material in that section. The number of mills was 166 and of spindles 304,551, and for ten years there had been no increase in the latter. In 1879-89 there were only 168 mills, and the number of spindles had increased to 568,458, while 33 per cent. of a cotton crop of 5,755,359 bales was consumed by the

Southern factories. The remarkable growth has taken place in the last twenty-five years. The crop has grown progressively larger, though it reached a height in 1898-9 which has not been attained sinces. In 1889 90 it was 7,472,511 bales, and two years later it reached 9,035,379. Then it fell back for two years on account of unfavorable cenditions, and in 1894 5 came up to 9,901,251. There was another relapse for two years, but in 1897 8 the crop was 10,897, 857 bales, and in the next year 11,189,509, the maximum jet recorded. In
the last two or three years the range bet it is his, too.

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has been something above 10,500,000 bales. The increase in the number of Southern mills, and especially in the number of spindles, has been more steady and much more rapid, with the result of consuming an increasing proportion of the crop in the cotton The number of mills had reached 232 by 1886, when the number of spindles exceeded 1,100,000. The latter passed 2,000,000 in 1893, when the number of mills was 322. In 1898 there were over 3,500,000 spindles in 425 mills; in 1900 nearly 5,000,000 in 500 mills, and in 1903 over 7,000,000 in 640 mills. This shows that the size of the mills advanced out of proportion to the number. The amount of cotton consumed in 1884-5 was 315,842 bales, or 55 per cent. of the crop. Five years later it had risen to 526,856 baies, or 7.1 per cent; in another five years it was 853,352 bales, or 8.6 per cent. For the two years of a small crop in the interval the percentage was higher. By 1899-1900 the consumption exceeded 1,500,000 or more than 17 per cent. of the crop. In the last recorded year 1902-8 it was nearly

of all that was raised. In twenty years the production of cotton has increased 96 per cent. in the United States, 73 per cent. in India, 79 lu Egypt, and there has been a smaller development in Central Asia and South America. Europe's consumption has increased 95 per cent., and that of the United States 148 per cent.; but the increase has been only 59 per cent. in the North, while it has been 509 in the South. These bald figures suggest their own significance. There is no reason why the United States should not use an increasing proportion of its own cotton, even with an advancing production, and there is every reason why the industry should continue to grow in the South, which has the great advantage of raising the material and facilities for establishing factories near the fields. It has water power and fuel and low cost of transportation, and only needs capital, labor and enterprise to lead the world in cotton manufacturing, if ever the time comes when we are freed from burdens and restrictions that increase the cost of production and hamper fhe interchange of products.

2,000,000 bales, and over 18 per cent.

FOLLOW THE FINGER OF DESTINY.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker has now been in the limelight for been able to go around and say aught against the sage of Esopus. The quiet, clean, able, dignified and irreproachable Parker is still there and the Democratic searchlight has flashed here and there and yonder, but it is now focussed on Esopus. It reveals the next President of the United States, and in the back ground is the White House in the midst of a bustling scene, for it is moving day with Theodore Roosevelt. The Rough Rider's nightmare has been saddled for a jaunt along a road that leads out of Washington.

The eyes of North Carolina have long ago followed the searchlight to Esopus and North Carolina is for the winner who does his thinking there and will tell us about it later. As the Democracy of North Caroolina is for Parker, the State convention which meets at Raleigh on the 23rd of June ought to instruct for him. If the delegates are really for the man whom the searchlight has discovered as the man of the hour they will instruct for him.

Follow the finger of destiny.

The trusts have got to be good just now-not so much on account of the petty annoyance that Roosevelt has given them already but for what real harm the Republican National convention could do to them if it revises the tariff schedules which are trustmakers and fatteners.

Arthur Brisbane asserts that men with blue eyes are most successful. We have, however, seen men leave home with blue eyes and come back next morning with black eyes. They didn't belong to the other fel-

The Alabama Democratic State convention did not instruct for Judge Parker but declared for him in a strong set of resolutions. A rose by another name would emit a fragrance the similitude of which would be just as satisfying.

Oh, what a glorious dream he had last night! 'Twas such a pity for him e'er to wake. He rak'd up gold and gems in sheer delight; But when he woke he couldn't buy the steak!

A French physician declares that the automobile cures consumptives. Yes, but what consumptive has got pluck enough to allow himself to be run over by a heavy machine like

"Where is the Land of Canaan?" We decline to give it away. The Roosevelt administration might seize it and put it on an equality with the Panama canal zone or the Philippines.

"Wealth hurts some people," says Andrew Carnegie. We hope it will come along and hurt us so bad some of these days that we will have to lay up for repairs.

The man who doesn't make living now has no reason to congratulate himself that he thus gets rid of the increased cost of living. .

Greensboro Telegram: "It looks more and more like Parker." We'll

TWAS STEDMAN DAY

Thirteen Counties in the State Held Precinct and Township Primaries Saturday.

REPORTS FROM SEVERAL

Results Generally Are Highly Satisfactory to Friends of Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, Their Expectations Having Been Pully Met.

Thirteen counties in the State on yesterday held their precinct primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to their several county conventions and special telegraphic reports from nearly all of them were received up to Sunday morning by the STAR and are printed below. The results are very gratifying to the friends of Maj. Stedman here and the fullest expectations of his managers in each of the counties heard from were more than met. The special reports are as follows:

PENDER COUNTY. BURGAW, N. C., May 28.-The primaries in Pender are closed. Pender is for Stedman for Governor; Thomas for Congress and Hoke for the Supreme Court. The convention will be held Monday, June 6th.

CURRIE, N. C., May 28.—At the primaries in Grady township here to-day the following resolution introduced by Dr. G. F. Lucas was unanimously adopted: "That our delegates to the Pender county Democratic Convention on June 6th are hereby instructed to vote for a resolution of instruction for Maj. Chas. M. Stedman for Governor; Samuel L. Rogers for Corporation Commissioner and Charles R. Thomas for Congress from this district." M. M. Bullard, chairman; A. O. Moore, secretary.

POINT CASWELL, May 26. - The largest and most enthusiastic Democratic primary ever held at Point Caswell was held to day. Maj. Charles M. Stedman months and not a campaign liar has | was unanimously endorsed for Governor; Hop.G. L. Morton for Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Charles R. Thomas for Congress; Dr. E. Porter for State Senator; Mr. Edmond Hawer, son of Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, for the Legislature, and Thos. H.W. McIntire for Register of Deeds. Delegates to the County Convention are, Edmond Hawes, Dick Woodcock and Luke Glisson. Congressional Convention, William Lewis; alternate, J. H. Colvin. State Convention, Capt. R. P. Paddison and E. A. Hawes. A resolution was passed instructing the delegates to vote and use all honorable means to secure the nomination of each candidate. Every nomination was by acclamation, with not a dissenting vote 'p the convention.

> RALEIGH, N. C., May 28 .- It is reported here to-night that Glenn led in the Daplin primaries to-day. No canvass of the county had been made by friends of Maj. Stedman and the lead

of Capt. Glenn was expected. SAMPSON COUNTY.

CLINTON, N. C., May 28.—Sampson county's primaries were held to-day. North Clinton precinct gives Glenn 49, Stedman 42; South Clinton gives Glenn 43, Stedman 30. The county will be about equally divided between Stedman and Glenn. The county convention will be held Saturday.

COLUMBUS CCUNTY. WHITEVILLE, N. C., May 28 .- Only three precincts had been heard from as to the primaries in Columbus today, but those three are olid for Maj. Stedman for Governor. Whiteville enthusiastically endorsed Maj. Stedman and passed a ringing resolution instructing its delegates to the county convention on June 1st to vote as a unit for delegates to the State convention who favor his nomination for

WILSON COUNTY. WILSON, N. C., May 28 .- The Wilson county primaries were held today. From best information obtainable from all precincts Maj. Stedman will secure two-thirds of the county's vote in the State Convention, with Glenn next and Turner with a small following. The County Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 28 .-Primaries in the country precincts of Cumberland county were held to-day. While all precincts are not in, with two or three yet to hear from, the following is a conservative estimate of Cumberland's total eighteen votes in the State Convention: Stedman, 134; Glenn, 41. The County Convention will be held Saturday, June 4th.

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., May 28.-In the Mount Olive precinct primary today Glenn received 19 votes; Stedman seven and Turner three. Twelve delegates were selected to the County Convention at Goldsboro June 4th and they are instructed to vote for Thomas for Congress. Brown and Hoke were endorsed for Justices of the

Supreme Court. BEAUFORT COUNTY.

WASHINGTON, N. O., May 28 .-There was no vote for Governor in the city primaries here last night. Glenn, however, appears to be in the lead in Beaufort county and will probably receive a majority in the County Convention on Wednesday. Mai. Stedman's managers here are not disappointed at the returns, as they expected only a small proportion of the vote.

ROBESON COUNTY. LUMBERTON, N. C., May 28.-Impossible to get reports from Robeson priand lack of interest in all save that. and offered her his seat."

Glenn, however gets about three AFFIANTS ATTACHED

RED SPRINGS, N. C., May 28,-In the primaries in Red Springs precinct to-day Glenn recrived 51 and Stedman 44 for Governor. Maxton sends eight delegates for Stedman and one for Glenn, at the County Convention at Lumberton June 2nd. Lumberton's vote was Glenn 65; Steadman.4. MAXTON, N. C., May 28.-The primaries in Robeson passed off quietly. The town conventions were well at-

sended while the country precincts

hardly had enough present to send as

delegates. The preference for Govern: or is between Stedman and Glenn. The early closing of country's shones makes it impossible to get accurate news from a lage part of the county. Maxton gives Stedman 8, Glenn 1; Smith's gives Stedman 1, Glenn 5; Red Springs gives Stedman 74, Glenn, 8, Lumberton gives Sted man 1, Glenn 111, Lumber Bridge gives Stedman 7, Glenn 4, Saddle Tree gives Glenn 4. Total, Stedman 241, Glenn 33. White House, Britts, and Sterlings are reported to be solid for Glenn. Thompson's and Alfordsville are divided. Howellsville, St.

ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

from to night.

Pauls, Burnt Swamp, Back Swamp

Second Annual Meeting in Raleigh-The London Libel Law.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 27 .- The secand annual session of the North Carolina Association of Trained Nurses adjourned this afternoon to meet next year in Winston-Salem. Miss Wyche, of Durham, was elected President, and Miss Pfohlof Winston-Salem, secretary. Twenty new mem-bers were elected. The membership s now seventy two.

The Supreme Court to day in ordering a new trial for the libel suit of Osborn vs. Leach and the News & Observer, from Greensboro made a ruling that while the London s that when five days notice is given and retraction is printed, it only excuses the newspaper from punitive they could not be convicted before and damages and that plaintiff can still other judge under the rule ecover actual damages, including in jury to reputation and special

CUMBERLAND FOR STEDMAN.

Gross Creek Primaries Yesterday Endorsed and Instructed .- Pattison for Congress. [Special Star Telegram.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 27 .-Oross Creek township, including the city of Fayetteville, in the primaries to-night elected all Stedman delegates. Precincts one and two endorsed Maj. Stedman for Governor and Hon. G B. Patterson for Congress. Precincts three and four instructed for Maj. Stedman for Governor and Mr. Pat terson for Congress. The primaries in the country precincts will be held to-

RICHMOND'S VIEW OF IT.

Election of Dr. Strange to 60-adjutorship in East Carolina Being Discussed.

Referring to the election of Dr. Strange as Bishop co-adjutor of the East Carolina Diocese, the Richmond Times Dispatch of yesterday says:

The election itself caused no surprise. The name of the Richmond rector has for some time been mentioned in connection with the bishopric of East Carolina, and as long ago as the date upon which Dr. Strange came to Richmond it was predicted that he would be one day chosen to the office. The Wilmington people, it is said, declared at that time to the more fortunate Richmond church that secured him that they would bring Dr. Strange back by electing him Bishop. This threat they have now carried out, and remains to be seen if the effort will

e that anticipated in Wilmington. Dr. Strange came to Richmond few years ago and since that time has been a prominent figure in local ministerial circles. At St. Paul's his work has been of a notable sort, and throughout the city he has become known for his ability as a pastor and eloquence as a speaker. His success has been most marked and particulary during the past year. The church is in splendid condition and rector and congregation are mutually and warmly attached.

Big Charlotte Excursion Coming

Secretary James Kyle, of the Chamber of Commerce, is advised that the Pritchard Memorial Sunday School of Charlotte, will again run its annual excursion to this city, reaching here over the S. A. L. at 3 P. M. on June 23nd, and leaving the following day at 8 P. M. Mr. V. O. Willis, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the excursion, says that the school expects to bring between 800 and 1,000 people to Wilmington on that occa-sion and has asked Secretary Kyle to furnish him with a list of hotels and boarding houses in the city with the number of visitors each can accommodate and at what rate. Secretary Kyle would be glad for those interested to communicate with him at once by letter or phone, giving number, rates, location, etc.

His Wrist Severely Gut

Friends of Mr. S. F. Yopp will rewhich befel him late yesterday afternoon at the Fore & Foster mills, where he is employed as a frame maker. Mr. Yopp was working at a a rip saw, when in some way his hand was thrown into the machinery and his wrist was severely cut. He was taken at once to the hospital, where Dr. Akerman dressed the wound. Later, he went to his home at 115 South Ninth street.

- Wilson News: "That was good one that Dr. Newbury got off last night on Mr. Josh Farmer's son-when the boy who had been sitting in his

Judge Peebles Says "Jail" for Three Who Testified Against Him Personally.

EXCITEMENT IN LUMBERTON

Contempt Proceedings in Robeson Satur day-Respondents and Their Attorneys Will Stand by Their Unfortunate Witnesser.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28,-A climar came in the contempt proceedings at Lumberton to day when Judge Peebles, with the order before him for removal of the case to Judge Brown, awaiting his signature, suddenly turned on three witnesses for respondents, E. W. Kerr, of Sampson, O. F. Carroll, of Duplin, and R. C. Southerland, of Sampson, and ordered them to jail for direct contempt in that their affidavits charging him with drunkenness were corruptly false. The Lumand Blue Springs cannot be heard berton bar are preparing to come to Raleigh and apply for habeas corpus for imprisoned witnesses. Mr. Kerr is also fined \$250 and Southerland \$100. All the parties will be arrested Monday.

> Sheriff McLeod, of Robeson, was mentioned by Judge Peebles as having made an objectionable affidavit, but the judge said he would deal with him later. Sheriff McLeod explained and retracted satisfactorily. Mr. Tillett, of Casrlotte, of counsel for respondents, remarked that the affidavits regarding drunkenness seemed to 'stick in His Honor's craw," but he realized the gravity of the remark as a contempt and retracted with apologies, so that the remark was overlook ed by the Judge. Judge Peebles says he will send the case against the Lumberton bar to Judge Brown, as agreed, but will himself deal with these wit nesses and others to be arrested, as other judge under the rule.

Report from the Scene,

LUMBERTON, N. C., May 28.-An astounding culmination to a not uninteresting day in the contempt proceedings of the Lumberton bar here came this afternoon when Judge Peebles stated that he would transfer the would himself deal with the affiants. But since only four had sworn to to know if you can carry out the orthings of their own knowledge, he said he would now deal with them, postponing the attachment of others. Hav-Sheriff McLeod's affidavit about seeing whiskey in Judge Peebles' room at Faratteville, he said he would postpone action in his case, but he proceeded to sentence E. W. Kerr, Esq., of Clinton, C. F. Carroll, of Wilmington, and R. C. Southerland, of Clinton, to jail for 30 days with fines of \$300 because of direct contempt in presenting their affidavits in open court, about irrelev-

Instantly Mr. C. W. Tillett, counsel for the attorneys, was on his feet and vigorously addressed the court in words to the following effect: "Sir, you recall that we insisted on your stating the issues before we filed affidavits; you refused, but finally said that the charge of drunkenness had been made an issue, and that if we had any affidavits on that point you wanted them."

The court didn't remember and refused to change the order.

"Your Honor," said Mr. Tillett, "if you rely on your memory, as to that matter we will overwhelm you. We can secure two hundred affidavits that you said it, and we did not file an affidavit as to drunkenness till you said it, nor would we." Mr. Busbee spoke to a similar import. All the counsel, in fact, did so and sometimes at one time, while a score were ready to swear to the allegation. Finally, in face of his ayowal to the contrary the Judge amended the order. Sheriff McLeod told the Judge that if what the Judge said was in his affidavit, he would go to jail, voluntarily for thirty days. The Judge made no reply and the order was amended.

Finally, the order transferring to Judge Brown or another judge was signed.

The doy opened with the filing of numerous affidavits by the Judge. Olerk Humphrey and Deputy Skipper, of Robeson, were examined to the bar meeting. Their amination was objected to the respondents, and the point was left to Judge Brown later. The witnesses related in part what took place when the Robeson bar met in March to fix the calendar. It appeared that the lawyers intended to make a calendar, but after talking informally R. C. Lawrence moved not to set the calendar, and N. A. McLean seconded it. The witnesses heard the lawyers mention something about reports of discourtesy, unfairness, the conduct of gret to know of a painful accident the Haywood trial and some other report of any attempt of the kind upon

On the question as to the date of presenting the affidavits to ground the | Seast Line Promotions. case of direct contempt on the filing of the affidavits, the court ruled they were filed in open court. There were objections and exceptions by respondents.

There is much feeling in Lumberton over this latest turn in the case and the respondents and their counsel are preparing to secure a writ of habeas corpus. They announce that they will stand by Maj. Kerr, Southerland and Carroll to the last. Neither of them Carroll to the last. Neither of them here, the two first named being at served and the friends of the gentlefather's lap while riding in a street car their homes in Clinton and Mr. Car- men named are gratified at their apmaries to-night on account of great ex- in Wilmington. A lady entered the roll, who is mail agent between Wilcitement incident to contempt hearing car and the youngster politely arose mington and Norfolk, being at his home in Wer av. All the counsel move from Wilmington.

and others in attendance upon the trial are here to night. The lawyers express their purpose of moving for impeachment proceedings, and it is said Judge Peebles is not averse to that means of a thorough investigation of

the whole matter. The affidavit of Mr. Kerr under which he is attached for contempt was submitted at the first hearing in Lumberton and was to the effect that in Cilnion he visited Judge Peebles' room and saw large quantities of liquor there; the judge asked him to have a drink, but he refused. The affidavits of the other men attached for contempt were submitted at this hearing

and are in substance as follows:

C. F. Carroll, a resident of Duplin, upon being subpoensed, swears: He, Carroll, was at The Orton hotel in Wilmington when Judge Peebles was holding the Spring term of court there and it was stated in the papers that Judge Peebles was compelled to suspend court on account of rheumatism. Carroll saw Judge Peebles at supper in the hotel and in his opinion was very much intoxicated. "His gross intoxication, as indicated by his appearance and manner, drew to him the attention of the other guests in the hotel, all of whom appeared greatly shocked that one occupying his exalted position should so expose himself and bring reproach upon his high and honorable office. He, Carroll, saw Judge Peebles again next morning on the train going north and on this occasion he gave every indication of intoxication. The affiant is personally acquainted with Judge Peebles and has seen and talked with him when he was not under the influence of liquor, so he is confident that on these two occasions

Judge Prebles was intoxicated. R. C. Southerland, an employe o . R. Cooper, Esq., of Sampson: Affi ant noticed Judge Peebles closely on the bench, and in his opinion he was very much under the influence of intoxicants and did not preside with digcity. The affiant saw Judge Peebles when off the bench, and one Sunday night particularly he could not have been otherwise than grossly intoxicated as he sat on the front piazza of the hotel; used such language as no sober man could have used, the language being so foul that the affiant does not care to repeat it; that on the same Sunday afternoon he was so drunk as to stagger on the streets of Clinton. Geo. B. McLeod, sheriff of Robe-

son: When Judge Peebles arrived in Sheriff McLeod to his room and said I God, I understand that the bar of Robeson county is going to file irrele vant matter in their answer and affidavits reflecting upon me." "If they do so, I want to know if you can carry out the mandate and order of the court." That affiant replied, can appeal, can they not, judge?" To case of the bar to another judge but this Judge Peebles replied, "By God, if they file affidavits reflecting upon me an appeal will not lie, and I want ders of this court." To this affiant replied asking the judge if he wished him to communicate this to the bar. That thereupon Judge Peebles said that ing no substantiating evidence to rebut | he did. * * * That affiant was in the room of Judge Peebles in Fayetteville May 14th, 1904, and while there Judge Peebles asked affiant to drink with him, saying, "Sheriff, I have some French brandy. The doctor says I have shingles and advises me to drink it." Affiant declined, saving. "Judge, your medicine might run short." To this Judge Peebles replied, "No, I have plenty." Affiant saw two one-half gallon bottles on the mantel. In Lumberton Monday, May 16, 1904, affiant was again in udge Peebles' room and again Judge Peebles invited affiant to drink with him. Affiant declined, saying to Judge Peebles that his supply migh run short. On this occasion Judge Peebles again replied that he had quite a sufficiency on hand.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES.

Miss Eaton Returns from Raleigh - As sistant to Surgeon -Sprunt Annex.

Miss Edith Eaton, superintendent of Hospital, has returned from Raleigh where she attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Trained Nurses.

Mr. Morris Caldwell, of Concord. N. C., a student at the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, has become assistant to Dr. Joseph Akerman, surgeon in charge of the J. W. M. Hospital and will remain during his Summer vacation.

Yesterday was the day appointed for the opening of bids for the building of the W. H. Sprunt Annex to the hospital, but owing to the absence of one or two members of the committee from the city, consideration of the proposals was deferred.

Slever Swindle, This,

Merchants are advised to look out for two shrewd negro swindlers who are working a shrewd postoffice swindle in several cities of the State and are believed to have Wilmington included in their itinerary. The scheme is to go to some small office, purchase a money order for a small sum, erase the figures with chemicals and raise the face value of the order to whatever amount is deemed necessary. Having procured the order, they usually come to a city and, after postoffice hours, purchase a small bill from a merchant, tendering the order, explaining that the office is closed and receiving a balance in money. Postmaster Wallace would be glad for a absolutely secured to his widow.

It is announced at Atlantic Coast Line headquarters here that effective June 1st Mr. Robert Scott, of the auditing department, is gromoted to the office of Insurance Agent with headquarters in Wilmington, succeeding Capt. J. P. Russell, who is trans. ferred to Richmond, Va., as auperintendent of the Richmond district, succerding Mr. M. Riddle, Jr., who is transferred from Richmond to Savannah and made Assistant Obief Engipointment, but all regret that the change makes it necessary for Capt. Russell and his estimable family to re-

MEARES.

Judge Purnell Throws Affairs of A. & N. C. Railroad Into Federal Courts.

FINAL MEETING BEFORE JULY

Wilmington Man Honored With Position of Trust and Great Responsibility. Leaves To-day for Raleigh to Qualify and Give Bond.

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, of this city, was on Saturday appointed temporary receiver for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and the probabilities are that the receivership will be made permanent at the final hearing on or before July 1st unless the receivership is vacated in the meantime as Judge Purnell intimated he might do, should the State in the meantime get a proposition for a lease which is considered a safe one. Capt. Meares was for 20 years general agent for the S. A. L. in this city and is in every way qualified to fill with credit to all concerned the important position to which he has been elected. He will leave this evening or to-morrow morning for Raleigh, where he will qualify and proceed at once to Newbern to take charge of the affairs of the road. The following Associated Press telegram was received by the STAR Baturday night:

"RALEIGH, May 28.—A temporary receivership was to-day granted by Judge Thomas R. Purnell in the Fed eral Court in the case of the complaint of Cuyler, of New York, owner of 37 shares, and K. S. Finch, of New York, owner of 47 shares, against the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, twothirds of which belongs to the State. The first receivership made some months ago with V. E. McBese as receiver was vacated by Judge Simonton and to day Thomas D. Meares, of Wilmington, formerly agent of the Sea-board Air Line at Wilmington, was named as temporary receiver.

"The further hearing of the case is set before Col. S. G. Ryan, of this city, as special master, to take evidence, which is to be completed by ne first of July, when action is to taken as to a permanent receiver. "Judge Purnell in his order announced that if the State in the meantime has an offer to lease the road which is considered a safe one, he will vacate the receivership if he approves the lease as a safe one.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—A notable feature of the receivership hearing was the interruption by Judge Purnel of further proceeding when complaint and answer and replication was made with the statement it was clear from admissions made in the answer by defendant that there has been misman agement, misappropriation of funds and acts ultra viries to amply justify the appointment of a receiver and he would hear counsel on this point. The States counsel asked for time and after two hour's recess returned with a proposition to give bond ample to sesure complaints against all loss that they have or may suffer by any conditions or mismanagement of which they complain and against depreciation of the value of stock held by complainants on condition that no receiver be appointed. This lacked authorization by the stockholders or directors and was branded "ultra vires" by complainant's counsel.

A large number of affidavita were offered by the complainant to show the absence of necessity for a receiver, notably by bondholders and creditors of, the company. The complainan-introduced H. A. Page, who was a member of the investigating commit tee appointed by the Governor, and, under order from the court, vigorously resisted by the defendants, he pro duced in court the stenographic report of the examination of witnesses, s volume of 500 pages, and that was filed nurses at the James Walker Memorial as evidence for the complainant. It was at this stage of the proceeding that the Judge announced that he saw an almost interminable amount of work in the hearing of the case, and the courts here all next week and in Wilmington next week made it necessary to continue the cause, and an order was made appointing the receiver and naming the special master. He gave permission for the calling of a meeting of the stockholders to consider any ease propositions which could be ac cepted subject to the approval of the

> K. S. Finch is made a complainant and Mrs. F. P. Tucker and Dempsey Wood parties defendant.

> > SENATOR QUAY DEAD.

Succumbed to a Long Illness at His Hom in Beaver, Penn. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

BEAVER, PA., May 28,-Colone Matthew Stanley Quay, senior senator from Pennsylvanis, slept peacefully into death at 2:48 this afternoon after an illness which had been more or less persistent for the past year. which took a turn for the worst ten days ago and which the doctor diagnosed as chronic gastritis

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock the afternoon of Tuesday, May 31 and the remains will be interred in the historic family burial plot in Beaver Cemetery. William Montgomery, cashier the Allegheny National Bank of Pittaburg and a close business and

social friend of the senator, estimates that Senator Quay's estate is worth about \$800,000, of which \$400,000 is It is reported that a conference is to be held in Philadelphia Sunday at which the successor to tion, when in an instant the deafen-

Osmerou; Israel Durusm and o he s brain matter oozing out. So close Among those mentioned as possible successor to Senator Quay is H. O. Frick, with whom Mr.— Cameron spent the night after leaving Quay, and there is a very strong feeling in certain circles that J. Donald Cameron will succeed

- "Say," remarked the village awver as he entered the general store, "I want a ribbon for my typeed the new clerk. "Do you want one for her or for it?"—Philadelphia drop the matter."—Chicago Record-Herald. Inquirer.

State factions.

— Greensboro Telegram. Laborers began yesterday the taking up of the trees and excavating for the new Centenary Methodist E. Church, which will be located at the corner of Fayetteville and Arlington streets. The new church will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and will be ready for worship by Nov. 1st.

SPIRITS TURPENTIN

- Newbern Journal, May 28th: One of the largest catches of croakers ever made in these waters was made in the river Neuse, near the mouth of South river yesterday. Will Harris and Simon Jones, two dragnet fishermen, struck a large shoal of fish and drew out 6,000 at one haul. They were brought to this city and shipped to different points.

- The death of Mr. John Flowers, at his home in Goldsboro, Friday morning, was the result of injuries which he received last Monday morning by being run over by a bi cycle. He was turning around a corner of the city hall when a boy on a bicycle suddenly dashed around the corner, knocking him down and causing internal injuries. - Winston-Salem Sentinel: Al-

though Judge Boyd has been rather free in his remarks about North Wilkesboro, the tin-pan serenade given him by a crowd of boys the other night was bad behavior and unfortunate. The citizens, in condemning this conduct and taking steps to punish the offenders, make all the amends in their power. - Charlotte Chronicle: The Con-

tinental Manufacturing Company, operating the old Victor Cotton Mill, posted notices to-day informing the operatives that the plant would be shut down after this week. The suspension is due to unsatisfactory market conditions—the high price of cotton and the low price of yarns. Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, secretary and treasurer of the corporation, informs the Chronicle that the suspension will probably be for a period of 60 days.

- Raleigh News and Observer: The report that Dr. Charles Baskerville will accept the position as head of the University Department of the College of the City of New York will be heard with profound regret in this State and city. The reputation made by Dr. Baskerville has gratified North Carolinlans. Personally he is one of the most accomplished of gentlemen and the State will deeply regret to lose him and his charming wife, daughter of the late Hon. Geo H. Snow, of Raleigh.

- The Raleigh Times speaking of the statement that sentiment is in favor of sending to the St. Louis ovention a "big four," consisting Senator of Governor Aycock, Simmons, Senator Overman, and one of the candidates for governor, says: If any extensive discussion has been had of who should represent North Carolina in the national convention it has not been in the papers. To send three office holders and a candidate for an office to the convention would lay the Democratic party open to the same criticsm that the republican party has received from the papers of the State, that the convention at Greensboro was dominated by office hold-

ers. The truth is, nobody knows

this far ahead what will happen at a

- Charlotte News: It strikes us

Democratic convention.

as something amazing that newspapers published in North Carolina and having the interests of the State at heart, as we must believe the newspapers published in North Carolina have, should be finding in the report of the investigating committee a "vindication" of the outrageous attempt to get possession of the A. & N. C. Railroad in the receivership business, or the suggestion that the receiver should still be appointed. Nothing could please the Republican party more just now in its attack upon Governor Aycock's administration than the Raleigh Times' contention that the present administration of the railroad has been no worse nor has it been any better than the previous ones. The committee's report shows that it has been infinitely better than the black and tan administration that preceded it.

- Greensboro Telegram: Mr.

Wilkins U. Greene, E. M., has resigned as general manager of the Fentress Mining Company, and will open an office in Charlotte, N. C., as mining engineer, assayer and chemist. He believes that the mining industry of the State of North Carolina is only in its infancy and it is only a question of getting the plain facts before Northern capital when we will see the hoped for increase in the legitimate mining of low grade fores which could not be touched in the West, on account of the low prices for fuel and labor which are the principal expense in mining. The wonderful deposit of tin ore near Gaffney, near the State line will do much to show the resources of the State as we are now depending on the tin mines of Wales, England, for this valuable metal. "Keep your eye on the mining industry of North Carolina," said Mr. Greene.

- A shocking accident occurred Thursday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock about three miles north of Asheville, when Will H. Masters, of Asheville, had the right side of his head blown off. Mr. Masters had been shooting early in the afternoon some distance from the scene of the accident, and on his return stopped at the dairy of Bob Greenwood. In the barn, engaged in the evening's milking, were several men, including Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Masters sat down on a box in the barn and placed his gun on his right side. The men began a general conversa-Senator Quay may be decided on and ing report of the gun was heard and Governor Pennypacker asked to call a Masters fell over dead with the side special session of the legislature. At the Sunday conference will be J. Don this head torn away and blood and the Sunday conference will be J. Don was Mr. Greenwood to the man that blood and portions of the head and face were scattered on his vest. Mr. Masters was employed by the government as a rural free delivery carrier and was very popular. He is Senator Quay and harmonize all the survived by his wife and two children.

- "Do you always give in to your wife when you and she disagree?"
"No, not always." "How do you writer." "All right sir," respond- manage it?" Well, sometimes the