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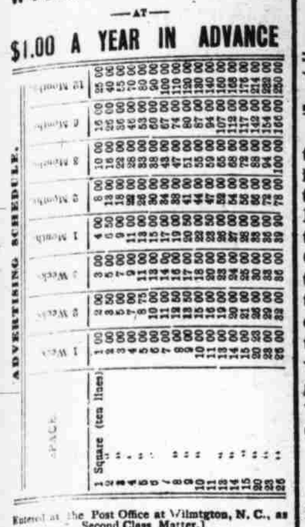

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BIG MAJORITIES NOT DANGEROUS.

We take from the Raleigh *Enterprise*, a Republican paper, the following editorial, which originally appeared in our esteemed Democratic contemporary, the Raleigh *Times*:

A sixty thousand majority is a decidedly unhealthy one for any political party in this country to have. Such a condition breeds recklessness, extravagance and arrogance. Such a condition has, and always will, in the end prove to the detriment of the party thus situated. This happens by engendering bitterness, strife and factions in its own ranks. These things are being demonstrated every day in the Democratic party in North Carolina. And with the present gait we are going it will not take more than four years to demonstrate this in a way not to be forgotten in party councils and in future campaigns. Natural enemies are soon reconciled when the battle is fought out, but enemies in the same household survive death and the grave.

We would like to see the Democratic majority in North Carolina 100,000. We would like to see every white man in the State within the ranks of Democracy. The better able we would be to go into primaries and fight it out to the satisfaction of the majority. Instead of a big majority's being a detriment to a party it is a palpable advantage. With a big majority there will be strength within the party to reform itself, but with a small majority we would be afraid of our own shadow and would have to swallow everything objectionable and support every jack-o'napes the party would put up. With a small majority we would have to twist around and wire in and wire out to hold them together. We would be too afraid to step on the toes of some of the fellows who are not wanted, and principle would have to be sacrificed in order to placate some element that was not agreeable to some other. With a big majority the chances would be that the best element would get in control of the party and certainly there would be less chance of ring rule, "recklessness, extravagance or arrogance." A big party can afford to be independent within itself, but a measly little party would be afraid to divide and consequently would have to bend the knee to every little boss that would bob up with a warning that we can't do this and can't do that for fear we may get licked.

With a small majority in the Democratic party in North Carolina, the Greensboro convention would never have dared to endorse the Watts' bill. It would have been too afraid to drive away the liquor vote, but you see the party feels that it is big enough to frame its platform without any fear of the result. For the reason that the Republican party is small, it has to be gingerly. It has no chance to cut out a lot of leaders that otherwise would be given the cold shoulder. It has to evade and squirm around questions upon which its platform should make open and manly declarations. It has to play the demagogue in order to maintain its cohesiveness. When the Republican party was in power in North Carolina in the nineties it wasn't strong enough to have its Legislature adjourn in honor of Fred Douglas, colored, but that folly was committed and the black-and-tan affair flattenened itself out on the ceiling. We can see how the Republican party could wish for our 60,000 majority, and as we need it in our business let us increase it instead of arguing hypothetically that it is dangerous. Wait till the evils of a big majority are facing us and "don't cross the bridge till you get to it."

If some white men get it into their heads that we have got majority enough they might stay away from the polls or make it an excuse to vote with the Republicans. The campaign is upon us now and from now on the newspapers will be producing articles and stuffing their columns with arguments to win votes. If we are not after more votes, instead of being afraid our majority is already too big, editors will stultify themselves in writing vote-gaining editorials. We don't want to talk about the danger of a big majority in the face of a campaign. Selah!

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Postmaster General Payne states that President Roosevelt had nothing to do with his action in refusing to honor Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, by declining to consent to the naming of a postoffice for the Governor. Gov. Vardaman states that "never in his life has he written or said anything derogatory to or reflected upon the fair name of the good mother of Theodore Roosevelt." We hope Vardaman is not guilty of what Payne charges him with, for she is not to blame because her son has gone wrong.

The Greenville, S. C., *News* says: "Huyler, the millionaire candy man, is shortly to establish a seminary for young women in Asheville, which is evidence that the stray money of sap-headed young men will be turned to good account." At any rate it stands to reason that the Huyler seminary will turn out "sweet girl graduates" of a brand equal to "Huyler's Best."

The STAR acknowledges the pleasure of a visit from Mr. S. W. Dibble, managing editor of the *Sunny South*, Atlanta. The *Sunny South* is the oldest and most successful literary publication ever undertaken in the South, and its merits have made it eminently worthy of its large circulation in the homes of Dixie Land.

We are rather stuck on the proposition to run the Hon. Dan S. Lamont as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. The Hon. Elihu Root will probably be the Republican nominee, and intellectually it would be a race of the giants. Both are ex-secretaries of war and are men of national reputation.

The Texas Democratic State convention vominated the Hon. R. V. Davidson for attorney general of that State. Mr. Davidson was born at Asheville, N. C., and is a brother of Hon. Theo. F. Davidson, of that city, and who was formerly attorney general of North Carolina. Mr. Davidson went to Texas in 1879.

There is a warm fight in Wisconsin between the Republican factions. The Spooner faction is issuing bulletins that skin the La Follette faction, and the latter faction is peeling the former. As it is a case of dog eat dog, let the good work go on.

"Don't worry, because it is wicked," was the complete sermon of the Rev. C. H. Yateman, at Ocean Grove, N. J., on a recent Sunday. That was all he said, and everybody could repeat the sermon after they got home.

The train robbers who held up a train on its way to St. Louis the other day knew that it would not be worth their while to hold up a train after its passengers had been on the pike at the fair.

In an English court recently a defendant pleaded that he once received 2,000 volts of electricity and that it impaired his mind. His plea probably shocked the court.

A paper alludes to a Kentucky widow as a "Blue Grass widow." We don't see what is to keep a grass-widow from being blue anywhere.

The man who talks the biggest down town plays second fiddle with his wife holding down the central station in a talk fest at home.

Mr. Jacobs Promoted.

It was announced yesterday from A. C. L. headquarters here that effective August 8th, Mr. Ben. J. Jacobs, of the Auditing Department in this city, is appointed acting agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, S. C., a position of great trust and responsibility and a decided promotion for the appointee. Mr. Jacobs will leave today for Charleston. It is understood that the appointment will finally be made permanent. While hundreds of friends of Mr. Jacobs will regret for him to leave the city, they will at the same time rejoice with him in the well deserved promotion.

"Governor" Glenn Coming.

Hon. R. B. Glenn writes Secretary Lewis, of the Labor Day Committee, that he has a very important murder case to try at Salisbury Sept. 4th, and his clients want him to reach there on the 5th. He says that if he could leave on a sleeper from Wilmington via S. A. L. in the evening of Sept. 4th, reaching Salisbury the morning of Tuesday, he will be very glad to be here and make the Labor Day oration. Mr. Lewis has arranged about the schedule of the sleeper and is writing Capt. Glenn to come, which he is more than likely to do.

— Says the Charlotte *Observer*: "It is not all fun being Governor of North Carolina, as is shown by the fact that Mr. Aycock has recently completed a reply of nine type-written pages to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's criticism regarding his action in the selection of an encampment site."

DEED OF A WRETCH.

Crazed by Drink, Christopher Eilers Shot His Wife; Then Fired Upon Himself.

AT CAROLINA BEACH.

Evidently Without Provocation Inhuman Act Was Committed--Victim Brought to Wilmington This Morning. Feeling Against the Man.

Frenzied because of some imaginary wrong done him and half crazy from the after effect of a protracted spree in Wilmington during the past several days, Christopher Eilers, the unworthy and worthless husband of a most estimable woman, returned to Carolina Beach early last night and for some fiendish purpose unknown save to his disordered mind, renewed a quarrel with his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Eilers, and a few minutes later sent a ball crashing into her head from a 32-calibre pistol which he drew from his pocket. Then turning the revolver upon himself, either accidentally or otherwise, he sent another ball into his own person. The wound of Mrs. Eilers may prove fatal. That of the inhuman husband is about the throat and is not serious. Mrs. Eilers was brought up to the city at an early hour this morning on a special trip of the steamer "Wilmington" and was sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital by Dr. Andrew H. Harriss, who went down to the beach in the teeth of a storm as quickly as possible to attend her. The husband was also brought on the boat, but he was in custody of Constable W. B. Savage, who went with the relief party earlier in the night, armed with a warrant from Justice Fowler charging him with an assault with attempt to kill.

Mrs. Eilers, her two daughters and one son, composing a most excellent family, have been independent of the husband and father for several years, though he has continued to live with them. Mrs. Eilers is stewardess of the Hanover Seaside Club on Carolina Beach, and the family live during the Summer in the building. Mr. Eilers is a boiler maker by trade and had been living at 414 Castle street, this city. He had been drinking rather heavily for some time, but left on the 5 o'clock trip of the steamer "Wilmington" yesterday afternoon for the beach, apparently more sober than usual but very nervous. He arrived at the beach between 6 and 7 o'clock on the train from the pier and was put off by Capt. Tom McGee at the club house. Mrs. Eilers was preparing supper for the family when the inhuman husband came and renewed his ill treatment of her. The shooting took place on the board walk, between the club house entrance and the railroad track, a distance of less than a hundred yards. The only eye-witnesses of the affair were Mrs. E. B. Loughlin, a daughter of Mrs. Eilers, who was some distance away, and an old colored man called "Ben," who ran at the sight of the pistol. Mrs. Eilers had been unconscious since she was shot and the daughter, Mrs. Loughlin, is prostrated with the shock. Eilers himself was too much under the influence of liquor to give a connected story of the affair, and particulars of the tragedy are hard to obtain. Mr. Hugo C. Eilers, an 18-year-old son of Mrs. Eilers and her son-in-law, Mr. Loughlin, were across the sound when the shooting occurred. They heard the reports of the revolver and screams of Mrs. Loughlin simultaneously and hurried over to the club house. In the meantime other persons on the beach were attracted to the scene and Mrs. Eilers was found unconscious on the ground, an ugly wound under the ear. She was taken as hurriedly as possible into the house by Mr. Loughlin and Mr. A. O. McEachern. Eilers himself was apparently very little hurt and he was taken in charge by Messrs. T. S. McManus and Louis H. Skinner.

As soon as possible physicians were telephoned for and Mrs. Louis Freimuth, another daughter of Mrs. Eilers, was notified of the occurrence at her home in this city. Mr. Freimuth quickly got news of the shooting to Justice Fowler and Constable Savage and at the same time prepared to go to the beach as speedily as possible with Mrs. Freimuth and a physician. Private conveyances were first secured, but the weather was so threatening that the trip across the country had to be abandoned. With the least delay possible, Capt. Harper then fired up the steamer "Wilmington" and in a short time Mr. and Mrs. Freimuth, Dr. A. H. Harriss, Constable Savage and others were off in a storm of wind and rain. The party arrived at the beach a few minutes before 12 o'clock and Dr. Harriss gave the patients all the temporary relief possible. He decided that it was best to bring the injured lady to the city where she could be better cared for and within another hour the steamer was returning.

Eilers was in court less than a month ago for ill treatment of his wife, his son-in-law, Mr. Louis Freimuth, being the prosecutor, but out of consideration for the family the matter was kept quiet and the defendant was let off with a nominal fine, provided he would do better. The tragedy last night is a sad testimonial to the confidence one may repose in his promises. There was much feeling in the city last night over the affair. At 11 o'clock last night Mr. Hugo Eilers was asked what his father had to say of the affair. The young man replied, with a break in his voice, that his father now was sorry for what he had done, but it was too late. Eilers will be kept in custody pending the result of Mrs. Eilers' wound.

CONFESSION FROM SWINDLER.

Negro Arrested in Savannah Proves Undoubted Raised Money Order Artist Who Fleeced Merchants Here.

Postmaster T. E. Wallace, of this city, yesterday received a telegram from Postoffice Inspector S. H. Bush, who is in Savannah, Ga., stating that the negro arrested by the name Burnes, has made a full confession of being the party who passed raised money orders upon merchants of Wilmington and Fayetteville recently. Inspector Bush says that he will reach Wilmington Monday to still further work up the case against the negro. It is probable that he will be brought here and given trial in the Federal Court.

While Postmaster Wallace denies that credit is due to any other than the postoffice inspector, there is honor enough in the capture and confession of the slick swindlers for both. Soon after the negroes paid a visit to Wilmington Mr. Wallace instituted a quiet search at the negro restaurants in the city and found that two strange negroes had paid generously for their keep with a certain colored landlady in the city and upon leaving they paid her very generously again to express for them a package to Savannah. The delivery of the goods in Savannah was traced and the handwriting of the negro in the written instructions as to shipment, given to the colored woman in Wilmington, together with that on the raised money order was found to be strikingly similar. It was also found that the package sent by the woman at the request of the men contained the clothing received in part payment for the raised money orders from Wilmington merchants. The clothing had been pawned in shops in Savannah. In the negro's apartments in Savannah, where he was originally arrested for an assault, a number of bottles of erasing chemicals were found.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Brooke G. Empie, Esq., Unanimously Nominated for the State Senate.

The Eleventh District State Senatorial Convention, composed of delegates from New Hanover and Brunswick counties, met here yesterday at noon and, without opposition, nominated Brooke G. Empie, Esq., of Wilmington, as State Senator from this district. Mr. Empie was the unanimous choice in the primaries of New Hanover for the place, and, according to the custom of alternating between the two counties, Brunswick unanimously ratified the action here.

Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., presided over the convention yesterday. Mr Empie was nominated by Mr. R. L. Truelove, of Brunswick, and his nomination was seconded by Thos. W. Davis, Esq. Owing to the fact that there was no contest over the place, very few delegates attended the convention.

MR. EMPIE IN A QUANDARY.

Doesn't Know Whether to be Senator, Bankruptcy Referee or Both.

Brooke G. Empie, Esq., was appointed by Judge Thos. R. Purnell referee in bankruptcy and not United States commissioner as erroneously announced several days ago. Mr. Empie received official notification of his appointment yesterday, but has not yet decided whether he will accept; in fact, he does not know that he can legally accept. Mr. Empie is the nominee of the Democratic party and is certain of election as State Senator from the Eleventh District, composed of New Hanover and Brunswick counties. Opinions differ as to whether he can hold the two positions under the law and until that question is settled he will not accept the appointment of Judge Purnell. He prefers, of course, to be Senator rather than referee, but the public would be glad to have him be both if not inconsistent with the law.

A TRANSCONTINENTAL TOUR.

Rev. Wm. Black in Fayetteville Yesterday—Will Come Here Later.

[*Fayetteville Observer, 8th*]

Rev. William Black was here to-day and met the parties of ladies who are going to join his S. A. L. tour party across the continent, and explained the details of the trip. The following have so far decided to go from here: Mrs. A. H Slocomb, Miss Lillian Slocomb, Mrs. Mary Hinsdale, Mrs. T. J. Whitted, Miss Delia Matthews, Miss Janie Williams, Miss Belle Jennings and Miss Louia Baker. Miss Sue Stedman and Miss Annie Evans will accompany the party as far as St. Louis.

The Fayetteville party will take a special Pullman at Maxton. The trip includes a week's stay at St. Louis, stops at Albuquerque, N. M., Grand Canyon, Arizona, Los Angeles, San Francisco, through Nevada, to Ogden, Utah, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak, and back to St. Louis.

Real Estate Transfers.

From deeds filed for record yesterday, the following real estate transfers appear: Robert G. Grady and J. H. Thomas and wife to Josh Moore, for $350, tract of land containing 41 acres, more or less, in Cape Fear township, adjoining the Lutterloh place. Hannah Turner and other heirs of Watson Turner to George W. Ennett and wife, for $225, property on east side of Sixth, 120 feet north of Taylor street, 30x150 feet in size, and on east side of Sixth, 150 feet north of Taylor street, 33x150 feet in size.

A STRANGER KILLED.

Prominent Merchant of Rowland, N. C, Run Over by Suburban Trolley Car.

AT BEACH THIS MORNING.

Last Car Down Struck Man Supposed to be W. W. McCormick, of Roberon County, Causing Death Instantly—The Tragedy.

A thick, heavy-set, well-dressed white man, identified by a Seaboard Air Line week-end ticket in his pocket as W. W. McCormick, a leading merchant of Rowland, N. C., was run over by a suburban trolley car at Wrightsville Beach at two minutes past 12 o'clock this morning and instantly killed. The scene of the tragedy was the rather sharp curve of the track just over the Banks channel trestle, on the beach side. The car was No. 81, in charge of Motorman James T. Moore and Conductor Lucien Bishop, bound for the last trip to the beach for the night and due to meet No. 27 at the Seashore Hotel, returning from the beach for the last trip. Both legs of the stranger were cut practically off and his head was badly cut and crushed by being dragged some distance before being run over. He was also injured to some extent about the body.

No one who witnessed the accident, not even Motorman Moore, can account for the tragedy. The car came over the trestle at a low rate of speed as usual. The motorman saw a man standing by the side of a pile of timber to the right and inside the curve as he was approaching, but he was clear of the track and no particular attention was paid to him. As the car approached, the motorman was dumbfounded when he saw the man step or fall in front of the wheels. Being on the sharp curve, the fender of the car extended away from the inside of the turn and consequently that safeguard was ineffective in that one particular instance. It is barely possible that the man attempted to board the car to go to the other end of the beach where he was probably stopping. The suicide theory is also advanced, but it is known that Mr. McCormick is pretty comfortably fixed and was usually of anything but a melancholy disposition. There were no indications that he had been drinking. A silver watch, a pocket book, something over $13 in money and a railroad ticket of the iron-clad form, signature of the passenger, were the only articles found on the person. The ticket was purchased at Pembroke, N. C., the junction of the S. A. L. and A. C. L. railroads a short distance from Rowland. It is very likely that Mr. McCormick left his home over the Coast Line, catching the Seaboard at Pembroke and arriving here yesterday at noon. A pocket knife and some keys were found on the track near the scene of the tragedy and had evidently been dropped from his pocket. The watch had stopped exactly at 12:02 and it was precisely that time when the accident occurred. Col. T. J. Vickery, Mr. Sol Sternberger and one other passenger were aboard the car, which was stopped within 10 yards after running over the form. The man was dead when persons on the car reached him.

Coroner Bell was notified of the killing, and the same car which killed the man was brought up to the city, upon which Dr. Bell, Undertaker Woolvin, Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur and others left at 2:30 o'clock to bring the body up to the city. They arrived here between 3 and 4 A. M. Motorman Moore immediately gave himself up to Chief of Police Furlong, and Mr. Gouverneur became his surety for $200 pending the result of the coroner's inquest which will be held today. Mr. McCormick's relatives will be notified of the tragedy by the Consolidated officers first thing this morning.

While at the Beach Dr. Bell summoned a jury composed of Messrs. Alvah Ward, L. F. Harper, R. M. Murray and others. They visited the scene of the killing and were notified to appear at the Court House to-day at noon to hear the evidence in the case.

To Study Wine Making.

Mr. Irvin Bear, of Sol. Bear & Co., left last night for New York, whence he will sail on Tuesday for Germany to study the methods of wine making in the Fatherland. He will be away several months. Messrs. Bear & Co. are engaged exclusively in the manufacture of native wines in Wilmington and young Mr. Bear will become the specialist for the firm. A number of his friends bade him good-bye and wished him a safe voyage at the railroad station last night.

TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

Wrecked by Railroad Train—One Man Killed and Ten Persons Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Aug. 6.—An Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe passenger train from Chicago crashed into a well filled trolley car to-day at Fifteenth street, in the eastern end of the city. J. L. Morris, of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, was killed and ten injured, Mrs. Minnie Stanbury, of Kansas City, seriously. The accident was caused by the crossing gates being up. Harry Black, the flagman, who was slightly hurt, says that he was sick and unable to bring the gates into position. The engine struck the car in the middle and overturned it.

"He's going to take the stump for one of the candidates." "The stump, eh? Then I'll bet the other candidate gets the balance of the tree."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FELL FROM CLIFF AND KILLED.

Sister of Mrs. Ashe, of Wilmington, Met Horrible Death in Mountains.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., August 5.—A telegram received here this evening from Bat Cave, near Chimney Rock, N. C., brought the news that Miss Laura Devereux, of this city, who was spending the Summer at Esmaralda Inn, Buncombe county, fell from a cliff to day and was killed. No particulars were given. Miss Devereux is a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in Raleigh and has herself won laurels in the literary world. She is a sister of Mrs. J. W. Hinsdale, of this city, and Mrs. Samuel T. Ashe, of Wilmington. The remains are expected here Sunday morning.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Full Ticket Nominated at Convention Yesterday at Lockwood's Folly.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

SOUTHPORT, N. C., Aug. 4.—The following nominations were made at the Brunswick County Democratic Convention, held at Lockwood's Folly to-day:

Representative—Howard C. Curtis.
Sheriff—Peter Rourk.
Register of Deeds—G. M. McKeithan.
Clerk of Court—R. S. Newton.
Treasurer—R. W. McKeithan.
Commissioners—Richard Dosher, J. W. Tharp and A. M. Chinnis.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh Enterprise: Certain North Carolinians always discover that any person who becomes prominent is related to North Carolinians of the same name. We have known for years that Jesse and Frank James have relatives in this State, but never thought it was worth blowing about.

— Mr. W. R. Terry, well known as a lawyer and Republican newspaper man, died in Raleigh Thursday and was buried at Rockingham, his former home, Friday. He had been in declining health for several years. Paralysis ended his sufferings. Mr. Terry leaves two sons in Raleigh, Messrs. V. C. and F. J. Terry.

— Fremont Enterprise: When Judge Walter Clark was a very young man, he was asked by the president of an educational institution to deliver a commencement address. In speaking of the selection, some one remarked to the president that he should secure a man with a bigger name. "I don't want a name," said the president, "I want a man, and in after years, Clak will have as big name as anybody."

— Freemont Enterprise: A Republican contemporary charges us with something like criminal negligence because we said something about the Republican platform and did not state whether it was the national or State platform to which we referred. We do not especially like to apologize but in this instance we are constrained to kow-tow and beg forgiveness for our temporary inadvertence to the existence of such a thing as a Republican party in North Carolina.

— It is understood from reliable sources at Raleigh that the Philadelphia syndicate will now proceed either to perfect the bid that they have already filed with the Governor or submit a new proposition for the lease of the A. & N. C. Railroad. It is also learned that several other bids for the road are now being prepared to be filed before the meeting of the road's stockholders next September. It is definitely learned that one other bid in particular, which is backed by North Carolinians, will be submitted probably next week, the legal representative of this syndicate having already arranged to come to Raleigh in a few days to look into the matter.

— The trial of Jesse Allen, colored, for assault on Jennie Oakley, the little 10-year-old daughter of M. F. Oakley, was begun at Oxford on Wednesday morning before Judge Henry R. Bryan. A verdict of guilty was rendered on Friday and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged. Allen is 20 years old, and is of the "big black burley type." Characteristic of his class, he showed no signs of emotion when brought into the court room, but seemed stolid and indifferent. The little girl and her mother both went on the stand. The girl made a good impression, as she is bright and intelligent. She told a straight story. The defendant showed no signs of emotion when the jury brought in their verdict.

— A correspondent writing from Hillsboro, August 4th, to the Raleigh *News and Observer* says: An afternoon spent on the Oconeechee farm these days is an inspiring joy. The famous old farm is just now maturing and harvesting one of the most abundant crops in its history. Already the grain fields have yielded nearly two thousand bushels of tribute in the shape of the cereals wheat, oats and rye, while the entire premises are flavored with the delightful odor of new mown clover, alpalphia and other luxuriant grasses. As fine corn as ever tasseled is now waving and silking on one hundred and forty acres of rich-rolling fields, and sixty acres of cotton (planted largely as an experiment) is blooming and bolling away to abundant maturity. Nearly a thousand fat and healthy fowls of every variety are on daily dress parade over the green meadows and orchards, while herds of cattle, sheep and swine feast to lavish fatness on the pastures green. Pigeons, rabbits, squirrels and other pets romp and play in the beautiful groves, while the whole situation is sweetened with the choicest honey gathered by a million busy bees from blooming fields and ripening orchards. Occoneeche is a model. Its owner, General Julian S. Carr, and his family are sojourning at the beautiful country home on the farm and the friends of the general are rejoiced to know that he is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

RAIDED NEGRO DIVES.

City Authorities Inaugurate Crusade Against Cess Pools of Vice in Wilmington.

MADE WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Will be Quite Twenty-five Offenders Before Mayor Springer To-morrow. Clean Sweep of Down-Town Alley—Nuisance Charge.

The disreputable hell's-half-acre, known as "Racket Store Alley," nearly opposite Front street market house, which has been an almost constant annoyance to that neighborhood for several years, was once again raided by the police just after 12 o'clock this morning. Although occupants of the disreputable quarter had been notified by Mayor Springer and Chief Furlong that they would be arrested unless they vacated the premises by last midnight, a sum total of eleven defendants, men and women, were locked up in the station house as the result of the raid. Chief Furlong personally directed the movements of his men and made a clean sweep of everything in sight, with the exception of one colored female who produced satisfactory evidence that she was sick and unable to leave the room.

Policemen Frank George, Leon George and J. W. English were detailed to watch the premises last night in anticipation of the raid, but before the hour appointed for the wholesale arrests six of the occupants of the alley had to be arrested for disorderly conduct. They are all charged, however, with being a common nuisance and the disorderly charge will be only a side line when they face the Mayor Monday. While the raid was in progress the police had hurry calls to quiet disturbances in "Dross Neck" and Strauss' alley, on the other side of the city. The total number of arrests will probably aggregate 25 before the work of the police is completed this morning. The Mayor and Chief of Police are determined to rid the town of such cess-pools of vice and the raids last night are a long way in that direction.

SARATOGA RACES.

Two Leading Events Worth Over $50,000 Won by J. R. Keene's Horses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Delhi, undoubtedly one of the best 3-year-olds in training, won the Great Republic, the $50,000 stake race run here to-day and Sysonby, also from the stables of J. R. Keene, added the Saratoga Special to his list of winnings. Delhi had little difficulty in winning his race. He jumped out in front at the start and cut out a hot pace the full distance, passing the grand stand the first time with Waterboy in second position, but he began to fall back soon after and was never a factor. Mercury was a good second most of the way. The Picket finished strong in third position a length behind Mercury, who finished second by a length.

The Great Republic was worth $42,000 to Mr. Keene, he having received $2,000 for nominating the winner in addition to first money. The Special netted him $13,000.

FLORIDA TRAGEDY.

Union Army Veteran Shot and Killed by His Son at Arcadia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ARCADIA, FLA., Aug. 6.—Matthew Driggers, a Union army veteran, was shot and instantly killed here to-day by his son, Charles Driggers, who was insanely intoxicated at the time. Driggers had threatened his wife and driven her from home when his father called to see him and at the time was having a quarrel with his brother-in-law, who was also intoxicated. Matthew Driggers went into the house and his son followed, drew his revolver and shot him four times, the fatal wound being in the head. After killing his father, Charles Driggers went out on the front porch, where his brother-in-law Whidden was lying in a drunken stupor, and beat him over the head with his revolver. Young Driggers was arrested and is now in jail.

UNITED MINE WORKERS.

No Agreement on a Wage Scale—Conference With Operators on Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Aug. 6.—The United Mine Workers' convention for District No. 19 has adopted a resolution condemning Governor Peabody's course in the Colorado labor troubles.

While no agreement has been reached on a wage scale, it is believed that the men will demand a five to ten per cent. increase. Operatives of the district do not conceal the fact that they will not only refuse to grant any increase, but will demand a reduction of 10 per cent. on the present scale. Predictions of a general strike throughout the district are frequent. Operators and miners will meet in joint conference on Tuesday.

TO OVERAWE BOXERS.

France Sending Reinforcements to the General Commanding in Tonquin.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, August 6.—The general commanding the French forces in Tonquin, French Indo-China, having represented that the frontier posts are insufficiently guarded and asked for 6,000 men, the government has decided to send reinforcements. A thousand men will depart on the next steamer and further reinforcements are expected to leave France later. The reinforcements are intended to overawe the Boxers, who are contemplating a rising.

— Was Eve a summer girl before the fall?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

Names of Members Representing the Various States and Territories Announced by Chairman Cowherd.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Chairman Cowherd, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, to day announced the members of the committee as follows:

Alabama, John L. Burnett; Arkansas, Hugh A. Dismore; California, E J. Livernash; Colorado, John F. Shafroth; Connecticut, William S. Pardee; Delaware, Henry A. Houston; Florida, S. M. Parkman; Georgia, James M. Griggs; Idaho, Henry Heitfeldt; Illinois, Joseph B. Crowley; Indiana, William T. Zener; Iowa, Martin J. Wade; Kansas, A. M. Jackson; Kentucky, J. M. Kehoe; Louisiana, R. F. Broussard; Maine, H. P. Plaisted; Maryland, James E. Denny; Massachusetts, John R. Thayer; Michigan, Alfred Lusking; Minnesota, John Lindlas; Missouri, W. S Cowherd; Montana, John S. McNeill; Nebraska, G. M. Hitchcock; Nevada, C. D. Vanduzer; New Mexico, E. V. Chavez; New Hampshire; Henry F. Hollis; New Jersey, Allan Benny; New York, W. H. Ryan; North Carolina, W. W. Kitchin; North Dakota, J. B. Eaton; Ohio, J. S. Snook; Oregon, F. F. Halman; Pennsylvania, Marcus C. Kline; Rhode Island, D. L. D. Granger; South Carolina, D. E. Finley; South Dakota, C. Boyd Barrett; Tennessee, Rice A. Pierce; Texas, C. B. Randell; Utah, W. H. King; Vermont, T. W. Mallory; Virginia, H. L. Maynard; West Virginia, D. E. Johnson; Washington, George Turner; Wisconsin, C. H. Weisse; Wyoming, John E. Osborne.

Territories—Arizona, John F. Wilson; District of Columbia, James L. Norris; Alaska, ——; Hawaii, ——; Indian Territory, R. L. Owens; Oklahoma, S. P. Freding.

Senate members—Arkansas, James H. Berry; Florida, James P. Taliaferro; Idaho, Fred. T. DuBois; Missouri, W. J. Stone; Virginia, Thomas S. Martin; Montana, William A. Clark; Tennessee, E. W. Carmack; Texas, Charles A. Culberson; Nevada, F. G. Newlands.

DELAWARE DESPERADOES.

Twelve Negroes Escaped from Georgetown Jail—One Shot and Captured—Posse in Pursuit of the Others.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 6.—A special to the Evening Telegraph from Laurel Hill, Delaware, says:

"Word was received here that in the pursuit of the twelve negroes who escaped from the Georgetown jail yesterday one man was killed near Old Furnace mills. It is not known whether the information refers to one of the escaped negroes or a member of the posse. Sheriff Steele telephoned to-day that the negroes are supposed to have escaped from Cypress Swamp last night and are making their way to this city in order to get over into Maryland. Nearly every one in the vicinity of Laurel is armed and the search for the negroes is general.

"It has since been learned that the man reported to have been killed during the search for the jail-breakers is still alive, but is fatally injured. He is a mulatto. When ordered to halt he refused to do so and was shot by a citizen at noon to-day. He gave his name as Smith, but he is believed to be one of the Brown brothers, who escaped from the Georgetown jail. Three of the escaped convicts were discovered making for a thicket three miles from Laurel. They were shot at but it is not known whether any one was hit."

ED. BLENNERHASSET'S WILL.

Written in 1855 and Filed Yesterday in St. Louis—Estate in Ireland Worth $2,000,000—The Beneficiaries.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—The will of Edward Blennerhasset, written at St. Louis in 1855 by a member of the famous family of Blennerhasset-Burr fame, was filed in the St. Louis probate court to-day by Lucien M. Shreve, an attorney of Chicago.

The delay in the probation of the will was occasioned by litigation over the estate of Edward Blennerhasset.

Mr. Shreve says that the estate is in Ireland, that it is worth $2,000,000 and that Edward Blennerhasset's right to share in it has just recently been established, wherefore his will is brought forth and filed for probation.

The beneficiaries of the estate are Mrs. Therese Adams, a daughter, and Henry and Richard S. Blennerhasset, sons of the testator. Richard S. Blennerhasset lives at Niagara Falls, N. Y. His sister, Mrs. Adams, is also alive. Henry Blennerhasset is dead and his brother and sister will divide his share in the estate between them.

Mr. Shreve says it was almost positively ascertained that Henry, the missing son, was slain by the Barbary pirates infesting the North African coast. He was a sea captain in the British merchant marine, and nobody has seen nor heard of him since he sailed from Naples in 1853.

RUSSIAN PRIZE COURT.

Sunken Steamer Knight Commander Adjudged a Lawful Prize.

By Cable to the Morning Star

VLADIVOSTOK, Aug. 6.—The prize court yesterday adjudged the sunken steamer Knight Commander and its cargo a lawful prize. The trial of the case and an investigation of the steamer's papers, etc., established the fact that the cargo, consisting principally of railway material, was consigned through a Japanese port to Chemulpo, leading fairly to the inference that it was designed for use on the military railway under construction from Seoul to the Yalu.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—Russia has communicated to the United States the decision of the Vladivostok prize court in the case of the Portland and Asiatic line steamer Arabia, confiscating such part of the cargo as was consigned to Japanese ports.

The foreign office is carefully considering the objections raised abroad in Russia's list of contraband, but no decision has been reached.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, who is a Mason, took part yesterday in laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal church in Elkin, W. Va., the ceremonies being conducted under the auspices of the Masonic Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Senator Elkins also participated.

The President has granted a pardon to Lieutenant Patrick W. Hourigan, U. S. N., who was convicted by courtmartial in 1900 of offence against the articles of war for the government of the navy.