

Exception of Frank Duncan for the Murder of a Policeman in Birmingham, Ala.—His Criminal Record.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 26.—Frank Duncan, who is said to be one of the most noted safe-blowers in the country, was hanged here today for the murder of a policeman.

CAUSED \$400,000 DAMAGE.

Fire in the Court House in Queens County, N. Y.—A Fireman Severely Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Fire in the Queen's county court house today caused damage estimated at \$400,000, and for a time threatened the administration building and the jail.

STREET RAILWAY LITIGATION.

Decision in Favor of Plaintiff in Important Case at Richmond, Va.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 26.—Judge Waddill, of the United States District Court, today decided in favor of the plaintiff in the petition of the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York, against the Richmond Traction Company, the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, the Virginia Ferry Company, the Chesapeake, Moore, Northrup and Wickham, their receivers, the Central Trust Company, the Merchants Trust Company and the Bowling Green Trust Company.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Samuel Gompers Practically Unanimously Elected President.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Samuel Gompers was practically unanimously elected president of the American Federation of Labor today.

STEAMSHIP DAMAGED.

Fire on the Finance of the Panama Railroad Line in New York Harbor.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Fire seriously damaged the steamship Finance of the Panama Railroad Steamship Company's line and for a time threatened the Excelsior, owned by the Southern Pacific Company, and the Nord America, of the Elder Line, as vessels were lying in the harbor.

COTTON GROWERS.

Movement to Organize Southern Farmers Laid an Effective Basis.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. MAON, Ga., Nov. 26.—Hon. Harry Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, is taking the lead in a movement to organize Southern farmers into an effective union, and already in this State many such organizations have been perfected.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

The State has granted a charter to the following corporation: Central Hotel Company, Charlotte, \$200,000 capital stock, W. H. Twitty, George E. Brockenbrough and W. B. Ryder stockholders.

While out hunting Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Gideon Misenheimer, a Salisbury young man, 23 years old, accidentally shot and killed himself.

Editor aide H. Harris, of the Charlotte Chronicle, who was in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day, writes that a coroner's jury in the North Carolina town of the Confederate Museum ought to have an oil portrait of General Matt W. Ransom.

Col. F. A. Olds writes from Raleigh: Among the callers at the office of Governor Aycock today was Mr. John H. Cutler, of Asheville, formerly of Maine, who was just back from a visit to that State.

SEEKING NEW LEGISLATION.

Municipality Will Ask of General Assembly Several Matters of Government. A joint meeting of the Park Commission, composed of the Mayor, Aldermen W. H. Yopp and P. Q. Moore, and the Legislative Committee from the Board of Aldermen, composed of the Mayor, Alderman Gafford and W. H. Yopp, was held last night at the City Hall for consideration of several important matters which it is proposed to bring up at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly in January.

GRACE FORD OF STWARDS.

At the last quarterly conference of Grace M. E. church on Tuesday night the following were elected on the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist church: Edwin Borden, H. M. Ford, A. C. Craft, C. C. Covington, Dr. D. W. Bulluck, J. F. Garrett, W. B. Cooper, W. E. Springer, W. E. Perdue, A. G. Hankins, J. B. Mercer, C. G. Merritt, C. C. Love, E. L. Prince, Dr. N. M. Culbreth, P. Q. Moore, W. P. Cline and C. E. Vale. Mr. Merritt was chosen as recording secretary of the quarterly conference. Mr. W. B. Cooper was re-elected as superintendent of the Sunday school and Mr. Roger Moore president of the Epworth League.

REMAINDER OF YEARS GO.

While a crowd of workmen were excavating for Capt. S. W. Skinner and Mr. H. M. Ford for the new Carolina Copper Works building on the old Fowler lot on South Front street yesterday, two large teeth, weighing three and a half pounds, were unearthed. They appear to be those of a walrus and on one of them is engraved the likeness of a full-rigged ship, evidently made to represent a whaler, from the number of small boats and harpoons in evidence.

SLABBED BY POLICEMAN.

Tom McKay, a bad negro who was disposed to act ugly when arrested with another negro at the "hobby house," Sixth and Campbell streets, last night, received a severe clubbing at the hands of Policeman M. P. Newton, who had to adopt extreme measures to meet the exigencies of the occasion. The negro received two ugly gambles in the head from the policeman's club and Dr. C. T. Harper had to be summoned to see them up. The second negro arrested by Officer Newton made his escape while McKay was being subdued.

THREE MEN SENTENCED.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. ROME, Ga., Nov. 26.—Judge Henry today sentenced three men to be hung—Jack Bone for killing Z. T. Hall, to be executed December 19th; Courtney Baker for hitting his wife, at Cave Spring; Bob Stillbrink for killing three negroes at a dance (the latter two negroes), to be executed December 20th. Motions will be made for commutation of sentences to life imprisonment, but as all three went to the Supreme Court, it is almost certain that none will be granted.

BLOODY TRAGEDY AT DURHAM, N. C.

J. S. Murray Began Shooting at His Nephews and Was Himself Shot and Killed.

The Shooting Took Place in Front of the Dead Man's Store—W. R. Murray Arrested—Many Lawyers Retained on Each Side.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 25.—As a result of business rivalry W. R. Murray this morning shot and killed his nephew, J. S. Murray, at Durham, N. C. The shooting took place in front of the store of the dead man, on Main street in the business section of the city. Both men had been running music stores and were well known business men. W. R. Murray who did the shooting is a brother-in-law of I. E. Emerson of Baltimore, Md., the well known chemist. Early this morning, J. S. Murray was preparing to ship a piano and was accompanied by his son, Earle Murray, when he went to the store of his uncle which is about half a block from his own place of business. At the door he was met by J. S. Murray. A short, bitter quarrel followed and J. S. Murray pulled his revolver and began shooting at W. R. and Earle Murray. The three bullets fired all taking effect in Earle, in the hand, arm and thigh. W. R. Murray, a powerful man, closed in on his assailant, taking the revolver from him and shot him in the breast and ranging upward and to the left, severing an artery. The wounded man fell and was taken to his store, where he expired within a few minutes without having spoken. W. R. Murray was arrested and will remain in custody until 10 o'clock tomorrow, when the coroner's inquest will be held. Nearly every lawyer in Durham has been retained on one side or the other and several out of town lawyers have been called in. The affair has caused a sensation in Durham.

PATTING IN FIRE ESCAPE.

Through their agent, Mr. E. T. Wade, the Ornamental Iron and Wire Company, Incorporated, of Portsmouth, Va., have just completed substantial fire escapes for the Hayer building, at Front and Chesnut streets, and the Old Fellows' Temple, at Third and Princess streets. The contracts were executed in a thorough, workman-like manner, and the escapes are among the very best ever seen attached to a building of any description. The firm is a Southern one, seeking Southern patronage, and in Mr. Wade they have an energetic and a most reliable representative. The company not only contracts for fire escapes, but iron and wire fences of every description; office, bank and balcony railings of silver wire or brass; iron stairways, fire and burglar proof shutters, elevator enclosures, etc.

FIRE CHIEF'S HORSE RAN.

Even the fire horse is not expected to preserve his equanimity at all times and under all circumstances, stating that Mr. Cogdell was afflicted with the disease of a suspicious nature and took prompt precautions, both as to himself and the other occupants of the store, advising Mr. Cogdell to once go to his home or a hospital. Acting on this advice Mr. Cogdell left at once for Wake Forest, where he quarantined himself and summoned his family physician. A telephone message from Wake Forest yesterday confirmed the Raleigh doctor's suspicions, stating that Mr. Cogdell was afflicted with the disease, and that his home had been quarantined by order of Mayor Allen.

DEAD AT AGE OF 117.

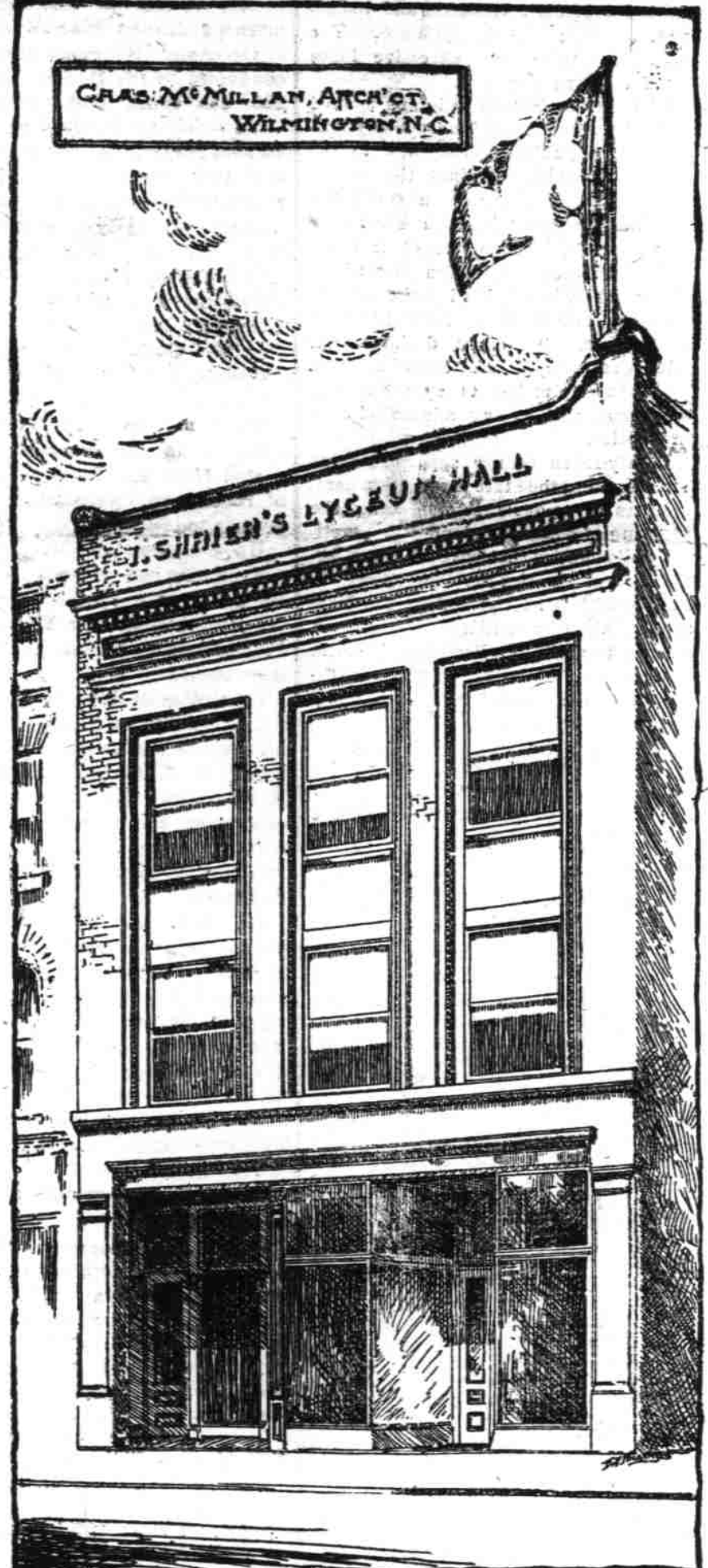
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TALKING RATES ON COAST.

Richmond News-Leader: "Representative officials of the Norfolk and Western and the Atlantic Coast Line met in the offices of General-Freight Agent E. D. Hotchkiss, of the Chesapeake and Ohio this morning, for the purpose of discussing coal rates. Among those present were: General-Manager F. D. Maher, T. S. Davant, freight traffic manager, and T. D. Hobart, coal freight manager of the Norfolk and Western, of Roanoke; R. E. Smith, assistant general manager, and H. M. Emerson, freight traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, in Wilmington, N. C."

PRACTICE SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Several persons of late have complained of the pernicious habit some boys have of shooting a bent pin at other persons. The practice is very dangerous and should be stopped, especially at the schools where the habit is likely to be more general. Those who have boys in their care should see that the practice is stopped. A school girl in Greensboro a few days ago lost her eye-sight by just such vicious work of an unscrupulous boy.



AN EDITOR HAS SMALLPOX.

Raleigh Times Man Contracted Disease While on Business Trip. (Raleigh News & Observer.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 23.—Editor J. C. Caddell, of the Raleigh Times, who has been travelling through the central portion of the State in the interest of his paper, is a sufferer at his home at Wake Forest from smallpox which he contracted in his travels. Mr. Caddell returned to Raleigh from a trip through Piedmont North Carolina several days ago feeling ill and for a day or so was confined to his room at his boarding place. However, he felt better and on Saturday was up and taking a drive through the city. On Monday Mr. Caddell, although he was well enough to be on the streets, consulted a physician in a drug store with reference to an eruption that had broken out on his face and hands. The physician, after examination, at once pronounced the disease of a suspicious nature and took prompt precautions, both as to himself and the other occupants of the store, advising Mr. Caddell to once go to his home or a hospital. Acting on this advice Mr. Caddell left at once for Wake Forest, where he quarantined himself and summoned his family physician. A telephone message from Wake Forest yesterday confirmed the Raleigh doctor's suspicions, stating that Mr. Caddell was afflicted with the disease, and that his home had been quarantined by order of Mayor Allen.

AGED NEGRO WOMAN DIED IN CUMBERLAND.

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ELDERLY BRUNSWICK MAN DEAD.

Mr. Cornelius Thomas, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Brunswick county, died Wednesday at his home in the lower part of the county, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was survived by four daughters and two sons—Mrs. R. R. Stone, of Wilmington; Mrs. Lou Gore, Mrs. S. A. Watkins and Mrs. Henry Long, all of Brunswick; and Messrs. S. H. and A. P. Thomas, of Calabash.

FAYETTEVILLE INVITES PRESIDENT.

Public Meeting Extended Invitation and Will Send Committee to Press It. (Special Star Telegram.) FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 23.—At a public meeting of the citizens this afternoon in this city resolutions were passed cordially inviting the President of the United States to visit Fayetteville on his Southern tour. A special committee was appointed to carry the invitation to Washington.

I. SHRIER BUILDING.

Handsome New Structure Will Go Up Very Soon on North Front Street.

PLANS ALREADY ACCEPTED.

Lyceum Hall on Third Floor, Offices on Second and Two Stores on First. Finished in Press Brick and Brown Stone—Glass Front.

On this page of to-day's paper is presented a cut of the handsome three-story brick building which I. Shrier, one of Wilmington's most progressive and enterprising business men, will erect within the next 90 days on the lot recently purchased by him on North Front street, next south of Mr. George O. Gaylord's store and nearly opposite the handsome Seaboard Air Line property, recently purchased by Mr. T. W. Wood. Those who know Mr. Shrier—and that means practically everybody in Wilmington—are certain that the building will be first class in every particular and fully in keeping with the several handsome structures in that vicinity. Aside from a large amount of residence property owned by Mr. Shrier, he also has business buildings on Grace street and the two handsome stores on Front street, now occupied as an annex by Messrs. I. M. Bear & Co.

The new building as before stated will be three stories high and will front 36 feet on Front street and run back into the block 100 feet, leaving a 20 foot driveway in the rear. The style of the architecture will be Italian Renaissance and the material will be plain and moulded red press brick with brown stone trimmings, the effect being very pretty. The first floor will be divided into one large and one small store, each with fine plate glass show windows and entrances. The entire glass in the front will be the best polished plate, special care having been taken in the arrangements for light and ventilation.

The second floor has three very large, roomy offices in front and in the rear are all apartments necessary for serving refreshments or dinners in connection with the third floor, which will be a first class hall suitable for dancing, celebrations of any kind or for lyceum attractions. The hall will be 36x38 feet in size, and will be arranged with both ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms, cloak rooms and all other toilet arrangements of the most modern order. There will be stage of ample proportions and a seating capacity equal to the largest lecture halls now in the city. The building of Mr. Shrier will, in the last named instance, be "a long felt and sorely needed" and the opportunities offered will no doubt be taken advantage of at the earliest moment. It is understood that Mr. Shrier has already a large number of applications for the stores and offices, and that when the building is completed he will have a "full house" from the start.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

Thanks Fayetteville for Kind Invitation to Him to Visit That City. (Fayetteville Observer, 26th) The following is the reply to the invitation sent President Roosevelt, on the 23rd inst., to visit Fayetteville on his Southern tour. WHITE HOUSE, Washington, Nov. 24, '04. My Dear Sir: Your telegram of the 23rd instant, has been received, and I sincerely thank the people of Fayetteville, N. C., for the kind invitation extended to him. It will have his careful consideration, in case he makes a visit to the South. No arrangements have been made, however, for the trip. Very truly yours, Wm. LOBEY, JR., Secretary to the President. Hon. Geo. M. Rose, Chairman, Fayetteville, N. C.

HELLO TO FLORENCE.

Yesterday afternoon's Florence (S. C.) Times says: "The long distance telephone has at last been completed between here and Wilmington. The workmen have had quite a time building the line, especially where they have had to go through swamps and thick places, but they have done the work with great credit. The country through which this line extends is of great importance and will certainly appreciate the use and benefit of the line which puts it in touch with the outside world. Marion, Mullins, Latta and Dillon have their exchanges and are now connected with the long distance lines much to the delight of every one whose interest it affects."

NEW CABLE LINE TO THE OLD WORLD.

One stroke of enterprise leads to another. Within this year the United States have completed its cable and telegraph line to Nome, Alaska, and that brings on talk of additional cable and telegraph communication with the Old World.

A dispatch from Seattle, Wash., on Thursday, states that cable and telegraphic communication with Siberia, the Orient, and the Old World countries by way of Bering Strait is proposed by John Rose, managing director of the Northwestern Siberian Company. He intimates that if the United States government will extend its Nome telegraph line from Nome on to Cape Prince of Wales, and then establish the wireless system across Bering Strait between Cape Prince of Wales and East Cape, the nearest point of the Siberian sipe, the intervening distance being only from 28 to 35 miles, that the Northwestern Siberian Company will build an overland telegraph line across Northeastern Siberia, for the whole of which it holds a concession from the Russian imperial government, to a connection with the telegraph line extending the full length of the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg.

This would place, by means of existing cable connections, Japan, China, the Philippines, Korea, Manchuria and other Far East countries, as well as all those of the continent of Europe, in cable and telegraphic communication with all points on the North and South American continents. It would be done, Mr. Rose points out, at a much more reasonable telegraph and cable tariff than now obtains.

The wireless telegraph system, we note, figures in this scheme and it has all the appearance of being easily practicable. Communication between the peoples of the earth is getting them in close touch as to business and knowledge of each others affairs.

FIRST AID TO THE "OPEN DOOR OF HOPE."

From the Baltimore Sun we learn of some sage advice which a colored minister gave to his race on Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. W. W. Alexander delivered a discourse at Macedonia church, and said in part: "We as a race have much for which to be thankful. The best way to estimate the civil status of our condition in the United States is to compare our condition with that of the colored people in Haiti Jamaica and in South America. Right here in Baltimore we have the best educational facilities, considering the wealth consists in our labor, and if we serve faithfully the people who employ us we will demand better wages and the fullest enjoyment of civic and political rights will come to us as a natural consequence."

The advice given by that Baltimore preacher sounds the key-note of first aid to the "open door of hope for the negro." He tells his race to appreciate what he has and make himself worthy of better opportunities. Intelligence, character and industry will do for the negro what politics will never do.

With Maryland, Missouri and West Virginia Republican, or partly so, and only three Southern States that send a solid Democratic representation to Congress, it is up to the Northern papers to correct themselves and state as a fact where the political situation reveals sectionalism.

A lot of two-by-four politicians are still talking about "reorganizing the Democratic party on other lines." Running on "other lines" is the cause of the party's getting ditched by a landslide. Tear up the side tracks and arrange the schedule for a straight run on the main line.

The Raleigh Post is kind enough to say: "This from the Wilmington Star is very, very neat: 'The twelve solid Southern States will jam the landslide so it can't slip over on the genuine article—the real Dixie land.'"

"Gentlemen's coats are to be crossed," says a London fashion authority. Most gentlemen will be lucky if present high prices and low salaries do not decrease their coats.

President Roosevelt declares that he is "misunderstood by the South." We were under the impression that the South doesn't half misunderstand him.

The Stanly Enterprise asks: "Does it pay to raise hogs in town?" Sara, Mike. We see no reason why doctors should not find it profitable.

Table with columns for advertising rates and schedules. Includes 'ADVERTISING SCHEDULE' and 'SUBSCRIPTION PRICE'.

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IS THE SOUTH SECTIONAL.

The Norfolk Landmark of Friday makes this correct observation:

Now some critics are saying that Missouri and Maryland and not Southern States, anyhow. There is something in this, so far as Missouri is concerned; but we do not like the idea that no State is to be regarded as southern unless it seceded in 1861. Kentucky did not secede, and Kentucky is surely a Southern State. Virginia came very near not seceding. If she had not seceded she would have been a Southern State still, wouldn't she?"

The South needs Missouri, West Virginia and Maryland in its business just now to answer Northern critics who are reading the South a lesson about sectionalism, which comes Republican, and Democratic papers as well, in retort say is manifestly a "Solid South." The point we can make by claiming the States named as a part of the South is that those commonwealths having gone Republican it is not the South that is sectionally solid but it is the North. For sentiment's sake as well as for the line of our political development we must claim the erring States as members of our bunch. The fact was aptly illustrated in an editorial which we copied yesterday from the Charlotte Observer.

The paper, by the way, made the adroit point of stating that North Carolina in 1896 broke away from the solid South but the experiment sufficiently amused her to be true.

The landslide election through which we have passed, taking the election of Congressmen, also shows which section is solid. If the statistics sent out from Washington to the New York Times on Thursday are correct, there are only three States of the so-called Solid South but that have elected one or more Republican members of Congress, whereas there are whole lots of Northern States that did not elect a single Democratic member.

An analysis of the membership of the Fifty-ninth Congress shows that 75 per cent. of the 386 men composing the new House are old members, as compared with 60 per cent. in the present House. The members re-elected on Nov. 8th number 285, which leaves only 101 new members, and of these 5 have had service in previous Congresses. These five are: Kenn of California, Towne of New York, Blackburn of North Carolina, Graham of Pennsylvania, and Keifer of Ohio. This reduces the number of men in the next House without previous service to 96 and makes the number of old members returned 290, or 75 per cent. of the whole membership.

Of the 290 old members, 180 are Republicans and 110 Democrats. The 290 old members will come from forty one States. New York leads with 26 old members, of whom 14 are Republicans and 11 Democrats. Pennsylvania returns 24, all Republicans except one. The 17 returned by Illinois are all Republicans with a single exception, and the same is true of the 11 returned by Ohio.

Forty-two States will be represented in the Fifty-ninth Congress by the same men who represent them in the present Congress, no changes having been made in their delegations. These are Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The States having only one representative are not included in the foregoing list.

The States that will have solid Republican delegations are California, Colorado, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia. These States have an aggregate of forty-four members. The solid Democratic delegations are limited to Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, with an aggregate of thirty-one members.

Of the 134 Democrats who will constitute the entire strength of their party in the next House, 108 will come from the old "Solid South," leaving only 26 distributed among other States.