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## TODAY BEGINS HIS

Summoning Men to Serve for the nomination. on the Jury.

OPPOSITION IS SHOWN

A Number of Veniremen Seek to be Excused.

WILCOX'S TRIAL AN ABSORBING TOPIC

The Prisoner Appears Calm and Fearless and it is Not Believed His Iron Nerve Will Yield Whatever May be the

Ou'come.

(Special to News and Observer.) Elizabeth City, N. C., March 12.-The State and the defendant are tonight ready to wage one of the most noted battles for a human life that has occurred in the State's late history. On this trial eve the Wilcox case is an absorbing topic among all grades of society.

Sheriff Grandy today had six deputies riding all over Pasquotank county to summon the 250 veniremen, and at nightfall practically all had been reached Expressions from prospective jurymen indicate a decided antipathy on their part to doing jury service in the Wilcox

A number of veniremen have seen the judge or counsel with a view to being excused. The empannelling of jurors will begin at 2 o'clock. The prospects tonight are that the court room will be packed hours ahead. The defense is al-midnight. lowed to strike off twenty-three veniremen without naming cause, while the prosecution may excuse four in the same manner. Numerous others will be challenged because of incompetentcy to sit in this trial.

The jury will not likely be completed tonight, that Dr. Fearing, the coroner, would likely be the first witness.

It is stated on good authority th defense will have a medical expert, who may be put on in rebuttal at some stage. Late this afternoon the prisoner was reported calm and fearless. It is not believed his extraordinary nerve will ever weaken, no matter what the jury's ver-

## McNAIR AND WOOTEN FAIL.

## File Petition in Voluntary Bankruptcy in the Federal Court at Wilmington.

(Special to News and Observer.) . Wilmington, N. C., March 12.-McNair and Wooten, extensive general merchants and fertilizer dealers at Maxton, N. C., today filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court here. liabilities are \$31,448.38, of which \$21,485.01 is in security claims. The assets are \$31,081.08, of which amount \$22,-931.02 is in open store accounts. The attorneys for the petitioners are Jno. D. Shaw and Son, of Laurinburg, and Jno. H .Cook, of Maxton. Messrs. T. J. Wooten and H. C. McNair, composing the firm also ask to be individually declared voluntary bankruptsy and reserve the real and personal property exemption of \$1,500. The personal liabilities of Mr. Wooten approximate \$8,500; assets \$1,325. The liabilities of Mr. Mc-Nair approximate \$10,000; assets \$9,000. The creditors of the firm are widely distributed. Among the secured are Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company, \$3,674.-62; American Fertilizer Company, Norfolk, \$1,397.60; Navassa Guano Company, Wilmington, \$433.50; Armfield Company, Fayetteville, \$642.78; Vollers and Hashagen, \$584.76.

## ENTHUSIASTIC FOR BASEBALL.

### To Bring Suit Against the Southeastern Passenger Association.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., March 12 .- At the organization of the Greensboro Athletic and Baseball Association last night it was very evident that there is a great deal of baseball enthusiasm in this town. The promoters and others who attended the meeting expressed themselves as being greatly encouraged at the interest manifested in the subject by the people of Greensboro generally. The president of the association is that genuine and wholesouled sport, Mr. Clem Wright. The association elected Messrs. L. J. Brandt and W. I. Underwood to represent Greensboro at the meeting to be held in Raleigh tonight and instructed them to enter into negotiations at once to secure the best manager for the team that can be found. Another meeting will be held Friday night, at which time a board of directors will be elected to manage the affairs of

the association. The board of aldermen held a special meeting last night and instructed the supervisor of public works to push the work of street improvement as rapidly as possible. Additional machinery will be purchased and two or three forces of hands put to work paving and macadamizing streets in different sections of the

The promoters of the trade exhibit which was to have been held in Greensboro in February, but which was called off on account of the withdrawal of the gro farmers in the county. reduced railroad rates, which had been previously granted by the Southeastern \$100, which he could not give.

Passenger Association, have employed attorneys to bring suits against the association and the roads comprising it.

Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk to the Corporation Commission, has written several Democrats here asking their support in his candidacy for the nomination for commissioner to succeed Dr. Abbott. It is reported here that Mr. E. C. Beddingfield, of Raleigh, will oppose Mr. Brown

Dr. Charles D. McIver returned this morning from a trip to Washington and Baltimore, where he went to confer with Dr. J. L. M. Curry, general agent of the Peabody fund, and President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University.

## A COMPROMISE EXPECTED

## Cars Continue to Run Without Military Escort. Some of the Troops Depart.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., March 12.-The cars of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company continued to run today without military guards, and no violence resulted. Eight companies of the 71st infantry will be retained in Norfolk until all danger of trouble has disappeared. Meantime four of the commands from nearby points have been relieved from duty. The strikers and officials of the company are in correspondence, and it is believed that the compromise, hinted at by the proposition that such men as are declared to have clean records shall be retained, may be effected.

## Former Governor Is Seized With Fatal Illness at a Pro-Boer Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.) Joliet, Ills., March 12.-Former Governor John P. Altgeld died in room 58, Hotel Munroe this morning at 7:09

Mr. Altgeld was the principal speaker at a pro-Boer mass meeting last night in the Joliet theatre.

Just at the close of his speech, a sudden dizziness seized him and he was as sisted from the stage. The meeting protomorrow. District Attorney Ward said had happened. Mr. Altgeld was taken to the door of the theatre, where several vomiting spells seized him.

This continued for nearly an hour and was so pronounced he could not be removed to the hotel.

Physicians were hastily summoned ness and urged the newspaper men to Nicaragua route. keep the affair quiet for fear of alarming his wife. Shortly before midnight he became unconscious.

He remained in this condition until death. At 3:41 this morning it was thought he had died, but he revived and from that time until shortly before the he made no move.

Rush Medical College, of Chicago, delivered a lecture on heart disease. He the banquet to attend the patient. They remained with him the balance of the night. When the end came they worked his arms vigorously to revive respiration, but all to no purpose. The cause of death is given as cerebral hemorrhage, there having been an apoplectic seizure of the brain.

## THE KAISER'S EXTENDED HAND.

## He Cables His Thanks That it is Met With a Firm Friendly Grip.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.-The following

cablegrams were made public here today: 'Wilhelmshaven, March 12, 1902. 'President of the United States of Amer-

ica, Washington. "Now that my brother has left the hospitable shores of the United States. homeward bound, I feel it a pleasing duty to express to you how deeply grateful I and the whole of the German people are for the splendor of the hospitality and the cordiality of the reception which

classes of the American people. "My outstretched hand has been met May Heaven bless our relations with peace and good will between the two great nations. My best compliments and wishes to Miss Alice.

was accorded to Prince Henry by all

"WILLIAM, I. R." "Washington, March 12, 1902.

Emperor William, Wilhelmshaven. Your brother's visit to this country has accomplished much in showing the depth of kindly feeling which exists between the two nations. It has been most fortunate in every way and I trust you will permit me to congratulate you on the admirable manner in which he has borne himself. He has won the genuine and hearty sympathy and regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. We have welcomed him for his own sake and we have welcomed him still more heartily as the representative of yourself and of the mighty German people. thank you in the name of the American people for what you have done and I thank you personally in addition for the gracious

form which your courtesy took "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Haywood Smith, a negro from near Milburnie, is in jail here on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon

Haywood Smith's bond was placed at

The Season Will Open on Overtures For a Compromise May 5th.

An Enthusiastic and Harmonious Conference of Representatives.

Perrin Busbee, of Raleigh, President; C. L. Stevens, of Newbern, Vice-President and Murray Allen, of Raleigh Secretary-Treasurer

Base ball for the State can be writ down as a certainty.

The North Carolina League of Professional Baseball Players, was organized last night at a most enthusiastic and Cuba, and there are evidences that the harmonious meeting, held at the Capital two elements will come together, prob-

There were present representatives from the following cities: CHARLOTTE-Proxy from club to Mr.

Otis Stocksdale. DURHAM-Mr. Otis Stocksdale. GREENSBORO-Mr. L. J. Brandt, Mr. W. I. Underwood and Mr. T. B, Waddell. NEW BERN-Mr. C. L. Stevens. RALEIGH-Mr. Wm. J. Andrews

Mr. R. C. Rivers WILMINGTON-Mr. E. J. Baer. After a full discussion as to the needs

Are Made.

## SIX CLUBS REPRESENTED TO BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Ways and Means Committee Appoints Three Representatives,

FRANCHISES AND FULL PROTECTION GIVEN THE OPPOSITION WILL HAVE THREE

These Will Consider the Proposition to Have the 20 Per Cent Reduction on Cuban Sugar Apply For One

Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.-Overtures have

been made for the compromise of the conflict over the tariff concessions to ably on a proposition to have the 20 per cent reciprocal reduction apply for one year from next December and covering one sugar crop.

Prominent members of the Ways and Means Committee, who have thus far led the contest for Cuban reciprocity have signified a willingness to accept this compromise proposition. The overtures of compromise are to

be considered by three Republicans from each side, namely:

## For the Ways and Means-Chairman

## The Senate Committee on Isthmian Canals Decide by a Vote of 7 to 4 to Report the Hep-

burn Bill.

(By the Associated Press.)

ate Committee on Isthmian Canals has in the constructon of a canal and that decided by a vote of 7 to 4 to report the among these concessions is one for perand Mr. Altgeld was carried to the hotel Hepburn Bill providing for the con- petual right of way. across the street. He retained conscious- struction of an isthmian canal via the

The action of the committee was taken Platt (N. Y.), Harris, Turner, Foster, at a called meeting held during the af- (La) ternoon and came after a brief report by Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee, detailing the result of a conference with Secretary Hay as to the status of diplomatic negotiations with the Cen- would report the bill to the Senate toend showed wonderful vitality, although tral Amercan Republic concerning the morrow, but that while he would use all canal. He stated that the secretary had due diligence in securing consideration Medical men here had a banquet last told him that there are no negotiations of the measure he had no conference with night, at which Dr. J. B. Herrick, of the in progress between the United States the Republican leaders of the Senate as and Colombia concerning the l'anama to when the masur should be taken for route and that the new minister from consideration. and other physicians were called from that country to this had not even presented his credentials; but that on the ident to acquire territory for right of other hand, with representatives of his way for a canal of sufficient capacity country and those of Nicaragua and to accommodate the largest ships from Costa Rica had been in consultation and Greytown on the Atlantic via Lake caster were all married men and leave had practically agreed upon all the Nicaragua to Brito on the Pacific, under points to be covered in concession treat- the supervision of the Secretary of War; kets and divers left here for the scene ies, nothing really being left in that con- authorizes surveys of the harbors at the nection but to put the agreements in two ends of the route; guarantees the writing. He said that the Governments use of the canal to vessels of Costa of those two countries had manifested Rica and Nicaragua and appropriates

Washington, D. C., March 12.-The Sen- which the United States could ask to aid

The vote for the Hepburn bill stood: Yeas: Morgan, Mitchell, Hawley,

Hanna, Pritchard, Millard, Nays:

Kittridge. Senator Morgan said after the adjournment of the committee that he probably like rats in a trap. Only nine of the

The Hepburn bill authorizes the Presa disposition to make all the concessions \$10,000,000 for beginning the work.

of the League, the following officers were | Payne, Representatives Dalzell and Canelected, the election in each case being non. For the opposition to the Ways and unanimously made:

PRESIDENT-Perrin Busbee, of Ral-

VICE-PRESIDENT-C. L. Stevens, of SECRETARY AND TREASURER-Mur-

ray Allen, of Raleigh. Executive Committee-C. E. Hooper ham; L. J. Brandt, of Greensboro; C. L.

the President. the League under the protection of the as overtures for adjustment had been

the State League, were granted as fel-

DURHAM-W. G. Bramham.

GREENSBORO-Greensboro and Baseball Association. NEW BERN-New Bern Athletic Association

RALEIGH-Raleigh Athletic Associa-WILMINGTON-Wilmington Baseball Association.

Mr. R. D. White, representative of A.

G. Spalding and Bros., baseball dealers

of New York, addressed the meeting by invitation, and the Spalding Ball was adopted as the State League ball. At the time of going to press, the meet-

upon all details. The following committees were elected: Brandt, of Greensboro; E. J.

Raleigh. Jones, of Raleigh; C. L. Stevens, of New Bern, and Otis Stocksdale, of Durham. The League season will open on May 5th, continue four months, and close on Labor Day.

Means-Representatives Dick, (Ohio): Fordney (Mich.), and Morris (Minn.) Soon after the overtures of com-

promise were made the leaders of the element opposed to the Ways and Means Committee called a conference. The of Charlotte; W. G. Bramham, of Dur- sentiment was rather unfavorable to accepting the plan of 20 per cent reduc-Stevens, of New Bern; R. C. Rivers, of tion for one year from next December, Raleigh; E. J. Baer, of Wilmington, and and some of those present were favoraby you with a firm, manly and friendly National Baseballl Association in Class made in good faith, it was only proper to meet the committee representing the The franchises to the various clubs of Ways and Means. It was therefore, decided by vote to name a committee to meet Messrs. Payne, Dalzell and Cannon. Later Mr. Payne and his associates were formally advised that they would be met by a committee from the other side. As there was a desire to consult the wishes of all those co-operating with the opposition forces, a call was issued to meet final plans will be made.

During the meeting the statement was made that one of the beet sugar advocates had been assured by representatives of the Ways and Means Committee that the plan of compromise would not cover this year's sugar crop, and would apply only to the crop of next year, ing is still in progress. Among other harvested prior to December, 1903. Some things it will determine upon the dates doubt existed, however, as to these asfor games, arrange schedule and decide surances, and it was considered quite vital to learn with definiteness whether the 20 per cent reduction would apply Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to two crops or to one. It was stated afterward by Ways and Means Committee Baer, of Wilmington; Sherwood Higgs, of members that the compromise plan would affect two crops-that of this year and ers Committee on Schedule-Irvine T. mext-allowing 20 per cent off on each. There was no purpose, it was stated, to limit the reduction to a single crop. liminary hearing yesterday but prac This matter probably will be left to the arbitrating committee with the indica-

crop, that of next year and with that limitation will be inclined to accept the plan of compromise.

CARMACK WILL SPEAK .

The Decenniary at the State Normal Will be a

insist on limiting the reduction to on

Great Event. (Special to News and Observer.)

Simmons and several of the North Carolina House Democrats today called on Senator Edward W. Carmack, of Tennessee, with President McIver, of the Greensboro State Normal, and invited Senator Carmack to deliver the literary address at the decenniary celebration of that great institution on May 27th. Senator Carmack accepted. That will be a notable gathering at Greensboro. The Congressional delegation will attend Senator Carmack is one of the big orators of the nation and a rare treat is in store for our people.

Representative Bellamy's bill for a resident clerk of the Federal courts at Wilmington passed the House today.

Representative Kluttz has made the preliminary arrangements for city delivery of mails in Salisbury, and that service will be started up in that town on July 1st. Mr. Kluttz will also have a large number of rural free delivery routes to start up in his district on April 1st.

## Packet Providence Caught in a Storm and Sent to the Bottom,

(By the Associated Press.) Vicksburg, Miss., March 12.-The steamer Providence, plying between this port and Lake Palmyra, was overturned at 2 o'clock this morning by a sudden squall at Ione Landing and twenty-one of her passengers and crew were drowned.

The dead: CAPT. WILLIAM CASSIDY, of Vicksourg, master.

CHARLES ROUP, of Vicksburg, chief

CLYDE SCOTT, of Vicksburg, cotton seed buyer. DR. N. A. LANCASTER, a prominent

physician and planter of the Palmyra neighborhood. Seventeen colored roustabouts and deck

hands whose names have not been report-The ill-fated boat left here at noon yesterday on her regular trip carrying a large miscellaneous cargo of freight and a number of passengers. At 2 o'clock this morning, just as the steamer was entering Lake Palmyra, a sudden wind and rain storm of cyclonic proportion came out of the west catching the Providence broadside. The little vessel was lifted almost entirely out of the water. her upper works blown away and the hull turned bottom up in forty feet water. Most of the crew and passengers were asleep at the time and were drowned

property loss will amount to several thousand dollars. Messrs. Cassidy, Scott, Roup and Lanlarge families. A steamer carrying casimmediately and will attempt to ecover

entire boat's company were saved. The

## MR. ALBERT A. WILLARD DEAD

### Father of Representative M. S. Willard and a Most Active and Useful Citizen. (Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 12.-Mr. Albert A. Willard, father of Representative M. S. Willard, of New Hanover, and one of the city's most active business men, died this morning at his country home on Greenville Sound, in the 74th year of his age. His father's people came to Wilmington in 1630, and Mr. Willard was born in Harvard, Mass. He came South in 1845 and engaged with his brother, the late W. H. Willard, in the wholesale grocery business in Washingble to rejecting the plan. But it was ton. During the war he removed to Upon motion it was decided to place urged against this course that so long Greensboro and was engaged with Mr. George Allen, then of New Bern, but now of Raleigh, in the manufacture of shoes for the Government at Thomasville. In 1866 he established the large wholesale grocery business of Willard Brothers' in Wilmington, which continued until dissolved during the financial crisis of seventy-three. Later he dealt extensively in cotton and was a large importer of silk and other supplies in bulk. In 1893 he founded the Willard Bag and Manufacturing Company, which is now at 2 p. m. tomorrow, at which time the doing a large business. He was for thirty years until his death, a ruling elder in the Wilmington First Presbyterian church and led a most useful life His wife and following children survive him: M. S. Willard, E. Payson Willard and Mrs. D. C. Whitted, of this city: Mrs. S. C. Damon, of Lancaster, Pa., and Mrs. S. H. Chester, of Nashville, Tenn.

## Ed Daniels Given a Hearing.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., March 12 .- Fortyone thousand pounds of croakers were received here yesterday by local fish deal-

Ed Daniels, suspected murderer of Jno Caton at Edwards' Mill, was given a pretically no new evidence was secured. More witnesses have been summoned and antions that the beet sugar conferees will other hearing was given this evening.

Corliss and Richardson of Washington, D. C., March 12 .- Senator Alabama Clash.

## HOUSE GOES FAR AFILLD

Philippines, Rural Free Delivery and Other Matters Discussed.

TWO SPEECHES FOR THE SHIPPING BILL

The Speakers Are McCumber of North Dakota and Depew of New York. A Few Bills Passed by the

Senate

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.-General debate upon the Postoffice Appropriation Bill continued in the House today, a number ings were enlivened by a clash between Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, and Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, on the subject of the Pacific cable. This is the second time these two members have locked horns on the cable question. Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, devoted some time to show ing how the House had been what he considered "buncoed" in connection with the Permanent Census Bill. Mr. Dougherty, of Missouri, discussed rural free delivery. Mr. Jackson, of Kansas, the Government ownership of telegraphs, and Mr. Greene, of Pennsylvania, the Philippine situation. The latter argued that if we would proclaim our purpose to grant independence to the Filipino, the insurrection would instantly cease. The House adjourned at 4:30 out of respect to the memory of Door-keeper Glenn, who died today.

## THE SUBSIDY BILL HAS THE FLOOR.

Depew Delivers an Elaborate Speech. Argu-

ments For and Against. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 12.-Again today the Ship Subsidy Bill occupied practically the entire time of the Senate. Two speeches were delivered in support of the measure. Mr. McCumber (N. D.) presented a carefully prepared argument favoring the bill as a representative of an agricultural State on the ground of its protective features.

delivered an elaborate speech in which he analyzed the arguments, both for and against the proposition to pay subsidies to the shipping industry.

Mr. Depew, (N. Y.), one of the mem-

bers of the Committee on Commerce,

A few bills were passed, including one providing for the redemption of Hawaiian silver coins and the substitution therefor of American silver coins.

Mr. Depew presented figures to show that the arguments of the opponents of the bill as to the prosperity of American ship yards were not well founded. He declared that vessels aggregating 83,000 tons had been constructed in American ship yards for the foreign trade during the past ten years, while in Great Britain during one year-the last year available in statistics 1,500,000 tons of ships had been constructed.

Mr. Bacon, (Georgia), suggested that, in order to be fair and accurate the figures of the American construction ought to include the vessels built for the United States coastwise trade. These figures. Mr. Depew did not give, but he said they would not add very materially

Referring incidentally to the present situation in New York, Mr. Depew said one of the greatest handicaps to the National Democracy had been Tammany. He said great hope had been builded upon the fact that a brilliant and cultivated gentlemen recently had been placed at the head of the Tammany organization. This was Lewis Nixon, an American ship builder. Mr. Depew then quoted from a paper read by Mr. Nixon, in which he had said that when the United States was in position to build several hundred merchant ships every year, this country would be able to compete with foreign ship yards. Until such a demand was presented the United States would be unable to successfully compete with

ship construction in foreign yards. The New York Senator said he did not know whether J. Pierpont Morgan had purchased the Leyland Line of ships or not, but if he had it was because the could , line be operated at a profit. He did know that even if the line had been purchased by Mr. Morgan he had expressed no intention of brnging the vessels under the American flag and giving them an American reg-

## New Cotton Oil Mills.

(Special to News and Observer.) Dunn, N. C., March 12.-The Dunn Oil Company has organized by electing E. F. Young president; J. D. Barnes and J. D.

Parish vice-presidents; McD. Holliday secretary and treasurer; J. D. Stewart mill superintendent; K. L. Howard, E. Lee, J. L. Thompson, J. A. Taylor, E. T. Britt and G. K. Grantham directors. The company will equip with up-to-date machinery and begin work by the next season, manufacturing the products from cotton seed. The capital stocks is 30,0000.