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THE HISTORY OF WILSON COUNT

Historical Association Organized in Wilson.

IT STARTS OUT WELL

Prof. R. D. W. Connor's Interesting and Instructive Sketches of the Distinguished Man For Whom Wilson Was

Named.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilson, N. C., August 6.-"The Wil-W. Hays, County Superintendent of Senator referred to. Schools, who had been the prime mover in the organization, called the

following were elected:
President, F. A. Woodard; Vicepresidents, T. J. Hadley, Jesse A.
Moore and R. D. W. Connor; Secretary and Treasurer, James W. Hays. Interesting and instructive addresses ed for patriotism, courage and neverwere delivered by Hon. F. A. Woodard and Dr. Cobb, of Whitakers. It is proposed to gather all necessary materials and proposed to gather all necessary materials. terial for a complete and accurate history of Wilson county. It is one of the younger counties, having been mously. created only a few years before the General Wilson found no difficulty War Between the States, and the his- in getting men to follow his lead and tory can be gathered from men now he was soon on his way to Mexico.

General Louis D. Wilson.

One looking over the journals of our of the members rendered their coun- humanity. his people, he was returned to the General Assembly for term after term. We find, for instance, that in the Senate James Kenan represented Duplin ment of patriotism and the soul of was in the Senate from Craven for ten successive terms. Chowan sent James Iredell to the House for eleven the had a large family for the affection that the successive terms are the successive terms. Greene county did not seem able to do without the services of William V. Spaight and called him to fifteen sucto the Senate, and New Hanover was represented for a like period in the House by Joshua G. Wright. For in the Senate. These instances formed the rule and not the exceptions. No wonder the State had leaders in those days; No wonder laws were wisely drawn and carefully considered. The pernicious custom of rota-tion in office had not yet closed its destroying fangs upon the interests of the State and men were given a chance to be of use to their people.

With such records as these before us we are not surprised that the good old county of Edgecombe found a son worthy to be called to represent her for five terms in the House, and after that for fourteen in the Senate, or that her people had the wisdom to avail themselves of his ability and experience. This man was Louis Dickens Wilson. General Wilson's life is the use of the poor (paupers) of said an interesting one. Starting as a clerk counting-house, he died a colonel of the Twelfth Regiment of Infantry in the United States army, an appointment which came to him unsought and upon the recommendation of political

opponents.

The manner in which General Wilson-he was a General in the militiacame to enter the United States army was an honor to himself and a credit to the State, and is one of the most dramatic episodes in our civil history During his fourteenth term as State Senator war with Mexico was de-clared by the Congress of the United States and the President called upon the States for volunteers. Parties were sharply divided on the question and feeling ran high. As a consequence volunteers were slow sponding to the call. General Wilson was ardently in favor of the war and all his powerful influence and experience in urging the State to do her duty. He was at this time 5.3 years of age, his hair was snow white and his health delicate. After one of his fiery speeches calling upon the State to do her duty, a young member of the Senate is said to have risen to his feet and tauntingly exclaimed:

"Mr. President: It's all very well for the honorable gentleman from Edgecombe to be so enthusiastic over this contemptible war since he knows that he is too old to be expected to

It was an electric shock. The old man sprang to his feet, his face flush-ed, his features set, and every nerve wil carry on his cotton business there and he expects the crop to be rather in his body tingling. His voice was in the future.

no longer feeble. It rang out like a trumpet's call as he then and there announced his determination to resign his seat, hasten home, raise a company, and go to the front. With withering scorn he turned to his younger colleague, who sat aghast at the storm his words had raised, and called upon him to follow. It was like a thunderbolt and the Senators sat dumfounded. After the first burst of passion, General Wilson in a calm, steady voice prayed for leave of absence from the Senate. It was granted, and as he turned to leave the Senate chamber, the members spontaneously rose as a body and stood with bowed heads as he passed out from that body he had so long adorned—never to return. It was a scene never to be forgotten.

A committee appointed to express in the shape of resolutions the sentiments of the Senate on this occasion eported through Mr. Francis, Senator from Haywood, Macon and Cherokee,

s follows:
"Whereas, the Senate has been inin North Carolina, to assume the more arduous and perilous duties of the camp and battle-field, as commander of the volunteer companies from _ the county of Edgecombe; and "Whereas, no difference of opinion

as to the commencement of the present war between the United States Wilson, N. C., August 6.—"The Wilson Historical Association of Wilson was organized here today by prominent and influential citizens. Mr. J. W. Hays, County Superintendent of

"Be it therefore unanimously re-solved by the Senate of North Caromeeting to order. After explaining from their fellow member, the Honorthe objects of the meeting he called able Louis D. Wilson, Senator from upon Judge Connor to preside. The Edgecombe, with whom many mem-Judge made a brief and wise address, touching upon the duty of preserving the honorable history of the county. Edgecombe, with whom many mem-bers of this body have been associated for years in the Senate chamber, they cannot withhold the expression of As officers of the association the their high sense of his able, dignified and patriotic services, as a member of the Senate, and further, to express the conviction that in the more arduous and hazardous duties of the battlefield he will be no less distinguished for patriotism, courage and never-

General Wilson found no difficulty living and records that are at hand. The President of the United States, without General Wilson's knowledge nonor of the late Hon. Louis D. Wilson. Last spring Mr. R. D. W. Connor contributed a newspaper article on General Wilson that is now of special interest. It is as follows.

General Louis D. Wilson that is now of gress a brilliant eulogium was delivered.

"Louis D. Wilson was one of naante-bellum Legislatures, is forcibly ture's noblemen, and his sympathies struck with the length of service most were ever on the side of justice and ties and their State. If a man showed any special ability to be of service to poor and needy and possessed of many county for ten terms; Daniel Glisson honor. Studiously neat in his person, for six in the Senate and thirteen in the was a favorite in all circles: he the House. Richard Dobbs Speight won the sobriquet for years of the

terms. Granville was represented by that most men center on their own Thomas Person for eight terms in the blood relations he gave to the people Senate and for fourteen in the House. Of his county. His will left his Greene county did not seem able to do without the services of William V. to his nephew and niece, but the greater part of his wealth, \$40,000, cessive terms. Nash sent William Roddie for twelve terms and Hardy Griffith for sixteen. From Mecklenburg Robert Irwin served twelve terms grown with weeds and grasses and in the Senate and Caleb Phifer thir- shrubbery. The State has honored teen in the House. Northampton sent him by naming a county after him: John M. Benford for seventeen terms and the people of Edgecombe have shown their love and admiration for their favorite son by the erection of a beautiful monument in his honor on twenty-one terms Willis Reddick look-ed after the interests of Perquimans of this monument is the following inscription:

"Colonel L. D. Wilson was born May 12th, 1789 and died August 12th, 1847."

On the second side appears this ser

"A tribute to his public service and priate worth."

The third side has this sentence

from his will: "I give to the chairman of the County Court of Edgecombe county, his successors in office, the residue of

county.' The fourth side has engraved upon it the following:
"Erected by his fellow-citizens of the county of Edgecombe in memory of Col. Louis D. Wilson, of the Twelfth Regiment of United States Infantry who died at Vera Cruz on his way to

join the American army in Mexico."
R. D. W. CONNOR. The Old Songs.

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For all the modern poets, with the melody of rhyme, They sing the old songs over, an

ripple of the rain, The twinkle of the sunshine in the valley—on the plain!

Oh, they sing the old songs over!they know the way they go-The roses and the rainbows the summer an' the snow!

The green grass of the gardens-the heaven overhead—
The singers are but echoes of the great days that are dead?
—F. L. Stanton.

Mr. R. L. Durham has moved from

BIG ROMANCE MEET AT MANASSAS

Revenue Man Written Up Details of Maneuvres of as Woman's Dupe. the Troops There.

with interest:

up with the

Military Meet on a Historic

Battlefield in

Virginia.

None of the residents inside

maneuver area have refused to sign

leases. There was some apprehension

felt when the matter was first take.

charge of the arrangements were able to allay any fears that existed by in-

which they were able to vouch, and

representative citizens with reputa-tions to maintain and that there was

plaint has been received from a resi-

with the National Guard is attested by

the fact that as soon as organizations

to such an extent that many appli-

ants have been necessarily rejected

age tracks at both main camps for

formulating problems to be worked

out by the troops. It is understood

that the two camps will be maintained

during the maneuver period as hos-tile forces, liable to attack at any time, and approaching as closely as

possible to the conditions prevailing

in actual warfare.

The following roster of troops to take part in the maneuvers is official up to date, but it is subject to re-

One Troop Seventh Cavalry-A Siege

Battery Without Guns-Division

Near Manassas, Virginia.

Two companies United States en-

Eight troops, Seventh cavalry, head-parters and band; 36 officers, 583

gineers, and band; 6 officers, 153 men.

One battery Massachusetts F. (four thirty-two inch guns); 5 offi-cers, 85 men, 65 horses.

511 men, 14 horses.
Eight companies Ninth infantry,

First Maine infantry; 52 officers,

ers, 816 men. 18 horses.

Third Connecticut infantry, 53 offi-

One Separate company, Connecti-cut infantry; 3 officers, 65 men.

Staff, Connecticut; 9 officers, 5 men.

14 horses.
Fifth Massachusetts infantry, 53

officers, 773 men, 25 horses.
First Tennessee infantry; 54 officers,

480 men, 22 horses. Florida fnfantry (Provisional regiment); 54 officers, 640 men, 24 horses.

38 officers, 538 men, 17 horses. Fifth New Jersey infantry; 643 men.

South Carolina infantry; 509 men.

Seventieth Virginia infantry; 48 of-

Georgia infantry (Provisional regi-

ers, 816 men, 18 horses.

HEADQUARTERS — NEAR GAINESVILLE, VA.

vision hereafter:

nen, 619 horses.

250 men.

icers, 509 men.

The Southern Railway is making

property owners

The following from the Army and

Will Sue Richmond News Leader for In Sepiember the Regulars and State Libel --- The Tale as Told by Muskrat Mike and Flossy May Mostly "Poetry".

The tricksy moonshiner and the devices used by those who engage in the Navy Journal, in relation to the comprofitable but risky business of beat- ing maneuvers of troops of the reguformed that one of its members is ing Uncle Sam out of his liquor tolls lar army and State minua, at Malabout to leave the halls of legislation, have ever been fair game for newspapers and novelists alike.

If amid the gross surroundings of the sequestered still, there can be painted the miracle of a marooned Prince William county, Virginia, lady of quality whose innate gentleness and refinement has remained unspoiled while she grew up wild in the woods; if one can picture with sufficient vididness the passion and the snares of Muskrat Mike for this cornlicker lady with the alabaster skin and the jet black eyes and the curling golden hair; if, in contrast to this, he can work in a band of revenue officers of supernatural acumen and a houndlike persister. like persistency in search; and then a dapper young minister of independent fortune who starts out with the revenuers to correct the morals of Smoky Gulch, only to fall head over heels in love with Flossy Mag and for love of her dear self comes finally to condone the moonshining business and wear overalls and drink "white lightning' without a cough; if he can stir up enough blood plots on the part of jealous Muskrat Mike against the life of Parson Algenon and can then wind up the story with an impromptu revival in the still house at which moon-their private property would be dam-shiners, revenuers and Muskrat Mike aged or molested, but the officers in are all converted and Flossy Mag declares her love for the Parson; and to allay any fears that existed by in-then prologue the whole thing with a forming the residents of the good marriage in the cathedral, with red character of the regular army for lights, and Flossy in a gown from Paris and a newly discovered Banker Papa, and Muskrat Mike pumping the organ, while the salty tears roll down his beard—why he can eat up "Sunday space" by the yard at six dollars a column.

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day space" by the yard at six dollars would conduct themselves differently

And the moonshiner and the distillery cheat—poor dogs—are so timid that they dare not rebel. So that when Jonah Smith, who has be struggling to raise a family of children with a timegallon still hat "cut up" every six months, and living a life that is half the time in the penitentiary and half the time out, distilled. itentiary and half the time out, discovers that his simple, unassuming zen soldiers at Manassas As an eviand retiring character has been trans- dence of the confidence that can be formed into blood-thirsty Muskrat reposed in the regular army a com-Mike—why he can only sigh deeply, light his corn-cob pipe and, in extremity, take a drink of his own past six weeks, and not a single compast six weeks, and not a single compast six weeks.

brand of concentrated lye. Therefore, to those who know the dent; on the contrary the men are or true diffidence and harmlessness of the best of terms with the property the breed, who appreciate the fact owners.
that their lives are full of a grinding That the maneuvers are labor that leaves no time for senti-ment, who have seen an old, baldheaded man with a copper still on his back skedaddling through the woods plications for enlistment have come in like a wild turkey at the approach of nothing more harmful than a company of bird-nesting boys, there is feeling of something very much akin ample provisions of sidings and storto a sense of justice delayed whea one of these worms who has

handling troops and supplies.

A board consisting of Generals
Grant, Barry and Bliss, have been on
the maneuver field the past week. dragged from the ground and "writ-ten up" presumes to turn. All this to get down to the fact that Store-keeper and Guager who was stationed at a still in Wilson county, where the government was "done," is preparing to sue the Richmond News-Leader for libel in publishing a story of his alleged love of "moonshine girl" and neglect of his duties at the beck of Cupid.

According to the story as printed in the Richmond paper, under a Raleigh date line. Carter was the government officer at a distillery operated on Black River, in Wilson county, by a man named Morgan. The still was situated in a dense forest on a bluff, overlooking the river, and was about four miles from the town of Lucana. It turned out afterwards that the still had under it a tank that held 500 gallons of whiskey. From this tank one pipe ran to the river and another tank to the cistern room where it was connected with a funnel. The still was one of ten-bushels capacity, and under government regulations had to make 30 gallons of spirits a day. Everything over this was poured in the my estate, both real and personal, for funnel, went in the tank and when the tank was full, boats came up the river at night, loaded with barrels, into which the liquor was turned from a cock-stop in the pipe that ran from the tank to the water.

On the occasions, said the New Leader correspondent, when the boats came up and when the liquor was being formed in the funnel to the un derground tank, Guager Carter would be off trysting with the Flossy Mag of the story; but the stock story here took an original turn, because the damsel fell in love with the officer and the officer fell out of love her—and when the girl got ready to wed, and there was no wedding to follow she got mad—mad as a hornet—and she gave away the distiller and they re sweeter all the time! the store-keeper and herself, so that Their music's in the past time—the Morgan was tried and fined a thousand dollars at the December term of Federal Court here and Carter was tried too. but acquitted.

All this the News-Leader printed with graphic detail, and now comes Carter and says there wasnt any girl and that he has been damaged in his char-akter to the sum of umpty dol-lars and odd cents—and the News-

Leader must pay.

And Mr. Carter has sued the News Leader and the paper's lawyers are coming here to Raleigh to see how they can best get out—and Muskrat Mike is revenged.

Capt. Crosland says corn is fine but short.-Rockingham Anglo-Saxon.

Alabama infantry (Provisional);

Texas infantry; 58 officers, 750 men. Two troops Georgia cavalry; 9 of-cers, 98 men, 107 horses. Georgia brigade headquarters; 10 officers, 10 men, 10 horses.

Battery A, First Virginia artillery (four three-inch guns); 4 officers, 50

ien, 44 horses. Total—722 officers, 12,679 men, 1,405 horses. Division Near Thoroughfare, Virginia.

One company United States engin-ers, 3 officers, 76 men. Fifteenth cavalry, Eight troops headquarters and band; 25 officers,

599 men, 541 horses.
One troop New York cavalry, from Troop C; 6 officers, 69 horses, 75 men. F. A., 12 guns, 1 veterinarian, 7 officers, 45 men, 49 horses.
Third and Fourth batteries, United States F. A.: 12 guns, 1 veterinarian. States, F. A.; 12 guns, 1 veterinarian, 7 officers, 181 men, 191 horses.
One battery Connecticut F. A.; four

-6-inch guns, 5 officers, 82 men, 49 One battery Connecticut machine guns; 4 30-inch gravity feed, 5 officers, 56 men, 13 horses.

Three companies First infantry; 10 officers, 195 men, 2 horses. The Manassas maneuver held in-cludes fifty square miles of territory in Four companies Eighth infantry and

band; 11 officers, 260 men. One company Fifth infantry; 2 oficers, 64 men. Ten companies Sixteenth infantry, readquarters and band; 20 officers, 401

men, 3 horses. Second Maire infantry; 51 officers, 52 men, 20 horses Second Vermont infantry and band; officers, 742 men; 24 horses.

Eighth Massachusetts infantry; 53 officers, 773 men, 24 horses. will be about one mile west of Thoroughfare. Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., will be in command of No. 1 camp, and Briga-Ninth Massachusetts infantry; 53 flicers, 773 men, 24 horses. Massachusetts staff; 11 officers,

command of No. 1 camp, and Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, U. S. A.; of No. 2. Other officers participating in the maneuvers will be Generals Barry, Bliss and Wint. Colonel A. L. Wagner will be chief umpire.

None of the residents inside the en, 25 horses. First North Carolina infantry; 55 flicers, 580 men, 16 horses. Two battalions West Virginia infan-

y; 35 officers, 440 men, 19 horses fairs; and in all, and through all he has never seemed to be lacking in Second New York Infantry; 62 ofers, 1,060 men, 19 horses. Twelfth New York infantry; 36 of-ers, 850 men, 24 horses.

Fourth New Jersey infantry; 600 First Maryland infantry; 53 officers, 480 men, 17 horses. South Carolina infantry; 510 men. MEET AT MANASSAS—TWO 7890

Second Georgia infantry; 54 officers, also by assurances that the militia of the various States was made up of 606 men, 18 horses Texas infantry; 58 officers, 750 men. Four companies Delaware infantry; 16 officers, 20 men.

One troop Georgia cavalry; 4 officers, 49 men, 53 horses. Total second division, 746 officers, 11,541 men, 1,225 horses.

men, 2,644 horses. Note,—When st fone number only, it is an approximate aggregate and more definite information is not at hand.

Unussigned-Maine, 2 signal corps. officer and 20 men 2 ambulance orps, 1 officer and 20 men. ficers and 13 horses; 1 hospital corps,

39 men; 1 signal corps, 5 officers and Massachusetts, 1 signal corps, 1 of-icer, 26 men and 1 horse, Maryland, 1 signal corps, 11 men.

JUDGE PARKER ON TRUSTS.

Hints At Time Coming of Government Ownership of Monopolies.

From the Kingston Daily Freeman of February 22, 1900.)

Within the next few years there will rise questions of public policy, but ve must not take hold of them rashly. nere is a great deal of difference of the commercial world nether it is wise to have great comusiness.

Some see in them a great menace Others are of the opinion that they are but the natural order of development, and that no great harm will be done. It is argued that such combinations can only work successfully when they get wages down to such a point that not similar combination can be formed to enter into competition. Competition is the life of business, but it was long ago settled in England that whatever tended to thwart the good of the country or its people was illegal. The common law there became

the law here. In an article by a laboring man, which I read the other day, I was struck by the ideas advanced. This man reasons that in spite of all the people can do, when you set a principle in motion it will develop. In business the fact that people are the same work causes competition. ten, 619 horses.
One troop Connecticut cavalry;

3 partnership took the place of the individual. Later still, more capital was officers, 65 men, 68 horses.

One troop New York cavalry (Squadron A); 4 officers, 72 men, 76 work was an aggregation of the work

of the individuals. Twenty-third and Twenty-seventh batteries, U. S. F. A., 12 guns and 1 higher state of perfection, still larger tire term of two weeks to be conveterinarian; 8 officers, 85 men, 191 capital and labor interests were needed, and there came into existence a partnership of corporations known as the trusts, and now we can't stop it It has grown as naturally as business ers, 85 men, 65 horses.

Eight companies Fifth infantry, required it. Eight or ten years ago prosper accordingly. Architect Wheeler, position that the Government could do prosper accordingly. Architect Wheeler, furnished the plans Eight companies Ninth infantry, all the business of the country, or that headquarters and band; 29 officers, any business could be done under one head, would have been laughed out First Connecticut infantry, 53 officers, 816 men. 18 horses. ward Bellamy talked of the Government conducting all the business in his book, "Looking Backward," where

It has recently been demonstrated that the oil business could be and is to defend itself. He watched the op-conducted by one man, at a less cost eration until he saw the snake was per gallon than when there was competition. It is the same with sugar, and it is soon to be demonstrated that Fourteenth New York infantry; 5 be conducted.

Seventy-fourth New York infantry; The business must be conducted.

The business must be conducted.

The business must be conducted.

every man shared in the work of the

Government of which he was a distinct

ment); 54 officers, 606 men, 18 horses. successfully, the people will have an pect to rebuild.—Sanford Express.

Drawn by Pen of Former Resident of Raleigh.

Mr. Scott Says He Reminds One Strongly of Robert E. Lee and Z. B. Vance. "The Two Greatest Men on Whom My Eyes Have Chanced

to Rest." In a private letter to Ed. Chambers Smith, Esq., of this city, Mr. Charles H. Scott, of Elkin, W. Va., who formerly lived in Raleigh, writes most interestingly of Hon. Henry G. Davis, the vice-presidential candidate. Mr.

the vice-presidential candidate. Mr. Scott lives as a near neighbor to Mr. Davis and has had peculiar opportunities to know his real character and worth. Mr. Scott writes:

"That was a great and good piece of work that you did in nominating Senator Davis for vice-president." We who knew him well out here never doubted his fitness for any place in the councils of government of the country—even the highest—but we greatly doubted whether his simple, modest, unassuming ways would not hide the facts of his eminent abilities and fitness for high place from others.
"Senator Davis is a man who 'does things.' He has shown administrative and executive ability of the highest sort in the management of large af-

power or readiness to meet the demands made upon him. "It requires but that acquaintance with him to enable one to realize that

he is one of nature's noblemen, cast in a large mould. "His uniformly even temper, and simple, quiet way in discussing matters of great moment; his invariable courtesy and consideration for the personal feelings and interests of others, even the lowliest, remind one strongly of our own great and good men of old Virginia and North Carolina, Robert E. Lee and Z. B. Vance, the two

greatest men on whom my eyes have chanced to rest. "He is not at all like what one often naturally fancies or sees the successful man of our day to be-hustling, Grand total, 1,539 officers, 24,284 bustling, nervous, excitable, or fussy en, 2,644 horses. largely because of the absence of the characteristics—one soon sees an teels that he is talking to a man of clear intelligence, of broad mental

view, of high and noble character. 'I should be glad, indeed, Connecticut, 1 medical corps, 13 of- him as I do; for I am sure that such knowledge would drive them to the polls in November, and bring out such a vote as the old State never gives, but to the best and bravest of her sons.
"The voters of North Carolina will make no mistake in doing what they can to put ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, in the vice-presidential chair. He is of the very type they have always delighted to honor—a man of solid worth—free from sham, pretence, arrogance and affectation of every sort—wise, just and brave; simple, magnanimous and upright; and certain to do all that any one man can well do in the place assigned to him or any to which he may be called to give us a safe, peaceful, dignified and honorable government, in all our relations, domestic and foreign. I have yet to meet the man who, knowing enations of capital in control of the Senator Davis, doubt or questions this."

> opportunity to demonstrate their belief in this.

This year a contract has been let by a municipality for a road to be built underground. Ten years ago it vas supposed that no municipality had this power, but it has been seen that it can be done. These questions which grow out of public conditions are not to be treated rashly, but with careful thought. There will be for all of us questions of interest, not only to our selves, but to our descendants, and when the time comes for their to be met they will be met with a careful-ness and sincerity looking always for the greatest good to the greatest number in city, county and State.

Watauga News Items.

(Watauga Democrat.) Court next week with Judge McNeill présiding. With the Potter and Watson murder cases, and a number of others of more or less importance on

Mr. Clarke McBride has shipped 6,-200 sheep out of this county to date that have brought the people of the county \$18,600. Mr. McBride is a moving man and may he live long and

Architect Wheeler, of Charlotte, who furnished the plans for the new court house, arrived in town Sunday and inspected the work on Monday morn-

of the business world. It was thought ing, leaving at once for Jefferson. He expressed himself as being with the work on our building.

A few days since Mr. Wiley Hodges was traveling the road near Mr. L. H. Trivett's heard a noise, and/upon investigation he found a weasel and a large black snake in deadly warfare.

The weasel would pounce upon the snake, bite it and then jump off before his snakeship could do anything

It was noted in The Express last cheaper, so as far as the consumer is a cek that the store of Alfred & Ewconcerned, or else other combinations ing, at Aberdeen, with its stock of of capital will be formed, and when goods, was destroyed by lightning, and some party arises which will take the that the loss was estimated at \$3,000. position that the Government can do In a letter they state that the loss is the business for the people and do it 36,000, with no insurance. They ex-