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30,000 NOW ENROLLED
Louisville, Ky., Fraternal Organization Cuts Out Meat.

GEORGIA TOWNS JOINS RANKS.
Secretary Wilson Says Farmers Should Raise More Meat—The Orange Judd Farmer's Statement.

Chicago, Special.—The most notable acquisition to the ranks of the anti-meat cause came from Louisville Saturday where twenty-one lodges of a fraternal organization adopted resolutions that all members refrain from eating meat more than once a day during February.

Cleveland, O., credited with being the originator of the scheme, now has 30,000 names enrolled while Kansas City reports 80,000.

The heads of the leading packing houses of Kansas City and Chicago refused to discuss the effect of the movement on their business.

Many other northern, western and southern cities are to join in the meat boycott fight.

Indianapolis, St. Paul and Toledo reported that the attempts to launch a crusade against prevailing high prices in those cities had so far failed.

From St. Paul came the information that Labor Commissioner McEwen had declared the inhabitants of Minnesota were too prosperous to feel the effects of the high prices.

Approves of the movement, The Orange Judd farmer makes the statement that 1909 was the most prosperous year ever known in the live stock industry according to the annual census review of farm stock.

The total value of all classes of live-stock in the country of January 1, 1910, was \$4,880,065,000, says that periodical.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Taft Gaining Support and Shows Tact in Avoiding Clashes.
Washington, D. C., Special.—This week probably will see the beginning of work by the joint special committee which has been named to investigate the subjects popularly grouped together under the title of "the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy," and from now on this affair will occupy an increasingly conspicuous position in the news of Congress.

The President's Federal incorporation bill is expected to have the hardest sledding of any measure in his legislative program.

Activity, such as has seldom if ever before been displayed by committees so early in the first regular session of a Congress, is now in evidence in both wings of the Capitol.

When the House satisfies the selection of Representative Graham the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy will begin in earnest.

Senators—Knut Nelson of Minnesota (chairman); Frank P. Flint of California, George Sutherland of Utah, Elihu Root of New York, Thomas H. Painter of Kentucky and Duncan H. Fletcher, of Florida.

Representatives—Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, M. E. Olmstead of Pennsylvania, E. H. Madison of Kansas, Edwin Denby of Michigan, Ollie James of Kentucky and James M. Graham of Illinois.

TAX ON OLEOMARGARINE.

House Committee on Agriculture to Hear Evidence February 9th.
Washington, Special.—Representative Burleson of Texas, Saturday appeared before the House committee on agriculture in behalf of his bill repealing the tax on oleomargarine, which tax, he asserted, was responsible for the present high price of butter throughout the country.

Before this tax was imposed, Mr. Burleson said, there was manufactured annually 130,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine which he characterized as a pure and wholesome food product and which sold for from 12 to 18 cents per pound.

The production of oleomargarine has been diminished 66 per cent, he said, as a result of the tax, and the price of butter has gone up from 23 to 60 cents a pound.

HOOKWORM DISCUSSED

Warning Sounded on Disease Which Attacks South Most.

SUSCEPTIBLE TO TREATMENT

The Hookworm is Declared to Be the Most Serious Infectious Disease in the Southern States.
Atlanta, Ga.—"The most serious infectious disease in the south is that of the hookworm," declared Dr. Chas. Wardle Stiles of the United States public health service in addressing the first national conference called for the study of the hookworm disease.

While specimens of the hookworm have been found in the New England states, the middle west and northern Pacific states, the disease is primarily one of warm climates and is generally prevalent in the south Atlantic and gulf states.

On the negro is placed the responsibility for the presence of the disease in the United States. Dr. Stiles said that the hookworm found here has been traced to the west coast of Africa, "and it undoubtedly was brought here by the negro."

More than 250 physicians and representatives of life insurance companies, commercial organizations from all sections of the United States were present at the conference.

HOOKWORM IS ABUSED.

Southern Factories More Deadly to Children Than Parasites.
Chicago, Ill.—The hookworm is much abused, according to Professor C. E. A. Winslow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the eastern scientist, who says: "The hookworm is mentioned when the blame really should fall on industrial conditions."

SOUTH POLL TRIP PLANNED.

Antarctic Trip to Be Made in the Interest of Scientific Work.
Washington, D. C.—An expedition to the South Atlantic and the Antarctic snow regions in the interest of economical and scientific work by the Fish commission steamer Albatross is under consideration by Secretary Bagley of the department of commerce and labor.

WOULD SHORTEN FUNERALS.

Tennessee Ministers to Reform Order Conducting Burials.
Columbia, Tenn.—There is a movement on foot with the preachers of this section to reform the order of conducting funerals. The ministers have suggested the following rules:

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED.

Charlotte, N. C.—Roasted to a crisp the bodies of Mrs. J. A. Mullis and her three-week-old infant were discovered in the fireplace of their home near Lincoln. A few feet away lay the two-year-old girl suffocated by the smoke from her mother's garments. She may recover.

FARMERS URGED TO HOLD COTTON.

Slump in Futures Hasn't Affected the Value of Real Cotton.
New Orleans, La.—"Apropos of the so-called bear raid on the New York cotton market, President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange, issued a signed statement, in which he says:

"If there was ever a time when the cotton producer and the holder of spot cotton should make a stand that time is the present. We have recently passed through one of the most trying and unwarranted declines in the history of the cotton trade."

"The issue is a large one. It comprehends more than the interests of the bear or bull operators in cotton. It affects the question as to whether a great trade system and so unimpaired therefor. It affects the best interests of not only the spot market, but the future market as well."

BUTTER TO STAY HIGH.

Bad News for Housewives is Sent Out From Elgin.
Elgin, Ill.—Housewives who expect the price of butter to drop from 40 cents to 25 cents a pound as the summer approaches, are 10 cents off on their guess, according to members of the Elgin board of trade, who expect the price to hold at 30 to 35 cents.

Petition for Morse's Pardon.

Charlotte, N. C.—Prominent men of this city in rapid succession affixed their names to a petition praying President Taft for the absolute pardon of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, who was convicted of a violation of the national banking act and is now serving a fifteen-year sentence in the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga.

5 Persons Lured to Death.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Five persons—four girls and one man—leaped to their death in a panic caused by a fire in the four-story factory building on Chancery street. Five other persons received injuries from which they will probably die, and many more were less seriously hurt.

Millions Used Fighting Tuberculosis.

New York City.—Eight millions of dollars were spent for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis during the year 1909, according to the completed report by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Newly Paragaphs.

The farm census for the last decade shows that on a basis of three acres or more the number of new farms brought under cultivation was one million, and that the value of all farms in this country increased from \$20,512,000,000 to \$29,730,000,000, the greatest increase being in the west, and next in the south.

The final verdict on Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited explorer, was passed by the University of Copenhagen examining committee. Having gone through the original notes in their entirety, the committee confirmed its previous decision that Dr. Cook had not reached the north pole.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

General.
Nine billion dollars' worth of agricultural products have been exported from the United States during the last ten years, those exported in the fiscal year 1909 having alone amounted to practically \$900,000,000, against less than \$800,000,000 in 1893.

The will of Darius O. Mills, disposing of property which his business associate and friend Henry Clews, the banker, said would amount to \$50,000,000 or more, has been filed at New York city. The bequests include \$100,000 each to the Museum of Natural History, the New York Hospital for Incurables, and American Geographical society; \$50,000 to the Bronx Park Zoological gardens and the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, \$25,000 to the American Red Cross society, and the balance to his son, Elzabeth Mills, and his daughter, Mrs. Elzabeth Reid, the wife of the ambassador.

Washington.
President Taft was elected an active member of the society of Mayflower descendants by virtue of a discovery that he is a descendant of Francis Cook, one of the pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, in 1620.

Preparatory to the increased number of stamps which the internal revenue department will have to keep on hand on account of the growth of the country's trade and on account of the new stamps which will be issued to meet the demands of the new tariff, orders have been given to enlarge the printing plant of the bureau enlarged.

TAFT HONORS GEORGIA.

President Takes in Mrs. Brown a White House Dinner.
Washington, D. C.—President Taft took in Mrs. Joseph M. Brown of Georgia at the white house dinner in honor of the visiting governors. Waiving the usual formality which prescribes that the president shall take in one of the cabinet officers, proceeding to the dinner in accordance to the order in which the states entered the union, Georgia was the third state to adopt the constitution of 1787, which replaced the old articles of confederation.

RAILWAY ROBBED OF \$850,000.

Chicago and Western Indiana Bring Suit Against Officials.
Chicago, Ill.—Charges that Benjamin Thomas, former president of the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad; Charles R. Kappes, former real estate dealer for the road, and John C. Petzer, obtained at least \$850,000 from the railroad through a real estate conspiracy, are made in a bill for an accounting filed in the circuit court.

FIVE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

Alabama Race Promises to Be Very Hard Fought.
Montgomery, Ala.—Charles Henderson, president of the railroad commission, announced for the democratic nomination for governor, making five in the race, the others being H. S. D. Mallory of Selma; Emmett O'Neal of Florence; Samuel D. Weakley of Birmingham, and Walter D. Seed of Tuscaloosa.

OPPOSE LEE'S STATUE

Senator Heyburn Objects to Honoring Memory of General.
Idaho Senator Makes Spectacular Exhibition of Sectional Venom—Statue Already Up.
Washington, D. C.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho, renewed his hostility to any movement honoring the memory of Robert E. Lee, whose statue he objects to being accepted for Statuary Hall, by offering a resolution demanding to know why the United States collector of customs at Newport News joined in the celebration of Lee's birthday.

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In his speech Monday on the acceptance of the statue of George L. Shoup, presented by the state of Idaho, Senator Heyburn asked if it were the intention of congress in passing the act of July 2, 1864, to provide that any traitor should ever have a place in statuary hall, or that a Benedict Arnold should ever be so honored? He held that no statue was of right in the hall unless accepted by congress.

Senator Money of Mississippi, speaking of Heyburn's address after the senate adjourned, said: "It is strange to me that here 51 years after the war, a man who never heard a gun fired should make such a spectacular exhibition of sectional venom. Even his own colleagues will condemn him. Nobody would have done so more quickly than that great soldier and magnanimous man, General Grant, who several weeks spent with General Grant at a note in Mexico he frequently spoke of Lee in the highest terms of admiration."

Jumps Into 30-Foot Well.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mrs. Lee Kelly, wife of ex-Sheriff Kelly of Yadkin county, is suffering from the effects of a peculiar accident, having either jumped or fallen into a 30-foot well at her home in Yadkinville several days ago. Her husband, assisted by Squire John H. James and Dr. T. R. Harding, rescued her.

Last of Bond Issues.

A special from Rhode Island says: The State of Rhode Island was sued from litigation with the State of North Carolina when the House of Representatives concurred with the Senate and voted to reject a gift of half a million dollars worth of North Carolina State bonds. An act requiring the acceptance of all gifts and their collection by legal proceedings, was amended so that the Governor is given discretionary powers.

For National Park at Fort Fisher.

Wilmington, Special.—Representatives of Wilmington were at Washington, D. C., last week, urging jointly with a delegation from New York for the establishment of a national park at Fort Fisher, which was the scene of such a memorable struggle during the Civil War. Senator Root of New York will be asked to introduce the bill, which carries an appropriation of \$30,000.

New Banks Organized Last Year.

Raleigh, Special.—There are now 320 banks in the State, which have resources totaling \$55,852,329; this being an increase of \$7,837,221 over the total a year ago, the report covering the period up to November 16 last. The gain is the largest made in the year and is very gratifying. The increase in the number of banks, during the year was seventeen.

Opticians Name Officers.

Raleigh, Special.—North Carolina Optical society last week elected the following officers: President, Frank M. Jolly, Raleigh; vice presidents, Samuel Rappert, Durham and A. W. Dula, Lenoir; secretary, W. S. Granger, Goldsboro; treasurer, W. B. Sorrell, Chapel, S. C. The society decided to hold the next meeting in Asheville, June 15 to 18, 1911.

NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

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Early in the morning her husband awoke and heard her voice calling outside. He traced it to the well and discovered his wife at the bottom, swinging to the chain. Rushing across the street to neighbors, Mr. Kelly secured their assistance and dragged the half-dazed woman from her dangerous position. She knew nothing of how she had fallen into the well, and the physician thinks she must have wandered to the place, in a semi-conscious condition.

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Briefly Told.

At Albemarle a woman blind tiger was given 12 months in the county jail.

At a Room at the Corcoran Hotel.

Rev. Wm. T. Walker, of Red Springs, has been chosen superintendent of Barium Orphan's Home, to succeed Rev. John Wakefield, deceased.

The grand jury of Anson county

has declared the jail unsanitary and inadequate and recommends a new structure.