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TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF THE WATERWAYS

Norfolk, Dec. 12.—To commemorate the completion of the southern section of the Norfolk-Beaufort canal, which marks a degree of progress in intra-coastal waterway construction in Norfolk territory that bespeaks big things for this community and Eastern Carolina...

Mr. Small said Saturday that he expected to bring down a party from Washington and include in it as many members of the house committee on rivers and harbors and the senate committee on commerce as he could induce to come.

The southern section of the canal, extending from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, was completed and opened to navigation two weeks ago. Its length is approximately 70 miles, depth ten feet, width varies between 150 and 200 feet and was constructed by a \$550,000 appropriation of congress.

Mr. Small who is and for years has been an untiring devotee to intra-coastal and inland waterway development, declared too that there would be no letting up in efforts to obtain appropriations for completion of the canal, the unfinished part of which is a distance of about 120 miles and is estimated to require an expenditure of \$2,000,000, including the \$500,000 it is proposed to pay for the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, which is in the projected course.

Incidentally Mr. Small stated it as his opinion that no report of government engineers that have or may in the future consider a route for the remainder of the Norfolk-Beaufort course be favorable to the contentions of those who are advocating the Dismal Swamp canal as the preferable course.

annual such was practically impossible because of prohibitory cost. One of the manifold difficulties which the canal project has had to encounter and several of which remain yet to be combated, has been the unwillingness of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Company to sell its property for \$500,000 the price proposed as maximum figure. It is now understood that the company is ready to accept an offer of this sum.

It is probable that Congress will not grant an appropriation for further work in carrying out the recommendations of the former report until the Boston-Beaufort survey is submitted in view of the possibility, however remote, that the survey will not reassert the former recommendation of the Albemarle and Chesapeake route.

The canal now projected is described in three sections, one from Norfolk to Albemarle sound by way of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal; the second through Albemarle, Croatan and Pamlico sounds; the third, from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet.

While it is true that water transportation is cheaper than rail, and that by the proposed canal appreciable bulk of the freight now handled by the railroads into North Carolina would be attracted to the canal, the railroads affected are not fighting the proposition, said Mr. Small.

The friendliness of these railroads, the Norfolk-Southern and Atlantic Coast Line, to the canal enterprise is due for one thing, said he, to the fact that the roads recognize that the freight which the water course would probably draw from them would be a class upon which the rates are low.

It is the first actual work that has been done by a government appropriation in response to many years of almost constant hammering upon the dangers that would be avoided and the economies effected by navigation through the building of intra-coastal water courses.

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MAY CONTEST WILL FIENDISH MURDER

Hairs Are So Advised by Their Counsel

THEY HOLD CONFERENCE AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO BREAK THE WILL OF MRS. MARY EDDY IS THE REPORT. INTERMATE COERCION WAS USED IN ITS MAKING.

Boston, Dec. 10.—If George Glover follows advice given to him by attorney W. Peabody there will be a contest over the will in which Mrs. Mary G. Eddy leaves practically all of her fortune to the Christian Science church.

Although officials of the Christian Science church promptly denied that there is any likelihood of a contest over Mrs. Eddy's will, it was thought by some to be significant that George W. Glover had also called upon John W. Kelley, the Portsmouth, N. H. lawyer, who was associated with William E. Chandler in the celebrated suit of the "next friends."

Attorney Peabody advised Mr. Glover to go to the probate court and, pending a permanent order of the court as to who shall hold, divide and dispose of the millions of Mrs. Eddy, apply for administration papers.

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FIENDISH MURDER

Is Revealed When Four Bodies Are Found

SUSPICION RESTS UPON FORMER EMPLOYER—EVIDENCE BEING MADE TO RUN DOWN PERPETRATOR OF THE FEARFUL CRIME—MEN BEATEN TO DEATH

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.—A series of murders of the most brutal and fiendish character were discovered this afternoon at the farm of Mrs. Emeline Barnhardt, about 20 miles south of Kansas City and four miles west of Dallas, in Jackson county, Kansas, when the dead and murdered bodies of Mrs. Barnhardt, aged 75, her son, George Barnhardt, aged 45, a farm hand named Morgan and another farm hand whose name is unknown, were found by a party of neighbors who had become suspicious and searched the place.

The murders were probably committed Wednesday night as George Barnhardt was last seen alive that afternoon. The motive for the crime was evidently robbery, as the Barnhardts were generally supposed to be wealthy and it was reported they kept large sums in the house. There are no clues as to who the robbers were or how many of them were in the gang.

Neighbors had become alarmed over the quiet which overhung the place and this afternoon several of them decided to make an investigation. When they entered the barn they noticed a piece of clothing under some hay and an investigation disclosed the bodies of three men, all of their heads beaten into a pulp, their features hardly recognizable.

The searches notified the county officials at Olathe, who hurried to the scene and searched the house. All was confusion on the lower floor the contents of drawers being scattered over the floors. An empty purse was found. The body of the widow was found in a little alcove adjoining her bedroom on the second floor. Her skull was beaten in.

It is common knowledge that Geo. Barnhardt could not get along with any of his help, quarreling continually with his men until they left. Three weeks ago he had a quarrel with a farm hand, ending in the man's discharge.

One theory advanced by the prosecuting attorneys this farm hand had returned to the place to get revenge and finding three men instead of one as he had anticipated had murdered all three and then went to the house and murdered Mrs. Barnhardt for the purpose of robbery.

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THE COMMUNITY ARMY

Will Attempt to Nail Old Glory to South Pole

EXPERIENCED EXPLORERS EXPEDITION HEADED BY CAPTAIN BARTLETT AND HARRY WHITNEY. L. RACE SCOTT — ENGLISH PARTY FOR THE COVEYED HONOR—THEY ARE AMPLY BACKED

New York, Dec. 12.—"I have sailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole, with those words Peary thrilled the world, somewhat over a year ago. Now two other Americans come forward with the statement: 'We will nail the Stars and Stripes to the South Pole.'"

This is the first announcement made through the New York Times, that an American expedition, headed by Captain Robert A. Bartlett and Harry Whitney, will set out for the Antarctic regions in a race against the Scotch-English expedition, which has already started.

From men such as these two are, the words are no empty negligible boast. They know the frozen polar regions as well as any two alive, excepting Peary himself. One of them has himself been within five days' march of the North Pole; for the past decade or more he has been almost constantly in the regions where ice and snow never melt.

The other, born to wealth amply sufficient to buy for him every luxury, has preferred over and over again to swathe himself in furs and plunge into the freezing arctic night at the sacrifice of every comfort and the imminent risk of death.

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THE FARMERS UNION HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Saturday there was a gathering of farmers in the city such as is not often seen. The farmers' Union while yet young in this county has demonstrated that it is a power to reckon with and the farmers of Beaufort county are better organized today than ever before, this is as it should be, the merchants are organized, the manufacturers are organized, the jobbers are organized and in fact every business with which the farmer comes in contact is organized except his own and the necessity for this coming together for exchanging of opinions and pooling their interests is just beginning to dawn upon the men who are the real backbone of the world.

The following were elected as officers of the County Union for the ensuing twelve months: President, Wm. E. T. Patrick of Chocowinity, was re-elected. Vice President, Hon. F. B. Hooker of Aurora. Secretary and Treasurer, B. F. Hooker of South Creek, N. C.

Both sermons was listened to with pleasure and profit. The pastor made a most favorable impression: Mr. Broom is to leave this week for Monroe, N. C., to visit his aged father and will not return to the city until December 26 to take up his work as pastor in earnest.

The second week of Beaufort county Superior Court began this morning with His Honor Judge Adams, of Asheville, presiding. The entire week will be occupied in the trial of civil causes. Next week the criminal docket will be called.

All men who want the earth are not brick manufacturers.

These meetings are an inspiration to the farmers' and the Daily News hopes to see the attendance at each successive meeting grow larger and interest increase until every member in the county will be anxious to attend the meeting of the County Union.

The Union is indebted to the city officials for the use of the city hall in which the meeting was held. This became necessary on account of court being in session at the court house.

Tickets went on sale at Hardy's drug store this morning. The prices are: Reserved seats, 50c; general admission 35c; children 25c.

The performance will begin at 8 o'clock. No one should miss it. Go and lend your aid and support to a worthy cause—the Woman's Betterment Association.

Thirteen days to Xmas Dec. 12 Lucky For You if You Shop Early "LONLINESS OF CHRIST" Bed Room Slippers -FOR- Men, Women and Children Colors Red, Light Blue, Purple, Pink, Gray and Black. Prices from \$1.00 to \$2.50. James E. Clark Co.

MR. THOMPSON A WINNER Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Director C. B. Williams, of the North Carolina experiment station, and Prof. L. O. Schaub, of the A. and M. College and government Co-operative Work for the Promotion of Corn Culture in North Carolina, are just back from Columbia, S. C., where they participated in the Atlantic Corn Exposition in which North Carolina figured with especial credit, taking sweep stake prizes and many of the general awards. In fact, North Carolina growers captured over seventy-five per cent of the awards in exposition which included over 800 entries from North and South Carolina and Georgia, the prizes amounting to \$10,000.

POPULATION OF UNITED STATES Washington, Dec. 10.—In the United States and all its possessions the Stars and Stripes protects 101,100,000. This enormous number is the official estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census, announced today in connection with the population statistics for the country, as enumerated in the thirtieth census. It includes the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Panama Canal zone. Within its borders on the North American continent, exclusive of Alaska, the United States has a population of 91,972,266 inhabitants. During the last ten years the states of the Union had an aggregate increase of 15,977,591, which is 21 per cent over the 1900 figures.

A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION MUSIC MASTER THIS EVENING Rev. R. H. Broom the new pastor of the Methodist church filled his pulpit yesterday morning and evening for the first time and was greeted by large and appreciative congregations. Both sermons was listened to with pleasure and profit. The pastor made a most favorable impression: Mr. Broom is to leave this week for Monroe, N. C., to visit his aged father and will not return to the city until December 26 to take up his work as pastor in earnest.

WASHING THE GEM THEATRE Our Theatre is a room of delights—our change of bill enables you to see the latest and best in MOVING PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT. JEAN GEARS FORAGING (Vitagraph) A WASHINGTON FROM MONTREAL THROUGH CANADA INDIAN GRAYHAWK