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## NORTH STATE MATTERS

Newsy Items Gleaned From Murphy to Planteo.

Raleigh will vote soon upon the proposition to establish a dispensary. The locations have not yet been announced for the encampments of the State militia.

Hickory is to have a chair factory. It will be built by parties from the eastern part of the State.

Randolph county has sent ten crazy persons to the asylum in the last few weeks, who went crazy on the subject of sanctification.

Capt. A. Theis has sold the Phoenix gold mine in Cabarrus county to the Miami Mining Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. The purchase price was \$18,000.

Mr. John McRae, of Gull Township, Chatham county died suddenly Wednesday with what is thought to have been neuralgia of the heart.

A new mechanical invention intended to stop trains approaching each other and prevent collisions will be put to a thorough test at Gulf, Chatham county on the 18th inst. The invention is that of Mr. Muffin King, and the outcome of the test will be awaited with lively interest.

The express office at Red Springs, Robeson county, was entered Thursday night and between fifty and one hundred dollars was taken from the wooden box used as a safe. The robbers entered through a window and bored a large hole in the top of the box to get to the money. They left the trace and hit in the express office.

Mr. D. L. Maulsby, who lives near Hillsboro, Columbus county, was severely bitten in the leg by a rattlesnake a day or two ago while in the woods near his home. The snake, which was an unusually large one, was killed by Mr. Maulsby immediately after he was bitten. The attending physician said he would recover.

Dolly Springs, the ten-year old colored girl who was severely burned while making a fire with kerosene oil at the home of Mrs. Chas. Deberch, in Charlotte, Friday, died at 5:45 in the afternoon. From the time of the accident until death came, the child suffered intense pain. She was frantically hunted about the body and arms.

Felix Whittier, son of Mrs. Tom Campbell, of Guilford, near Wilkesboro, was brought home from West Virginia Thursday in a coffin. He was working out there for about two years. He was killed by a man by the name of Porter, with whom he was boarding, on account of jealousy. Porter had about his wife, and Whittier, Mr. Whittier was about 20 years old.

A survey has been completed for a new railroad to extend from Whittier to Soco Gap in the Balsam Mountains. The Liphocotts, of Philadelphia, the Mason Lumber Company, the Hans Reese Tanning Company and several Eastern capitalists are said to be interested in the road, which will be about twenty-four miles long, traversing a region of ornamental forest oak and hard wood. It is to be completed by January 1, next.

## Southern Negro Congress.

Memphis, Special.—The Southern Negro Congress met here Wednesday. President A. J. Golden, of Mississippi, called the convention to order. Booker T. Washington is expected. The principal subject of discussion will be that of planning a way to bring about more friendly relations between the races. The congress is an off-shoot of the Southern Negro Congress held last year at Galveston, Texas. About 50 delegates are here.

## Was on Race Question.

Put-in-Bay, Ohio, Special.—Four hundred members of the Ohio Bar Association listened to a long address from John S. Wise, ex-Governor of Virginia, on "The Constitutional View of the Race Question." He said the race question in America was one of the most threatening with which the country had to contend.

## Was Not Blown Up.

Horta Azore Island, by Cable.—The United States battleship Massachusetts and the converted yacht Mayflower, accompanied by the collectors Cassin, Sterling and Lebanon, arrived at Fayal Wednesday and reported all well on board. This dispels the report which gained circulation at Newport News on Sunday last that the Massachusetts had been blown up.

## N. was in Brief.

Rear-Admiral C. S. Cotton and some of the officers of the American naval squadron attended the state ball at Buckingham Palace, London, while others were entertained in Portsmouth.

A state ball was given by King Edward at Buckingham Palace, London, in honor of President Loubet, of France, who is visiting England.

The new victory of Kwangtung Province, China, has made a clean sweep of the old officials.

Five United States vessels are reported captured by Government and revolutionary forces in Venezuela.

The Irish Land bill was passed through the committee stage and was reported to the House of Commons in London amid cheers.

Scene of disorder, in which blows were struck, followed the announcement in the Greek Chamber at Athens by Premier Theotokis of the resignation of his cabinet.

High Russian officials held an important conference at Port Arthur, and the situation seemed warlike.

Bulls tried to rally the cotton market in New York, but failed.

## VALUABLE GRANITE.

Salisbury Company of Half a Million to Work It Out.

Salisbury, Special.—An interesting piece of news which has only now become available relates to the Consolidated Granite Company, whose incorporation with an authorized capital stock of \$500,000 was noted by The Charlotte Observer's Raleigh correspondent last week, and the pink granite deposits of Rowan county. Some time ago Mr. L. H. Jansen, of Kansas City, Mo., a mining engineer of 25 years' experience and standing very high in his profession, was sent here by several Kansas City capitalists to examine and report on the opportunities for profitable investments in the gold and copper mines of this county, and while here on that mission his attention was attracted by the pink granite deposits, near Faith. He was well acquainted with the commercial value of this stone, which is unequalled in beauty except by the finest marbles, and regarded his discovery as of the first importance. Dr. C. L. V. Hedrick, one of the gentlemen whom Mr. Jansen represented, a holder of large mining interests in the West and Northern Mexico, arrived to make a personal inspection and to consult further with Mr. Jansen. Upon his hearty concurrence in the latter's view, the most valuable pink granite deposit was purchased and the company was organized with Mr. W. H. Wimsauk as president; Mr. Jansen as vice president and general manager, and Dr. Hedrick as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Wimsauk is vice president of the National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, one of the strongest financial institutions west of Chicago. Dr. Hedrick is now in Kansas City, but is expected to return here next week. The offices of the company will be in Salisbury and Mr. Jansen, as general manager, will be resident here.

Speaking of the company and the valuable property it has acquired, Mr. Jansen said: "Our quarries are located five and one-half miles south of Salisbury adjoining the village of Faith and comprise 151 acres, of which 70 acres are of the highly valuable pink granite and the remainder of an excellent quality of the common gray stone. We shall not neglect the less valuable commodity, and pending more important developments, have already put men to work on an order for supplying granite for the government building at San Francisco. We are planning to build a spur track one and three-quarter miles in length to our property from the Norwood branch of the Southern Railway. All modern equipment necessary for handling large dimension material will be installed, along with a crusher to utilize waste and the property will be operated on an extensive scale."

Prof. Geo. L. Watson, of the chair of geology at Davidson University, of Greenville, O., is here at the instance of Prof. J. A. Holmes, State Geologist, and under the auspices of the State Geological Survey, to examine and make a report upon the granite deposits of North Carolina. Beginning here he will cover the principal granite areas of the State and will be engaged in this work until September 1st. The results of his observations will be embodied in a bulletin which will be published by the State Geological Survey. Prof. Watson is also examining the copper deposits of this immediate section for the United States Geological Survey.

## Seaboard's New Sleeper Service.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has inaugurated a new service of sleepers between Hamlet and Wilmington. This service will prove a great advantage to persons who patronize the coast route of eastern North Carolina. Heretofore there has been no such accommodation. These sleepers will make tri-weekly trips, leaving Hamlet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:45 p. m., and arriving at Wilmington next morning following at 8 a. m. Returning the sleepers will leave Wilmington on Wednesdays, Fridays and Mondays at 8 p. m., arriving at Hamlet at 6 next morning following. This service will be highly appreciated by the traveling public and shows the disposition of the Seaboard to accommodate its patrons.

## North State Note.

Morganton voted in favor of the proposition to establish graded schools by a substantial majority of the registered vote. The number of votes registered was 441. The vote for schools was 244, and against schools 17. Under the act the schools in addition to the tax levy will get \$2,000 per year from the license tax.

## The Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railway Company stockholders Wednesday organized and elected J. M. Turner president, and Claude B. Barbee secretary. Arrangements were made with a New York firm to take \$1,200,000 first mortgage bond.

Negro Monday afternoon, John Mason, a Negro, in the delirium of typhoid fever, was found wandering aimlessly about in Latta Park, in Charlotte. He escaped from the boarding house of James M. Goode, colored during the morning. When found by Chief of Police Irwin, Mason was half dead and had been in the water.

## The local baggage handlers of the Southern Railway Company in Asheville Tuesday went on a strike for an increase in wages from an average of 75 cents per day to \$1.00 per day. All of the strikers are negroes and it was thought at first that there could be no help hired to fill their places, but finally all the labor necessary was secured to fill the strikers' places. The local colored baggage men of that city have no union and it is not very likely that any additional trouble will arise. There were only about ten men affected by the strike.

## TROUBLES MULTIPLY

Negroes Threaten to Precipitate Riot in New York

## THE POLICE RESERVE CALLED OUT

Arrest of a Leader of a Gang Who Were Making Trouble in the Negro Quarter Resisted.

New York, Special.—A riot which required the reserves of three police precincts to suppress, broke out Sunday night in the negro quarter in West Sixty-second street. The trouble was precipitated by the attempt of a policeman to arrest Wm. Johnson, the leader of a gang of negroes who were making a disturbance in the street. The policeman secured his prisoner after a sharp fight and was dragging him to the station house, when he was assailed by a mob and volleys of bricks and stones were hurled at him from the roofs of adjacent tenements.

On the arrival of 20 other policemen, Connor opened fire on a negro on a roof and shots were returned from the windows of the house. Reserves cleared the streets and chased the rioters over the roofs, making several arrests and finally restoring order.

## Quiet at Evansville.

Evansville, Ind., Special.—The town has been quiet all day and the officials have had an opportunity to rest up after a week of excitement. The negroes have remained at their homes all day and the services at their churches were not well attended.

Many of the negroes who left the city during the week are returning and by the middle of the week business will be resumed in Baptist Town. The authorities will keep no extra guards this week, as they believe the excitement is at an end. It is not thought it will be necessary to guard Lee Brown, the negro, when he is brought back here for trial for killing Policeman Massey.

## The Pope Improving.

Rome, by Cable.—Pope Leo has lived to see another Sunday, and with the Sabbath quiet which fell upon Rome, came also peace and even progress to the Pontiff. Beginning Sunday morning with distinct signs of improvement, he maintained this throughout the day. At night Dr. Lappini made the following important statement in answer to the question if he thought that the improvement in the Pope's condition could continue: "I believe that if the improvement lasts until July 21, we may not perhaps achieve an absolute cure, but we will secure such a general state of health in the patient as will allow our anxiety."

## Storm in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Special.—A severe wind and rain storm occurred here Sunday afternoon, which was particularly violent in a limited portion of Northwest Baltimore, where within a radius of about four blocks 50 houses were uprooted, walls demolished and trees uprooted. The damage to houses and household goods is estimated at \$100,000. Twenty persons were injured, seriously, but none killed. The rainfall here for the day was 3.99 inches and the velocity of the wind 46 miles an hour.

## Cloudburst at Winchester.

Winchester, Va., Special.—Sunday afternoon the most serious cloudburst ever experienced here, broke over the city, submerging the place in from three to six feet of water. The damage will reach thousands of dollars, as every store, residence and a building in the center of the town is several feet under water.

## Death of Major Brown.

Beaumont, Tex., Special.—Cap. F. Brown, of Asbury Park, N. J., one of the best known operators in the Texas oil fields, died in the hospital here. He was graduated from West Point and served as civil engineer in the Spanish-American war, with the rank of major. He was an operator in the West Virginia oil fields and he became prominent in the Texas oil field soon after its discovery.

## Storm in Nebraska.

Beaver City, Special.—A terrible electrical and wind storm prevailed here Sunday afternoon, lasting for 45 minutes, in which time two and one-fourth inches of rain fell. The wind blew with great violence, doing much damage to small buildings, wind-mills and the wheat crop, which is just ready for harvest. The Union Salvation Army of Kansas and Nebraska, now holding a camp-meeting here, suffered much loss. Nine of their tents were blown down. Commander Holland was struck by a falling tent pole and sustained a dislocation of the shoulder.

## Bank Wrecked by a Cashier.

Newburgh, N. H., Special.—Joseph W. Cummin is in jail here on the charge of grand larceny. He was secretary, treasurer and cashier of the Cornwall Bank, and is alleged to be a defaulter to the extent of about \$50,000, wrecking the bank. The State bank examiner appeared at the bank and before the examination of the books Cummin confessed that he was short in his accounts between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

## SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Road Building School.

One of the most important economic problems before the people of North Carolina today is the improvement of their public roads. The people are at last aroused to the necessity of this work, and within the next few years there will undoubtedly be a demand for a large number of men who have scientific and practical knowledge of road construction. In order to meet this demand the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, at Raleigh, offer a summer course in road building for the benefit of those who, from lack of time or for other reasons, are unable to take advantage of the regular courses in engineering and road building. The course will be such as to prepare those who wish to take up this work in the future, and will also be of great benefit to those who are already engaged in it.

Instruction will be given in location, grading, construction of roadbed, drainage and the use of the various materials for the road covering. Road-making machinery will be discussed, and the advantages and disadvantages of each machine explained as applying to the different localities of our State. Practical instruction will be given in such use of the level instrument as is necessary to the road builder, and also such draughting as is essential to his work. Visits will be made to where road building is in progress. The course will be charge of Prof. W. C. Riddick, C. E., who will be assisted by Mr. C. L. Mann, B. C. E.

## Textile Notes.

Eagle and Phenix Mills, Columbus, Ga., has declared a dividend of 6 per cent.

Opelika (Ala) Cotton Mills has declared an annual dividend of 15 per cent.

Messrs. Wingert & McCutchen, of Hagerstown, Md., and M. V. A. Norris, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., contemplate establishing a hosiery mill.

Messrs. J. Fletcher Colbert, R. M. Gaudin, Wm. Thompson, J. J. Wagoner and others will organize a company to build a \$50,000 cotton mill at Colbert, Ga.

The Newton (N.C.) Cotton Mills has let contract for the erection of one-story addition, a warehouse and office building, and has ordered sixty additional knitting machines.

Crawford Woolen Co., of Martinsburg, W. Va., has purchased site for additional building; will erect same and install more machinery. Present equipment is fifty looms, etc.

It is reported that E. M. Clemence has declined re-election as treasurer of the Eagle and Phenix Mills, Columbus, Ga., and will organize another cotton mill company. Local reports state that Mr. Clemence will arrange for the investment of \$300,000 in a plant for manufacturing colored goods.

Messrs. F. H. Fries, John W. Fries, W. A. Blair and Clement Manly have incorporated the Arista Mills Co. at Winston-Salem, N. C., with an authorized capital stock of \$350,000. This company combines the properties of South Side Manufacturing Co. and Arista Mills, operating a total of 16,154 spindles and 265 looms.

American Spinning Co., Greenville, S. C., has declared a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent; Brandon Mills, also of Greenville, 3 per cent; Monahan Mills, Greenville, 2 per cent; Mills Manufacturing Co., Greenville, 3 per cent; Piedmont Manufacturing Co., Piedmont, S. C., 6 per cent; and Fountain Inn Manufacturing Co., Fountain Inn, S. C., 4 per cent.

## Industrial Miscellany.

The Rock Creek Colliery Company has been incorporated with capital of \$250,000 for development of coal mines and manufacture of coke at Madison, W. Va., by T. A. Dietz, Charleston, W. Va.; A. L. Noel, Covington, Va.; F. P. Christian, J. G. Payne and M. Sackett, of Roanoke, Va.

Cramer & Yeager and George Coburn, of Morgantown, W. Va., and E. R. Baker, of Pittsburgh, have purchased 1,600 acres of land in Preston county, West Virginia, and will mine sandstone and erect a \$35,000 plant for the manufacture of fire and silica brick.

The shipments of lumber and cross-ties from the port of Fernandina for the month of June aggregated 15,815,753 feet.

In Mississippi last week the following saw-mill companies were incorporated: Mississippi Cypress Co. of Clarksdale, capital \$20,000; Reuter Manufacturing Co. of Clarksdale, capital \$25,000; Van Cleave Lumber Co. of Moss Point, capital \$50,000, and Whitesand Lumber Co. of Whitesand, capital \$5,000.

The Bagdad Sash Factory Co. at Bagdad, Fla., has added a large dry-kill to its plant, which will make it one of the most complete and best-equipped plants in the South.

A lumber company of Fort Worth, Texas, recently sold to the El Paso & Southwestern Railway Co., owned by the Phelps-Dodge Company, 60,000 cross-ties for use on this line.

A permit was issued last week for the erection of a factory by the Rock City Spoke Co. of Nashville, Tenn. The factory will cost \$2,000, and work has already commenced on the building.

Felder & Allen Company, 61 Perchtree street, Atlanta, Ga., wants quartered oak lumber suitable for the manufacture of desks.

The Finger Lumber Co., of Lexington, N. C., has been chartered, with a capital of \$50,000, by H. K. Finger, W. A. Anthony, E. J. Buchamen and D. F. Conrad.

T. M. Williams & Bro. of O'Brien, Fla., have bought out the saw-mill and business of George Dowling of Bradford, Fla. The purchase consists of a saw-mill with capacity of 25,000 feet daily, a locomotive and several miles of railroad in Lafayette county, besides a large body of timber land. The consideration is said to be about \$55,000.

## LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

## Down in Dixie.

A number of persons, mostly Mexican farmhands, are reported killed by a cloudburst in Southwestern Texas.

A large force of negroes was reported as surrounding the village of Norway, S. C., threatening vengeance for a lynching and troops were hurried to the spot from Columbia.

While crossing Mobile river in a skiff, G. S. Orndorff and three negroes were drowned by a squall overturning the boat. Other workmen in the skiff had narrow escapes. Orndorff was a native of Nashville, Tenn.

These candidates for the Naval Academy have passed the mental and physical examinations and have been admitted as midshipmen: William T. Smith, Virginia; G. C. Dickman, Georgia; H. C. Fry, North Carolina; W. H. Lee, North Carolina; C. L. Wright, Georgia.

## At The National Capital.

Members of Congress threaten to bring up before both houses the Kieboff massacre if Russia refuses to receive the American plenipotentiary.

British North America imported about \$125,000,000 worth of goods from the United States last year.

The Federal grand jury indicted A. W. Maehen, Diller B. and Samuel A. Wolf and George E. and Martha J. Lorenz for alleged conspiracy to injure the Government in connection with the purchase of fasteners.

President Roosevelt has removed Daniel H. McMillan as a judge of the New Mexican Supreme Court and appointed C. C. Smith, of Michigan, in his place.

## At The North.

The Philadelphia Mint last fiscal year broke all records for coinage.

Many lives were lost and vast damage was done by a cloudburst and flood at Jeannette, Pa.

George P. Bossey, colored, charged with the murder of William G. Dazoe, was put on trial in Philadelphia.

The Hammond packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo., valued at \$3,000,000, was burned, with nearly a total loss.

John Donohue, a sculptor, of New York, committed suicide at Whitelyville, Conn., and his body was identified by a friend.

A British naval squadron, under Admiral A. L. Douglas, will be entertained at Bar Harbor this week.

Mrs. Warren Thorpe and her daughter, Pearl McDonald, were arrested on a charge of murdering Warren Thorpe at Jackson, Mich.

Judge Kirkpatrick heard testimony at Tinton, N. J., on the application for a receiver for the United States Shipbuilding Company.

## From Across The Sea.

Violent debates concerning the canal treaty took place in the Colombian Senate, at Bogota.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., while repairing his automobile on a road near Paris, was badly burned by an explosion of gasoline.

The last sacrament of the church were administered to Pope Leo XIII, who is critically ill of pneumonia in Rome.

Senor AUGUSTO F. PULIDO, Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires at Washington, was appointed secretary of the legation. Gen. Jose M. Hernandez having just been appointed Minister.

The European Squadron of the United States will visit Portsmouth, England, this week and an elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged with the idea, as reported, of outdoing the Germans in hospitality.

## Miscellaneous Flatters.

Five hundred tons of exhibits for the St. Louis World's Fair were shipped from Manila, P. I.

Dr. M. L. Margolis advocated before the conference of Jewish rabbis the adoption of a new creed for Reformed Jews.

Senator A. J. Hopkins, of Illinois, declared it was a shame that the Southern States sent no more negroes to Congress, and that they would stand disgraced until they sent them.

The treaties granting the United States naval and coaling stations and giving Cuba the Isle of Pines were formally signed in Havana.

A Chinaman and a negro carried off the highest honors at the commencement of the Yale Law School.

Two of a party of Colorado convicts who used the warden's wife as a shield to break from prison were mortally wounded.

The trustees of the McKinley Memorial Association met in Senator Hanna's office in Cleveland and announced that of the \$600,000 needed for the memorial at Canton, Ohio, about \$500,000 had been raised.

The Mississippi Election Board has ordered a primary for August 6 to decide upon a Senator. Messrs. Money and Longino being the candidates.

The Cunard steamship line issued a statement giving its reasons for withdrawing from its agreement with the steamship combine.

## Industrial Notes.

Weldon (N. C.) Cotton Mill Co.'s three-story addition reported last week will be 18x40 feet, being an extension to the knitting mill. Finish machinery for underwear will be installed. The improvements will cost about \$5000.

E. B. Chester of Obion county, Tennessee, has purchased 2,000 acres of timber land in the vicinity of Brownsville, Tenn., and will erect mill for the manufacture of lumber and dimensional stock.

## NORTH STATE CROPS.

Most Favorable Bulletin Issued By the Department This Season.

The weather during the past week was extremely favorable both for the rapid growth of crops and for the advancement of farm work; many correspondents state that conditions were the most beneficial experienced so far this season. The week was characterized by continuous sunshine, great warmth, and a general absence of precipitation until near the close of the week, when very light showers occurred at many places which were beneficial. The mean temperature for the State was 80 degrees, or about 4 degrees above the normal; the week was, in fact, the first with temperatures above the normal since the latter part of May. Maximum temperatures above 90 degrees occurred nearly everywhere on every day of the week. Under favorable conditions for work much grass and many weeds were killed, plowing progressed well and in most sections crops were placed in an excellent state of cultivation. The two circumstances: good warm growing weather, and excellent tillage, caused a marked improvement in crops generally, and perhaps with a continuation of favorable weather the very backward condition of most crops may yet be largely overcome.

Cotton improved considerably, and has now begun to grow rapidly; lice are still reported in places, but most of them have disappeared; while still grassy in several counties, the work of placing the crop in good cultivation is advancing favorably; cotton blooms are reported in several southern counties, Brunswick, Columbus, Scotland, Anson and also Edgecombe. Corn looks very green and thrifty; laying up has nearly been completed in the east, while much of the crop is being laid by rather small in the west; forward corn is coming into silk; antel, Tobacco has also improved, but late set appears to be better than that planted early, as it is not buttoning so low; tobacco will be late, but is beginning to ripen more rapidly; cutting and curing continue on a moderate scale in the east. Sweet potatoes, peanuts and gardens are doing well. The prospects for rice are promising. There are still some spring oats to be cut in the west; thrashing the cereals continues. A fine crop of hay was made and safely housed during the week. Apples are still dropping to some extent, which at their present size is not promising, though a fairly good crop is still indicated in the central east. Grapes appear to be less abundant than anticipated. Melons are late. Rains reported: Goldsboro, 0.90 inches; Greensboro, 0.04; Lumberton, 1.78; Newbern, 1.12; Weldon, 0.24; Charlotte, 0.80; Wilmington, 0.39; Asheville, 1.60 and Raleigh, 0.16.

## Killed by Lightning.

Louisburg, Special.—Lightning struck the home of Mr. Frank Dikes, who lives near Louisburg, Monday afternoon and instantly killed Mrs. Nannie Dean, his wife's sister, and his 10-year-old son. Mrs. Davis and her older son were badly burned and Mr. Davis was shocked severely. The house was greatly damaged.

## Two Killed.

Tallegada, Ala., Special.—Jos. B. Graham, one of the most prominent lawyers and educators in Alabama, and Miss Jeannette Joiner, were run over and killed by a freight train at the station while preparing to leave the city. Mr. Graham was circuit court solicitor, field agent of the Southern educational board and a noted leader in general educational matters.

## Twenty Lives Lost.

Jeannette, Pa., Special.—As a result of the breaking of the Oak Ford Park dam, twenty persons are known to be dead and 16 are missing. The property lies in the valley will reach \$1,500,000 and the distress is so great that outside relief will have to be asked for. The number of lives lost was not so great as estimated.

## Will Be Sentenced.

Key West, Fla., Special.—Fred Ewart was convicted of murder in the first degree and will be sentenced to hang. Ewart was tried for the murder of Frank Whitaker. He made a full confession of the crime, claiming that he had invited Whitaker to go on board the New Venice to get some clams; that while there Whitaker cursed him, and that while enraged he (Ewart) picked up an axe and struck Whitaker with it. He did not remember striking him more than once, but admitted that he might have done so.

## Car Strike Growing Better.

Richmond, Special.—The Street Railway Company has been covering practically its entire city territory without military protection, militia guards being placed on the cars of the Manchester and Seven Pines lines only. The troops will from this time on be withdrawn by degrees and is quietly as possible from the city. Passenger travel on the cars is rapidly approaching normal proportions.

## THE POPE'S ILLNESS

Leo Thirteenth Holds His Own at the Close of First Week's Illness

## HIS LAST HOUR HAS NOT COME

The Manner in Which a Successor to the Pope Will Be Chosen — Many Candidates Seek Election.

Rome, by Cable.—The first week of the Pope's serious illness closed with his condition practically unchanged. Two operations have been performed, and for a man of 94 years he has stood the strain of dangerous illness remarkably well. Two of his most devoted attendants have died during the week from the constant watching at his bedside. The world has watched his sickness with expectancy, hourly looking for his death. The bulletins of Saturday gave the following account of his condition: "A general feeling of tranquility marked the day in Rome yesterday, due to widespread belief, that though the Pope's days are numbered his hour has not yet come."

The news of Friday morning's operation sent cardinals and ambassadors driving hurriedly to the Vatican of the former, relieved only by glimpses. The sombre black carriages and horses of the scurried robes worn by the pale faced occupants, contrasted strangely with the brilliant equipages of the ambassadors. Outside St. Peter's the ordinary visitors hurried past the guards and ascended the staircase leading to the inner court of the Vatican.

The sun beat fiercely on the plain white shutters which shelter the Pope's room, and all eyes were turned towards them. Compared with the magnificence below, with the bewildering colors of the papal court, and the rich attire of the guards, the shuttered windows are peasant-like in their simplicity. Another window caught the eye. This was open and the sun streamed in on Raphael's priceless frescoes and lit up the great marble portion. "Within there," said a papal attendant, "the rooms are all ready for Gregia, the cardinal deacon, who will reign during the interregnum." The same grim preparation is apparent on all sides. Count Facci, a nephew of the dying Pope, wearing a straw hat and flannel, sat in the fire engine house opposite the private entrance to the Vatican chatting with the fishermen. Carriage after carriage drove into the court. All the cardinals and countless bishops and priests came to await the bulletin. A small crowd of men, women and children of all descriptions besieged the door where the news was to be given out.

From the castle of St. Angelo came the boom of the midday gun and then the palatine guard gave the signal for the anxious crowd to be admitted. Passing through the corridor each received a slip of white paper on which the morning bulletin was already printed. Intently reading these papers, the crowd filed out through another door past the armed guard and into the quiet streets. During the remainder of the day but few sought the Vatican. There came the night bulletin and far larger crowds had gathered during the day wandered to the Vatican in the cool of the evening. The Swiss Guards had received instructions only to admit a small portion of the inquirers prior to the printing of the bulletin, and even this restricted number almost filled the court of the Vatican while many waited in suspense on the steps of St. Peter's.

## The Successor.