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THE FOUR C'S WILL GO TO THE CATAWBA RIVER

The Engineers Expected This Week to Make a Preliminary Survey of the Water-Powers Now Controlled By the Four C's Company.

Lands Recently Purchased on the Catawba By Mr. Jno R. Pharr, Said to Belong to the Four C's-- Interesting Interview With Pres. Latta.

There is every indication that Charlotte will, at no distant date, be in possession of any amount of electrical power.

The News has already mentioned the fact that the Highland Park Company will have about 1,000 horse power for sale and that the Catawba Power Company will bring to Charlotte at least 2,000 horse power.

On the heels of this comes the report that the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, known as the 4C's, will go to the Catawba river, thereby greatly increasing their present plant.

It is stated on good authority that the 4C's has made two large purchases of land on the river front within the past few days for no other purpose but that the corporation might, at its will, develop the water power.

Only a few days ago Mr. John R. Pharr purchased the Reuben Underwood place which consists of 103 acres. The purchase price, it is stated, was \$3,000. The property lies near Rozzell Ferry, on the river front.

A day or two later Mr. Pharr purchased the R. E. Lindeberger place which consists of 100 acres. It is learned that this property also brought about \$30 an acre.

At the time these purchases were made it was given out that Mr. Pharr was buying farms. It develops later that a more serious intention was back of these purchases.

The News has it from a thoroughly trustworthy source that both these properties were purchased for the 4C's through Mr. Pharr and that the reason for buying these lands was in view of the development of the Catawba river power by the Charlotte corporation.

The News man went to see Mr. E. D. Latta, president of the 4C's this morning and asked him for a confirmation of the report. He stated it was true that Mr. Pharr had purchased the above lands, but would not admit that the purchases were made for his company.

"Is it not a fact Mr. Latta, that your company intends going to the Catawba river for power?"

"That I cannot say. We have employed Ladshaw and Ladshaw, engineers, of Spartanburg, to make a survey. Until this work is done I cannot give any definite information."

"Where do you intend making the survey?"

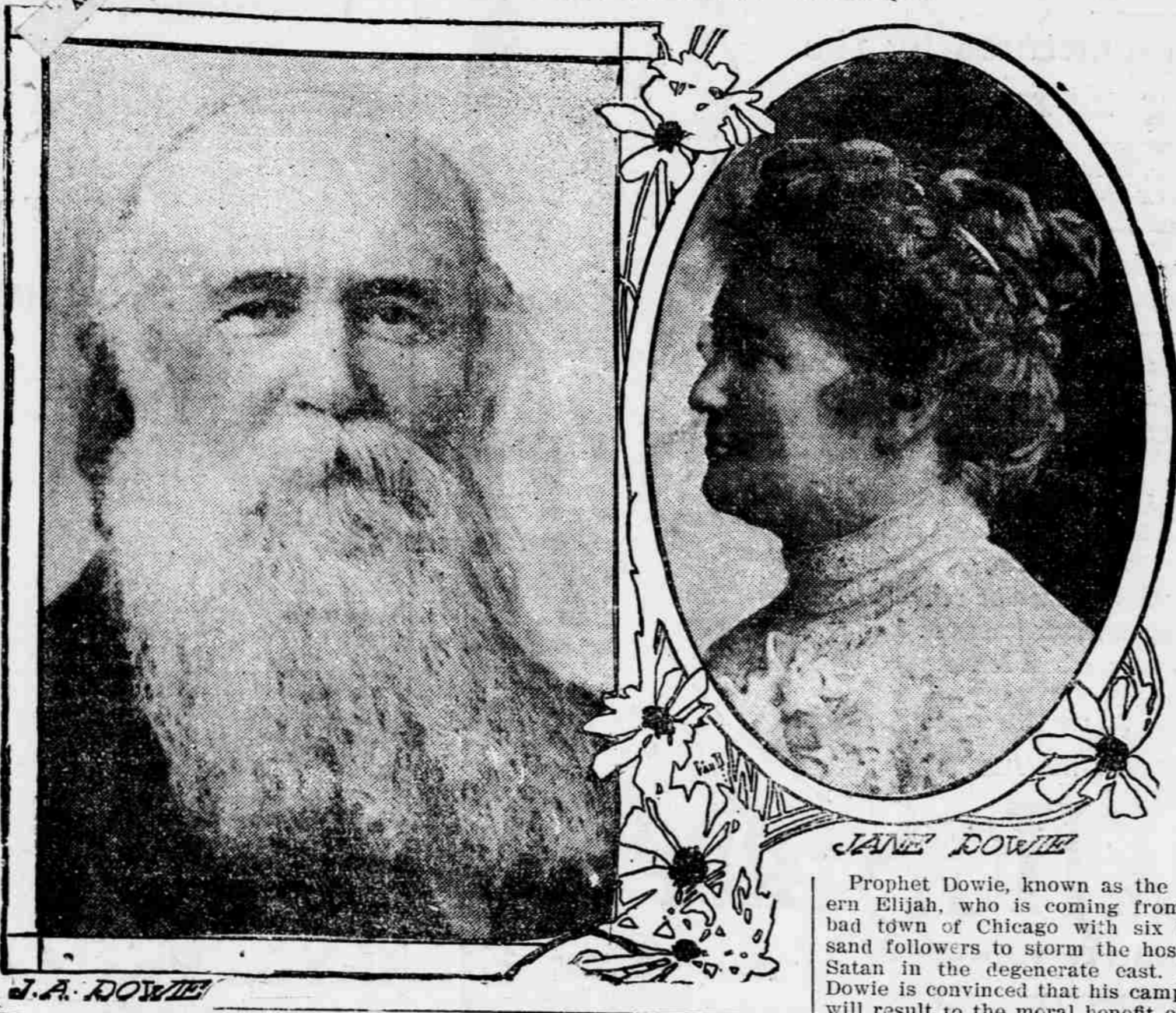
"Our present plans are to start from a point near Sample's old mill and we will go down the river to the property owned by my company, which lies near Rozzell's Ferry. We will, of course be guided in our actions, but what the engineers say."

"When will this work of surveying begin?"

"That I cannot say. The Spartanburg firm of engineers promised to send two men to this city this week. I am looking for them on every train. They will go direct from Charlotte to the Catawba river and will begin their work on their arrival."

Mr. Latta declined to discuss the matter further. He, however, left the

WILL INVADE NEW YORK



JAMES DOWIE

News man under the impression that there would be no delay in ascertaining the most suitable point to develop the power.

The point from which the Catawba Power Company will bring its power to Charlotte is about 22 miles distant. The 4C's will, if they go to the river, only have to cover about 12 miles. This is a decided advantage as electrical power in transmission on long distances loses about 10 per cent.

Until the engineers make this report nothing definite will be known as to the Charlotte corporation's intention.

MID-WINTER SESSION. North Carolina Editors To Meet in Baltimore and Washington.

There was a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association held in the office of The News this morning.

Those present were: Mr. John B. Sherrill of the Concord Times who is president of the association, Mr. H. B. Varner of the Davidson Dispatch, secretary of the association, Mr. J. A. Byrnes of the Staley Enterprise of Albemarle, and Mr. W. C. Dowd of The Charlotte News.

It was unanimously decided to hold the first mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Washington on December 2 and 3 and in Baltimore December 4.

The president of the association, Mr. John B. Sherrill, was empowered to secure some well known advertising manager to meet with the association and discuss advertising plans.

Mr. Sherrill and Mr. Varner were named as the committee who will have in charge the arrangements for the mid-winter meet.

This idea of holding a meeting in the winter was brought forward at the last meeting of the association at Wrightsville Beach. It was thought to be a capital suggestion and the time and place was left for the executive committee to decide.

Messrs. W. F. Marshall of Gastonia, H. A. London of Pittsboro and J. A. Thomas of Lenoir, the other members of the committee were not present at today's meeting of the committee.

STORMY SCENES IN DIET. Barabass Says He Does Not Believe the Emperor--Uproar Follows.

(By Associated Press.) Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 24.—The session of the Diet today was marked by stormy scenes which became so boisterous as to necessitate its suspension. Barabass, a member of the Kossuth party, went so far as to say that his party no longer believed the statements of the Emperor--King Francis Joseph. Charges made against Premier Hedervary of complicity in the Szarany Bribery scandal started the disturbance and then Franz Kossuth handed in an address to the Emperor's King complaining against his Majesty's recent army order and the interpretation given to the constitution in yesterday's rescript. When Count Hedervary rose to reply the uproar was so high that he was unable to make his voice heard.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis Ill. (By Associated Press.) Buffalo, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis is ill at Castle Inn, this city, where she has been a guest for several days. She has been suffering from indigestion but is reported this afternoon much improved.

New Registration in Dilworth. The friends of the Dilworth Graded School are advised that the books are now open for registration at the Davis Drug Store and all who wish to vote are earnestly requested to register at the once. The election will be held on the sixteenth of October but the books will close before that time.

Shamrock 1 Solid. (By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 24.—First Lipton American cup Challenger Shamrock is reported to have been sold to George DePinna of this city, who will probably convert the yacht into a schooner for cruising. Purchase price not made public.

RALEIGH MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Was Tired of Life and Could Not Sleep -- The Doctors Saved Him -- The Bond Issue For the New Railroad Voted in By Large Majority

(Special to The News.) Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Rev. J. W. Fry, of this city, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Goldsboro. He will take charge October 1st. For some time he has been a financial agent of the Baptist Female University.

Information comes from Orange county that four public school districts have been consolidated into two and large modern school houses will be erected.

Nine new rural school libraries are authorized by the State, one being in east of Catawba, Mitchell, Richmond and Nash, two in Graham and the remaining three in Boone county.

Late last night J. W. Mangrum, well-known here, drank two ounces of laudanum intending to commit suicide. Members of his family discovered what he had done and summoned a physician, whose administration of antidotes soon brought the old man around. When asked why he took the poison he said he was tired of life, had nothing to live for and couldn't sleep at night.

A negro whose name is not known here was brought from Norlina last night for treatment in Rex Hospital. He was employed by the superintendent on a gravel train and was caught in some train machinery, thrown up in the air so that he fell on his head. He is unconscious and no hope is entertained for his recovery.

Detailed returns from the bond elections Tuesday along the line of the proposed Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad show that only two small townships, involving about \$5,000 bonds were lost; carried aggregate about \$178,000 out of \$182,500 on which elections were held.

The Corporation Commission went to Hickory today to hear the petition of the citizens for a new depot. The Shuford Cotton Mill Company, of Brookford, Columbus county has been chartered with \$100,000 capital. E. L. Shuford is one of the principal incorporators.

The Marietta Mercantile Co. of Robeson county, is chartered with \$5,000 subscribed, \$25,000 authorized. J. W. Edwards, Geo. G. French are among the incorporators.

The White Coffin Co., of North Wilkesboro, is chartered. J. L. Turner, W. P. White, the incorporators; capital \$25,000.

Smith Davis Co., of Wilmington, is chartered with \$125,000 capital, to manufacture fertilizer; \$50,000 of the capital has been subscribed.

Several hundred people went from here to Dunn, Harnett county, to participate today in the celebration of the completion of the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad to this place.

THEY'RE AFTER CURIOS.

International Chiefs Would Make Interesting Exhibit At St. Louis. Chief of Police Irwin is in receipt of a communication from the headquarters of the International Association of Chiefs of Police requesting his aid in making a success of the great exhibit the association proposes to make at the St. Louis Exposition.

Among other things the association proposes to show in its space at the big fair, a collection of various uniforms and helmets worn by the police of various cities of the world from medieval times to the present day. There will also be exhibited ancient and modern pistols, hand-saws and other implements of the policeman's calling, and curious in this shape of bullets and other murderous things with which murders have been committed or which have figured in famous exploits. The chief promises to be one of the most novel among the many interesting features of the exposition.

Officer Summerrow has in his possession an ancient relic, in the shape of a policeman's rattle, used by the police of Charleston years ago for calling aid, in the place of the tiny whistle now used. It is a ponderous and curious affair and would be a valuable addition to the exhibit if he decides to send it.

The International Association also requests that Chief Irwin send his own photograph and that of his chief detective to adorn the picture gallery of the exhibit. The chief hasn't decided whether he will comply with any part of the request, though some facetious person, to solve a problem for the chief, has suggested that he forward Van Griffin's photo as that of his chief detective.

DEATH OF L. E. McMAHON. Well-known in Charlotte--Dies in Richmond, Va.

The friends of Mr. Lawrence E. McMahon, a well-known stone cutter who formerly lived in Charlotte, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at his home in Richmond, Va., Sept. 16th of consumption.

He was taken sick in Atlanta last June and went to Richmond, where he gradually grew worse until the end came. Mr. McMahon was born in the county Clair, Ireland, but came to this country when a boy.

AN OCEAN CANAL FOR PHILIPPINES

The Government Will Build a Canal From Lake Taal to the Sea, For the Benefit of Batangas Province -- The Fam'ne Sufferers Relieved.

(By Associated Press.) Manila, Sept. 24.—The Government has decided to build a canal from Lake Taal to the Sea at an expense of \$200,000 out of its congressional relief fund. This will give Batangas Province an outlet for its products. Governor Taft has received reports of distress among the natives of Batangas, Negros, Tayabas and Cebu the result of a failure of the crops owing to the ravages of the locusts. The Government is now distributing \$350,000 worth of rice among the afflicted districts which is to be paid for in work.

Frost in Plenty. Gilreath and Company, the well-known shoe dealers, today received an order from M. R. Givens who is now living in Wise county, Virginia. The writer asks Gilreath & Co. to say to The Charlotte News that frost is plentiful in that section of the country.

INSURGENTS HOLD STRONG POSITION THE POWERS ACT

The Battle With the Turks is Still in Progress, With Heaviest Casualties on the Side of the Turks--British Squadron Arrives.

Russia and Austria Both Declare That the Balkan States Can Look For No Help in Case of War--A Plain Statement of Case.

(By Associated Press.) Constantinople, Sept. 24.—The battle of Kresnap Pass according to latest advices received here is still in progress, the insurgents successfully holding strong positions and their casualties being slight, only a score being killed or wounded, while the Turks, up to the present, have lost five officers and 320 men killed, or wounded.

A part of the British Mediterranean squadron has arrived at Scoda Bay, island of Crete and is held in readiness in case of developments in the Balkan situation.

A Fierce Battle. According to a telegram received here today from Kostendi (53 miles from Sofia) six hundred Turks were killed in a fight at Kolchani September 18. The Turkish forces numbered 7,000. After the fight the troops, enraged at their losses, pillaged and burned a number of Bulgarian villages.

Plain Talk From the Powers. In view of the thickening complications the Russian and Austrian Governments have re-iterated views to this effect, both at Sofia and Constantinople and acting on the suggestion of Austria and Russia all the governments of the Powers which signed the treaty of Berlin, in the present state of affairs in Turkey and Bulgaria to emphasize their full unanimity in the Austro-Russian work of pacifying the Balkans so as to remove all misconceptions of possible assistance in event of dangerous enterprises. These representatives of the present state of affairs in Turkish villages which is due to the criminal intentions of committees and revolutionary bands does not alter the attitude of the Powers in regard to the programme of action advanced early in the year by the two powers most interested. Consequently neither Turkey nor Bulgaria can rely on the support of any power in the event of open or secret resistance to the realization of this scheme. The Imperial Government hopes their new warning will convince Turkey as well as Bulgaria of the futility of any attempt to avoid the terms of the demands made upon them and will cause them to take all measures in their power for the repression of the disturbances in the Balkan Peninsula which can only have most serious consequences for both the Ottoman empire and Bulgaria.

Russian Programme Unchanged. St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—The Russian Government has issued an official note reiterating that the position of the Powers in regard to the Austro-Russian Reform scheme for Macedonia is unchanged, and consequently neither Turkey nor Bulgaria expect support from any quarter in the event of open or secret resistance to the scheme.

France Doubts Turkey. Paris, Sept. 24.—The French Foreign Office officials doubt the sincerity of the Porte's reply to the Bulgarian note, believing merely that it is a maneuver to impress the Powers with the idea that Turkey is doing its utmost to effect a settlement before going to war. A similar impression seems to prevail in Sofia since Bulgaria, in answering, requests Turkey to cease mobilizing and stop massacres, and withdraw troops from near the frontier before she considers proposals.

NO NEWS RECEIVED. State Department Will Protect American Interests At Gornel. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 24.—Nothing has been received from the American charge at St. Petersburg regarding the recent programme of the Anti-Semitic rioting at Gornel. Anything which the State Department may do in connection with new troubles at Gornel will probably be confined strictly to the matter of protecting American interests. The charge at St. Petersburg has been asked to ascertain whether any American interests are in jeopardy at Gornel.

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AS TO FREIGHT RATES.

Charlotte Shippers Association Petitions Corporation Commission. The following petition was today forwarded to the Corporation Commission at Raleigh:

Charlotte Shippers Association, Complainants vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, defendant. To the Honorable, the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina: Your petitioners would respectfully show:

1. That the complainants are an incorporated society of merchants, manufacturers, shippers and business men of the City of Charlotte, and as such are engaged in commerce and interested in transportation by rail and the rates thereof.

2. That the published and exacted rates over the lines of the Seaboard Air Line Railway from Wilmington, N. C. to Charlotte, N. C., a distance of 187 miles on the numbered and lettered classes, sugar and molasses and nails and iron in car loads, are as follows: Class 1, 62c; class 2, 52c; class 3, 43c; class 4, 33c; class 5, 23c; class 6, 22c; class A, 17½c; class B, 21c; class C, 19c; class D, 15½c; class E, 29c; class H, 32c; class F, 38c; molasses and sugar, 22c; nails and iron in car lots, 17½c.

3. That the aforesaid rates are unjust and unreasonable in and of themselves, and are oppressively high with reference to rates over lines of the same railway and with reference to the rates charged for similar services by other railroads; said rates are discriminatory, oppressive and injurious to the business interests of the City of Charlotte and the public generally, and especially to these complainants.

Wherefore the complainants pray that the said Seaboard Air Line Railway Company be required to reduce said rates so that they will be just and reasonable and not discriminatory, oppressive or injurious to the business interests of the City of Charlotte or of the complainants or the public. CHARLOTTE SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION, By A. G. CRAIG, Secretary. CLARKSON & DULS, T. C. GUTHRIE, Attorneys for Complainants.

SANTO DOMINGO MUST TOE THE MARK

The American Government Will Insist That the Protocol Signed Under the Vasquez Regime is Binding and Must Be Observed.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 24.—The State Department has not yet received confirmation of a dispatch from Santo Domingo City saying that the Dominican Government had informed Mr. Powell it absolutely decided not to recognize validity of the agreement regarding the claim of the improvement company. The Dominican Government, it is known by the State Department, is not disposed to recognize the binding force of the protocol which it signed with Vasquez Regime for the adjustment of these claims but fulfillment of terms of that instrument will be insisted upon and Minister Powell has instructions to demand settlement in accordance with these terms.

COL. CUNNINGHAM LIKES US. Spins Over the City and Country With Friends and Says He Is Charmed. Col. Cunningham, of Person, who accepted yesterday the chief marshalship of the Fair tendered him by the Mecklenburg Fair Association, drove over the city and out in the country with a party of friends this morning.

To a News reporter Col. Cunningham said this afternoon that he was charmed with Charlotte--its handsome residences, its mammoth factories--and the good roads of the city and county, especially.

The Colonel's handsome face beamed with the pleasure he felt at all he saw. "It reminds me," said he, "of the manufacturing district of England, which I visited several years ago. Charlotte is one of the foremost cities of the South and will continue to grow. The Mecklenburg roads are known throughout the country and are the best in the South."

Asked about the Fair, Col. Cunningham expressed the pleasure it gave him to accept the chief marshalship. He believes that we will have a great Fair and promises his best endeavors to make it so.

The Colonel will return home tonight. He is the master of one of the broadest estates in the South, the broad baronial acres of which suggest feudal magnificence. But the Colonel himself is one of the plain people, democratic in his tastes and habits, and absolutely destitute of ostentation.

Charged With Vagrancy. Will Manning, a white man, was arrested by Sergeant Farrington this morning on a charge of vagrancy and non-support, the latter charge having been instigated by his wife. He will have a hearing in the morning before the Recorder.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, was in the city today on business.

BOGUS COMPANY SWINDLES ON A LARGE SCALE

More Than \$130,000 Stolen --Business Houses Victimized--Banks Created--The Story of an ex-Waiter Who Rose to Affluence.

The Scheme Was to Order Goods on a Large Scale in the Name of Well Known Houses and Re-Ship to a Confederate in New York.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 24.—More than \$130,000 stolen, business houses in every part of the United States victimized, banks created, a waiter risen from poverty to affluence, an ex-convict behind bars, are the features in the meteoric career of at least one of two men now under arrest in Chicago. The post-office inspectors made the captures, and Julius Nisson known also by a dozen other names, and Arthur Herbst, with many aliases, are the prisoners. Nisson confessed, Herbst does not admit that he had any part in the big swindle. Postoffice Inspector Gerome received complaint from about 200 individuals and corporations who have lost amounts ranging from \$25 to \$300. Ali have been victimized since Nisson opened his office in Chicago. In previous operations under different names the men are alleged to have secured at least \$130,000 in the last eleven months. This was their procedure according to inspectors: Nisson and Herbst would go to a city and open an office, engaging ostensibly in retailing metalware, novelties, machinery or anything they could secure on credit. They would operate under the name of some company well known in the business world and order goods to the value of thousands of dollars, with five commercial agency references; after the articles had been received the bogus company would transfer the consignment to the warehouse and then ship them to New York where they disposed of them through "Pence," which baffled the inspectors for months. When suspicion was aroused the men would flee to another city. Some of the boldest moves of the two men were said to be to establish a bank, to give financial strength to their enterprise. One such concern, called Cook County Bank of Trade and Commerce, it is alleged, existed on paper only. Nisson worked several years as a waiter and in 1900 owned a restaurant in Chicago. He sold this place and toured Europe, then returned to Boston and was sentenced to one year in prison for shoplifting.

Gold King On Corn-Stalk. (By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 24.—A farmer of Sound Beach, Conn., found upon pulling up a corn stalk a heavy gold ring encircling the stalk and through engraving inside it identified it as the one he lost in 1887.

Cotton Market Today. (By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 24.—Cotton is steady, September, 11.15; October, 9.60; November, 9.54; December, 9.54; January, 9.50; February, 9.50; March, 9.51; May, 9.55; July, 9.55.

HOLDING UP OF ATLANTIC EXPRESS

The Train Was Held Up By Four Masked Men, Twenty-One Miles East of Portland, Oregon -- Express Messenger Shoots Robber

(By Associated Press.) Portland, O., Sept. 24.—The Atlantic Express, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Line, which left here at 8:15 last night was held up by four masked men an hour later near Corbett station, twenty-one miles east of this city. One of the robbers was shot and killed by Express Messenger Fred Korner and Engineer Ollie Barrett was seriously wounded by the same bullet. After the shooting the robbers fled without securing any booty.

Sheriff Storey and four deputies left on a special train for the scene of the robbery at 12:45 a. m. The Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the highwaymen.