

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The town of Muskogee, I. T., is guarded night and day by citizens to protect it against the Cook gang—Bill Cook notifies Federal Attorney Jackson by letter that he will be killed if he does not let his gang alone—A good many persons were killed by the earthquake in Italy and Sicily—Riordan dies from the effect of the blow by Fitzsimmons and the latter is under \$10,000 bond on the charge of manslaughter—The famous Nottingham lake market is burned—Since the call for bids for bonds (November 13th) the treasury has lost \$1,225,000 in gold—Richardson, one of the parties on trial for the lynching near Memphis told a witness before the lynching that the negroes would be arrested and then lynched—The Denyer police hold Frank Rock on suspicion of his knowing something about the strangler murders—Prices for spinning fine yarns in the Bolton, England district, are about the same as at Fall River—A lighted candle dropped into a keg of powder sets a Colorado mine on fire and four men are suffocated—Judge Cole orders the recalcitrant witness before the Senate Sugar trust committee to plead to the indictments—The Southern railway will put on an additional fast train between New York and Florida—Secretary Gresham has heard nothing official as to the rumored slaughter of Christians in Asiatic Turkey—It is thought that in the next few weeks the treasury may lose as much as \$15,000,000 in gold, taken to purchase the new bonds—The University of Pennsylvania defeats Cornell at foot ball—Eight men are killed by capsizing of a barge loaded with phosphate rock in Charlotte harbor, Fla.—Judge Gibbons grants the Pullman Car company a change of venue in the quo warranto proceedings—Georgetown university defeats Richmond college at foot ball and Georgia university defeats Augusta, 68 to 0—Miss McLane, of Cheraw, S. C., is run over and killed by an electric car in Columbia—The five men convicted at Atlanta of conspiracy to kill Roper are sentenced to the penitentiary—Mr. Gladstone's influence is still paramount in the guidance of the Liberal party. Lord Rosebery's scheme for a chamber of reference between the two houses of Parliament on disputed points is said to come from him—It is thought the Conservatives will force the issue as to the veto power of the House of Lords early in the session of Parliament—There is a fierce war going on in England over the question of sectarian or non-sectarian control of public schools—The Pope is preparing an appeal to England as to an entente between the two Churches—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Lumbeaton fair next Tuesday. The racing bids fair to be of the best quality—The post mortem examination of Riordan show that he died of "hemorrhage in the cranial cavity, causing compression of the brain"—The billiard tournament closed last night, the score being: Ives 3,000; Schaefer, 3,074—Three water spouts, two of them immense ones, pass the river-point at Jacksonville, Fla., in close succession—The posse had a battle with the Cook gang. Two were captured and Cherokee Bill badly wounded—A barge loaded with 8,500 barrels of flour sinks in the Mississippi river—In a game of foot ball at New Orleans one player has an ankle broken—John S. Johnson breaks the two, three, four and five mile bicycle records—Japan's demands on China are so heavy that it is thought mediation by the United States between the two countries is hopeless.

Lumbeaton Anticipating a Big Time.

(Special to the Messenger.)
LUMBEATON, N. C., Nov. 17.—The fair, which opens here Tuesday, promises to be a grand success. Everything is now ready for the opening. The track is in excellent condition and race horses from New Jersey, Connecticut, Baltimore, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina will be here. The races will equal those at the State fair. Exhibits are already coming in. The management are determined to make it the best fair in this part of the State.

Earthquake Shocks in Italy.

ROME, Nov. 17.—Reggio and the whole province of Calabria were shaken violently by an earthquake last evening. Much damage was done and many persons were killed, although nothing definite is yet known as to the amount or kind of damage. It is thought that the families driven from their homes. In San Procopio several houses fell, burying their occupants. In Messina, where the shocks were almost as violent as across the strait, the panic-stricken two hundred tried to escape by overpowering the guards, but they were overpowered. In Calabria the trains have ceased running on account of the landslides. Slight shocks were felt last night in Rome.

Granted a Change of Venue.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Judge Gibbons this morning granted the Pullman Palace Car company a change of venue in the case filed some weeks ago in the quo warranto proceedings brought by the Attorney General. In granting the petition the judge said: "I grant it on the naked petition, denying the legal right of the defendant of a change of venue, on account of insufficiency of the application, as the affidavit can be considered only as surplusage." The case will now go to Judge Baker. The Pullman company applied for a change of venue from Judge Gibbons, claiming that he was prejudiced against them, which was evidenced by his remarks in a book written by him entitled "Tenure and Toil."

A Paymaster's Clerk Sentenced to Imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Secretary Herbert has approved the naval court-martial which recently tried Paymaster Cannon's clerk, David B. Sayers, at the Norfolk navy yard, found him guilty of embezzling \$193 and sentenced him to be imprisoned for two years and to lose the greater portion of his pay during that time. Secretary Herbert has directed that the sentence be executed at the Boston naval prison.

A CLEAN SWEEP

IN THIS STATE PREDICTED BY REPUBLICANS.

Populists Silent on the Subject—The Election Law Doomed—Baseless Rumors of a Train Robbery—Burglars Captured—Mr. Barnes Loses His Libel Suit—Earnest Efforts to Reduce Cotton Acreage.

MESENAGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 17.—Governor Carr offers \$100 reward for Charles Walton, the negro who murdered James Bryan, colored, in a barroom here on the evening of November 3rd. It is reported by the sheriff that Walton has fled the State. The State board of education was in session to-day, but transacted no business of public importance.

The managers of the colored State fair appear to be quite well pleased at its success. The Supreme court will devote next week to the hearing of arguments in appeals from the Eighth district. There was a street rumor here this morning that a train had been "held up" on the Seaboard Air Line. Later, it was asserted that the "hold up" was between Ratherford and Monroe. Still later it was ascertained that all grew out of the fact that somewhere between Ratherford and Monroe an engine broke down so that the train was held up for some time. A connection with the Atlanta special. Governor Carr will in a day or two appoint two Senators as members of the State board of canvassers. One of these will be a Democrat and one a Republican. Through the board is to meet Thursday the 29th, it will hardly do any work that day, on account of the holiday, but will get to work the next day. Two days is usually required to complete the canvass.

A prominent Populist was asked to-day to give some idea of what the next Legislature will do. He said he would not attempt to say, only so far as the Election law is concerned, as to that, he was prepared to say that the first thing done would be its absolute repeal. This was the prime object of fusion, he added.

It is intimated that the fusionists will make some changes in the Railway Commission and in the personnel of the commission. Of course this Legislature will have, in any event, to elect one member of the commission. This morning a well dressed colored woman was placed in the station house, preparatory to being taken to the asylum at Goldsboro. She suddenly became violently insane last night. She had been married only a month, and for a week past had spent nearly all her time reading the Bible. The police last night captured three of the negro thieves who about 3 o'clock yesterday morning broke into and robbed three stores in East Raleigh. At one place the thieves were armed with a revolver, and the men are tramps; one being from Norfolk, one from Weldon and the third from Roanoke, Va. The police are after the fourth man of the gang.

Last evening the German club at the university gave a dance in compliment to Miss Lida Carr, of Durham, and some of her friends. Several Raleigh people went to the dance.

The Supreme court, not having reached the appeal of George Mills, the convicted murderer, the latter will not be hanged on the 30th instant. He will be a witness against Jack Wimberly, his brother-in-law, who is to be tried for the murder of Ida Wimberly, his daughter, the same crime for which Mills got his death sentence. The trial of Wimberly promises to be of deep interest.

The United King's Daughters here during the past twelve months have procured homes for thirty children, have maintained a number of children, sent patients to hospitals and have sent five children to reformatories. Fifteen hundred visits to people were made and 486 persons were aided.

An old-fashioned circus passed through here last night, traveling along the public roads. It has been many years since such a circus has passed through this section. The circus was rather horse show, will be here on the 20th.

The Supreme court has affirmed the ruling of the lower court here in the suit of Mr. W. M. Barnes against Congressman Crawford. The lower court sustained Mr. Crawford's demurrer.

The cotton compress here has thus far handled about 35,000 bales of cotton. The foreign shippers, who have a separate cotton platform, are doing a large business this season.

Some of the Republicans are boasting that there will be as complete a turning out of Democrats as the Legislature can possibly effect. Populists have little or nothing to say on this subject.

The "Monday Evening club" Raleigh's leading literary society will at its next meeting discuss Edgar Allan Poe. It is stated that Martin will contest in the Sixth Congressional district, but your correspondent does not get this directly from Mr. Martin and so cannot vouch for it.

The most earnest efforts are to be made to secure great reduction of the cotton acreage in this State. Those interested in bringing this about say they are more hopeful of success than ever before.

Sensational Evidence in the Memphis Lynching Case.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 17.—A sensation was sprung in the trial of Detective W. S. Richardson and Ed N. Smith, charged with lynching the six negro prisoners near Millington, this morning, when F. E. Turner, a deputy sheriff, took the stand. He stated that Richardson told him on Monday before the lynching that the men would be arrested and would be lynched.

Richardson almost collapsed when this evidence came out and the attorneys for the defense began a fierce fire of cross-questioning and made a desperate effort to break down Turner, but failed. Other witnesses detailed the story of the lynching and stated that burnt matches were found near the dead bodies, used by the lynchers in lighting their flame.

Attending Requiem Services.

St. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—Emperor Nicholas, the Czarina and all of the royalties now in the city attended requiem services in the cathedral this morning. The Russian Grand Dukes and other exalted personages who attended the service were in full uniform and wore all of their decorations. The choir part of the service was rendered by a choir numbering some hundreds. In spite of the miserable weather, crowds of people surrounded the cathedral, awaiting an opportunity to enter and look upon the face of the dead Emperor.

More Reduction of Wages.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 17.—The employees of the steel end of Shoenberger's mill have been individually notified of a wage reduction ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. The different grades of work. There was little or no protest. The reduction will go into effect next week. Unequal conditions of competition under the old rates are reasons given for the reduction.

ARMED FOR THE FRAY.

Citizens of Muskogee Prepared for the Cook Gang—Bill Cook's Letter to Attorney Jackson.

St. Louis, Nov. 17.—A special to the Chronicle from Muskogee, I. T., says: At a secret meeting of Muskogee business men held early this morning \$1,000 was subscribed for the defence of the town. Ex-Indian Agent Leo E. Bennett was placed in command. He immediately held a conference with Al McKay, one of the Indian police and a plan of campaign was perfected. The town is to be guarded by armed men both day and night. The scouts are to be placed in the suburbs to watch the movements of Bill Cook and his men. All suspicious persons found in the town are to be arrested on sight. If any resist arrest they are to be shot down. The streets are filled with armed guards, and this show of force has evidently impressed the outlaws. The first suspicious character who attempts to enter the bank will be shot before he crosses the threshold.

United States Prosecuting Attorney Jackson has as yet heard nothing of the posse of twelve men he sent out Thursday. Jackson organized and equipped the posse alone and unaided. He is confident that he will get in trouble, as nothing has been heard from them since they departed.

Bill Cook evidently does not fancy the change in the situation. This morning he sent a letter to Attorney Jackson. It is written in his own hand and on a single sheet of note paper and is addressed to the prosecuting attorney. The following is an exact copy of the letter:

"We found out to-day that you fixed up some deputy marshals to run us down. I mean me and my gang. If you are going to run us down, we will get you out of the way. We know what you do, and we let you know you are all right. If you don't you will hear from us. Take warning."
(Signed) BILL COOK.

Among the marked men are Prosecuting Attorney Clifford Jackson, Leo K. Bennett, Indian agent, G. M. Wisdom, and United States Commissioner Wayman C. Jackson.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Sticks and Bonds in New York—The Grain and Provision Markets of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—It was only by persistent selling by local bears and holders of calls that wheat was held in check to-day. As it was, however, the prices worked to the top point at which those privileges sold yesterday. The news was, with little exception, favorable in its character. New York was 1/2 to 3/4 higher than yesterday's close, and maintained the strength throughout. May wheat opened from 60 1/2 to 60 3/4, sold at 60 1/4, advanced to 61 1/4, and closed at 61 1/4, 1/2 higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was steady.

Corn was dull with a bias towards lower prices, the strength of which controlling operations to sufficient extent to prevent prices from breaking. May opened from 49 1/2 to 49 3/4, closing unchanged from yesterday at 49 1/2. The market was quiet, with easy, prices ruling 1/4 to 1/2 from yesterday.

Oats inclined downward with corn at the opening, but evinced a rallying ability later, in sympathy with wheat. The little business transacted did not carry prices outside of a restricted limit. May closed 1/4 higher than yesterday. Cash oats were 1/4 lower.

The market for live hog was higher on the strength of the live hog market, and that market was strong because Armour's buyers evidently wanted all the hogs in sight. That gentlemen's trades in provision made considerable display of selling later at the opening. The market was quiet, with easy, prices ruling 1/4 to 1/2 from yesterday. The close was 25c higher than yesterday for January pork, 10c higher for January lard and 1 1/2c higher for January ribs.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The tremendous falling off in earnings of the St. Paul road for the second week of November was a signal for a heavy selling movement in the Grangers, which carried the stocks down 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. The earnings for the period named showed a decrease of \$194,901, or nearly 25 per cent. The Grangers were active weak holders and at the same time bears on other properties took advantage of the uneasiness to hammer the general list. London helped the downward movement by selling the international stocks. The coalers were lower on reports that the big producers were slashing coal prices and that the unfriendly attitude of the independent operators will lead to still further cutting. The Cannals were active weak holders in Manhattan and their sales forced the stock down to 10 1/2, the lowest figure for a long time. The common fell from 12 1/2 to 10 1/2 and the preferred from 38 to 35 1/2. Small boats were bid up to 9 1/2. After 1 o'clock Jersey Central was bid up to 9 1/2 and this checked the decline for a time, but in the final dealings the selling was revived and the lowest figures of the day were generally made. Other important losses were: St. Paul 2 1/2, Big Four 1 1/2, Burlington and Quincy 1 1/2, Northwestern 1 1/2, Rick Island 1 1/2, Louisville and Nashville 1 1/2, Missouri Pacific 1 1/2, Susequehanna and Western, preferred 1 1/2, Richmond and Texas 1 1/2, Union 1 1/2. The closing was weak. The bond market was higher.

English Wages as High as an American—FALL RIVER, Mass., Nov. 17.—Secretary Howard is in receipt of communication from Jacob Schoff, one of the textile tariff experts, now an appraiser at the port of New York, in which the writer states that the prices paid for spinning fine yarns open in the Bolton district, England, and the prices paid for the same yarns in this city are about equal. The statement was a surprise to the spinners of this city, as they had been led to believe that the English prices were much lower than those in this country.

A Young Lady Killed by an Electric Car—COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 17.—This afternoon Miss McLane, of Cheraw, S. C., a student at a college here, was run over by an electric car while crossing the track on the street. She was thrown under the car and both legs were horribly mangled, the entire car passing over them. She was taken to the hospital where her limbs were amputated. She died at 8:30 o'clock to-day.

Myers Not Yet Sentenced.—ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 17.—Wm. J. Myers, who was convicted yesterday of murdering Frank Crowley, has not been sentenced and may not be for a month. His attorneys will move for a new trial and Judge Clarke will be in no hurry about passing the sentence.

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