

**POWELL GETS BIG DAMAGES.**

Validating Agent Disputed His Ownership of Ticket.  
Charleston, S. C., July 12.—In the state court a verdict for \$5,000 has been awarded Henry S. Powell, of New York, in a damage suit filed against the Atlantic Coast Line. Powell came to Charleston on an excursion ticket during the exposition. When he presented the return slip for validation his ownership was disputed and a personal difficulty took place in the joint agency. Powell was arrested and locked up. He entered suit for \$5,000 and when the jury took the case the majority was in favor of awarding the full amount. There was a compromise, however, on the less amount.  
Judge Gage refused to grant a new trial, saying that he would have allowed full damages had he been a member of the jury. This is the only suit resulting from the confiscation of tickets by the joint validating agents.

**WEDDED TO HALF BROTHER.**

Shocked by Discovery, Bride of Fort Night Takes Deadly Dose.  
Russellville, Mo., July 15.—Because, after her marriage, she discovered that her husband was her half-brother, Mrs. Maggie Wagner, bride of Frederick Wagner, a wealthy farmer living here, swallowed carbolic acid and died in great agony on her husband's arms with his name upon her lips.  
The young couple were devoted to one another. Their meeting was an accident, the courtship brief and their honeymoon ideal.  
Quite accidentally the bride discovered from anecdotes that he was her mother's son, her own half-brother, whom she had not seen for 20 years and whom she believed to be dead.  
She did not reveal her discovery to her husband until she had taken the poison.

**NEW RAILROAD TO BE BUILT.**

It Will Run Between Concord and Fayetteville, N. C.  
Raleigh, July 12.—It is decided to build a railway, pretty nearly air-line, from Concord to Fayetteville. It will be in Cabarrus, Stanley, Montgomery, Moore and Cumberland counties.  
The Carolina Colony company, chartered last week by the state, with \$5,000,000 capital, is to build the road. All its original stockholders save its attorneys are New Englanders and New Yorkers. To these will soon be added many leading North Carolinians from points along the proposed line. The road will traverse a country well watered and timbered and also the best gold mining region in the state.

**Pou Will Be Renominated.**

Raleigh, July 15.—The Democrats of this congressional district meet in convention here today and will renominate, by a solid vote, Edward W. Pou, John W. Attwater, ex-Populist congressman, announces that he is an independent candidate and wants Pou to meet him on the stump. As yet the Republicans are giving no sign as to whom they will nominate. They will, however, make a nomination not only in this district, but in the other nine, and are saying they expect to carry two.

**Was Watermelon Poisoned?**

Columbia, S. C., July 14.—Will Slapney, a 16-year-old negro, living on the plantation of P. B. Allen, near Starr, Anderson county, died Friday under peculiar circumstances. It is thought he died as a result of eating a watermelon that had been poisoned. He was taken violently ill at 12 o'clock and died about 4 o'clock. Shortly after being stricken down, he admitted having stolen a watermelon from the patch of another negro on the same place and eaten it.

**Negreesse Fight Deadly Duel.**

Stockbridge, Ga., July 15.—Four negro women engaged in a duel with razors at the door of a church near here Sunday, in which Dottie Miller was cut to death and Rachel Roberts was seriously wounded. It appears that the dead woman and Rachel Roberts were enamored of the same man, and that jealousy was the cause of the duel. Rachel Roberts' two sisters also took a hand in the fight.

**Southern Making Improvements.**

Raleigh, July 15.—The Southern railway is practically rebuilding its line between Statesville and Asheville. For nearly a year a large force of contractor's laborers has been at work. Last year, after the great floods, this improvement began. New and costly bridges and a greatly improved roadbed, with some taking out of curves, are features.

**Alleged Lyncher in Jail.**

Charlotte, N. C., July 14.—Tom Spurnell, a white man, was jailed in Salisbury, N. C., Saturday night on the charge of participating in the recent lynching of two alleged negro murderers in that town. The arrest was made on a bench warrant issued by Superior Court Judge Shaw. Spurnell was denied bail pending a hearing, the charge against him being murder.

**Charter for Cotton Mill.**

Greenville, S. C., July 15.—The secretary of state has issued a commission to the Apalachee cotton mills, of Greens, Greenville county. The company is capitalized at \$350,000. The incorporators are F. J. Palmer, Charleston; F. G. Inglesby, Felsen, and J. W. Parker, Greenville.

**SALISBURY RESIGNS; BALFOUR SUCCESSOR**

**Change in the Premiership of Great Britain.**

**HICKS-BEACH ALSO RETIRES.**

Reason of Lord Salisbury's Retirement is Generally Regarded as Simply a Desire for a Quiet Life—Other Cabinet Changes Foreshadowed.

London, July 14.—The marquis of Salisbury has resigned the premiership of Great Britain and Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury and government leader in the house of commons, has been appointed to succeed him.

The marquis of Salisbury tendered his resignation at an audience which he had with King Edward last Friday.

Saturday Mr. Balfour visited the king and accepted the premiership.

Perhaps never has a change of premiership been affected with so little dislocation to business, either public or private, as accompanied the transfer of the seals of office from Lord Salisbury to A. J. Balfour. The occurrence had no effect whatever on the stock exchange. The only other change in the cabinet thus far announced is the chancellorship of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who resigned today, though others are foreshadowed.

Mr. Balfour, in addressing the first meeting of his followers at the foreign office this afternoon, informed them that he could not count on the continued assistance of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, but he could on the latter's good wishes.

The public showed little interest in the party meeting, which was summoned for noon. The new premier, when he entered the conference room of the foreign office, accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lord Londonderry and others, received quite an ovation. When Mr. Balfour rose to address the meeting all again stood up and cheered the new chief. Mr. Balfour referred to the loss of the services of the chief who, for nearly 50 years, had been engaged in active political life. No one, he said, would grudge him his well-earned repose, though his loss was irreparable.

"I do not flatter myself," proceeded the premier, "that the gap he has left can be filled. But the place he has left must be occupied, and it is because the king has desired me to do my best to take that position that I have asked you to meet me today. I have accepted a great task and a heavy responsibility, certainly from no over-weening belief in my own capacity, but because I am sure, or at least have every reason to believe, that in attempting to carry on this work I will have the most important qualification a leader can have, namely, the regard and confidence of those with whom he works."

As to Lord Salisbury's withdrawal, the main reason is considered by practically all the best informed persons to have been simply a desire for a quiet life on the part of a man advanced in years, whose activities have been unusual, and whose scientific tastes predispose him to study and seclusion. That the retiring premier's health has failed, to some extent, is undeniable, but this perhaps is to be expected in a man of his years, and the close of the war in South Africa and the return of the commanding general here is considered to be an appropriate time for his withdrawal.

Several other changes are likely to occur including the retirement of Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and the elevation of George Wyndham, the chief secretary for Ireland, to a seat in the cabinet.

Speculation is already rife as to who will be Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's successor. The name of P. W. Hanbury, president of the board of agriculture, is frequently mentioned.

**Trouble Over Forest Reserve.**

Cody, Wyo., July 14.—Excitement exists here over the recent forest reserve extension, which includes many townships that hitherto have been the winter ranges for thousands of sheep. A. A. Anderson, of New York, who has been appointed special superintendent of the Yellowstone and Teton reserve, has been threatened with assault. A mass meeting of stockmen and others has been called to meet at Meeteetse next Wednesday to protest against the extension.



ARTHUR J. BALFOUR.

**FLORIDA REPUBLICANS**

**State Central Committee Holds Meeting at Jacksonville.**

Jacksonville, July 15.—A meeting of the Republican state central committee was held in Jacksonville Saturday at the Windsor hotel, at which 20 delegates were present. The meeting was in response to a call issued by Chairman H. S. Chubb, and its purpose was to consider the advisability of placing a Republican ticket in the field. This matter was thoroughly discussed by the members present, and the decision was finally reached that the central committee should appoint a sub-committee, which will go over the matter, and make a report at some time in the near future when the state central committee will be convened again. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Dennis Egan, postmaster, were passed.

**ALABAMA STRIKE SETTLED.**

**Operators and Miners Have at Last Agreed Upon a Scale.**

Birmingham, Ala., July 12.—After a short discussion the joint convention of United Mine Workers and coal operators have agreed on a scale. Two trivial concessions on the part of the operators brought the miners over, and the scale was quickly adopted and signed.

The scale, as agreed upon, provides for a minimum price of 55 cents for mining coal and a uniform scale of wages for day laborers. The miners had demanded an increase of 5 cents per ton, a two weeks' pay day and an 8-hour work day. They lost all of these contentions, but gained a point in the establishment of a uniform scale of wages for day laborers.

**LABOR TICKET MAY BE IN FIELD.**

**Birmingham Trades Council To Take Hand in Politics.**

Birmingham, Ala., July 15.—A mass meeting to be held next Sunday has been called by the Birmingham Trades Council for the purpose of deciding whether the council shall take part in the coming city, county and state campaigns as an organization, and to take action looking to the nomination of a ticket for various city offices, mayor and aldermen in particular.

There will be a discussion as to whether workmen should participate in the Democratic primary, which will be held in August.

The politicians are greatly interested in the meeting, as the councilmen's vote is all powerful.

**FLORIDA STATE ELECTION.**

**Democrats Balloting for State Officers, Congressmen and Senator.**

Tallahassee, Fla., July 15.—The Democratic state and county primaries for state officers, congressmen and United States senator are being held throughout Florida today. The various counties are holding their primaries for members of the legislature and county officers.

Hon. S. R. Mallory, of Pensacola, now serving his first term as United States senator, and the Hon. Wilkinson Call, former United States senator, are candidates.

**Stock Suffer for Water.**

St. Augustine, Fla., July 15.—Cattlemen of this county are very much alarmed at the continuance of the drought. Those coming in from the ranges say that all creeks and water-holes have dried up, and the cattle are dying of thirst. Such a state of affairs has not existed in this county for many years. Yesterday a large bunch of cattle was driven across the bridge to Anastasia island, where water is yet to be had. It is likely that within the next week more stock will be sent to the island unless rain relieves the situation.

**Poisoned by Canned Beans.**

Tampa, Fla., July 14.—Mrs. Hottel and two sisters, who live at 204 West Ninth avenue, Hyde Park, were poisoned from eating canned beans, which are supposed to have become corroded during the process of packing. The three ladies suffered severe agony for some time, and but for prompt assistance one or more of them would probably have died. There was no doctor in the neighborhood, so a neighbor administered an emetic, which relieved them of their sufferings.

**Culp Made General Manager.**

New York, July 12.—Charles W. Culp has been appointed assistant general manager of the Washington Southern railroad, operating between Washington and Richmond. He was for 12 years passenger trainmaster of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad. He entered railroad service as a messenger boy in the office of A. A. Cassatt, superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania system.

**With Strychnine Ends Life.**

Dothan, Ala., July 11.—Because his father required him to do some work on their place, Pat Fortner, 20 years old, committed suicide here by taking strychnine. He told members of his family the sun would never rise on him alive again, and soon after it was found he had taken the fatal dose. Medical aid was unavailing. He was buried with military honors.

**FOREIGNERS FLEEING FROM VENEZUELA**

**They Are Seeking Refuge at Port of Spain.**

**EXPOSED TO GREAT DANGERS.**

Government Reports Inability To Successfully Control Revolution at La Guayra—Several Ports Are Without Adequate United States Protection.

New York, July 14.—Foreigners are fleeing here from Venezuela, cables the Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent of The Herald. There is surprise at the smallest of the United States naval forces in Venezuelan waters, especially at La Guayra, where the government officials are said to have reported to President Castro that they cannot control the revolution.

Puerto Cabello, Campano and Barcelona are without United States warships and the residents are exposed to great dangers.

**Ranger Sails To Protect Americans.**

Panama, July 14.—Acting on orders from Washington, the United States special service steamer Ranger, now here, sailed Saturday for Chiriqui to protect American interests there. It is reported that General Herrera, the revolutionary commander, has decreed that all produce is the property of his government whether belonging to natives or foreigners. The United States consul here, H. A. Gudgeon, goes to Chiriqui on board the Ranger and he will take some important papers which General Salazar, the governor of Panama, is sending to General Herrera. It is presumed that they include peace terms. As soon as the isthmus is pacified the general elections will take place and congress will meet and decide the canal question.

**GENERAL CHAFFEE RELIEVED.**

**He Has Been Ordered to the Department of the East.**

Washington, July 14.—General Chaffee has been relieved of the command in the Philippines and ordered to the department of the east, by an order issued today by Secretary Root.

**Will Be Built on Boundary Line Between Canada and Montana.**

Helena, Mont., July 14.—It is proposed to build a wire fence 700 miles long on the boundary line between Montana and Canada.

The necessity for this huge undertaking arises from the fact that several weeks ago, a large number of cattle that had strayed into Canada from this state were seized by the dominion officials on the ground that they had been smuggled. The fence will probably be built jointly by the Canadian and American governments and will cost several hundred thousand dollars.

**Lightning Shaved Him.**

Richmond, July 12.—During a storm at Henrico David Fuller, a well known farmer, was struck by lightning and knocked senseless. All the hair on his head was burned off. He was talking with another man near the national cemetery when he was struck. He has been in an unconscious condition, but the physician who is attending him says he will recover. Fuller's head is said to have been shaved as close as if a barber had done it.

**Weekly Bank Statement.**

New York, July 12.—The weekly bank statement of the associated banks shows: Loans, \$906,776,200, decrease \$1,107,175; deposits, \$242,198,200, decrease \$14,495,500; circulation, \$31,775,200, increase \$98,400; legal tenders, \$72,691,200, increase \$639,400; specie, \$170,185,400, decrease \$2,609,600; reserves, \$247,776,400, decrease \$1,797,200; reserve required, \$233,548,500, decrease \$4,113,375; surplus, \$12,228,900, increase \$2,142,175.

**Girl's Arm Crushed in Machine.**

Chattanooga, July 12.—Miss Fannie Turner, an employe of the Chickamauga Knitting mills, had her hand caught between two hot rollers yesterday afternoon, resulting in her hand being crushed and several bones broken, besides being severely burned. The machine was stopped as soon as possible, but the injuries received were severe and intensely painful.

**Another World's Record Broken.**

San Francisco, July 14.—At the regular monthly medal shoot of the Golden Gate Rifle and Pistol Club, held at Shelmont Range, J. G. Gorman broke the world's 100-shot revolver record with a score of 924. Gorman's score was made upon ten strings of ten shots each. None of the strings were imperfect.

**Mrs. Alexander, Novelist, Dead.**

London, July 12.—Mrs. Annie Alexander Hector, the novelist, who wrote over the nom de plume of Mrs. Alexander, died suddenly in London last Thursday.



**A BIG CLEARANCE SALE**

**WEST BROTHERS' DRY GOODS STORE.**

To make room for our fall stock we will on next Thursday, the 10th, place all Summer Season's Goods, embracing our entire line of Wash Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Silks, India and Persian Lawns, Children's Silk and Embroidered Caps; also our entire line of Clothing, Oxford Tie Sandals, etc., on our counters at cost and below cost. Now is the time to save money. Right in the midst of the season we have cut prices on all the above goods to cost and under cost. They must move; we have no room for them. All new goods bought last Spring.

It is a known fact that we bought the largest and best assorted line of Summer Goods ever brought to Rockingham. Your neighbor has told you of our handsome stock, and at such ridiculously low prices. This is an opportunity for you that you have never heard of since Rocking has been a town. Will you wait and be sorry, or come quick and save several dollars to spend on your fall goods. Lots of the following goods are going at less than cost.

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| <b>Wash Goods.</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>White Goods.</b>                                                                                                                                                 | Patent Kid oxfords, sold at \$3.25, now \$2.20                                                                                                                      |
| Good Smooth Lawn, figured and Persian effects, worth 6c, will go at 3c                                                                                        | Dimity, Nainsooks, plain and checked India and Persian Lawns at all prices. Ask to see this line. 6c, 9c, 11c, 15c and 20c. Price was 8c, 7 1/2c, 15c, 20c and 25c. | <b>Clothing.</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| Corded Lawns, good patterns, 4c                                                                                                                               | Ingodine Balliste, plain and figured, good value at 8c, going at 5c                                                                                                 | Any thing you want in light weights at actual manufacturers cost. So if you can get a fit you can save half of the cost of your fall suit. We must move this stuff. |
| Merzerized Maxilla, worth 7 1/2c, going at 5c                                                                                                                 | May Flower Lawns beautiful patterns in figured and stripes, sold at 12 1/2c will go at 8c (Same goods in solids)                                                    | <b>Oxford Ties and Sandals.</b>                                                                                                                                     |
| A few dainty patterns in side Strips Lawn, sold at 15c, will go at 11c                                                                                        | Several pieces, attractive patterns in stripe and figured Dimity, sold at 15c, will go at 11c                                                                       | The Dora Cooper Dongola Patent Tip Spring and Heal Tie, was \$1.00 Will go at 75c                                                                                   |
| Corded Chambray effects, will make beautiful shirt waists, sold at 20c, will go at 14c                                                                        | P. Ribbon Tissue, few pieces left in dainty figures and Solid Satin Stripes, sold at 27 1/2c, will go at 19c                                                        | One Strap Patent Leather Tip, sold for \$1.00. Will go at 75c                                                                                                       |
| Merzerized Cotelaine in lovely Satin cord stripes with beautiful combination of colors which makes these good very admirable, sold at 27 1/2c, will go at 19c | Merzerized Corded Chambray, has been selling in town at 25c, our price was 18c, will go at 14c                                                                      | The Avenue, plain tip, sold for \$1.35, now \$1.10                                                                                                                  |
| Satin Royes, with a gorgeous combination of colors, together with satin and lace stripes, make the goods very attractive. Sold at 50c. Will go at 39c.        |                                                                                                                                                                     | Four Strap Sandals, worth \$2.00, go at \$1.25                                                                                                                      |
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All of these goods are strictly first class, and on all of which the sun of a previous season has never shone. Come early and get first selections, these goods cannot last long at these prices.

Remember those fine 4x5 ft. maps; one with each \$5.00 purchase or over.

