G. O. P. WILL MEET

THE STATE CONVENTION CALLED TO CONVENE IN QUEEN CITY SEPTEMBER 4.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

With the Taft Forces in Control the Meeting Will Be Radically Different From the One Which Was Held In Raleigh,

Charlotte.-The announcement from Greensboro that the state convention of the Republican party in this state will be held in Charlotte on Sept. 4 was not the least unexpected from the fact that when the spring meeting of the party was sent to Raleigh by the executive committee it was practically agreed that the state convention would come to this city.

Interest now centers in the resolution adopted at the meeting of the executive committee ruling on the eligibility of the delegates to the state convention, specifying that all those who will sit in this convention will be required to pledge support to the Chicago ticket and platform. This action was taken, it is stated, in view of the reports that the Bull Moose followers in this state were planning to capture the convention here and name their own candidates for state

offices. As was shown recently, the state committee as at present constituted, favors President Taft by a majority of not less than three and the meeting showed that the supporters of the president are in control of the machinery of the state organization and that they will, therefore, probably control the state convention since this committee is the arbiter of the qualifications of n.embership in this convention and it has ruled that to sit all must take the pledge to support the Chicago ticket and platform.

Weather Observation Station.

With the view to establishing s weather observation station at Hickory Nut Gap, near Hendersonville, three men widely known in their fields of endeavor are now stopping in Hendersonville. These gentlemen are Prof. H. J. Cox of Chicago, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; William M. Hutt of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and L. C. Denton of the state weather observatory at Raieigh. The purpose of their visit here is to install an observation station at Hickory Nut Gap, to ascertain the peculiar advantages of that section and to investigate the possibilities of apple growin; here and to also investigate the always interesting and ever mysterious belt.

The Orange County Campaign. Millsboro.-The Orange county Republican convention have named the following ticket: House of Representatives, H. G. Dorsett; sheriff, T. E. Sparrow; treasurer, S. E. Cole; commissionaries, W. R. Lloyd, R. Y. Walker and W. E. Ham. The naming of candidates for register of deeds, coroner and surveyor was left with the executive committee. The sentiment of the convention was almost entirely for Roosevelt. It was intimated, however, after adjournment by one

of the most prominent Taft support

ers of the county that there would

be a regular Republican convention

Teachers' Institute for Rowan, The blennial county teachers' institute for Rowan county will open in the Salisbury graded school building in the near future and will continue two weeks. Prof. I. C. Griffin, superintendent of the Marion graded school, assisted by Mrs. D. F. Giles of Marion, will conduct the institute. All public school, high school and graded school teachers in the county are required by law to attend the entire

Harnett County Campaign.

The Harnett county Republican convention met at Littleton and nominated a full county ticket as follows For the house, W. P. Byrd; for sher iff, A. F. Surles; register of deeds J. A. McLeod; treasurer, H. N. Bizzell; coroner, Dr. C. A. Young; surveyor, Prof. N. E. Cox; commissioners, D. H. Senter, D. Trurlington Dun-can Darroch, F. M. P. McLeod and P. G. A. Tart. The convention passed a resolution saying they did not recognize Taft as the nominee and pledged their support to Roosevelt.

Durham County School Census.

The school census report for the county of Durham has been compiled by the county superintendent of edu-cation and it shows that the county has gained a very little in the numare but 131 children between the ages, of 6 and 21, who are unable to read write. This number out of a lation of 11,908 gives a percentage of illiterates of about 19911, or about one child in every hun-

GLADDEN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Cleveland County Belleved Him Inno-Cent and So Records Their Verdict -Ross Will Go to the Chair.

Shelby .- "Not guilty" sounded good to Frank Gladden when the foreman of the jury of 12 came into the court house and spoke the magic words that made him a free man.

The case had been on trial here for several days. O. M. Gardner, L. B. Wetmore and N. F. McMillan made able speeches in defense of their client while the prosecution was looked after in the same able manner by Solicitor Wilson, Clyde R. Hoey and T. B. Falls.

Judge Daniels finished his charge and gave the case to the jury at 6:30 in the evening. They dined and then went in consultation on the case returning the verdict as above stated in short while. It is learned that on the first ballot the jury stood 10 for acquittal and 2 for conviction, but the latter were soon won over.

Gladden was charged with the murder of Mrs. Dixon last December, who was slain at the same time, when her husband, John Dixon, lost his life. Gladden was tried for the murder of Mr. Dixon in February and acquitted and was later arrested on the charge of the murder of Mrs. Dixon for which he was acquitted.

John Ross, colored, is the self-confessed murderer of Mr. Dixon and will, unless the governor interferes, which is not likely, be electrocuted in the state prison at Raleigh, August 14.

It was upon Ross' evidence that Gladden was arrested both times and in each instance the jury has refused to believe him. 't is believed by many that Ross killed both the Dixons without the assistance of any one while others think he had accomplices: who they were, however, will never be known and in about a week's time the curtain will fall on the last scene of this fearful tragedy, in the death house at Raleigh.

Board of Election For Each County. The state board of elections named boards of elections for each county in the state, the appointments being on recommendation of the county executive committees of the respective counties, two Democrats and one Republican. However the county boards will not be made public for some days yet. The board also fixed the size of the ballots to be used in the general election. The state ticket will be 3 1-2 by 12 inches, the presidential ticket 3 1-2 by 8 inches and congressional ticket 3 1-2 by 2 inches. The board consists of Colonel Wilson G. Lamb, chairman, Williamston; J. C. Clifford, Dunn, secretary; J. F. Ray, Franklin, Democrats; and W. L. Davis, Hendersonville and Clarence Call, Wilkesboro, Republicans, Ray and

Rowan Commissioners Meet.

Davis were not here for the meeting.

The Rowan county commissioners met and disposed of some important matters. They decided to build the new court house of Rowan county granite instead of brick. By using the granite the structure will cost ing done for the foundation of the court house. The commissioners took ti, Gen. Cincinnatus Leconte, killed. did not want to put the additional way to safety. burden on the incoming board, but they passed favorably on it that the appropriation should be made. They recommended that the incoming board take the matter up.

Man Killed Near Goldsboro.

Benj. F. Coley, a young white man of the Eureka neighborhood, about 16 miles north of Goldsboro, was shot in a 'ow at that place and died. Coroner Stanley and Sherig Edwards were notified at once of Coley's death and hurried to the home of Coley where he had been carried. The jury which the coroner empanelled placed the killing on Ernest Cook, who it is alleged fired the shot, and his brother, Arthur Cook, as an accessory. Ernest Cook was arrested after a long chase by the officers in their automobile just as he was attempting to board a train at Boston, on the Norfolk Southern.

Campaign in Catawba County. The Democratic executive commit tee of Catawba county met and reelected Chairman J. D. Elliott of Hickory, W. C. Feimster of Newton was made vice chairman and F. B. Gwynn of Hickory, secretary. Routine isiness was transacted and the next meeting fixed for the first Monday in September. Catawba Democrats are confident of success this fall. The Republicans appear apathetic the nomination of Taft. Indeed there has been talk of not putting out a

North Carolina New Enterprises. The following charters for new enterprises were issued by the secretary of state: The French Broad Handle Company, of Brevard, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subs for making handles, spokes and simi-lar articles of wood. The Southern Pines Improvement Company of Southern Pines, capital \$25,000 au-thorized and \$2,500 subscribed, for general real estate and bul vestments. The Byrd-House Company of Bunn Level, capital \$25,000 author-ized and \$2,500 subscribed.

Another Tax District in Lenoir.

Another Special tax district was added to the number in Lenoir county when, without a dissenting vote, district No. 4 in Vance township decided upon eight months of school instead of the usual four-months' term. The entire registered vote of the district, every one a storily farmer, balloted to assess thomselves for a lengthened term. At a meeting of the county board of effication, it was decided to appoint district instead of nother Tax District in Lond

BILL IS PASSED

RAILROAD-OWNED VESSELS PRO-HIBITING FROM USING WATERWAY.

ONE-MAN GOVERNMENT

Provision for Free Tolls, Which Was Fought in the Senate, is Endorsed.

Washington.—The Panama canal bill, when it passed the senate, contained provisions which amend the Sherman anti-trust law and the law creating the interstate commerce commerce commission, and is beyond all odds the most important piece of legislation which has passed either house this session.

Briefly, the bill lodges in the hands of the interstate commerce commission the right to say when the own ership and control by railroads of steamships with which they might compete is detrimental to the public interest and must cease. It forbids railroad owned ships to use the canal. It closes the canal to ships owned by corporations who violate the Sherman anti-trust law.

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia of fered the amendment limiting the railroad legislation to the exclusion of railroad owned ships from the canal. This was carried by a vote of 49 to 18, and the senators who though the canal bill should not be the instrument of separating railroads from their steamship lines if they did not use the Panama canal at all thought they had won their fight. Their satisfaction was jarred ath the end of the day, however, when Senator Bourne obtained the adoption of an amendment giving the interstate commerce commission authority to compel a railroad to divest itself of the ownership of a steamship line if the ownership was found detrimental to the public interest through the sup pression of competition.

London.-British ship owners are indignant at the United States senate's action with respect to Panama. They admit a big trade is waiting as soon as the canal is open, but are inclined to think the great preferential treatment accorded to American ships will lead traders to adhere to the old routes.

Representatives of prominent firms have expressed the opinion, however, that much might happen before the canal is opened, and that the protests of foreign powers might induce a change in the American policy. The amendment permitting the registration of foreign-built vessels as American, it is believed, may likely give impetus to British shipbuilding.

400 KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Powder Magazine Attached to White House of Haiti Lets Go at Port-au-Prince.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti.-The national \$111,100. The old jail has already palace was blown up by a powder exbeen removed, and digging is now be- platon and burned to the ground and the president of the republic of Haiup the farm demonstration proposi- Members of his family, who were tion and decided that they would not awakened by the terrific shock, found make the appropriation as they were themselves almost surrounded by the not to be in office much longer and flames, but managed to make their

Many palace attendants were killed and it is estimated that the casualty list will reach 400 persons killed or injured.

The body of President Leconte was found on the iron bed on which he slept. The authorities are making arrangements for a national funeral The cause of the explosion of the powder magazine is not known.

At a joint meeting of the chamber and senate General Tancrede Augus te, senator and ex-minister of public works, was named as president.

Cincinnatus Leconte was elected unanimously by congress president of Haiti on August 14 last year.

At first he gained prominence in Haitien affairs in 1908, when, as minster of the interior in the cabinet of President Uord Alexis, he was credited with ordering the summary shoot ing of ten prominent revolutionaries at Port-au-Prince.

Half Million Dollars Washed. Washington.-More than a half-

million dollars of old paper money washed and ironed to the crispness of new in the Federal government's currency laundry will be placed in circulation. This lot will represent Uncle Sam's first job as a laundryman. For weeks the treasury department has been cleaning and reviving dirty old notes by the washing machine perfected in the bureau of engraving and printing. Secretary MacVeagh stamped the venture a

South Raveaged by Army Worms. Washington.-More than \$8,000,000 damage was done to crops in the south last month by the army worms, the department of agriculture, Whether the season's second brood of the insects, appearing in South Carolina. Alabama, Georgia and other states, will increase this loss is of much concern to government experts. All the means at the department's dis-posal are being used to meet the emergency. There are army worms at some places half a foot deep.

Set Fire to Thirty Hotel

THOMAS R. MARSHALL



andidate for the vice-presidency.

U.S. MARINES IN NICARAGUA

WASHINGTON LANDS A FORCE TO PREVENT ANARCHY IN NICARAGUAN REPUBLIC. The Marines Landed at Corinto and

Were Hurried by Train to the Nicaraguan Capital. Washington.-American bluejackets and marines were landed in Nicara-

gua for protection of United States citizens and their property. The expedition, part of the force of the gunsoat Annapolis, under Lieut, James A. Campbell, Jr., was landed at Corinto and transported by rail to Managua, American forces were landed only after President Diaz had confessed the inability of his government to protect the American-owned line from

Corinto to Managua and the steamers on Lake Managua. Some of the latter had been seized by the revolutionists under General Mena, deposed minister of war. Mr. Weitzel de manded of Mena the return of vessels his men had taken and used as warships in the attack upon Managua the capital. The American minister reported

that foreigners concur with resident Americans in Managua that this action upon the part of the American naval commander was the only move which could have prevented complete anarchy and the spread of disorder throughout Central America, The state department is averse to

ntervention in the factional quarrels of the Central American republics, but it is understood its position in this case is the constitutional guarantee must be respected and whoever seeks to administer the government of Nicaragua must base his title not upon force of arms alone, but upon the majority of the balolts of the people, cast without duress. '

LIME BENEFITS THE SOIL

Southern Railway Issues Booklet of Interest to Southern Farmers.

Washington, - An investigation made by President Finley of the has been politics. Southern railway system has shown that experts in the chemistry of soils are, of course, the backbone of the finally escaped the contsable's detecare unanimously of the opinion that nation. No law that safeguards life, tion and ended his life. lime in some form will benefit many by correcting their acidity and improving their mechanical condition.

President Finley has secured the opinions of experts throughout the Southeastern states and also in the Eastern and Middle states, in some of which experiments with the use long series of years. These opinions have been published in an illustrated folder, which is being widely distributed among the farmers in the territory traversed by the lines of the Southern railway system.

Farmers and others interested in folder by addressing W. W. Finley. president Southern Rallway company, Washington, D. C.

New Kind of Whisky. Columbia, Mo .- A new kind of inin Missouri. At the bottom of every silo is found a liquor produced by the fermentation of the silage. It is similar to ordinary corn whisky be-

fore being distilled.

Only Chinese Birdman. San Francisco.—The only Chinese aviator in the world, Tom Cunn, made an aeroplane flight at Alamed carrying Gen. Lan Tien Wei, formerly in command of the Manchurian army of the Chinese republic, and now in this county to inspect the American army. The general was taken one thousand feet up and carried through turns and dips in fearless fashlon. When he set foot on earth he an-nounced unqualifiedly that aviation would be introduced into the Chinese

Witness Shot Dead.

Winons, Miss.—The fluding of an unbreeched shotgun, wrapped in a sack, in a ginhouse, 200 yards from the home of Bugene Sheymaks, at Eupora, where Waiter Permenter was shot to death, inspires the peace officers to hope that the assassin will be captured. This is the first important clue unersthed in the last chapter of Winston's county's bloody tragedy, in which pretty Janie Sharp was killed. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for the arrest of Permenter's slayer.

WILSON NOTIFIED

IN STRIKING SPEECH WILSON AC-CEPTS THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

KEYNOTE OF THE CAMPAIGN

Governor Wilson's Speech of Accept ance Was Full of Trite Sayings and Snappy Sentences.

Seagirt, N. J.-Woodrow Wilson, overnor of New Jersey, in the presence of several thousand friends and admirers from many state, accepted the Democratic nomination for presiient of the United States.

The speech of notification was made



by Senator-elect Ollie James of Kentucky, head of the notification committee. In his response, which was a masterpiece of rhetoric and beautiful English and full of trite sayings and snappy sentences. Governor Wilson attacked the tariff and trusts and outlined the things for which he, as the standard-bearer of the party, stands. He demanded an immediate reduction downward of the tariff and real regulation of trusts.

Governor Marshall of Indiana, the Democratic nominee for vice president, was present.

Governor Wilson said, in part: "It requires self-restraint not to attempt too much, and yet it would be cowardly to attempt too litle,

There are two great things to do. One is to set up the rule of justice and of right in such matters as the tariff. The other is the task of protecting our resources. In this we face questions of conservation and development.

our times has not been business. It and, when starting home, seemed to

that makes their hours of labor raof the soils of the Southeastern states tional and tolerable, can properly be regarded as class legislation.

"We are not the owners of the Philippine islands; we hold them in trust for the people who live in them.

tion and must now husband what we have left. We must develop, as well of lime have been carried on for a as preserve our water powers and must add great waterways to the transportation facilities of the na-"We must speak not to catch votes.

but to satisfy the thought and conscience of a people deeply stirred by the convention that they have come this subject may obtain copies of this to a critical turning point in their moral and political development. "There is another duty which the

great enough and close enough to the government to share in promoting agtoxicating liquor has been discovered ricultural, industrial, vocational education in every way possible within its constitutional powers.

"I heed with deep thankfulness the message you bring me from the country. I thank God and take courage."

Defiant Answer to Englan Washington.-By a vote of 44 to 11, the senate refused to strike from the Panama canal bill the provision xempting American ships from pay-

ment of tolls for passage through the Panama canal. The defeat of the Burton amendment to strike out the dis-crimination in favor of American swer to the protest of the British government against the legislation. It was this clause of the bill which led Great Britain to send a formal protest to the state department.

Turks Mutiny; Revolution On. Salonika, European Turkey.—The irkish gendarmes in the garrison at Turks against the present govern-ment. The commandant gave notice that would lead an army against Constantinople, and issued a procla-mation calling upon all loyal Young Turks to join his standard. The reb-

MISS LILLA B. GILBERT



Miss Gilbert, who inherited \$15,000,000 from her father, is to marry How ard P. Renshaw of Troy, N. Y.

COL. CORNWELL KILLS SELF

COLONEL CORNWELL PREFERS DEATH TO FACING EMBEZ ZLEMENT TRIAL

Feigning Sleep, He Escaped Detection and Put Bullet Through Head.

Philadelphia.-Col. Gibbons Gray Cornwell of the Sixth regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, and a prominent lawyer of West Chester, committed suicide on a train on which he was returning from New York to to make he added, it will be given first his home city to face charges of appropriating bonds belonging to a trust estate.

As the train approached the West Philadelphia station, Colonel Cornwell, who was sitting beside the constable who accompanied him, leaned over the seat in front of where he had placed a dress suitcase. Pretending to be sleeping, he quietly opened the baggage and drew out a revolve which had been presented to him by officers of his regiment. Before the constable was aware of what was going on, he had placed the weapon in his mouth and shot himself in the head. A physician said that death had been instantaneous,

While the regiment which he com manded was in camp, one of his clients died, leaving a will in which other executors were named for the estate for which he held in trust. Investigation by new executors, it is alleged, led to the discovery that a number of bonds belonging to the estate were missing.

Colonel Cornwell, who failed to return home when the regiment broke camp a week ago, was taken into custody in New York, but was released on his promise to return home with the contsable who had a warrant for his arrest

He indignantly denied that there "The tariff question as dealt with in was anything wrong with his accounts be in good spirits. As he neared his "The working people of America destination he became morose, and

But While Aldermen Spend That Much, Crooks Will Put Up \$50,000 to Free Becker.

New York .- The committee of nine appointed by the board of aldermen to investigate the alleged alliance between the police and lawbreakers began taking steps to make a sweeping probe. Special counsel will be retained and \$254,000 will be expended getting at the vital facts in the situation.

A fund of \$50,000 is said to have been raised for the defense of Police Lieutenant Charles A. Becker, under indictment for the murder of Herman Democratic party has shown itself Rosenthal, if he will remain silent about the police system and throw people to perceive, the duty of the no light upon the exaction of tribute from the underworld,

There was a conference of Beck er's counsel preparatory to the arguments before Judge Mulqueen in the court of general sessions on the motion to dismiss the indictments against the accused lieutenant.

Culpepper, Va., Swept by Fire. Richmond, Va.—A disastrous fire broke out in Culpepper, a Virginia town of 3,000 inhabitants. A telephone message from a neighboring town said that all wires were down to Culpepper, and that the latest re-port from there stated that the fire was sweeping through the entire business section of the town. The latest message from Culpepper came from a railroad operator who said that the fire was driving him from his key. He stated that practically the entire business district had been wiped out.

First Victim of Electric Chair. Columbia, S. C.—The first legal ectrocution in this state took place electrocution in this state took place at the state penitentiary, where William Reed, a negro, convicted of a felony, paid the penalty of his crime. The bill providing for the installation of an electric chair was passed at the last session of the legislature after a hard fight and received the signature of Governor Bleass. The chair used for the execution is of the same make as the one in which Henry Clay Beattle, the Virginia wife slayer, was executed.

Former Bandit Seeking Office, Oklahoma City, Okla-The mo markable candidacy for nominati

SAM SCHEPPS MAY MAKE CONFESSION

ONE OF THE ALLEGED SLAYERS OF ROSENTHAL CAUGHT IN HOT SPRINGS.

HE HAS REFUSED TO TALK

Asserts That He is Key Note to the Treated Right.-Will Not Fight Requisition.

Hot Springs, Ark.-"I am ready togo back to New York without any requisition or without fighting the case," said Sam Schepps, under arrest here for alleged complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York, "but I want to know that everything is all right.

"I am the keynote to the situation in New York and if they want me to treat the district attorney's office right they will have to treat me right." Schepps said that he has not decid-

ed whether he will join with Rose, Vallon and Webber in a confession. The alleged go-between added that he would make up his mind on that question while on the way East. He will refuse to talk further, he

said, here or on the way to New York. Before he "talks," he said, he wanted to go over the situation with Ross, Webber, Vallon and District Attorney Whitman, Then if he has a statement hand to the district attorney. Schepps is held in Hot Springs un-

der uncertain circumstances as to when he shall be delivered. His arrest came about through confidential information from the office of the district attorney in New York and it was supposed that Detective Russo of the New York district attorney's office would be here for him. Russo has not

The police department of New York has made inquiry about Schepps and has suggested that if press reports of his arrest here are true, agents will be sent to take him back to New York.

Much Legislation Before Congress. Washington,-Congress is about to end a session that has now, run over 250 days. Since the organization of the government there have been seven continuous sessions of great length. Measured by the standard of new laws enacted, this one has not been fruitful of much general legislation; but from the standpoint of great issues fought out and great policies outlined, it has been of more than usual interest, Political activities have helped to prolong it and political differences between the House and Senate, the one Democratic and the other controlled by an independent element of the Republican party have served to tie up appropriation bills and impede the progress of much general legislation.

Detectives at Work on Robbery. New York,-It was learned that pri-000 bank robbery which occurred in \$25,000 TO PROBE GRAFT the heart of the financial district two months ago but which has not been openly reported. Skilled cracksmen entered a bank building by way of a coal hole, dug through a thick ceiling and bored into a steel vault, where theye helped themselves to \$72,000 in bills. A safe in a corner, which the burglars apparently overlooked is said to have contained at the time more than \$3,000,000 in bills and coin. The diretors of the bank voted not to make the robbery known until report was

To Exterminate Rate.

made to the state benking department,

Washington.-The government is to dome a modern competitor of the Pied Piper of Hamlin as an exterminator of rats. But the magic of the Pied Piper's flute is to be displaced by the most improved modern, double action, steel-jawed rat trap that American inventive genius can furnish, Through Surgeon General Blue of the public health and marine hospital service the government has asked for demostration of rat traps.

Friendliness Voiced in Knex's Visit, Tokio.—The announcement of plans for coming of Secretary of State Knox. from Washington, to attend the funeral of Emperor Mutsuhito September 12, is received by all the leading Japanese newspapers with expressions of sincere appreciation. Articles in jour-nals voice a note of friendliness in isit. Prince Katsura, former Pre whose visit to Europe was cut short by the death of the Emperor, has returned to Japan to be present at the

A Change of Policy.

Washington.—Government discrimination in designating depositaries for Federal funds is gradually being cor-Federal funds is gradually being corrected under a change of policy by Secretary MacVeagh, who is increasing the number of depositaries without augmenting the aggregate of the government's deposits. This is being done especially in small cities. In towns with only two banks the Secretary is dividing the government deposits between them. In the large cities the advantages enjoyed are regarded as negligible.

210 Slaughtered in Mexican Pric Mexico City.-Two hundred and ten esidents of the little town of Furuar iro, Michoacan, at least half of wh dire, Michoscan, at least half of whom were boys, were slaughtered at the behest of the Jete Politico in June, according to a story brought to Mexico City by a commission which called upon the Minister of the Interior asking for guarantees. Members of the commission declared the jefe politics caused to be posted on the gate of the iown cometon, a list of the dead which was saided to from time to time.