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"Fortune's wheel turns best for him-If we but knew it-Who always puts, with all his vins, His shoulder to it."

And the main impetus of making the wheel of Fortune roll the way you want it is Saving. But there are ways and ways of saving. :: ::

Depositors Receive Every Consideration

## CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

#### WHO IS KUROKI?

#### Marvelous Tale Comes From the Bazaers of India. Yorkville Enquirer,

A curious tale is going the rounds of the bazaars in India, says a Bombay dispatch. It is believed by every native that Gen. Kuroki, the marvelous commander, is no other than Sir Hector Macdonald. Many persons have never believed that the brilliant English generals is dead, and not long ago there appeared in the London Times an offer of a reward of \$5,000 to any one who had seen his dead body. It is also a fact that Sir Hec-

tor was once invited to go to Japan to train the Japanese army, and he actually mentioned it to Lord Roberts. No honor has ever been publicly bestowed on Kuroki, who appears to have vanished as suddenly and mysteriously as he appeared.

Rven the Japanse, with all their reticence, confessed to a correspondent that Kuroki had much foreign blood in him, and American journalist de-

clared he was a Dutchman. Both the life and death of Sir Hector Macdonald were full of romance and mystery. His exact age is not known; the circumstances of his death and burial are obscure. What is known is that Macdonald was a Scotch crofter lad, that he en-listed in 1871 and that he served in the ranks ten years. His rise to a major general and K. C. B. was the result of pure soldiering.

In the Afghan campaign, at Kabul, on Majuba Hill and Omdurman he won fights and fame After the Boer campaign he was given a high command in India, and then in 1903 came the report that he had suddenly left Hindustau 'on private busi-

On this business he reached Paris and there read in a newspaper that he was to stand a coart-martial on "grave charges." Then came the report that immediately on reading this paragraph he went to dreadful episode.

his room and shot himself.

At first it was decided that the general was to be buried in the general was to be parise apwidow, of whose existence the war office did not know. By the express wish of lady Mac-donald the body—or as rumor now, the coffin-was sent to London and unceremoniously huddled away to Scotland in a baggage van. The body, or the coffin, was quietly, almost secretly, buried in a public cemetery at 6:30 in the morning. The coffin was not opened from the time it left the Paris hotel.

### Why Gorky Failed.

But whatever faults the Czar may have, the Russian Revolutionists will have to send us some worthier representative tnan Mr. Gorky if they wish to get American sympathy. Gorky is a great Russian novelist and anti monarchist: a man of genius, no doubt, and he was getting very serious attention in New York until it transpired that the woman who traveled with him as his wife was not his wife at all. Then neither of his cause could condone his affront to the saving moral sense of the American people. And it is well. We have some grievous evils in American life, and conditions are far from perfect; but whenever it comes to a test of the moral sense of the great mass of people, there is always a wholesome respect for the Ten Commandmenta that is after all about the surest guarantee of the nation's safety.

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#### Murder Endersed.

Richmond News-Leader.

It is no wonder that South Carolina has the most disgraceful murder record of any civilized community in the world. In Edgefield county, that State, a Democratic county convention has endorsed for congress James H. Tillman, who killed Mr. Gonzales, the editor of the Columbia State, in circumstances which public opinion throughout the country regards as coldblooded murder, notwithstanding the decision to the contrary of the local jury. This endorsement is a peculiarly insolent defiance to law-abiding and decent sentiment. Practically it is an endorsement of murder and a direct encouragement to the young men of the State to accept the first safe opportunity to take a human life.

History repeats itself strange-ly and things result curiously. The father of this same Tillman, living in this same county of Edgefield, shot and killed a man forty-eight years ago. He fled to South America, but after a period of exile returned to Edgefield, stood his trial and was convicted and sentenced to serve a term in jail. While in jail he was elected to the legis-lature. He entered the Confederate army, served there with credit and developed into one of the best and the wisest men the State has ever produced. He served in congress from his district fourteen years and despite the bloody record of his early days days was so kindly, gentle and benevolent that he was affectionately known as "Uncle George from one end of the State to another. In his case, however, the tragedy made a complete change of his life and from the time of its oc-currence he never touched a drop of liquor or a card. It is evident, therefore, that endorsenew thing for Edgefield county; but it is not at all likely that the career of the younger Tillman will be like that of his father in

#### Williams Stirring Up the House. The Mation

Representative John Sharp Williams has so many times shown himself a master of the tariff question that it was no surprise to see him rise and rend the Republicans in the House on Friday. In addition to a thorough grounding in eco-nomic principle, Mr. Williams has a large practical knowledge, which makes him a peculiarly ugly customer for the stand-patters to wake up. Moreover, he has the fine consistency which leads him to denounce tariff plander are when it tariff plunder even when it seems to be flowing toward his own pocket. Hence the discomfiture of those who sought to trap him by asking him if he, himself a cotton plunder. himself a cotton planter, was not in favor of a protective tariff on his own product. "Why tariff on his own product. "Why should I want to rob carpenters and brick layers and black-miths," asked Mr. Williams, "by making them pay an artificial price for my cotton?" This is a much stronger position than that taken by Senator Tillman when he admitted that the tariff was but so much stealing, but declared that, so long as it was going on, he was bound to get South Carolina's share of the booty. Mr. Williams, too, fairly left the Republicans terror-stricken when

publicans terror-stricken when he asked what they would do with the tariff-revision message which the President was sure to send in before a twelve month had passed. Subscribe for the GASTONIA

#### YORK AND YORKVILLE.

#### What's Boing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

There is only one lone pris-oner in jail. Tobe Burris, the negro charged with burning the Guthriesville depot.

The fishing is said to be very good at the mouth of Allison creek, and people living further up the river are enjoying very good sport when the water is

The Catawba Power Company is now able to deliver about 10, 000 horse power continuously. Later on when the river falls to summer conditions, it will be able to deliver only about 6,000.

The Euquirer has heard several intimations recently to the effect that the negroes, through their societies, which societies we are unable to designate, have decided to demand \$1 a day for day labor. It is a fact that it is daily becoming more difficult to get an honest day's labor at almost any price.

The Carolina and North-Western's "Ninety-seven," Nos. 7 and 8, will run daily, beginning next Sunday, and if it can only get some assistance from the government for a mail car it will become a permanent institution winter and summer.

The county board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday and all the members were present. There was no business, however, of especial importance except the payment of a large number of accounts, most of them comparatively small, except the bill for court expenses, which amounted to someting over \$1,-

Reports from different parts of the country indicate that there was widespread damage from trost. Tender vegetation, especially cotton, in many cases corn, and garden crops, such as beans, Irish potatoes, etc., suffered very severely, and the loss cannot be satisfactorily, estimated in dollars and cents.

The crop of Mr. S. W. Inman on the western outskirts of Yorkville had been chopped out and worked over, and it was practically all killed. Mr. Iuman at once went to work to replant, and the understanding is that replanting is in progress in all sections of the county, but in very many cases the farmers are finding it very difficult to get

Mr. James T. Quinn, of King's Creek No. 1, came down to Yorkville Wednesday after a load of lumber, and reported that he had seen signs of much damage to cotton on the way: but was not then able to say whether or not the crop had been generally killed. Later Mr. J. Lessie McGill of Bethany telephoned that there had been ment of manslaughter is not a great damage throughout his entire neighborhood; that many people would have to replant their cotton crops and that cotton seed were scarce.

The first edition of the "All through the Year" cook book brought out by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church of Yorkville last Christmas included 700 copies. Of these more five hundred copies have been sold and there are less than 200 copies on hand. The ladies in charge are of copies. charge are, of course, filling all applications; but they are mak-ing no effort to force sales and there is no reason to expect that they intend to do so. But at the rate the books have been go ing, and as yet there is no ap-preciable falling off in the de-mand it is safe to say that within a few months more the entire edition will have been exhausted, and after that it will be difficult

to secure copies at any price. Mr.J. J. Gaulden, of the Delphos neighborhood, reported that he had noticed lots of cotton that would have to be replanted. Mr. W. H. Hern'lon of Yorkville, noted some cases where replanting would be necessary and others where there had been no serious damage. Where the cotton was just pushing its way out of the ground it was not hurt much. He heard of some fields that had just been chopped out which had suffered severely while unchopped cotton escaped, and in other cases he heard of the killing of chopped cotton and the escape of crops that were as yet unchopped. Numar-Mr.J. J.Gaulden, of the Delphos and the escape of crops that were as yet unchopped. Numerous blackened cotton stalks were brought into Rock Hill on Wednesday. A postal card from Filbert says that the damage along R. F. D. No. 1, will amount to only about 3 per cent.

The Mayes Manufacturing Company of Charlotte have taken out a charter to operate a cotton mill, capital \$100,000.

#### BIG STICK KILLS A TRUST.

Western Paper Combine's End-Government Secures Abject Surrender in Suit Belore Federal Court at St. Paul.

Charlotte Observer St. Paul, Minn., May 21.-The United States government today secared an unconditional surrender in the United States Circuit Court before Judge

Sanborn, in the suit which the Attorney General began on December 27, 1904, to dissolve a combination between the General Paper Company and 23 other defendants on the ground that an agreement had been en-tered into by the defendants in restraint of inter-State com-

merce.

Attorney Kellog, for the government, and Attorney Flanders, for the defendants, appeared before Judge Sasborn sitting as a circuit judge and Mr. Kellog moved that the mandate from the United States Supreme Court affirming the order that the reluctant witnesses was tastif by Sled United States must testify be filed. Judge Sanborn ordered the mandate filed.

The witnesses then appeared before the United States examiner and offered to testify. The defendants then withdrew their answers. Mr. Kellog announced that the government did not care to examine the witnesses and moved for a decree in favor of the government. Judge Sanborn ordered that the decree be entered for the government for the relief prayed and that the decree be settled on June 16.

The three witnesses who had refused to testify, namely, C. I. McNair, of the Northwestern Paper Company; A. C. Bossard, of the Itasca Paper Company, and F. B. Nelson, of the Hennepin Paper Company, paid \$100 fine assessed against them for contempt of cour for refusing to answer the questions put to them at a former hearing. SAYS PUBLISHERS HAVE KILLED

GOLDEN-EGG GOOSE. Menasha, Wis., May 11,— George A. Whiting, first vice president of the General Paper Company, to-day said that the company will now dissolve. "The newspaper publishers will find to their cost that they

have killed the goose that laid the golden egg," declared Mr. Whiting. "The General Paper Company was an organization formed legitimately as a natural means for properly conducting the business of the companies

comprising it.
"You will doubtless hear a good many rumors about what we are likely to do. I do not know at this time whether one company will be formed or not to combine all the mills under one management. There have been a great many plans sug-

## / A Short Campaign.

Laleigh News and Observer. The Winston Sentinel argues The Winston Sentinel argues in favor of a short campaign this year. That is a sensible argument. With no Presidential election and no great issues that need long elaboration and discussion, no political meetings of cussion, no political meetings of any character ought to have been held until August. It was a mistake for the State conven-tion to have been called until the latter part of August or the early part of September. The people are very busy and prefer to have conventions late and campaigns short, sharp and de-

# Bryan Will Ron If Nocessary.

Chicago, May 11—A dispatch from St. Louis says:

M. C. Wetmore, of this city, a personal friend of W. J. Bryan, yesterday received from Mr. Bryan, who is in Egypt, a letter in which he says:

"I am satisfied that the things that here here fighting for are

I have been fighting for are growing, but who will be most available in 1908 is a question that cannot be answered now. I shall not do anything to secure another nomination and do not

want it noiess circumstances seem to demand it."

This is the first authoritative statement of Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the presidency is 1908.

The letter is personal and his comment on the national situation is the more interesting to the public from the fact that it is a frank atterance of a party leader to a confidential friend.

A meion growers association has been incorporated at Max-ton, in Robeson county, with a capital stock of \$25,000 author-ised and \$7,500 paid in. A. J. McKinnon, J. S. McRea and others are interested.

#### DEFENDING AN OLD PRIEND.

Old Time Pot-Liquor was The Essence of Ecotocy-Should not be Discouraged by Boards of Health.

Dr. Oppenheimer, president of the Richmond board of health, in his published ex-planation of the heavy death rate among the colored people bere, undertakes to speak in disbere, undertakes to speak in dis-respectful and derogatory terms of a most cherished, delightful and isspiring liquid. He says that the colored children of tender years are fed largely on pot liquor and seems to imply that this may account for some of the excess of mortality among them. We do not know whether Dr. Oppenheimer is old enough to recollect and realize the merits of this glorious beverage, food and solace. Some of us, however, recall its delights af-ter many long years of estrangenowever, recall its delights af-ter many long years of estrange-ment and separation. Nothing that the most luxurious and bountiful plantations could pro-duce was equal in taste or com-forting power to the pot liquor and bacon rhinds found in the and bacon rhinds found in the kitchen or quarters. Broad tables covered with soft old damask and decorated with willow-ware and family silver were all very well for the grown people, but the plantation child slipped away guiltily and gleefully and with utmost speed of short legs hied to a greasy cabin to taste the surreptitious delights of pot liquor straight, of corn bread—oh, rapture upspeakable! perhaps with cracklings in itl—soaked in pot liquor, of the crisp tough triumings from the ham. Nothing else ever tasted so good, with a possible reservation in favor of the brown and ashed pig tail at hog killing time.

One of the deprivations of the present order of things is that the white child of to-day, even living in the country, is brought up to maturity unconscious of

living in the country, is brought up to maturity unconscious of the bliss of pot liquor. Com-pared with it the fancy, richly flavored soups of the great botels are poor, tastless and without nourishment. Why should Dr. nourishment. Why should Dr. Oppenheimer turn up his modern scientific nose at this most admirable and time honored refreshment, about which the the memory of his elders delights to linger lovingly? The little darkies who lived on it largely were fat, sleek and happy and their black skins fairly shone and glistened while their gleaming teeth were ever in evidence in ready grins, evidences of good humor and good health. Pot humor and good health. Pot liquor developed generation after generation of boys who grew into big, strong, kindly and masterful men, of bad little girls who became strong and adorable women and the mothers of large families of distinguished soms and charming daughters. It was the essence of ecstacy, the cul-mination of luxury, the combi-nation of all the elements re-quired for health and growth quired for health and growth and happiness. It tasted good, it felt good, it was good. We object to disparagement of it. It has passed away from the life of the Southern child along with the feudal peace and the tranquil, howely pleasures of the old plantation. Now we have patented breakfast foods and changing codes of cuisine and do not even know the minor joys of sop from the apare rib dish poured on hominy. But that is no reason why the president of the Richmond board of health should be allowed to speak in disparaging disrespect of an old and dear and time-honored friend of Southern people who were children and now are growing old and learning to look backward more and more as the years go by.

#### California Fruit Crop Big.

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Charlots News.

San Francisco, May 10.—Prospects are good for large fruit shipments to the East in the season which has just opened. Fully 7,000 cars of green truit and grapes will be sent east of the Rocky Mountains before the season closes next fall. This volume of business will mean between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 to the California orchard owners.

owners.

The cherry crop throughout the state is excellent, and shipments are going forward rapidly. The peach, pear and apple crops promise large yields. Grapes also give great promise. Apricot and prunes do not promise so well.

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