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SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARIES.

A Light Vote Throughout the State—The Reformers Will Have a Large Majority in the Convention—Edgefield's Distinguished Delegation.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 30.—The primary election called by the Irby State executive committee to select candidates for delegates to the State constitutional convention, which meets on September 10th, was held throughout the State to-day. The election was controlled in the different counties by local issues and arguments. In most counties the conservatives abstained from voting and the vote was light throughout the State. Several counties divided their delegates equally among the factions. The most notable delegation selected is from Edgefield, consisting of Senator B. R. Tillman, Congressman Talbert, State Senator R. B. Watson, Lieutenant Governor Timmerman. Reformers; ex-Governor J. C. Sheppard, Conservative, and ex-Congressman Geo. D. Tillman, running as the representative of neither action. Governor Evans will be sent as a delegate from Aiken county. The Reformers will have a large majority in the convention. In several counties the Conservatives will have tickets in the general election.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

S. L. DOSHER, Observer.
Charlotte, N. C., July 30, 1895, 8 p. m.

BAROM	TEMP.	WEATHER.	PRECIPITATION.
29.90	77	Cloudy	Trace

Maximum 81; minimum, 73.
Corresponding date last year: Maximum, 84; minimum, 68.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For North Carolina: Fair, preceded by showers in early morning; cooler winds becoming northerly.

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YOU pass through the longest tunnel this side of the Rockies on the Asheville excursion. Go and take your best girl.

FOR RENT—7-room house; 307 E. 6th street. F H. Andrews.

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VANSTORY & OSBORN will receive next Saturday, August 3rd, in Greensboro, N. C., a carload of the finest Kentucky horses ever shipped South, consisting of saddlers, single drivers, combined horses and matched pairs of the highest styles and qualities. Come and see them if you want something extra fine.

GET in the crowd that will go to Asheville on August 16.

IF you are willing to invest $500 to $50,000 in a home or other property, call and see me. A. D M. Osborne.

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BIBLE ASSEMBLY GOES TO ATLANTA.

The President of the Exposition Invites Them—Lectures—Bible Study in Colleges.

ASHEVILLE, July 30.—At the meeting of the Southern Biblical Assembly today, an invitation received from ex-Governor Northen, for the assembly to attend the Atlanta Exposition in October for a time not specified, was favorably discussed by Drs. Shearer, Otts, Gilbert and others. Rev. J. L. White, of Macon, Ga., extended an invitation in the name of his State, if the Assembly came as an orthodox body, but said they did not want a religious menagerie patterned after the Chicago Parliament of Religions. A motion to accept the invitation was carried and a committee of ways and means was appointed to see if money could be raised to meet the expenses.

Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S C., delivered a very able address last night in the First Baptist church to an immense audience—subject, "Samson." To-night Dr. H. A. White, of Washington and Lee University, Virginia, spoke on "Samuel, the Founder of the School of Prophets." The college faculty conference is preparing a report on the study of the Bible in denominational colleges and State institutions, which will be published to-morrow. Peter Von Mamreov, a native of Jerusalem, delivered an illustrated lecture on the farmers of Palestine.

PROBABLY TWO DEATHS.

An Experimental Fire Alarm Results in Serious Injuries.

CAMDEN, N. J., July 30.—After a lengthy meeting last night the Camden fire commissioners walked down to Sixth and Royden streets and turned in an experimental alarm from the box located there. They wanted to test the promptness of the department. Companies Nos. 1 and 2 responded to the alarm at break-neck speed. The hose-cart from No. 1 company turned wildly from Broadway into Royden street, and its momentum sent it careening completely over. Two men were buried under it. They were Assistant Chief Samuel Busine and Wilkins Bromley, the driver. A third rider, Hoseman Wm. B. Jones, was thrown clear and escaped serious injury. The other two men were hauled out and sent to their homes in a patrol wagon. Both are so badly injured that they may die.

HOW THE NEW PARLIAMENT STANDS

The Conservatives in the Lead and the Parnellites in the Rear.

LONDON, July 30.—The returns from the elections in the east division of Donegal and the south division of Londonderry were announced to-day. The former elected Arthur O'Connor, Nationalist, and the latter Sir T. Lea, Unionist. Both sat in the last Parliament, so there is no change in the representation from those constituencies.

But one election is to take place now, that in Orkney and Shetland. It will not occur until the 6th of August, but as a Liberal was chosen in that district in the last election by 1,003 majority, it is fair to assume that the next member will be a Liberal also. Therefore, giving that seat to the Liberals, the new Parliament will be composed of 338 Conservatives, 73 Liberal-Unionists, 117 Liberals, 70 McCarthyites and 14 Parnellites.

DEATH FROM APPENDICITIS.

Chief Gillespie, of the General Land Office, the Victim.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—R. B. Gillespie, of Gallatin, Tenn., chief of the public lands division, General Land Office, died this morning of appendicitis. Mr. Gillespie was taken ill suddenly Saturday evening and an operation was to have been performed but blood poison set in, rendering an operation impossible. He was a single man. Congressman Benton McMillin, of Tennessee, was with him during his last hours. A committee of officials of the General Land Office took charge of the remains and will accompany them to his home in Tennessee to-night. Mr. Gillespie was one of the first appointees in the land office under this administration and was one of the most efficient officials in the service.

ATTEMPT TO POISON A FAMILY.

Thieves Enter a House, Steal Cooked Provisions and Put Poison in the Soda.

Correspondence of the Observer.

ARLINGTON, July 30.—Thieves broke into Mr. Ambrose Dulin's smoke-house the other night and helped themselves to country hams.

Mr. Richard Forbis, who lives between here and Matthews, locked up his house and he and his family went to church. On returning home they found the house had been entered, things turned upside down and all the cooked provisions eaten. The inhuman beings did worse, still: they hid poison in the soda. After dinner was prepared and eaten the whole family was taken sick. Dr. DeArmond, who lives near, administered the proper remedy and all are out of danger.

The Nicaragua Canal Commission in Secret Session.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The members of the Nicaragua Canal commission met this morning at their headquarters in the army building. The members of the committee present to-day were Col. Wm. Ludlow, Commander M. T. Endicott and Civil Engineer Alfred Noble, of Chicago. The commission will sit every day for some time and their deliberations are secret. It will be a few days before they get down to earnest work on their report and will occupy all their time between now and November 1st, on which date it will have to be presented to President Cleveland.

The Striking Tailors Will Resume Work To-Day—Agreement Signed.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The backbone of the strike of the Brotherhood of Tailors is apparently broken. All day the settlement committee of the brotherhood was busy with contractors signing the new agreement, which displaces the piece work system, and in its place creates a weekly scale of wages. More than 60 contractors have signed the new agreement. These are the leading contractors of the city and they employ from 15 to 50 workmen each. As a result nearly 2,000 tailors will resume work to-morrow.

Crowell Compromises His Case on Easy Terms.

Special to the Observer.

NEWTON, July 30.—Dr. Lester Crowell, who was at the last term of Catawba court convicted of seduction under promise of marriage, has succeeded in compromising the case by paying Miss Etta Propst $1,000 and securing all costs, which agreement was assented to by the solicitor and the judge presiding. It is the general opinion that Crowell is a lucky man in being able to affect such a compromise.

A White Boy Foully Murdered.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 30.—A special from Summerville to the News and Courier says: Rumors are current here this evening of a white boy having been foully murdered by a negro, near Mt. Holly. The boy's clothes, which were found in the possession of his suspected murderer, have been brought here. Searching parties are out trying to find the boy's body and capture the alleged murderer, who, it is stated, has taken to the swamps.

DR. GRISSOM IN AN ASYLUM.

HAD BECOME A MORPHINE HABITUE.

An Assignment in Raleigh—Williams, Hood & Co. Buy a Big New Stock of Goods There—Wake County Getting Educated in the Matter of Good Roads—A Ball Game in Which Four Players Were Put Out at Once—There is to Be a Tournament at the State Fair.

Special to the Observer.

RALEIGH, July 30.—Last Friday a thief stole and carried off a horse belonging to Rev. Dr. J. B. Bobbitt. To-day the man was arrested at Goldsboro and Deputy Sheriff Brooks at once went there after him.

At 11:15 to-day twelve car-loads of white excursionists, containing about 900, arrived here from points on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad below Fayetteville. Very few of the excursionists had ever seen Raleigh and they enjoyed themselves greatly.

At the game of ball here yesterday between Raleigh and Wilmington colored teams there was a remarkable play in which four players were put out at once. The crowd at the grounds was the largest ever seen there.

The Agricultural Department will issue 20,000 copies of the August Bulletin, containing statistics regarding cotton and woolen mills, etc. Material in the shape of reports from the various counties, is pouring in and the report will contain a mass of valuable information.

Road Supervisor McMackin tells me the complete cost of 24-feet roads here is $1,600 per mile. The Hillsboro road is now complete three and a half miles and is one of the finest thoroughfares in the State. The country people, who two years ago cried out at the new idea of paying taxes for roads, are now of one mind, Supervisor McMackin says, in desiring to be taxed. Every day they talk to him about this matter. The leaven is certainly working.

The foundation of the new building at the Agricultural and Mechanical College is laid and the walls are going up.

At a meeting of the State Fair executive committee it was decided that there should be a tournament, probably on Friday, the last day of the fair. A committee composed of Charles J. Johnston, A. A. Thompson and C. G. Latta was appointed to request of the railroads the rate of one cent per mile. Much pressure will be brought to bear to secure this rate. In fact the railroad people, after the 20th of May experience, ought not to need any urging to make that rate.

Dr. Eugene Grissom, who was for 25 years the superintendent of the insane asylum, and who has for several years lived in Colorado, is now at an asylum at Denver, under treatment for the morphine habit.

One of the trustees of the Baptist Woman's University tells me that work, which stopped last week will be resumed September 1. Thus far $6,000 has been expended. This is the first payment. There will be five more payments. Each one will be met, so there will be no debt. The trustees will pay as they go.

S. B. Norris & Co. have sold their large new stock of dry goods and ladies' furnishing goods to Williams, Hood & Co., of Charlotte, and the latter firm has its men here packing the goods for shipment. The firm had not been in business long.

Deputy Collector E. A. Moffitt reports the seizure of a 50-gallon illicit distillery in Montgomery county, owned by Hall and Luther, who escaped arrest.

The gentlemen who are to conduct the civil service examination here August 3d say that only ten or twelve persons so far show that they will be before the board. There was quite a lively demand for blanks, but it appears that most of those who sent for these are afraid to stand the examination.

Thus far about one hundred makers of fruit and grape brandy have given bonds in this district, and it is expected that about 400 more will file bonds.

It is said by people from Montgomery county that young Tucker, who murdered the handcuffed colored prisoner in Montgomery county, walked to Fair Bluff, 60 miles away, got funds from his father and then went to Florida. It is said by a member of his family that he went to Cuba and has joined the insurgents. This may, however, be a mere fiction. It is said Tucker's relatives have secured counsel to appear for him in case he was apprehended and tried for his horrible crime. It seems that no application for a reward for his arrest has been made.

Lion Blake, a white man who over four years ago was sentenced to a three years' sentence to the roads here for larceny, but who soon afterwards escaped, has surrendered himself and is now at work. He said he was "tired of scrating."

James W. Tufts, of Boston, who has bought 5,000 acres of land two miles from Southern Pines, has put 150 men at work there, preparing the land for settlement, and advertises for 200 carpenters to put up buildings which he is to rent to Northern settlers.

H. F. Smith & Co., cigar and tobacco dealers here, assigned to-day to S. F. Mordecai, for the benefit of creditors. Assets and liabilities are not stated.

Two Appointments.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 30.—Dr. George B. Fowler has been appointed by Governor Morton to the State Board of Health as the commissioner representing the city of New York. He succeeds Dr. Cyrus Edson, who recently resigned from the board.

Mrs. Samuel Spencer, of New York city, has been appointed by the Governor on the commission to represent the State of New York at the coming Cotton States Exposition to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

Yellow Fever Raging in Cuba and Cholera in Japan.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—According to reports received by the Marine Hospital Service, the yellow fever is making largely increased ravages among the people of Cuba. The medical inspector at Havana states that in the week ended July 25th there were 70 new cases in that city and 23 deaths.

From Osaka and Hiogo, Japan, comes the report that in the week ended July 6th there were 104 new cases of cholera with 79 deaths.

Plans to Assassinate the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 30.—An extensive conspiracy has been discovered among the priests of the Seminary and University of Kieff, aiming at the introduction of a plan of greater freedom of attack upon the prevailing system of nepotism in governmental positions, and it is also stated that the discovery has been made that the students' union in the University of Moscow are planning to assassinate the Czar.

Bar Iron Increased $2 Per Ton.

DETROIT, Mich., July 30.—The Merchants' Iron Association, composed of representatives of twenty-two firms west of Pittsburg, met at the Hotel Cadillac to-day and held a secret session. The meeting was harmonious and it was agreed that some arrangement should be made for increasing the price of bar iron. Accordingly the price was advanced $2 per ton. This was the only business transacted. The action will go into immediate effect.

RETURNED AFRICAN COLONISTS.

They Bring a Wretched Story of the Distress of Companions Left Behind—Many Died of Fever and Others Starved to Death—Dead Animals and Snakes as Food.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 30.—At the Wayfarers' Lodge, Lombard street, homesick and destitute, are three negroes of Arkansas, who have just returned from Liberia, whither they went as colonists some months ago. Of nearly a hundred companions some are said to have died of starvation and others are eking out a wretched existence in Africa. The three men are Jefferson county, Arkansas, farmers. Frank Shelton has a wife and four children there; J. R. Tucker has a family, and Ebenezer Russell, unmarried.

They say the International Migration Society, of Birmingham, Ala., offered 25 acres of land to every colonist and used as endorsement the name of Bishop H. M. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga. The subscribers were required to pay $41 in advance installments and their passage to Savannah. In return they were to be given their passage, food and the land on arrival. The ship sailed in March for Monrovia with 97 colonists, who were in the care of the society's secretary. The men declare they were simply dumped ashore and allowed to shift for themselves. A score of their comrades died of climate fever and some, it was reported, perished by starvation. Work could not be secured and the flesh of dead animals and snakes was seized upon with avidity for food. Shelton and his two neighbors saw no hope for them in the colony and succeeded in obtaining passage to Liverpool and thence to Philadelphia. They expect help from Arkansas which will enable them to return to their homes.

A SERIOUS DISRUPTION AVOIDED.

The Railroads Agree to Withdraw Reduced Rates Announced Monday—A Conference at New York.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—A temporary truce has been patched up between the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company, whose steamers ply between Baltimore and Savannah and Baltimore and Boston, and the Ocean Steamship Company, which operates steamers between New York, Philadelphia and Savannah, and a serious disruption in the Southern freight rate situation has been avoided for the time being. Both companies have withdrawn the reduced rates announced yesterday and will not renew the fight pending the adjustment of matters having an indirect bearing on the present dispute. This action was taken at the request of the Southern Railway Company, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line and other roads that would have become involved.

A conference will be held at New York this evening, but it is doubtful if anything will be accomplished as several representatives of the lines concerned will be unable to attend

TRIED FOR VIOLATING GAME LAWS

The Minimum Penalty $135,000 Fine and the Verdict Guilty.

CHICAGO, July 30.—H. Clay Merritt was tried yesterday before Justice Pyle at Kewanee, Ill., on a charge of violation of the game laws. The prosecution, which is in charge of the State warden, was instituted by sportsmen's associations. The defendant admits having in his possession 27,060 game birds. If the illegality of this is proved the minimum fine is $135,300 and the maximum $676,500. Many sportsmen were present as well as several cold-storage dealers who have establishments similar to Merritt's in Chicago and elsewhere. The decision was reserved until to-day. It was rendered this morning, finding the defendant guilty of the illegal sale of wild game. In his remarks the court stated that the law clearly justified the decision. Merritt immediately filed notice of appeal and his bond was fixed at $10,000.

All Well With the Indians and Settlers.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—General Coppinger has been heard from. The following dispatch from the headquarters Department of the Platte, Omaha, was received by General Schofield at army headquarters this morning:

MARKET LAKE, July 29.—A courier who arrived at Market Lake this morning reports that when he left General Coppinger's troops last night, information had just been brought in by a runner from Marysvale that all was quite there. The Lemhi agent telegraphs that only three of his Indians are supposed to be in the Jackson Hole country, and that there is no indication that others will join the uprising there.

The Settlers Still Alarmed.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 30.—A dispatch from Market Lane, dated this morning, states that there has been no collision for the past few days with the Indians, but that the settlers are in a state of constant alarm. The troops now on the ground are expected to hold the situation well in hand except in isolated cases where individual settlers who have not had warning may be attacked.

The Enterprise Mill Declares a Dividend of 8 Per Cent

AUGUSTA, Ga., July 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Enterprise Cotton Mill to-day a dividend of 8 per cent. was declared, payable July, 1896. This is out of the surplus earnings of the mill and distinct from the regular dividend.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

The Keystone National Bank, of West Superior, Wis., was yesterday taken charge of by C. H. Brush, national bank examiner.

News was received late last night of a disastrous fire in progress at Thomson, Ga. The depot and a business block were consumed. No particulars can be obtained.

An unprecedented fall of rain in the southeast of Kansas yesterday morning, flooded the streams and wrought destruction of life and property. In seven hours 4.2 inches fell at Fort Scott and the city is inundated.

Edith, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Goodrich, of Sanford, Fla., accidentally killed herself yesterday afternoon by falling upon the broken handle of a parasol. The sharp end of the stick penetrated her lung.

Simon Wormser, 70 years old, a member of the well known banking firm of Wormser Brothers, whose offices are at 15 Broad street, New York, was found dead on the stoop of No. 70 East Sixty-sixth street, shortly before 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Wormser lived at 836 Fifth avenue.

Joseph Barthel, a Chicago manufacturer of shoe uppers, was to have appeared at the Harrison street station yesterday morning on a charge of having received stolen property, but the disgrace broke his heart and he hanged himself in his shop on Randolph street at an early hour.

Brookside, a mining camp, twenty miles west of Birmingham, Ala., was the scene of a bloody race riot yesterday. Two deputy sheriffs are known to be killed and it is said that half a dozen negroes were shot, four or seven fatally. The town is in a state of panic and the telegraph operator, the only source of information, is locked in his office, too frightened to go outside to obtain details.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE CASES

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING BEGUN.

A Son-in-Law of One of the Defendants Starts in As a Judge But is Made to Come Down—The First Case That of a Feeble Beggar Who Was Insured for $9,000 a Few Months Before His Death—There Are Twenty-five Cases in All

Special to the Observer.

ATLANTIC HOTEL, MOREHEAD CITY, July 30.—The famous Beaufort life insurance conspiracy trial opened in preliminary hearing here to-day before Justice of the Peace W. W. Willis and Associated Justice McCain, with an imposing array of distinguished legal counsel on both sides. The trial warrant was issued by Justice Allen C Davis, but the defense swore out a removal of the case from before him, and Justice Willis was selected to preside with Justice Joshua Dennis as associate.

The case was then stated by the plaintiff and the charges specified and the witnesses sworn. At this stage of the trial it developed that Associate Justice Dennis was the son-in-law—a fact that had been adroitly withheld—of the arch conspirator Hassel. This precipitated a lengthy and spirited argument pro and con between the counsel, but resulted finally by Dennis withdrawing under heavy fire and McCain was selected. The case then opened de novo and the charges alleged by the plaintiff against the defendants. The bar and court room were packed with the large number of defendants, the larger number of witnesses, and scores of interested spectators. There are twenty-five cases of alleged fraudulent graveyard insurance pending at this trial with as many individual defendants and with G. R. Hassell and Noe, Delmar & Co., insurance agents, and Drs. T. B. Delmar and E. L. Perkins, examining physicians, figuring as the arch-conspirators in every case.

The first case called was that involving the policies issued on the life of one Charles Arthur, a street beggar now deceased, who in his application for insurance through the above agencies and in the examinations of the above physicians was represented to be a man of sound constitution, good health and splendid hereditary record; whereas in truth and in fact, as sworn to by witnesses who knew him intimately and constantly, he was a walking skeleton at the time of said applications and examinations and had been for more than two years previous afflicted with bowel consumption constantly and of which complaint he died within a few months after the issuance of said insurance policies, aggregating more than $9,000, and of which it is said he knew nothing, his applications, signatures and physical examinations being forgeries by the said agents and physicians aforesaid and their conspirators, necessary to the required proofs of death in order to secure payment of assured's policies.

At this stage of the trial, pending a spirited argument of counsel as to the admissability of certain evidence bearing on the allegation of conspiracy, the court adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

LAST LINK IN THE CHAIN.

The Coil So Tightly Drawn Around Mrs Mack, the Counterfeit Stamp Dealer, That Escape is Impossible—She Fainted When Informed of the Proofs.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 30.—The last link in the chain of evidence that for months the United States Secret Service has been binding about Mrs. Mary T. McMillan, alias Mrs. Mack, the notorious stamp counterfeiter, who is now in the Erie county jail, was forged last Saturday in Postmaster Baker's private office, where a satchel belonging to the woman was opened and found to contain 28,000 counterfeit stamps, excellently made and done up in five original packages. For two months Secret Service men have been searching Buffalo for the valise, and its finding was one of the cleverest pieces of detective work done in Buffalo in years. With nothing except the fact that Mrs Mack visited the American Express office with a grip early in the morning, to work upon, the officers after two months work discovered its hiding place and Inspector A. Shea, of New York city, now has the stamps in his possession. It was found on the terrace in the possession of a well-known Buffalonian of ill-repute who may prove to be an important member of the big counterfeiting gang. His connection with the nefarious work is being run down and for that reason his name is withheld. One important development in the case in the discovery that for a time the gang arrested in Chicago and Hamilton worked in this city. They were suspected by a local deputy marshal of counterfeiting coin and he had made ready to raid them, but in some manner they learned of his plans and fled to new fields. I was a few days before her arrest in the spring that Mrs Mack came over from Hamilton to Buffalo and asked at the American Express office for certain packages addressed to her. She got them and putting them in a big satchel disappeared. No one saw her after that in Buffalo and after her arrest detectives discovering from Chicago that stamps had been sent her, were puzzled as to what she did with them.

When Mrs. Mack was told that the stamps had been found she fainted in her cell and the matron had hard work reviving her. So long as the stamps were undiscovered she could not be directly connected with the Chicago counterfeiters. Now, however, her last hope of escape has gone.

The work done by these counterfeiters was almost perfect. The only way in which the fraud could be discovered was by a careful comparison of the color of the good and bad stamps, the counterfeits being a shade too light.

Tried for Poisoning Her Husband and Acquitted.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 30.—Mrs. May Spivey, who has been on trial here for several days on the charge of having poisoned her husband, was acquitted to-night on preliminary trial before a justice. Mr. Spivey died some seven weeks ago after a four days' illness. Rumors had it that he had been poisoned with morphine. On a coroner's inquest his body was disinterred and the vital parts sent to the State chemist at Auburn for analysis. The chemist reported that he could find no traces of morphine in the parts. The preliminary trial came up yesterday and after a great mass of evidence had been adduced, the justice rendered his verdict as above.

The Pennsylvania Orders 56,000 Tons of New Steel Rails.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 30.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-day placed an additional order for 9,000 tons of steel rail at $24 per ton, which makes a total of 56,000 tons recently ordered. The order will build about 80 miles of track. This new lot is principally intended for the new bridge over the Delaware river, which is rapidly approaching completion and for the approaches and the new connecting line and sidings in New Jersey from the bridge to the main line. It is also intended for renewals and for new tracks on the main line.

Another Advance.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 30.—The employes of the woolen mills of J. & S. Lee and H. C. Jones & Co., numbering 300 hands, have been notified of a 10 per cent. advance in wages, to take effect next Monday.

HEAD CHOPPED WHILE ASLEEP.

His Wife Tries to Shoot the Foul Fiend While He Chops—No Clue—A Mysterious Affair.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 30.—A special to the Times-Union from MacClenny, Fla., says:

G. W. Craig, living about one mile south of this place, was chopped in the head last night about 11 o'clock while lying in bed asleep.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Craig retired at their usual bed-time, Mr. Craig lying on the back of the bed against the wall. Mr. Craig soon fell asleep but Mrs. Craig, being unwell, could not sleep. About 11 o'clock Mrs. Craig says she heard some one moving under the bed. She sprang up and ran into the hall. As she returned she says she heard some one strike a blow and heard a moan. When she got back to the door of the bed-room she saw a man standing over the bed and saw him strike Craig a second blow on the head. She tried to shoot him but the pistol failed to fire. After striking Mr. Craig the second time the man jumped out of the window and fled. Mrs. Craig went to her daughter's room and told her that Mr. Craig had been struck in the head and was badly hurt. Neither of the parties left the house or gave any alarm until after daylight this morning.

Mr. Craig was struck on the right side of the head in two places with a blunt instrument, apparently a dull hatchet. One gash is 3½ inches and the other 2½ inches long, laying open the skull so that the brain protruded, and he also has a bad bruise on his right eye. Dr. Taylor is attending him, but says he has no hope of his living until morning.

Sheriff Pons is using every effort to ferret out the perpetrator of this foul crime. There is something very mysterious about the affair, as it has been utterly impossible to find any trace of the party who committed the deed outside of the house, either the way he came or went or, any blood stains in the bed-room.

STRICTLY A GORMAN AFFAIR.

The Maryland Democratic State Convention Meets To-Day and the Boys are Waiting for Orders.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 30.—Senator Gorman is keeping everybody in suspense. A great crowd of politicians and their friends thronged the corridors and committee rooms of the Carrollton Hotel throughout the day and night discussing the situation and waiting for Mr. Gorman to indicate his favorite for Governor; but up to a late hour the word had not been passed down the line. Within twelve hours the Democratic State convention will have been called to order and no one but Gorman seems to know whether the nominee will be Hayes, or Jones, or Smith, or Hurst, or Fisher or some one else. It is estimated that at least 75 of the 117 delegates will do Senator Gorman's bidding and many of them openly assert that they are only waiting for instructions. Whoever the Gorman candidate may be they will vote for him when the time comes.

The man who holds the destinies of the convention in his hands spent the day at the hotel but maintained his placid silence and no one could get a word out of him to indicate what he intends to do to-morrow.

DUPLICITY WHICH DID NOT PAY.

The Rebels Repulsed With Loss—The Attacks Renewed and Buildings Burned.

HAVANA, July 30.—A dispatch from Santiago de Cuba says that on July 28th the insurgent bands under Jose Maceo and Louis Bonet intimated to the detachment of Spanish troops garrisoning the fort at Ti Arriba that they would surrender. Under this subterfuge they approached the fort and attacked it, but were repulsed with a loss of six killed and many wounded. The government troops had two men wounded. In the course of the night the rebels renewed their attack on the fort and during the fight set fire to several houses in the village, which were destroyed. Shortly after daybreak on the following morning a column of troops under Col. Seguras appeared upon the scene when the insurgents dispersed. The troops pursued but with what result is not known.

Catholic Priests Take Steps to Close Catholic Breweries.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 30.—Bishop Phelan, of the Pittsburg diocese of the Catholic Church, will this week receive a petition from the priests of his district asking that he take some action to close the big breweries of the St. Vincent Brotherhood at Latrobe. The priests have long regarded the smoking stacks of the Loretto breweries with disfavor. During the retreat at Loretto, which came to a close last week, the matter was brought to a crisis by the determination that the priesthood should not be tarnished any longer by the liquor business if their petitions would avail. The brew of St. Vincent has become famous, particularly in the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Met to Fix Exposition Rates But Had to Adjourn.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 30.—The Southern Passenger Agents' Association held an important meeting to-day on Lookout Mountain. About thirty general passenger agents were present, representing every road in the association, but the prime business of the conference, which was to fix the rates that should prevail during the Atlanta Cotton States Exposition, was a failure, owing to the absence of the invited representatives of Northern lines. Only one agent, Chas. Stone, of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, was present from north of the Ohio river. Adjournment was taken till August 6th, at Chicago, when exposition rates will be finally fixed.

Twenty Convicts Attempt to Escape, But Fail.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 30.—About 20 negro convicts at work in the mines of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company at Coalburg, made an attempt to escape last evening but were foiled and one of them was shot down by a guard. The convicts had discovered a weak spot in the walls of the mine and had cut a tunnel to the side of the mountain through which the attempt was made to escape. A negro named Brasfield was the leader and alone succeeded in getting outside. He was hailed by a guard three times but refused to halt and was shot down. He will recover.

A Deputy Sheriff and Constable Killed.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 30.—The two horse thieves, Colfran and George, who escaped from officers here on Friday, were detected at Wahsatch, near Evanston, Wyoming, this morning. On being commanded to surrender, they fired, instantly killing Deputy Sheriff Dawers, of Evanston, and Constable Stagg, of Wahsatch. An armed posse is in pursuit.

A Great Gold Find in Colorado.

VICTORIA, Col., July 30.—A vein of ore was struck in the Independence Mine here to-day that is believed to be the richest lode ever found in any mine in the country, if not in the world. The body of ore was found at a point where two veins meet and the width warrants the statement that there are millions of dollars worth of ore, assaying $140 to the ton, now in sight.

REGULATION SIZE

For Briefs, Few of Them Go Beyond the Limits of Word or Line.

—The city of drives—Charlotte.

There are three or four more magistrates to qualify.

—The session of Catawba College, Newton, opens Tuesday next.

—Mail Carriers Hawkins and Powell return to work to-morrow