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Mad dogs are causing excitement in some parts of Cabarrus county.

Editor Farris, of the Enterprise, will publish a daily paper in High Point.

The Southern is said to be dropping negro firemen and substituting white men in their places. The company is said to have too many engineers, and some of these will be reduced to firemen.

On the return of the Asheville excursion, near Statesville a negro threw a rock at the conductor, it missed, glanced out of the door to the platform and crushed the hand of a Mr. Stirewalt.

## BROOM RELEASED.

**The Young Man Who Killed Abram Davis Placed Under a Bond of $25--The Preliminary Hearing Held This Morning.**

The city court room Tuesday was crowded, the drawing card being the case of Andrew Broom for the killing of Abram Davis. The evidence both for the prisoner and the State showed conclusively that Broom acted in self defence; that Davis first accosted Broom, used vile language and threw two stones at him before he made any attempt to defend himself. The testimony of the witnesses all went to show that Davis was a bad man and that he courted a difficulty. He had on one or two occasions been on the chain gang and was well known in police circles.

Mayor Springs after hearing all of the evidence decided that Broom's actions were entirely justifiable and dismissed the case, binding him over only for carrying a concealed weapon.

When Mayor Springs delivered his decision in the case, the crowds that were packed in the court room expressed their approval by wild shouts and yells. It was some minutes before order was restored.

Broom gave bond in the sum of $25 for carrying concealed weapons and was given his liberty.

### SULTAN DEFIES THE POWERS.

**Refuses to Accept the Ultimatum of the European Ambassadors.**

By Telegraph to The News.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 13.—The Porte has decided not to yield to the Powers in their present demand for the possession of that part of Thessaly north of the Salembria River, making that stream the southern boundary of Turkey territory. Notwithstanding the unanimous reply of the Powers unfavorable to its demands, the Porte relies upon the inability of the European Powers to agree upon a plan of coercion. The Turkish troops will not be withdrawn from Thessaly until the European Powers force the withdrawal.

### WOMEN WORKED ON CHAIN GANG.

**Will Wear Overalls and Break Rock on the Street, as the Men Prisoners Do.**

By Telegraph to The News.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 13.—The police department of this city began toda working women in the chain gang on the streets and roads, breaking stone the same as the men prisoners. The city authorities say they consider that idleness is not a sufficient punishment for women, and they must be put at hard labor, as the men are.

The women will wear coarse overalls, and will have no skirts to impede their work.

This is probably the first time in this country that any large city has worked female prisoners on the chain gang, and public sentiment is divided on the question

### SENATOR HARRIS'S FUNERAL.

**Body Lies in State in First Methodist Church in Memphis.**

By Telegraph to The News

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 13.—The funeral train bearing the body of the late Senator Harris arrived here at 7:30 o'clock this morning. At Nashville the Washington party was joined by Governor Taylor and many state officials. The camps of Confederate veterans of the cities acted as an escort of honor to the remains.

The body was taken to the First Methodist church to lie in state throughout the morning

The remains will be interred with the formal funeral this afternoon.

**Opening of Wailes Academy.**

A correspondent writes that there has been quite an improvement in Wailes Academy, which has been renovated with a good coat of paint, inside and out, which gives it a fine appearance. It now has a belfry eleven feet high. School has just been begun by Miss Cora Edwards, the accomplished Pineville young lady who taught the last session. She had some twenty five or thirty scholars the first day.

**Dr. T. C. Walker is Insane.**

Dr. J. M. Worth, former State Treasurer, and grandfather of Dr. T. C. Walker, of Randolph county, telegraphed the News & Observer that Dr. Walker is insane and has been for sometime. He says every effort is being made by his family to locate his whereabouts and get him back home. Dr. Walker forged Dr. Worth's name to a note for $5,000.

**Ex-Minister Lothrop Dead.**

DETROIT, Mich., July 12.—George V. N. Lothrop, ex-minister to Russia, died here at 10 o'clock this morning. He was prostrated by heat a week ago, and has been unconscious most of the time since.

**Not Living With McKinley Yet.**

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Senator Hanna this morning emphatically denied the story that he intended to take up his residence at the White House.

## COAL FAMINE.

### WESTERN SHOPS SHUT DOWN FOR LACK OF FUEL.

**Railroads Confiscate Coal in Transit.—West Virginia Still Refuses to Strike.**

By Telegraph to The News.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 10.—The efforts of the leaders in the coal strike are being directed toward bringing about, if possible, the cooperation of the men in the West Virginia mines. The continuation of work in these mines is the greatest obstacle to the success of the strikers. Many who have quit work at the Ohio mines are straggling across the river and securing employment in West Virginia. The men at Dillenvale and Long Run did not return to work yesterday.

RAILROADS THREATENED.

In spite of the presence of deputy marshals for the purpose of protecting them, threats are still made by the strikers that if the railroads attimpt to handle West Virginia coal their trains will be stopped, as the coal famine in Cleveland is owing to the fact that the railroads confiscate most of the coal that comes into their hands.

Several big shops are closed for lack of fuel. A serious famine is imminent in Chicago unless the strike is settled in ten days.

### LYNCHED BY LANTERN-LIGHT.

**Brown Cringed and Begged for Mercy, But the Crowd Only Jeered.**

By Telegraph to The News.

UNION, Mo., July 10—The town is greatly excited over a lynching which occurred here early this morning. An infuriated mob of masked men took the criminal, Erastus Brown, out of jail between midnight and day.

With lighted lanterns they carried him to the outskirts of the town. A strong piece of hemp rope was tied around his neck. The mob then swung him to the limb of a huge tree. The victim cringed, wailed and begged for mercy, but the crowd only jeered at him. He died a few minutes after he was strung up.

### INSURGENTS IN HAVANA PROVINCE.

**28,000 Spaniards Sick Bank of Spain Issues 136,000,000 Pesetas Over the Limit.**

By Telegraph to The News.

MADRID, July 12.—A dispatch from Havana says two of the principal bands of Insurgents are now in the province of Havana, and that arms and ammunition have been landed at various points along the coast. Upward of twenty eight thousand Spaniards are sick, and there are seven thousand patients in the Havana hospitals. There is great scarcity of provisions owing to the delay of the authorities in making payment to contractors. The statement of the official Gazette in regard to the affairs of the Bank of Spain has caused a great deal of comment. It notes that the circulation now exceeds the amount the bank is authorized to issue by 136,000,000 pesetas.

**Senate in a Deadlock.**

By Telegraph to The News.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The Senate is in a dead lock over the question of taking up the resolution directing the President to suspend the agreement to sell the government's interest in the Union Pacific railroad. The vote shows a majority of two to one in favor of taking up the resolution, but there is no quorum present. The absent Senators are out of the city.

**Fatal Accident in the Station.**

By Telegraph to The News.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 14.—As the Philadelphia and Erie train was drawing into the train shed of the Pennsylvania railroad station this morning the front wheel of the engine struck the frog and jumped the switch crushing to death George Miller, son of the engineer, and badly injuring Fireman John Ream. The train was but slightly delayed

**Imported Workers Take Strikers' Places.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 13.—The strike in the Crescent sheet tin plate works was broken today by the importation of five hundred and forty skilled men from Pennsylvania, who were set to work. Trouble is feared.

**Proprietor of the Times Dead.**

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Frank McLaughlin, proprietor of the Philadelphia Times, died of rheumatism and gout at his residence in this city this morning.

BOSTON, July 14.—The official speed trial of the United State revenue cutter "Manning," which is scheduled off the New England coast today, is postponed until tomorrow on account of the gale.

The late W. B. Davis, who died on the train near Reidsville Saturday night, traveled for Guggenheimer & Co., of Lynchburg, Va., who had the body embalmed at Reidsville, and carried home for burial.

## READY TO GO OUT.

**West Virginia Miners are Ready to Join in the Strike.—The Militia are Prepared for Trouble.**

By Telegraph to The News.

WHEELING, W. Va, July 12.—A great change has come over the miners of this State. Operators do not disguise their intention to do their best to keep organizers from doing effective work. Meetings were held at Thacker, Elkhorn and Blue field last night, but no definite action was taken, though sympathy for the strike was expressed. Governor Atkinson and Adjutant General Appleton are preparing for trouble. Five hundred stand of arms have been secured from the government for the militia with a half million rounds of ammunition, including Gatling catridges. The militia will be used soon if there is request for them. All the commanders have been communicated with and ordered to be ready. The Cleveland, Lorraine and Wheeling railroad today began hauling West Virginia coal. No trouble is reported thus far as the strike leaders are trying to keep their men from creating any disturbance.

### 66 HOURS A WEEK'S WORK.

**No Children Under Twelve Years of Age to be Employed in the Charlotte Mills.**

George E. Wilson, Esq, made chairman of the meeting of cotton mill men at the Manufacturers' Club Friday evening, and Capt. W. S. Mallory was secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That the mills in Charlotte adopt 66 hours as a week's labor.

"Resolved, That the operatives of the mills be charged rent for houses, at the rate of 20 cents per room per week.

"Resolved that the above resolution go into effect on the first day of August next

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that we do not favor the employment in mills of any child under 12 years of age, and that we will use all proper efforts to prevent it."

The following were present: Geo. E. Wilson, president of Victor mills; Col. J. T. Anthony, president of the Alpha mills; H S Chadwick, president of the Dover and Louise mills; J P Wilson, treasurer of the Dover mills; D A Tompkins, president, and R M Miller, Jr, treasurer of the Atherton Mills; Dr. J H McAden, president of the Mc Aden mills; W T Jordan, manager of the Mountain Islands mills; P M Brown, president of the Ada mills and W S Mallory, treasurer of the Louise mills.

### NO FREE DELIVERY.

**The Southern and C. & W. C. Declare it Off in Greenville.**

Third vice president Gannon of the Southern went down to Greenville on yesterday to confer with president John B. Cleveland, of the C. & W. C., in regard to the free delivery of freight in that city. The C. & W. C. road first instituted the free delivery system in Greenville, and the Southern was forced to do the same. Now both roads are not only willing but are anxious to do away with the whole business. Greenville is about the only town in the country where railroad competition was so great that a free delivery system of freights made it necessary for railroads to adopt this unusual drawing card. THE NEWS learns that both the Southern and the C. & W. C., will discontinue at once.

Contractor Emerson, of Durham, has been awarded the contract for the building of the Southern's new freight office in Greenville. The work of construction will begin at once.

The Southern's passenger yard in Charlotte is undergoing some improvements. In front of the passenger station workmen are busily engaged levelling the grounds and generally improving the looks of the place.

Capt. J. A. Allison will begin learning the road from Charlotte to Spencer tomorrow.

### LOSS OVER $20,000.

**Greensboro Fire Thought to Have Been Caused by Negro Incendiaries.**

Monday at Greensboro Darden's shoe store, on Elm street, the Armfield, Ricks and Vickery dry goods store and the Star warehouse, a large wooden building of the most inflammable material were burned. A number of near-by buildings were seriously damaged by fire and water. The fires are supposed to be incendiary and there is great indignation at the outrage.

Persons who came from Greensboro this morning say that the loss on the stocks in the stores alone will be $20,000 to say nothing of the buildings and the loss of Mr. Pheonix. It is thought the buildings were set on fire by negroes who have been making threats since the shooting trouble some nights ago.

H. N. Goodman, of Concord, has already had corn meal made from this year's crop of corn, says the Standard.

## BLEW UP SPANISH.

### CUBANS USED DYNAMITE ON THEIR ENEMIES.

**Explosion Caused the Narrow Defile to Fall on the Soldiers--Only Three Escaped.**

By Telegraph to The News.

KEY WEST, Fla., July 10.—A dispatch from Cuba says two expeditions have been landed in the province of Pinar del Rio within the last week. A Spanish gunboat attempted to capture one, but failed.

It also states that while two hundred Spanish soldiers were passing through a defile, a band of insurgents fired a dynamite shell into their midst, which tore an immense hole in the ground and shook the walls of the Canyon so that they fell inward, burying the Spanish. Only three of the soldiers escaped.

### $3,000 A. R. P. CHURCH

**For Huntersville—2,500 Harrows to be Manufactured—Fine Prospects for the High School.**

Correspondence of the News

HUNTERSVILLE, July 13.—This section has at last had good rains, and crops are looking fine; the wheat crop is especially turning out well.

The new school law is being discussed among our people and almost every one is in favor of it.

D. R Harry and wife, of Charlotte, spent last Sunday with Dr. C. E. Walker——A. P. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, was over last week on mill business——Miss Maggie Maxwell, who was visiting her friend Miss Bec Lee Ranson, has returned to her home at Davidson——Miss Lida Adams, of Gastonia, is visiting relatives at this place.

Rev. W. W. Orr filled the A. R. P. pulpit last Sunday and Sunday night, as Mr. Boyce the present pastor, was sick.

Misses Minnie and Essie Alexander, of Gilead, are visiting the family of J. L. Choat.

"Go fishing" is now heard daily among the boys. The Catawba is the favorite spot.

Quite a number of our young folks are to go on a mountain trip soon.

'Squire W. O. Bailes, of Pineville, paid our little town a hasty visit last Saturday afternoon, returning to Charlotte on the 7:30 o'clock train. All the girls wanted to know if he was the man who could marry folks so cheap.

Mr Stephen Blankenship, of Pineville, came up Saturday afternoon on what your humble servant calls very important business. The connection on the A. T. & O. was such he stayed over until Monday, of course stopping at the "Livingston house."

Ritch and Caldwell have contracted to put up twenty five hundred harrows for next season. They manufacture the Ritch harrow.

The A. R P. people contemplate building a new church soon to cost about $3,000.

R. T. Haynes, of New York, is stopping for the summer at the Livingston house——Miss Mamie Spurrier, of Spurriers, N. C., is visiting her friend, Miss Pearl Livingston, at this place

The outlook for the Huntersville high school is very encouraging. Catalogues are being asked for from a great many States.

Your correspondent and a few more "nice fellows" had a "plum good time" on the Catawba last week fishing. We promised one half the fish for the use of net; we hope to get that half next time.

W. B. Blythe left yesterday for Hickory where he will join Prof. W. C. Crosby on a trip through the mountains.

### ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

**South Carolina Farmers to Have a Big Time in York County.**

Just across the line, over in York county, South Carolina, the big Alliance encampment which takes place annually at Tirzah will hold forth for two days this year; the 5th and 6th of August have been named as the days.

The biggest attraction this year will be the speech of Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania. On the second day Tillman is to tell the people of his good works in Washington and all about the decision of Judge Simonton in the original package case. Governor Ellerbe, Messrs. John Gary Evans and H. H. Crum and Congressmen Strait, Stokes and Wilson will also be there and speak to the people.

A number of Charlotte people will attend this meeting for there is always something of interest that transpires annually at this place.

**The Directory People in Shape.**

The Maloney directory company has adjusted matters in Columbia and the delivery of the new directories for that city begun on yesterday. The Columbia State of today says:

"Yesterday, all legal trouble about the new Maloney directories of the city of Columbia having been satisfactorily adjusted, the representatives of the company began to deliver the copies of the new directory to those in the city who had subscribed for it."

## RESERVOIRS BURST.

**The Flood Swept the Whole Valley Before It.—Residences, Brickyards and Railroad Track Swept Away Without Warning.**

By Telegraph to The News.

NEWBURG, N. Y., July 14.—A fatal accident that is a reminder of the Johnstown flood occurred near here today.

The Melzingah reservoir at Fishkill mountain, near Matteawan, has been swollen to overflowing by the recent heavy rains. This morning the reservoir burst. The water ran into a deep ravine two miles below the reservoir, near Dutchess Junction, washing away almost everything in its path. A number of buildings, private residences and a brick yard with all its buildings were washed away with a boarding house occupied by laborers. It is reported that nine of them are missing. They are supposed to have been drowned.

The flood washed away over two hundred yards of the Hudson River railway track. There were two reservoirs, one above the other. The top one burst first letting the volume of water into the lower reservoir and bursting it without warning. The flood carried everything before it.

Ten bodies have been recovered and twenty are still missing. The dead are: Mrs. Annie Perry, widow, of Dutchess, Willie Perry, her nine year old son; Mrs. John Conroy, John Conroy, her son, Julia Conroy; John Tinder, laborer; an unknown girl about fifteen years old; Peter Mulligan, Mrs. Mulligan, Elina Lowrie, and a girl about five years old. Search for the missing bodies is progressing rapidly. The district is completely stricken by the disaster. Many families are not only homeless but have lost all their earthly possessions.

### WAS THE WRONG MAN.

**Harris, the Negro Arrested Supposed to be the Rapist, Given His Liberty.**

The negro Harris who was arrested on Thursday, supposed to be the rapist wanted in Anderson, South Carolina, is not the right man. A party was up from Anderson Thursday and informed the police that they had the wrong man. Harris and his partner were at once given their liberty.

Another arrest was made in Columbia Friday. The State says:

"Yesterday afternoon at the union depot Officer Dowie arrested a mulatto negro, about 18 or 20 years of age, who seemed to almost exactly fit the description given of Chris Harris, the ravisher, for whose arrest the people of Anderson and the governor have offered rewards aggregating $500. The negro gave his name as Henry Rutherford and said he lived at Prosperity; and was on his way home from a seminary in North Carolina where he was studying for the ministry. He said he had never been in Anderson in his life. He seemed considerably confused and was sent up to the station. He was dudishly dressed and so far as the description of Harris went nine men out of every ten would have stopped him. It was not until a gentleman from Anderson, who happened to be in the city and knew Harris, the negro wanted, came to headquarters and declared as soon as he saw the fellow that he was the wrong man, that the police were convinced. Rutherford was shortly afterwards released."

### DIPHTHERIA IS RAGING.

**Just Over the Sauth Carolina Line.—Poortith Dots.**

Correspondence of the News.

POORTITH, July 14.—Refreshing showers have again greeted us, crops are looking fine and our farmers are nearly done work.

Several Poortith people attended the district conference at Waxhaw last Sunday, and report a well spent day.

That dread disease diphtheria is raging just across the South Carolina line. One death and two other cases are reported from one family.

Dr. Robert Potts is on the sick list.

Rev J. W. Siler will begin a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night; that will continue until the fourth Sunday.

Mr. John Gallant, one of Charlotte's salesmen, and Mr. Lee Gallant, of Dilworth, were here a few days ago. V. H. C.

**Our South Carolina Neighbors.**

"The best original package for you during these summer days is a gourd of sparkling water from a good spring or well. That will never give you the swell head," says the Spartan.

The total amount of shortages in the South Carolina dispensaries runs up to $16,000, and the returns are not all in.

**Heard in Other Sanctums.**

Washington Post: Hon. Bob Taylor is feeling so badly over the death of Senator Harris that he declines to discuss the appointment of a successor. Bob desires time and repose in which to think.

New York Journal: Hon. John G. Carlisle has been elected to a Kentucky convention. The convention of the Kentucky Democrats whas held some time ago.

A Concord gambling den has been raided.

## WEST VIRGINIA COAL

### WILL SUPPLY THE DEFICIT CAUSED BY THE OHIO STRIKE.

**United States Deputy Marshals to Guard Railroad Lines That Haul the West Virginia Product--Strike Situation Unchanged.**

By Telegraph to The News.

COLUMBUS, O., July 9.—It is reported from the Wheeling district that the strike situation in West Virginia is practically unchanged. No miners are out in that State, the mines are running to their full capacity and the men show no signs of going out. Thousands of tons of coal are now in the yards and on the sidetracks of the West Virginia operators. An attempt will soon be made to move this coal, which must be carried over the wheeling and Lake Erie road to Toledo. United States deputy marshals, armed with repeating rifles, are now guarding the bridges and other property of this road, Federal protection having been asked for in anticipation of violence from the striking miners in Ohio in case the company attempts to carry West Virginia coal.

The men in the Dillonvale and Long Run mines are still out.

Most of these miners are Slavs and Hungarians and the operators declare they were intimidated. An effort will be made today to escort them to work under guard of deputy marshals. There will be sure to be a conflict.

Leaders in the Pittsburg district are alarmed at the failure to induce the men in the Dearmitt mines to go out. These men have had disastrous experiences with sympathetic strikers and absolutely refuse to stop work unless they persuaded the strike in the Pittsburg district cannot be made effective.

CONFERENCE OF LABOR LEADERS

PITTSBURG, Va., July 9.—The labor leaders of all sections of the country are in town today to attend the conference of labor union officers at the Monongahela House. President Ratchford, of the united mine workers, is the central figure of this, the largest and most important gathering ever held during the wage conflict.

It is generally believed that the conference will result in a general sympathetic strike to include a million workmen, paralyzing all business so completely that capitalists will eventually be compelled to accede to their demands.

Many other Union leaders are here and they will advise ways and means to co-operate with the miners in their struggle.

### CONGRESSMAN KITCHEN PROPOSES

**An Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.**

Representative Kitchen, member of Congress from the Fifth district, has introduced an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two thirds of each House concurring therein,) That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed for ratification by legislatures in the several States, which when ratified by legislatures in three-fourths of the United States, shall be valid as a part of the said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE XVI.

"Neither Congress nor any State shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or use the property or credit of the United States, or of any State, or any money raised by taxation, or authorize either to be used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding, by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any church, religious denomination, or religious society, or any institution, society, or undertaking, which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

**Banks Killed in a Sham Battle.**

At a sham battle of the Governor's Guards at Pullen park Raleigh, G. N. Banks, a member of the Guards, who was taking part in the battle, was shot and almost instantly killed. It cannot be ascertained who is responsible for the loaded cartridge. It seems that the catridges were examined very closely before being given out by the captain and first and second lieutenants, and owing to the difference in the weight of a loaded and blank cartridge it is hard to account for the accident. No loaded cartidges have been given out by the company for over two years.

**Report from Consul Little.**

Consul Little, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, has reported to the State Department that during the recent revolution there, the Consular agents at San Pedro and Puerto Cortes were materially alded in their efforts to protect citizens of the United States in their interests by the prompt and firm support given them by the British man-of-war Intrepid, under command of Capt. Burr.

$1,400 of the $1,800 required has been subscribed for the high school at China Grove. The dormitories will accommodate fifty boys. It is to be a mixed school.

## NOT FOR HANNA.

**He Will Not Arbitrate.—Sewer Pipe Works and the Canton Railroad Close Down Indefinitely for Lack of Coal.—Strike Spreading in Some Places.**

By Telegraph to The News.

CLEVELAND, O., July 14.—Senator Hanna has refused to take part in the arbitration of the great strike. He told a delegation of leaders in Washington that while he grieved over the trouble it was causing, the matter was not one in which he could interfere.

The Summit sewer pipe works was closed today for want of fuel. Robinson Brothers' sewer pipe plant at Akron will also be idle this week unless coal can be secured, which seems unlikely at this time.

Miners in the strike are making every inducement to bring out those who are now at work in the Silver Creek sub-district.

The Cleveland, Canton and Southern Railroad, of Canton, will be compelled to shut down on account of the scarcity of coal and will remain closed until the strike is settled.

NEGRO MINERS KILLED.

DANVILLE, Ill., July 14.—The coal strikers last night attacked the negro miners here. Shots were exchanged and two men are said to have been killed. There are no further particulars.

25,000 ENGLISH ENGINEERS OUT.

LONDON, July 14.—It is now ascertained that the total number of striking engineers already out is 25,000.

### AT RIVER BEND JULY 30TH.

**Pie Eating Contest, Wheelbarrow Race, Climbing the Greased Pole; the Tournament and the Big Picnic.**

Correspondence of the News.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND, N. C., July 13.—Permit us to say through the columns of your valuable paper that our people are preparing for the greatest rally that River Bend has ever had. The day set apart is July 30th. We are going to have some of the finest speakers in the South, the names of which we will give out later. We will have a grand tournament with R E Henderson as chief manager and R W Dunn and Chas Lowe as assistants; with a large number of solicitors heretofore published. John Springs Davidson will deliver the charge and Brevard Nixon, Esq., the coronation address. Judges for tournament are: R K Davenport, Dr Chas Walker and Jackson Price; time keeper, Wm O Garner.

We will have a pie eating contest, for which we appoint as judges W F Marshal, W T Jordan and J F Reinhardt. As a premium to the one that eats the pie the quickest we offer a black Essex pig. We will give to the second quickest a cash prize.

We will have a skinned pole for which we offer to the one that gets to the top of it, a black Essex pig. R. J. Dunn, Wm. Norris, Dock Sheltonjudges. Nocheating will be allowed, and the use of sand or other assistants will be prohibited.

We will have a wheelbarrow race, for which we will blindfold the racers and the one that gets closest will get a black Essex pig. Judges, Col. D. A. Lowe, R. L. Armstrong, H, M. Jones.

Mr. W. T. Love, sheriff of Gaston county, will act as chief marshal, with all of his deputies as assistants.

We have appointed as magistrates to be on hand and have offices on ground: G. W. Bowman, E. L. Stroup, R. E. Lineberger and Cicero Harris. It is not our intention to let people come here and cut up and get away. So we ask all to behave and act so as to avoid arrest. Everybody come and bring your baskets.

ROBT. L ABERNETHY,
for the Committee.

**Lower the Taxes.**

MR. EDITOR:—Inasmuch as we have not felt the McKinley wave yet, I suggest that we begin to look round and see if we can't help it on.

Nearly all the public roads in Charlotte township have been macadamized and there is money in the treasury to complete the balance.

The tax levy for the township is over $6,000 a year. That amount has to be expended on the roads in the township and cannot be applied to roads outside of the township and is independent of the convict tax. Besides this there are several hundred hands in the township who have to perform two days labor on the public roads or pay one dollar in fine thereof.

I contend there is no use of spending that amount of money on the macadamized roads in this township. I contend further that that amount of money cannot be judiciously expended on the roads in Charlotte township. It is possible that it will take annually $6,000 and the labor of several hundred hands to keep the macadamized roads in Charlotte township in repair. The roads are well built and permanent; so relieve the people of that burden by lowering the taxes in Charlotte township.

CITIZEN.

T. C. Braswell, of Euto, carried 43 bales of cotton to Marshville, some of which he had kept for seven years, and paid ten cents for a part of it, Our Home says.