

DEEP WATER TO SEA

24 Foot Channel is Practically Assured.

BURTON IN FAVOR OF THIS

Advices Patterson that Appropriation Will be Made.

Handsome Appropriation is Assured for Work on the Lower Cape Fear. Interesting Information was Received Yesterday—Upper Cape Fear Project Will not be Provided For.

Interesting information concerning the work to be done on the lower Cape Fear river was received yesterday in the city, the advices coming through the correspondent of the News and Observer at the national capital. It gave the gratifying news that a handsome appropriation is assured for the lower Cape Fear work, and also for repairing the damage done some time ago at the rocks. The canalization project between Wilmington and Fayetteville will not be taken up at present.

The News and Observer says: Washington, D. C., January 8.—The river and harbor bill will not include an appropriation for the upper Cape Fear canalization project between Wilmington and Fayetteville, but will provide handsomely for the lower Cape Fear, between Wilmington and Southport. This important information was conveyed to Representative Patterson this afternoon by Chairman Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee. Mr. Patterson appeared at a special meeting of the committee and submitted argument in behalf of both the Cape Fear projects. Not only will the committee give a big appropriation for the new project to increase the depth of the Wilmington harbor from 20 to 24 feet, but will also include an appropriation of nearly two hundred thousand dollars for repairing the rock dam, which was badly damaged by the September storms. Assurances were given that the people of Wilmington would be delighted with the appropriation that will be made for the harbor at that place. Mr. Patterson spoke earnestly for the upper Cape Fear project, but as has been stated before Mr. Burton is opposed to this and all other lock river projects and there is no way to overcome his opposition.

TO PRESERVE THE FORESTS.

Meeting of Forestry Association—Little Likelihood of Government Help. Better for States to Make Forestry a State Issue.

Washington, January 9.—Forestry, its purposes, its methods and its accomplishments, were considered at the annual meeting of the American Forestry association held at the Willard hotel here today. After a meeting of the board of directors at the agricultural department the session of the association was called to order.

Secretary Wilson, who presided, laid great stress in his opening address upon the importance of preserving the forests of this country. He explained that there will be little likelihood of getting an appropriation through this or any other congress apropos of the proposed reserves in southern Appalachian ranges, and in the White mountains. He stated that the efforts of the department and others for several years past have been unavailing and that in consequence it would be better for the states to make forestry a state issue, inasmuch as it would redound to their own respective interests in the future.

Alfred Gaskill spoke of the necessity of securing a more vigorous expression from the people of New England and the southern Appalachian states that the reserves are wanted.

Upon motion the board of directors was asked to call a convention of the governors of all the states interested directly in the southern Appalachian and White mountain forest reserve bill for January 18, in Washington to consider further the passage of the measure.

FIRE IN DETROIT.

Michigan Stove Works Damaged to Amount of \$750,000—Many Persons Injured by Fire Department Horses Running Away.

Detroit, Mich., January 8.—Fire tonight at the Michigan Stove Works, 1,022 to 1,056 Jefferson avenue, one of the largest manufacturing establishments in the city, at one time threatened the destruction of the entire plant but was got under control at 9 o'clock. President George H. Barbour, of the Michigan Stove Company, estimates the loss at \$750,000; insurance \$350,000. Several firemen and half a dozen spectators were injured.

Five people were injured by fire department horses running away. An unidentified man is dying at St. Mary's hospital with his skull crushed by the hooves of Joseph E. Tack, is in a critical condition with a fractured skull. Mrs. Joseph E. Tack, his wife, has a broken thigh and lesser injuries and two men named Dixon and Brady have less serious injuries. One of the firemen was seriously injured.

The Dilapidated Gentleman Talks

Visits an Ohio Village and Tells How He Came to Take Up Tramping.

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ONE evening in the outskirts of an Ohio village," began the dilapidated gentleman as he was asked for a reminiscence of the road. "I knocked at a comfortable looking house to ask for a bite to eat and leave to make my bed under the currant bushes. The door was opened by a woman weighing about 200 pounds and having a motherly look all over her. Just let me tell you something right here. If it wasn't for the fat women of America the tramp would soon be an unknown quantity. They are as big hearted as well, as big bodied. Not once in a hundred times have I appealed to them in vain. On this occasion I hadn't got my mouth open before the good woman saluted me with:

"You poor fellow! But come right in and get something to eat. I don't



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believe you have had a full meal in a week. Helen, help me to set out the cold victuals."

"Helen was her niece. She was an old maid. She had a turn up nose and wore glasses, and she looked upon me as dirt beneath her feet. She assisted her aunt, but very reluctantly, and I overheard her talking against me. If it had been left to her I should have got the bounce instead of a good supper. I knew that some sort of a story would be expected of me when I had eaten, and it occurred to me to heap coals of fire on the old maid's head in revenge. Sure enough, as I moved back from the table the fat woman settled herself in a rocking chair and said:

"You must have had some adventures while tramping over the country?"

"Yes'm; a few."

"What started you on the tramp?"

"Now, auntie, what do we care?" put in the old maid. "He's a tramp, and that's enough. He is probably anxious to be on his way."

"And I'm anxious to hear him talk. Why did you take up tramping?"

"It is a story that I seldom tell," I replied, with a choke in my throat, "but you have been so kind to me that it would be selfish in me to withhold it. You may at some time have read or heard of Chief Justice Rathskaller of Washington. Well, he is my father."

"You don't say!" gasped the widow, while the old maid pricked up her ears and grew interested at once.

"Ten years ago, when I left college, my father wanted me to follow in his footsteps, or at least to become a lawyer. That was also my ambition, and perhaps I should have been on the bench today but for a trifling incident. One day my mother sent me to the laundry to say that the towels sent home were short by one."

"Yes; I've heard how them city laundries keep back things," replied the widow.

"At the laundry I could get no satisfaction about the missing towel, but the girl who was running the mangle instantly attracted my attention. She was as handsome and had about such a figure as this young lady here. Her bearing was proud and aristocratic, as Miss Helen's is."

"Thank you," simpered the old maid as she hitched her chair a foot nearer and began to smile.

"That mangle girl captured my admiration in a moment and my heart within five. Twice again during the day I returned to the laundry to speak with her, and within two days I had told her that I could not live without her. I loved as the strong man loves. Had oceans rolled between us I would have drunk them dry to kneel at her feet."

"Gracious, but you must have had it hard!" exclaimed the widow.

"I have always wanted to be loved that way," added Miss Helen as she gave me a tender look.

"Within a week I had proposed and been accepted. Then I found that Jeanette was the daughter of a millionaire who had put all his money into a flying machine and it had flown away from him. She had sold her clothes and jewels and gone to work in the laundry to help him get a new start. We had been engaged two weeks when my father told me one evening that I must marry a girl named Aramantha Schermerhorn. His mind had been made up for some time,

but he had taken his time about informing me."

"And you refused?" queried the old maid. "Oh, do not tell me that you jilted the other!"

"I refused, of course. For the first time in my life I defied my father. Aramantha's papa owned a theater, and had I wed her we could have all had free passes and I could have gone behind the scenes now and then, but no argument could make me give up my Jeanette of the mangle."

"Good for you!" said the widow as she slapped the arm of the rocking chair.

"There was true nobility in your action," added the old maid.

"When my father found that he could not prevail upon me to carry out his wishes he rose up with fierce mien and a voice shaking with emotion and said that he would mangle the girl of the mangle before she should bring disgrace upon his house. I paid no attention to his words, but walked off. Alas, I did not know my own father! The very next night as Jeanette ceased to mangle the collars and cuffs and walked homeward thinking of me some one told her that there was a dog fight around the corner. She hastened her steps to see, and it was her undoing. Some one came up behind her and hit her with a crowbar and broke her neck. She called my name and then expired. Excuse me if I—"

"Poor man!" sighed the widow as I turned my face away.

"What a romance! What nobility of character!" mused the old maid.

"It was never ascertained who killed Jeanette," I continued after a proper interval, "but I have every reason to believe my own father to be the guilty party. In fact, when I charged him with it he simply grinned sardonically. I called him a murderer and cursed him and fled from his presence. In another day I was a wanderer, and I am a wanderer still."

"But why don't you go home sometimes?" asked the widow as she wiped her tears of sympathy away.

"Can't you understand, auntie," replied the other, "that he no longer cares to mingle with life? He has received a great shock. His heart has been broken. As he wanders o'er the face of the earth he thinks of his dead Jeanette. Down in his heart there is the hope that some day—some day he may meet up with some young lady—some young lady who will remind him of the loved and lost—so strongly remind him that he will cease to sorrow and—"

"She halted there, and I nodded my head, but the widow blurted forth:

"And marry her and be happy again! Well, maybe he will. I'm sure I hope so. Helen, what are you blushing and hitching around so for?"

"It was meant of me," smiled the dilapidated gentleman, "but it had begun to rain, and it was dark as tar outdoors. I couldn't help but sigh and wipe my eyes. When I had finished sighing and wiping I couldn't help but look lovingly at both those women. I couldn't help but see that I had found a substitute for my lost Jeanette, but which one it was was what puzzled them. I had the parlor bedroom that night and a staving good breakfast in the morning, and I could have bung around there for a week and had the best in the land, but I overheard some conversation that made me anxious to strike the road again."

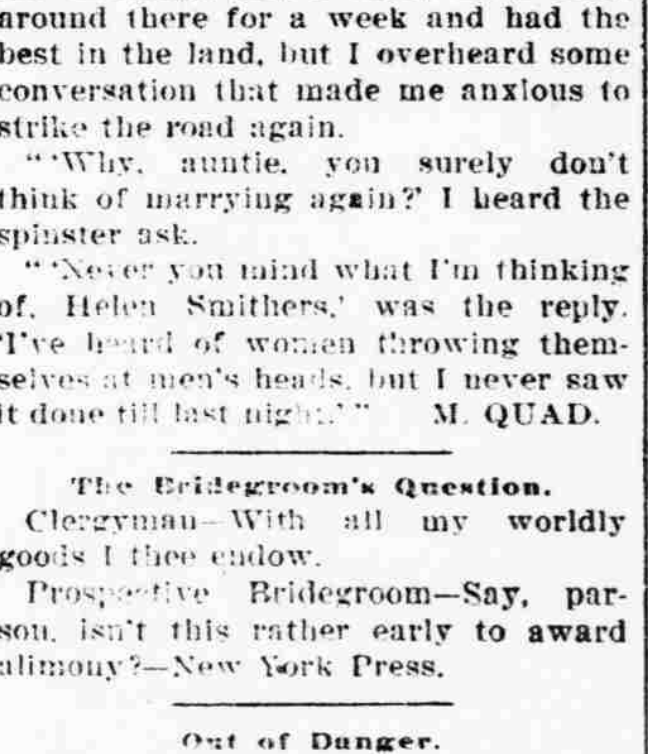
"Why, auntie, you surely don't think of marrying again?" I heard the spinster ask.

"Never you mind what I'm thinking of, Helen Smithers," was the reply. "I've heard of women throwing themselves at men's heads, but I never saw it done till last night!" M. QUAD.

The Bridgegroom's Question. Clergyman—With all my worldly goods I thee endow.

Prospective Bridegroom—Say, parson, isn't this rather early to award alimony?—New York Press.

Out of Danger.



Dusky Visitor (who has never seen a hot water bottle before)—I done kill dat beast anyway.—Sketch.

From Skates to Bumps. Sing hey for the ring of the crisp, cold steel. And ho for the winds that carry! (Are you sure of that fastening on the heel?)

By Jove, but this ice looks scary!

Then it's yo and ho and eke folderol For the motion so near to flying! (This doesn't look good to me at all, But here goes if I die a-trying!)

Oh, it's nonny nonny and iddy de tum. As all skaters sing so mellow! (Don't shove me out that way! Now, come!)

Don't go and desert a fellow!

Sing tra-la-la and tiddeley ump. As I fly to my love, who is waiting! (I knew it would happen! I'm down now—bump!)

I'm through with this sport of skating! —Denver Republican.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE CAPITAL

Attendance on Grand Lodge of Masons Largest on Record—Reidsville to Have New Freight Depot—Great Crowds to Witness Beginning of Legislative Session—Charters Granted.

The Messenger Bureau, Raleigh N. C., January 9.

E. B. Norvell is again the enrolling clerk of the legislature, this line of work now being given entirely to the management of the secretary of state, under a new system which is found to operate exceedingly well.

The detectives of the Seaboard Air-Line today arrested several hoboes who are lodged in jail here on the charge of trespass.

The corporation commission, as the result of its recent visit of inspection to Reidsville, makes an order requiring the Southern railway to provide a new freight depot there.

The attendance at the Grand lodge of Masons is said to be the largest on record and for the first time in recent years the weather was perfect during the session. It is generally extremely bad during this occasion and also at the opening of the legislative session. All the weather prophets, however, unite in declaring that severe weather is to come during this month and February.

Charters are granted the Piedmont Tobacco company at Pilot Mountain, to manufacture plug tobacco, capital stock \$50,000. G. B. Key and others stockholders; the Consolidated Brick and Tile company, Winston-Salem, \$125,000, George A. Hanes and others; the Rosedale Mercantile company, Duplin county, \$25,000.

There were the usual great crowds around the capitol today to witness the beginning of the legislative session, which will not end until the middle of March. The new speaker, Hon. Edward J. Justice received a great many private and official congratulations upon his election. He is a business man in the chair as presiding officer. Last night, when the committee appointed to wait on him requested him to make a speech, he sent his warmest thanks for the honor done him, but added that as it was late and he knew all were tired, he would appreciate being excused from speaking, particularly since it was expected that he would speak today upon assuming his new position. It is needless say he was excused. Speaker Justice said this morning that he would not long delay naming the various committees and added that these would be smaller in numbers than usual, as reduced membership will make a more effective working force and prevent duplication of names on committees so as to give each man time for more care in the study of subjects.

William B. McKoy of Wilmington, who is here attending Grand Lodge of Masons lends to Hall of History a German book printed in 1685 and illustrated with many engravings on copper. This book was brought to Wilmington nearly a hundred years ago by a sailor. One engraving shows Pocahontas saving the life of John Smith. Another is a map of the world showing where the Suez and Panama canals ought to be cut and is very remarkable for this reason. The book is a description of strange things in ancient and modern world and is extremely interesting.

DEED OF A FIEND.

Young Girl Suffers Horrible Treatment at Hand of Negro Brute.

Lynchburg, Va., January 8.—Late yesterday afternoon Miss Gladys Shelton, 17 years old, daughter of a well-to-do farmer, was outraged by a negro, the assault being one of the most horrible in this section for years. The girl was alone at home and the negro, after accomplishing his purpose, took the girl to a creek to drown her. He changed his mind and made her go to a neighbor's home while he went in another direction. This afternoon five negroes were arrested and brought here, a mob of 75 men chasing Sheriff Beard and a deputy for two miles. The girl's condition is precarious, but she will recover.

MURPHY WINS FIGHT.

Corbett Outclassed in Boxing, Hitting, and Ring Tactics—Efforts to "Rattle" Murphy Unavailing.

Philadelphia, January 9.—Tommy Murphy of New York, gave Young Corbett a severe beating in a six round bout before the National Athletic club tonight. From the first to the sixth round Murphy outfought the former champion at all stages. In the second round only the sound of the bell saved Corbett from a knock out. Murphy simply rained blows on the former Denver fighter, and near the close of the round sent Corbett to the floor with a right to the jaw. When Corbett rose Murphy kept after him, sending lefts and rights to the face and body. When the young sounded Corbett was hanging on the ropes in practically a helpless condition. The one minute rest brought him back in fairly good condition but Murphy gave him no opportunity to rest and drove Corbett from one side of the ring to the other landing on the face and body almost at will. Corbett got in an occasional blow to the kidneys and neck but they lacked force. In the third round Corbett tried the tactics he worked on McGovern so successfully in their two championship battles. He began to hurl epithets at the New Yorker, which was intended to "rattle" Murphy. The latter simply smiled and drove two rights to the jaw with such force that Corbett forgot to talk.

The fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were repetitions of the third. Corbett tired perceptibly in the closing rounds and was simply a mark for the younger and better conditioned fighter. Murphy's condition was perfect, but it is thought that Corbett would have tipped the beam close to 140 pounds. He was slow and wild and outclassed in boxing, hitting and ring generalship.

How much sharper than a serpent's tooth it is for a Tammany boss to elect a thankless mayor.—New York World.

WILL SEND LETTER.

President Roosevelt Invited to Attend Robert E. Lee Memorial Meeting.

Washington, January 9.—President Roosevelt today was asked to attend the Robert E. Lee memorial meeting to be held in this city on the 19th instant, under the auspices of the association of the Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy. This will be the centennial anniversary of the birth of General Lee and is to be generally celebrated throughout the south. The president will not be able to attend the meeting but promised to send a letter. The committee which called on him included General Marcus J. Wright, of Tennessee; Thomas Nelson Page, Washington, D. C.; Judge Charles B. Howery, of the court of claims; Mrs. Walsh, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Young, of Arkansas.

Feel languid, weak, run-down? Headache? Stomach "off"?—Just a plain case of lazy liver. Burdock Blood Bitters tones liver and stomach, promotes digestion, purifies the blood.

DEAD FOR THREE DAYS.

A. A. Crittenden Commit Suicide by Inhaling Gas.

New York, January 9.—With a note lying nearby in which he had written that "life is a rarebit dream" the body of Albert A. Crittenden, an artist, of some note, was found in his luxuriously furnished apartments on West 23rd street today.

Crittenden had committed suicide by inhaling gas and had been dead at least three days. Pinned on his waistcoat was the following note: "Life is a rarebit dream. Ha, ha! Such a funny dream, but enough; I am ready to wake to something less ridiculous."

STUDENTS DISMISSED.

Took Part in Fireworks Display Against Orders of the Faculty.

Lexington, Va., January 8.—Seventy-two members of the third class who took part in the fireworks escapade Saturday night at the Virginia Military Institute, were dismissed tonight by a special order read at the evening parade, but execution of the order was suspended pending a meeting of the board of visitors, soon to be held here. The cadets can then appeal to the board to reinstate them or take other action. The 72 students are released from close arrest and ordered to attend but all duties but are confined to limits of cadets barracks until the board takes action.

Inaugurated Governor.

Denver, Colo., January 8.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Buchtel, chancellor of Denver University, was inaugurated as governor of Colorado today and for the first time in the history of the state the inauguration took place in a church. In deference to the governor's wish the oath of office was administered to him and he delivered his inaugural address to the legislature in Trinity Methodist Episcopal church which he aided largely in building while he was pastor of that congregation.

VALUABLE BRASSES STOLEN.

\$600 Worth of Material Taken From Cape Fear Lumber Co.—Later It Was Found Hid Near a Junk Shop.

A big robbery which occurred some time Tuesday night was reported early yesterday morning at police headquarters and efforts are now being made to find out who the robber or robbers went. The articles taken consist of valuable brasses, stolen from the plant of the Cape Fear Lumber Co., in the northern part of the city. In the lot stolen were included a large amount of copper wire, brass fittings and injectors, lubricators, valves and various other pieces of brass work, all of which were entirely new and very valuable, their cost being in the neighborhood of \$600.

Time the authorities were notified, they requested Constable Savage to bring out the bloodhounds and assist in trailing down the miscreants. The dog was put on the trail and he followed the scent to the corner of Howard street and Brown's alley and so many people had trampled the ground there, where a big force of laborers is at work, that it was impossible for the dog to make any further progress.

However, from later developments it is considered likely that at that point a push cart was taken and the brasses put into it and taken to a vacant lot next to the junk shop on Chestnut street, near Front, where the cart was seen early yesterday morning and near where, later in the day, the brasses were found, being hid in a junk bin adjoining the shop. The material was contained in three sacks, and it is the belief that the thieves placed it there with the intention of later offering it for sale at the junk shop or of shipping it out of the city, but they were thwarted in this purpose by the discovery of the material.

All the brass was returned to the Cape Fear Lumber company, it having been identified by officials of that concern.

Held up for One Week.

Washington, January 8.—At the request of Senators Teller and Daniel the senate committee on finance today postponed for one week action on the nomination of Postmaster General Cortelyou to be secretary of the treasury. Senator Teller said that the finance committee had nothing but newspaper statements to show that the postmaster general has resigned the management of the republican national committee. He thought Mr. Cortelyou should communicate to the committee the fact that he had severed a connection, which, if continued, would make him objectionable to many senators for the position of secretary of the treasury. Republican members assented to the suggestion made by Senator Teller.

She—Do you like a gored skirt? He—(diplomatically)—That depends on whose skirt is gored.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

BAIL BONDS FIXED.

B. and O. Employees Carried Before Criminal Court Judge.

Washington, January 10.—All of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad employees held by the coroner's jury to be jointly responsible for the disastrous wreck at Tera Cotta, Distict of Columbia, except Harry H. Hildbrand, the engineer of the extra, which caused the wreck, and Frank H. Hoffmeier, conductor of the extra, both of whom were released on bond late last night, were brought before Justice Barnard in criminal court today and their bail was fixed as follows:

T. F. Dent, assistant train dispatcher, Baltimore, \$1,000; W. H. Dutrow, operator at Silver Springs, \$2,000; J. W. Kelley division trainmaster at Baltimore; W. E. McCauley, assistant division operator at Baltimore; B. L. Vermillion, engineer of train No. 66, and George W. Nagle, conductor of train 66, were released on their personal bonds.

Dent and Dutrow furnished bail and were released.

The foreign immigration idea looks better in theory than in actual practice. The first move this state should be one to get desirable people from other parts of this country. This is entirely practicable. Already Alabama and other southern states have gotten hundreds of desirable residents in this way.—Winston Sentinel.

How to Aoid Appendicitis.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. Jos. C. Shepard. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.

When Uncle Ben Tillman departed from High Point he seems to have had the prongs of his pitchfork loaded with "High Pointers."—Charlotte News.

To stop a cold with "Preventics" is safer than to let it run and cure it afterwards. Taken at the "sneeze stage" Preventics will head off all colds and Grippe, and perhaps save you begin to sneeze, try Preventics. Preventics are little toothsome candy cold cure tablets selling in 5 cent and 25 cent boxes. If you are chilly, if you begin to sneeze, try Preventics. They will surely check the cold, and please you. Sold by Robert R. Bellamy.

Congress seems to be spending most of its time at this session in mere talk. That is about as harmless a way as that body can occupy itself.—Winston Sentinel.

Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. Price 50c.

The population of Winston-Salem has grown from 13,650 in 1900, to 22,862 in 1906, this being an increase of about 67 per cent. in five years.—Winston Sentinel.

Does Coffee disagree with you? Probably it does! Then try Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee. "Health Coffee" is a clever combination of parched cereals and nuts. Not a grain of real coffee remember, in Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, yet its flavor and taste matches closely old Java and Mocha Coffee. If your stomach, heart, or kidneys can't stand Coffee drinking, try Health Coffee, yet its flavor and taste matches satisfying. It's safe even for the youngest child. Sold by S. W. Sanders.

Judge Gaynor intimates that the public really owns the railroads, so, if you are not too busy, we will go out and watch our trains go by.—New York Herald.

It's a pleasure to tell our readers—vzvzhxft vvesk'z zzzz-fisrse th ra about a cough cure like Dr. Shoop's. For years Dr. Shoop has fought against the use of Opium, Chloroform, or other unsafe ingredients commonly found in Cough remedies. Dr. Shoop, it seems, has welcomed the Pure Food and Drug Law recently enacted, for he has worked along similar lines many years. For nearly 20 years Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure containers have had a warning printed on them against Opium and other narcotic poisons. He has thus made it possible for mothers to protect their children by simply insisting on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Sold by Robert R. Bellamy.

Now that the supreme court has decided that the purchase of the Panama canal was legitimate and valid, the government might fittingly adopt Sam Weller's tone and inquire if there is any other gentleman who would like to ask any questions.—New York Tribune.

A CARD

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money of Foley's Honey and Tar. Jos. C. your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Cures a gripe coughs and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Jos. C. Shepard. J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.

The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.