

FASTEST BALLOON TRIP.

DR. T. S. C. LOWE MADE WORLD'S RECORD IN 1861.

He sailed from Cincinnati to Union, S. C., in Nine Hours, a Distance of More Than 500 Miles in a Direct Line But Actually Covered More Than 700 Miles by Route He Traveled.

Union, S. C., Oct. 18.—The claim that A. B. Lambert and S. Louis von Puhl, members of the Aero Club of St. Louis, established new world's records for long distance and speed in aeronautics, when, ascending in their balloon in St. Louis, Mo., on Friday afternoon of last week at 5:30 o'clock they landed in Dorchester county, near Charleston, S. C., on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, having made an average speed of 44 miles an hour, is challenged by parties here who have records showing that higher speed than this was attained in a balloon voyage made 48 years ago.

The aeronautic feat referred to was that of Prof. T. S. C. Lowe, now head of Lowe observatory, near Pasadena, Cal., who, on April 30, 1861, ascended in a balloon at Cincinnati, Ohio, at 3:29 a. m., and at 12:30 p. m., of the same day landed at Pea Ridge in this county. Although in the air only nine hours, Prof. Lowe covered an air line distance of over 500 miles, not including several hundred additional caused by his balloon being carried in an air current into Virginia, then towards the South Carolina sea coast, before reaching his landing place near here.

Prof. Lowe's balloon voyage was not only an eventful one because it set a pace in aeronautics for distance traveled per hour not yet equaled, but because, being at the outbreak of the War Between the States when sectional feeling was at high pitch, when he descended with his balloon in the rural section of this county he was regarded by some persons as being a "Yankee spy" and but for the action of cooler heads might have met with bodily injury.

His descent among these country people, many of whom never saw a balloon before, caused excitement and amusing incidents, which are recalled by older residents.

Pasadena, Cal., Oct. 18.—Prof. Theodore S. C. Lowe, director of Lowe observatory, tonight corroborated the assertion that in a flight made 48 years ago he surpassed the performance of A. B. Lambert and Louis von Puhl of the St. Louis Aero Club, who are regarded as the holders of the balloon speed record. He sailed 700 miles from Cincinnati in direct course.

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Cook is leading Peary another stern chase over the lecture route.—Washington Star.

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LET HIGH COTTON BE THE SLOGAN.

South Has Opportunity to Benefit Greatly by Its Monopoly of Cotton.

Discussing editorially the cotton situation, the Manufacturers' Record says:

Unless all sources of information in regard to the cotton crop are thoroughly unreliable, the yield this year will be very short. Considering the rapid increase in the world's consumption of cotton even during such a period of depression as that of 1907-1908, it may be accepted almost without question that with the wonderful prosperity which is now coming upon this country and which from this country will spread more or less to all other lands there will be a great increase in the consumption of cotton goods. The very general claim made by mill owners that higher prices will lessen consumption may prove a fallacy. Last year it was very difficult to find a market for 15,000,000 tons of pig iron when iron was selling on the basis of \$10 to \$11 in Birmingham. Now the market is consuming pig iron at the rate of 30,000,000 tons, though prices are on the basis of \$15 at Birmingham. With double the production of last year now going on, with prices at an advance of about 33 per cent, buyers are eager for iron which last year they were unwilling to accept at the lower prices and while production was just about one-half of what it is now. It is, therefore, not altogether safe for spinners to count on a reduced demand for cotton goods by reason of higher prices of the raw material. If general business revives commensurate with the revival in the iron trade, and it seems that this is absolutely certain, then the world will be ready to consume all the cotton goods that can be produced out of this year's crop, even though prices for the raw material should rule higher than at present.

The English spinners, as usual, are playing a very shrewd game. Some years ago a leading cotton manufacturer in the South wrote to the Manufacturers' Record that he was opposed to any invitation being extended to the spinners of England to visit this country, because, said he, they are the ablest merchants in the world and he was opposed to their gaining by personal study any knowledge of the cotton conditions in the South. He did not want them as competitors to any greater extent than they then were, and he was afraid that a visit to the South would enlarge their knowledge of cotton production and cotton manufacture in this section. The English spinners, however, are shrewd enough to thoroughly understand these conditions without a personal investigation. They and the spinners of the Continent are making a great outcry at present about the high price of cotton and are endeavoring to induce the cotton spinners of the world to curtail production in order to force down the market for the raw cotton, or to force up the market for cotton goods; but, while doing this they are vigorously at work buying cotton as rapidly as it can be had. American mills, on the other hand, are limiting their purchases, hoping to secure lower prices.

Considering the decrease in the yield, prices which ordinarily might be counted as good, would this year be disastrous to Southern farmers as a whole. In some States, especially the Carolinas and Georgia, the crop is fairly large, and the growers in these sections will be enriched by the high prices due to the shortage in the Southwest. Taking the situation as a whole, however, it ought to be the aim of cotton mill people of the South, as well as of every business man in this section, to do all in their power to secure for the benefit of the South a high range of prices. The policy which would attempt to force down the price of the raw staple is unwise from every point of view. So important is cotton in the trade relations of this country and in our financial relations with Europe that every industry in the country is benefitted by the prosperity which flows from the prosperity of cotton growers; while many industries would be greatly hampered and their prosperity curtailed by low prices for cotton. The South has a practical monopoly of cotton. Nature has forced upon this section this year a very short crop. It is the South's opportunity, if not its duty, to unite in securing the utmost benefit of this monopoly and compel the world to pay a price commensurate with the world's needs for cotton goods and with the shortage in the crop. The cotton mill owner in the South who takes any other view of the situation is dealing with the problem from a narrow point of view, rather than from that of the best interest of all the people of the whole South.

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CHARLESTON MUSIC FESTIVAL.

One of the Greatest Musical Events of the Year—Distinguished Artists Engaged.

With the bankers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, preachers and other business and professional men of Charleston behind it, the city of Charleston is announcing a music and festival week which should take hundreds of South Carolinians to "The City by the Sea" between October 25 and October 30.

Charleston, always an attractive city to the visitor, is especially so in the fall months, and the numerous torpedo boats of the Atlantic Torpedo Flotilla, which are due to return from their summer maneuvers during the Festival week, will provide a feature of special interest to those who dwell away from the coast. Amusements of various kinds will be offered to suit the most varied tastes. The financial support guaranteed the enterprise by the business men of Charleston who are promoting it is such as to make the assurance absolute that the entertainment will be adequate in all respects.

The distinguishing feature of the Festival, however, will be the five great musical concerts, for which the most elaborate preparations have been under way for weeks. A chorus of more than two hundred picked voices will take part in these concerts and the musical programme has been arranged, with extraordinary care and offers a musical treat, features of which will surely excel anything hitherto given in this part of the country. The Russian Symphony Orchestra which has been engaged for the concerts has gained fame in the East and West with a rapidity almost sensational and will now make its initial appearance in the South, fifty pieces strong with Modest Altschuler as its conductor and accompanied by soloists of distinguished ability. To miss hearing one or more of these concerts is to miss a musical opportunity of the first magnitude.

The Festival is being extensively advertised and Charleston expects to entertain a record-breaking crowd, but there will be room and entertainment for all, and all who come are promised a hearty welcome.

NOTED YEGGMAN CONVICTED.

Newark Tony Sentenced to 12 Years in Penitentiary.

Bennettsville, S. C., Oct. 18.—Thos. F. Lacy, alias Newark Tony, was tried and convicted here today in the Court of General Sessions on a charge of housebreaking and larceny and safe-cracking, and was sentenced to a term of twelve years in the penitentiary. The verdict was guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, which reduced the sentence from life imprisonment to a term of years not less than ten. It is understood that the jury stood nine to three for a straight verdict of guilty, and that the three jurors who were in favor of a recommendation to mercy finally brought the nine others to their way of thinking.

Lacy conducted his own defense, and showed himself to be familiar with criminal procedure, intelligent and quick. He, however, did not show himself to be the educated man he is reputed to be. He demanded the separation of witnesses and insisted upon the retirement of Inspector Gregory, but Judge Klugh allowed that witness to remain in the court room.

Lacy, upon the announcement of the sentence, stated that he desired to appeal if there be provision for any appeal, he being a pauper. Lacy took the stand, but did his case no good at all, except, possibly, by way of some slight sympathy aroused.

GEORGIA-CAROLINA FAIR.

At Augusta, Ga., November 6-15, 1909.

The Atlantic Coast Line announces very low excursion rates to Augusta for the above occasion and for the visit of

PRESIDENT TAFT.

The President is scheduled to reach Augusta, Saturday evening November 6, spend Sunday there and meet and address the people of South Carolina and Georgia on Monday, November 8.

Another great event during the Fair will be the Football Game between the Clemson College and University of Georgia teams on November 10; and still another will be Children's Day, November 12th.

Round trip tickets will be sold from Savannah, Charleston, Congaree, Florence, Darlington, Camden, and intermediate points, Nov. 6 to 12, limit to leave Augusta not later than midnight of November 15th, 1909.

For tickets, rates, schedules and any desired information, call on M. F. Duke, Ticket Agent, Sumter or any Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, or address:

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We do not think that the Hottentots will put Teddy in a stew.—Charleston News and Courier.

COOK HAS DEFENDER.

Knud Rasmussen Has Eskimo Evidence in Doctor's Favor and is Willing to Produce It.

Copenhagen, Oct. 19.—The Greenland steamer Godthaab, in command of Capt. Schobeye, has arrived here. Capt. Schobeye reports that Knud Rasmussen, the explorer, who is now in Greenland, after examining 35 Cape York Eskimos who had seen Dr. Cook's Eskimo companions, is quite convinced that Dr. Cook reached the pole. He says that Rasmussen is willing to go to the United States with the two Eskimos, Itukashoo and Ahwelah, who were Dr. Cook's sole companions in the latter part of his expedition. Rasmussen, however, the captain states, had not himself seen Itukashoo or Ahwelah, who are now hunting.

SPECULATION IS GAMBLING.

United States Supreme Court Decides That Stock Exchange Debts Cannot Be Collected.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The Supreme Court of the United States today refused to take cognizance of the case of Majors vs. Williamson, involving responsibility for a note given to pay a debt assumed in connection with a speculation on the stock exchange. The debt was contracted by Williamson in Memphis, Tenn., and a note was given with Mississippi real estate as security. The laws of Tennessee and Mississippi prohibit gambling, and it was contended that under such laws the note could not be collected. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals sustained this view and the effect of today's ruling is to uphold the finding of that court.

MCKAGEN CHICKEN STEW.

Pythians Had a Feast of Good Things Last Night.

The K. of P. chicken stew and barbecue at the grove in front of Mr. W. W. McKagen's residence last night was largely attended and much enjoyed by the members of Gamecock Lodge, No. 17, K. of P.

McKagen's chicken stew, "the stew that has made Sumter famous" in the opinion of Knight of Pythias circles, was delicious and Stoney's fritters, well known over this State as an illustration that Southern raised corn does not cause but rather has a tendency to prevent pellagra, and then Saul Pringle's barbecued short and other "accessories," were washed down with steaming coffee and capped off with cigars.

"Nine days to the week" was the rate at which the boys figured it out that they were living last night.

McKagen's grove is the popular place for affairs of this kind and it is located right in the city and in an ideal spot.

The grounds were lighted up with the famous Klipsen lights through the courtesy of Mr. Dolph Mannheim, who is State agent for them.

L. F. Dorn, a prominent Mason and a merchant at Parkville, and also managing big power developments at Parkville, was run over and instantly killed at Trenton Tuesday by a passenger train backing into the station, on its way to Edgefield. Dorn stepped in front of the train with his back toward it, while watching another train go out toward Columbia from Augusta, on which he had been a passenger.

ANOTHER GRAFTER ARRESTED.

Cincinnati Man Who Sold This State The Labels.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—Denis Weiskopf, president of the Nivison, Weiskopf Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in Columbia yesterday and gave bond for \$100,000 to appear here in January to answer to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State, perjury and bribery. Weiskopf is the head of the concern which put through the famous label transaction.

This was one of the chapters in the history of the State dispensary which caused the people of the State to open their eyes in astonishment and perhaps hastened the downfall of the dispensary. Weiskopf came here at the time and testified and it is understood has since made statements which indicate that he perjured himself on that former view.

He sold the State 21,000,000 labels, receiving therefor \$35,677. The investigating committee at that time put in evidence the claim that the State was overcharged about \$25,000. It is now stated that the attorney general has evidence to show that not only were the calculations correct, but that he knows where every dollar of the graft went and that Weiskopf's rake-off was about \$7,500.

Weiskopf was indicted along with others on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State, and when he did not appear here at the recent term of court a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Gov. Ansel upon this warrant made requisition upon Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio for the arrest and delivery of Weiskopf's person to the agents of the State. Gov. Harmon last week, after careful investigation, honored the requisition, and Weiskopf became a prisoner of the State of South Carolina.

Attorney General Lyon went to Cincinnati last week to connect up a number of matters, and while there learned that the requisition papers had been honored. He did not go to see Gov. Harmon. Weiskopf was brought to Columbia and his attorney, Judge Howard Ferris, of Cincinnati, came with him. Yesterday a bond for \$10,000 in the National Surety Company was filed with the clerk of court of this county.

WEST POINT CADETSHIP.

Marion W. Commander Receives Appointment From Senator Smith.

Mr. Marion W. Commander, son of Mr. R. C. Commander of this city has received the appointment from Senator Smith to West Point and he left Saturday night for Highland Falls, New York, where he will enter a preparatory school and will receive several months training so as to be able to stand the examination for West Point. He will stand this examination in January.—Florence Times.

Some Fractious Steeds.

Bucking horses, ridden by fearless cowboys will furnish a vast amount of excitement with Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East when it appears in this city. Mustangs and bronchos, ill-tempered and naturally rebellious, will be used in demonstrating the superiority of man over vicious equines, and will picture one of the real factors in the cowboy's life upon the plains. To this feature will be added trained bronchos and mustangs, illustrating the further mastery of the trainer in shaping the actions of these purely Western-bred animals.

ACCUSED OF KILLING MAYOR.

Two Men Charged With Assassination At Newport, N. C.

Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 18.—The Grand jury today brought in a bill of murder against S. J. Sanders, who had been arrested for the death of H. Z. Newberry, of Newport, N. C., who was shot to death Saturday night at the door of his home there. Judge Gibson ordered the sheriff to summon 200 talesmen in order to get a jury. The case is set for Friday at 10 a. m.

Sanders today is locked in the Cartaret county jail here, while his brother, B. F. Sanders, also is under arrest, held as an accessory. The prisoners were brought here last night by Sheriff Hancock, after a coroner's jury at Newport had returned a verdict that Mayor Newberry's death resulted from gunshot wounds inflicted by S. J. Sanders, and that his brother also was implicated in the shooting.

The assassination of Mayor Newberry was the direct outcome, it is said, of the prosecution of "blind tiger" cases. The mayor recently had had several persons arrested for illegally selling whiskey, and four of the men, including the two Sanders brothers, were bound over for court at Beaufort next Monday. It is alleged that threats have been made against the mayor's life, and after his assassination Saturday night suspicion was directed to the Sanders brothers.

Great excitement prevailed after the tragedy occurred Saturday night. Requests for bloodhounds were sent to Tarboro, and the road in front of the mayor's home was roped off in hope that the dogs might be able to readily pick up the scent and lead the authorities to the assassins. The dead man's wife was in bed sick at the time of the murder, and his little daughter stood by his side when he was shot.

Word of the shooting was sent to Beaufort, and yesterday afternoon County Solicitor Abernethy, accompanied by Sheriff Hancock and a coroner's jury, went to Newport in a special train. Upon arrival of the train at Newport the Sanders brothers were arrested and later the coroner's jury ordered them held.

The inventory of the crown jewels of Persia has just been completed and is said to confirm the conjecture that they are really of fabulous value. One glass case two feet long and a foot and a half high and wide is more than half full of exquisite pearls of all sizes. There are also in profusion necklaces, shields, scabbards, vessels of gold, sword hilts and chains blazing red with rubies or studded and incrustated with enamels, rubies, diamonds, pearls and gems of all kinds. Perhaps the most valuable and most exquisite of all is the globe, twenty inches in diameter, on which are pictured the countries of the world in vari-colored gems. The seas are made of emeralds, and in all there 50,000 stones. This globe is estimated at a value of at least a million pounds (\$5,000,000).

Gov. Ansel has offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension and arrest of J. T. Holleman, former cashier of the Bank of Anderson, charged with breach of trust to the amount of about \$35,000. The grand jury of Anderson county at the last term of court brought in a true bill against Holleman and the papers in the case have now been turned over to the sheriff.

The Metz Hotel in Lexington was partially destroyed by fire.

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