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ASKS FOR REWARD $500 FOR CAPTURE OF FOUL ASSASSIN

Clement Manley of Winston Asks Governor to Issue Reward for Capture of Assassin of Henry Cobre. Charter Issued. Proceedings of Bankruptcy.

To Organize a Country Club. Movement for an Athletic Ground. Hospital in Prospect. Jim Johnson, Colored, Gets Preliminary Hearing.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Governor Glenn received this morning from Clement Manley, of Winston-Salem, an urgent appeal for the State to issue a $400 reward for the capture of the assassin of Henry Cobre, the Russian Jew at Winston-Salem a few nights ago. He was a restaurant keeper, highly respected, and was shot through the window of his room while asleep in bed. There seems to be no clue to the assassin but there is hope that the reward by the State will encourage the investigation, leading to unraveling the mystery.

A charter was issued for the Selma Supply Co., of Selma, Johnston county, at a capital of $6,000, W. R. Richardson being the principal incorporator.

Volunteer proceeding of bankruptcy were instituted in U. S, District court for W. H. Proctor, merchant of Durham, assets amount to $10,000 and liabilities $23,100.

Voluntary proceedings of bankruptcy were filed against T. M. Woolard of Washington, N. C., the petitioning creditor being wholesale merchants of Petersburg and Wilmington.

Judge Purnell makes an order making a perpetual injunction in the case of B. S. Currin administrator vs. Atlantic Coast Line from Granville enjoining the plaintiff from bringing further suit against the railroad in the State courts, non-suit having heretofore been taken in the Federal Court.

The Industrial Club of Raleigh, at a meeting held last night, appointed a committee to aid in the organization of a high class country club a movement for the formation of which is being launched with every prospect for success by some of Raleigh's most prominent and wealthiest business men.

President Winston, of the A. & M. College, says the most gratifying success is being scored in the movement for an athletic ground including baseball and football grounds for the college. The trustees have given the necessary land out at the college and bonds are being issued by the Athletic Associaton to members of the college faculty, the students and alumni and to citizens of Raleigh and in fact wherever in the State men can be found public spirited enough to take them. The denomination is $25 and the term is seven years in which time it is figured the income from the use of the grounds will pay principal and interest.

Dr. H. A. Royster and a number of the other leading physicians of the city are agitating the idea of a thoroughly modern and completely equipped hospital for Raleigh. The Woman's Club, the Industrial Club and the Chamber of Commerce have appointed committees to confer with him and see what can be done in this direction.

Jim Johnson, the negro arrested here yesterday for robbing the postoffice at Elmore, Scotland county, was given a preliminary hearing this morning before United States Commissioner John Nichols and sent to jail to await the next session of the Federal Court. It being impossible for the negro to give any bond no amount was named, but $1,000 would have been required had the question been raised and the offense is punishable with five years in the penitentiary.

Johnson made a statement to the Commissioner to the effect that there were two other negroes with him when the postoffice was broken open; that he stood guard while the other two went in and that they did not know it was a postoffice at the time and thought it was a store. He said their object was really to get something to eat, but that when his pals came out they brought out the stamps, a postoffice money order blank, the dating stamp and a rubber pad all of which they turned over to him. He said he saw nothing of any money.

The officers do not credit the story of the negro that there were others with him and believe he has spent the small amount of money that was taken from the Elmore office.

DEATH OF MRS. ALEXANDER.

Aged Woman Passed Away Early This Morning at Belmont.

Mrs. R. Alexander died this morning at 3:10 o'clock at her home at Belmont after an illness of seven weeks, the immediate cause of her death being internal trouble. Mrs. Alexander was 56 years old and is survived by a husband and four children, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mrs. Ada Lowry and Messrs. Thomas and Ed. Black, all of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hoskins Methodist church. Mrs. Alexander is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha G. Hannon and one brother and one sister.

GAYNOR—GREEN.

Evidence in Famous Case—Letter to Captain Carter Discussed.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Jan. 24.—J. W. O. Sterley, chief clerk in the office of Captain Carter and his sucessors identified in the Greene and Gaynor trial a letter from Barrow and Osborne, attorneys, to Captain Carter, written in 1896, and requesting the specifications for a certain contract. Carter replied asking for whom the specifications were wanted. The attorneys responded that they wanted them for R. A. Johnson of Augusta, Ga., whereas the government contends that these specifications were really desired for Venable Bros., of Atlanta, quarrymen. Carter, the government contends, thereupon sent them to R. A. Johnson direct so that Venable Bros. did not get the specifications and were not able to get in a bid against Greene and Gaynor.

Objection Overruled.

A lengthy controversy among the counsel was caused over the question of the admissability of the evidence of the copy of a letter written by Carter in 1888 to Gen. C. Duane to "show his state of mind." As government counsel declared. Judge Speer overruled the objection and the letter was read. The letter to Gen. Duane, chief of the engineers was then read. Captain Carter set forth therein because of the change impending on account of Col. Gilmore's death he would like to be retained here as head of the river and harbor district as he had become "acclimated," and was familiar with all conditions and with the progress of the work then under way and under contemplation.

TRIAL OF NORMAN HAPGOOD.

Editor of Collier's Weekly On Trial Charged With Criminal Libel Against Justice Deuel.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, testified in the trial of Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly, on the charge of having criminally libelled Justice Joseph M. Deuel. Mr. Baker was formerly president of the Atlantic Transport Company. He was shown articles in Town Topics referring to his family. Baker said: "I saw Col. Mann. We talked over these objectionable articles appearing in Town Topics and I said I wanted them stopped. He told me it was only the best people who were mentioned in Town Topics. He said other steamship lines had advertisements in Town Topics and that my company ought to secure one." Baker said that after the insertion of the advertisement he thought the articles ceased.

Features of Trial.

Three years later, the items concerning his family again appeared in Town Topics," said Banker and he consulted his family counsel about stopping them. After that," the witness said, "Moses E. Wooster, the agent, visited him and asked him to subscribe to Fads and Fancies. He told me the subscription price was $1,500." He said he did not subscribe.

Edwin M. Post, stock broker, was called. Mr. Post preferred charges of blackmail against Charles Ahle, solicitor for the publication called The American Smart Set. Mr. Post testined that Ahle came to his office with a letter from Mr. Wayle, of Town Topics, June 20 last. "He said," continued Mr. Post, "that stories had been printed about my connection with races. We have an article in Town Topics about you," he said, "and the boys want to be put in. At this I became suspicious."

MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON

Invited to Winnsboro, S. C., to Present Crosses.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson has been invited to go to Winnsboro, S. C., and present the veterans of Fairfield with crosses of honor. A special from Winnboro to The News and Courier says:

"At a meeting of the John Bratton Chapter of the Daughters of the Confedearcy, Friday, the 19th, at the home of the president, Mrs. T. H. Ketchin, it was decided to present crosses to the veterans in Fairfield. The chapter hopes to have the presentation made by Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. This chapter has been recently organized and will take up the work of the Ladies' Memorial Association, which have the credit of having erected in Winnsboro one of the handsomest monuments in the State to the soldiers of the Confederacy."

—The finance committee of the county, composed of Capt. J. M. Davis, Mr. J. H. McClintock and Mr. W. S. Pharr are now auditing the county board of education books, the last set to be audited.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY STORM IN W. VA.

Heavy Wind and Rain Storm Causes Loss of Several Hundred Thousand Dollars in Southeastern Part of State. Floods Rivers.

By Associated Press.

Weston W. Va., Jan. 24.—A heavy wind and rain storm resembling a water spout and causing damage to property that will reach several hundred thousand dollars, passed over the southeastern portion of this State yesterday, flooding the Cherry, Holly and Elk Rivers.

WAR IN STREETS.

Chinatown Lively With Spirit of Battle—Two Chinese Killed.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—War broke out in the streets of Chinatown between two rival Chinese societies, Hip Sings and On Longs, two Chinamen being killed during the shooting affray. A third was mortally wounded and the fourth badly injured.

Nominates Postmasters.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The President sent to the Senate the following nominations of Postmasters: Virginia—T. B. Einstein, East Radford. North Carolina—Louis N. Grant, Goldsboro; Cyrus P. Frazier, Greensboro.

Mr. Eldred Griffith, of New York, passed through the city en route to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

BIG DAMAGE FROM FIRE AT NORFOLK, LOSS OVER $25,000

Fire Sweeps Away International Compress Co's. Cotton Compress, Also Much Stored Cotton in Other Sheds. Addison May be Burned.

Engineer Barely Escaped. Wall of Oyster Shells Saved Much Other Property. Loss is Estimated at $250,000. Crossed Electric Wires Probably Cause.

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24.—The International Compress Company's cotton compress on Elizabeth river, together with much stored cotton in the warehouses and sheds of Rogers, McCabe & Co., were burned this morning and the intervening wall of oyster shells was the only thing that saved the property of the Norfolk Warehouse Association's ice plant and many more bales of cotton stored in adjoining warehouses.

Jacob Addison, a white laborer at the burned compress, was asleep in the building at the ti meand is believed to have perished.

Henry Shumadine, the engineer, who was alseep in the compress, barely escaped. The loss is placed at $250,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from the crossed electric ligting wires in the burned cotton compress.

MRS. BROWN'S PRESENTMENT.

Called For Dr. Stokes and Told Him That There Was Something Very Wrong At Home.

Mrs. E. L. Keesler and Mrs. R. S. Busbee left this morning for Salisbury where they go to tell Mrs. Louis Brown (Miss Adelaide Clarkson) who is at the Stokes-Whitehead Sanitarium, of her mother's death. They were accompanied by Mr. Brown. A telephone message from Salisbury this afternoon at 3 o'clock stated that they had just left the hotel for the Mrs. Brown's bedside and it is not known how she stood the ordeal.

To tell Mrs. Brown of her mother's death was peculiarly sad, because of a presentment she had Saturday just at the hour of Mrs. Clarkson's death. Just at this time Mrs. Brown called for Dr. Stokes and upon his arrival at her bedside she asked him how she was getting along—if her condition was any better. Dr. Stokes assured her that she was getting along nicely under the circumstances to which she replied, "Doctor I may be alright, but there is something wrong at home. I am very blue and have been all morning and I know that there must be something very wrong at home." Dr. Stokes did not abuse her mind, distracting it as best he could under the circumstances. Mr. Brown states that her mind has never been relieved of the thought that something was wrong at home; that she has complained constantly of having the blues ever since Mrs. Clarkson's death.

Dr. Stokes states he has always believed in presntments and that now he is firmly convinced.

MORE WEATHER TALK.

The Cold Wave Made Good Today—Ten Degrees Colder Tonight.

The cold wave from the Northwest made itself felt in Charlotte last night about sundown and by morning there had been a fall of some ten to fifteen degrees, with indications for lower readings tonight.

The record sfor last nigh tshowed that the freezing point was not reached, the minimum being 36 degrees.

Tonight, however, it is expected that the thermometer will go close to 25 degrees.

The change in the weather has been gladly welcomed by most people as the abnormal temperatures of the first part of the week were almost oppressive.

There is no indication of snow yet, said the weather man today, the prediction for tonight and Wednesday being clear with a cold wave.

The change intemperature, while it has been a very decided one, will not perhaps result in as severe cold tomorrow as many people have been anticipating.

GEN. WHEELER'S CONDITION.

The General's Condition is Thought to be Much Improved.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—General Joseph Wheeler, who is ill with pneumonia at the home of his sister, in Brooklyn, was holding his own according to the statement of Sterling Smith, General Wheeler's brother-in-law. General Wheeler was a little weaker than yesterday, but his relatives were made hopeful by the assurance of the doctor: that the passing of each day improved the General's chance of recovery. All his daughters are now with him.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

All Articles of Report On Contraband Adopted.

By Associated Press.

Algeciras, Jan. 24.—The Moroccan Conference adopted all the articles of the report of the committe on contraband relating to the prevention of trade in contraband arms and passed to the consideration of economic questions.

President Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson College, spent last night in the city, stopping at the Central Hotel.

MARRIAGE AT LUMBERTON.

Miss Mae Roland and Mr. D. F. Shaw the Contracting Parties.

Special to The News.

Lumberton, Jan. 24.—Miss Mae Roland was married to Mr. D. B. Shaw this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, "Riverside," just one mile north of the city. The officiating minister was the Rev. A. E. Baker, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lumberton. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few immediate friends of the bride and groom. On account of illness in the family of the bride the wedding was a very quiet affair. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded couple left on the evening train for a tour South, embracing a number of Southern towns and points of interest. They will be at home after February 1st in Lumberton.

The groom is the city attorney of Lumberton and one of the youngest and brightest members of the local bar. He is a son of State Senator, A. L. Shaw, of this city, and comes of one of the best families in the State. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Col. Alfred Rowland. She is a graduate of the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music and a most attractive and charming young woman. The couple were the recipients of many handsome presents, including a silver service as a gift from the Lumberton bar.

This evening at 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Theis Thompson was happily married to Mr. V. D. Baker. The wedding was attended by only a few of the immediate friends and relatives of the family. The groom is a member of the firm of the Lumberton Cash Clothing and Shoe Store. The bride is a young woman of charming manner and has a large circle of friends in Lumberton anl elsewhere.

FOR SECOND TIME CASE COMES UP

Curtis Heffney Again Sues Highland Park Mfg. Co for $20,000. Jury Out all Night. Mr. Simpson Case Awarding $100 Damages.

For the second time the $20,000 damage suit case entitled Curtis Heffner against the Highland Park Manufacturing Company was called in the Superior court shortly before noon today.

The case grew out of an accident two years ago, when the plaintiff lost an arm while at work, it is alleged, in the plant of the defendant company.

The case was called in court last year but was non-suited at that time. Then matters were re-arranged and the case placed on the calendar and was taken up today with the promise of being one of the most stubbornly fought cases at this term of court.

The plaintiff is represented by McCall and Nixon and Kirkpatrick and the mill by C. W. Tillett, Esq.

The jury remained out all night on the case of B. A. Simpson vs. the Hoskins Mills and this morning returned a verdict allowing the sum of $100 for the plaintiff.

Another case of some interest today, was that of R. H. McKnight vs. N. S. Alexander. The plaintiff alleged that while working for the defendant he fell from a scaffold and was injured. After the contention of the plaintiff was heard, a motion was made by the defendants to dismiss. The motion was allowed and the plaintiff filed an exception and appealed to the Supreme Court of the State.

The case of J. F. White vs. E. L. Reams was non-suited by the court today.

—A game of basket ball will be played tonight between the seniors and the business boys at the Y. M. C. A. The game will commence at 8 o'clock.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS TREATY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Reports Favorably the Treaty with Cuba Ceding the Isle of Pines to the Island Republic.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations voted to report the treaty with Cuba, ceding the Isle of Pines to that Republic. The treaty was not amended.

To Allow General Debate.

A rule allowing a general debate on the Statehood Bill until three o'clock tomorrow was introduced in the House.

Rules Adopted.

In the House the new rule was adopted by a vote of 192 to 165.

Fayetteville Gets Building.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds agreed to report favorably the bill appropriating $75,000 for a building at Fayetteville.

Another Favorable Report.

The House Committee on Public Lands decided to make a favorable report on the Burnett bill setting aside the 90,000 acres of mineral land in Alabama for school purposes.

50 DROWNED; 100 MORE IN PERIL AS RESULT OF WRECK

Terrible Story of Disastrous Wreck of Steamer Valencia Eastward of Cape Beale Yesterday. Waves Swallow up 50 Women and Children.

Over 100 Terrow-Stricken Persons Huddle on Deck While Death Slowly Draws Nearer. Steamers Rush to Assistance. May be Too Late.

By Associated Press.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.—The Steamer Valencia, Captain Johnson, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, with 94 passengers on board and a crew of 60, was wrecked to the eastward of Cape Beale, on the Vancouver Island coast, early Tuesday morning, with a heavy loss of life. The survivors who have reached Cape Beale, the boatssain and five seamen, who went to secure assistance in one of the steamer's boats, reports that at least 50 persons were drowned alongside the steamer when the boats, loaded with women and children, smashed against the steamer's side soon after they were lowered.

When they left over 100 persons were huddled on the saloon deck of the steamer, which was then partly submerged with the in-rolling sea, washing over the main deck. A southeast gale was blowing over 40 miles an hour, and the high sea threatened to break up the wreck. Unless several steamers which have been hurried to the assistance, can arrive in time to save those who remain on the wreck. it is doubtful if any of them will reach the shore, for the landing is extremely difficult, if at all possible.

The Valencia sailed from San Francisco on her second trip to Victoria at 11 A. M., Saturday. Nearing the entrance to the Straits the weather was very thick. Unable to make out their position in the thick weather, soundings were taken, showing 30 fathoms. Immediately the steamer struck heavily against some reefs off the shore with a shock which awoke all on board. She was immediately backed away. As she went into deep water, began to fill. Lights were extinguished by the flooding of the engine room. The loss of life was awful when the boats were lowered. Two boats filled with women and children were swept against the side of the steamer, smashed and completely wrecked, all those in the boats being swept into the sea and drowned.

LUMBERTON NEWS.

Over $2,000 Pledged For the Erection Of Monument to the Confederate Dead.—Negro Accidentally Killed.

Special to The News.

Lumberton, Jan. 24.—More than $2,000 has been pledged for the monument to be erected on the court house square in Lumberton in honor of the Confederate dead of Robeson county. This county sent more men to the war than any other in the State and perhaps more than any other in the South. The monument will be a very handsome one and will cost $3,000 or more. More than $1,500 has been given by Lumberton people alone.

James McIntyre, a negro boy, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by Douglas Barnard, a young white man, near Rowland Tuesday morning. Mr. Barnard had gone into the house after his gun and was coming out the door when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the entire load of shot taking effect in the boy's head. An inquest was held by Coroner Rancke, who held that it was purely an accident. Barnard was not arrested.

The number of students at Robeson Institute is constantly increasing under the direction of Prof. Vann, the principal. The enrollment is now quite large and the faculty has been greatly increased until it now numbers several most efficient teachers.

M. W. Floyd has purchased the house and lot owned by N. E. Spivey in the northern part of the city. Mr. Spivey has purchased of Q. T. Williams a fine residence site and will erect a modern home at once.

On February 1st Messrs. A. W. McLean and A. E. White will place on the market, 300 of the most desirable building lots in the city. The purchase of the property was perhaps the largest real estate deal ever consummated in the county. The lots lie half inside and half outside the corporate limits of the city and in easy distance of the business part of the city.

Wreck at Allendale, S. C.

All north-bound trains on the Columbia division of the Southern were marked up late this morning caused by a wreck at Allendale, S. C., last night. Owing to this the dining car attached to train No. 33 arriving in Charlotte at 8:30 a. m., did not reach Salisbury last night and consequently was not attached to this train this morning. An unusually large number of pasengers breakfasted at Gresham,s as the result.

Mr. Walter Linton Injured.

The Charlotte friends of Mr. Walter R. Linton, of Salisbury, will regret to learn that he was seriously injured in a railroad accident last week. Mr. Linton takes out an engine between Salisbury and Greenville, S. C., and while on one of his runs the engine jumped the track. He is still confined to his bed and will not be able to resume work for some time.

MR. AB. HARRILL RESIGNS.

Has Accepted a Position With the Southern Power Company.

Mr. Ab. V. Harrill, assistant city ticket agent of the Southern Railway Company, has resigned his position and will, after the first of the month, be connected with the Southern Power Company. He has been connected with the Southern for a number of years and few employes of the company are held in higher esteem than Mr. Harrill. He is an experienced ticket seller, is accurate and he is one of the quickest ticket sellers the Southern has ever had in Charlotte.

A MYSTERY, THIS.

Strange Action of Two Men Who Bury Box Near Harris Creek, Three Miles Out.

A peculiar affair was reported to the Chief of Police this afternoon by a man from the Harris Creek section, about three miles out from the city, which the authorities will investigate this afternoon.

The story is that two colored men were seen this morning to drive up to the creek with a wooden bed wagon and take therefrom a small box which they proceeded to carefully bury in the sands along the banks of the creek, placing a stick at each end of the mound.

TRAIN ROCKERS AT WORK.

Two Trains Rocked and One Selected as a Target Monday Night.

Tran rockers seemed to be out in force Monday night. Trains Nos. 12 and 35 were both rocked between Charlotte and Salisbury and train No. 36, passin through Charlotte at 9:20 a. m., was selected as a target by an unknown negro at China Grove yesterday morning and the bullet fired from his pistol crashed through a window. Fortunately none of the passengers were struck. The negro who fired into the latter train was seen and the officers at China Grove were notified of the affair at the first stop made but the culprit was not apprehended.

The Southern officials and detectives have been keeping a close watch on all such occurences and few cases have been reported during the past several months. If the guilty parties are apprehended they will be dealt with harshly.

REV. GEORGE COOK TO LEAVE.

Will Sever His Connection With the Paw Creek Church March 1.

Rev. George L. Cook, for many years pastor of the Paw Creek Church, and also of Cook's Chapel, will leave about the first of March for Texas, where he will spend two years. Mr. Cook's departure will be a matter of much regret to the good people of Paw Creek. He has been in their midst preaching the Gospel more than 15 years during the past twenty. He is an able preacher and his sermons are always forcible and interesting.

Mr. Kidd Again Indisposed.

Mr. John Kidd, who for a long while was very ill at his home in this city and who up to Sunday last was rapidly recuperating from a severe attack, is again quite unwell. It is not thought, however, that the illness will prove very serious and the friends of the young man hope he will quickly recover his lost ground. Mr. Kidd has been ill since Sunday.

Looking For Snow.

On account of the long tumble taken by the mercury since yesterday augmented by the presence of clouds that seemed to portend snow, many people were freely predicting a fall of the beautiful." The weather bureau, however, said nothing about the possibility of a snow, but predicted fair weather tonight and Wednesday.

Wires Reported Down North.

It was reported today that telegraphic service between here and New York had been considerably crippled on account of a blizzard. Inquiry at the Western Union office, however, brought forth the information that their wires were all right this morning.

Thompson Orphanage Guild.

An important meeting of the Thompson Orphanage Guild will be held in the vestry room at St. Peters' Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Matters of importance will be discussed and all members are requested to attend.

AUTO. CONTEST IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Vanderbilt's Large Machine Expected. Track in Fine Shape Records of Racers. Hemry Ruled Out. Merriots Time for Five Miles 2:47

By Associated Press.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 24.—Clear, cool weather and a hard dry surface on the beach track gave promise for excellent racing in the automobile contests. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's big 250 horsepower racer was expected to start today. Mr. Vanderbilt arrived here last night.

Henry Ruled Out.

Marriot made the 5-mile record in the official time of 2 minutes, 47 seconds. He drove a steam car.

Fletcher went five miles in 4 minutes, 2 seconds.

Immediately after Henry's fast five miles, it was announced that he had been ruled out of the races and would not be allowed to race again in the present meet because he had refused to run over again a ner star heat.

Lancia Won Out.

The final in the five-mile open championship was won by Lancia in 3 minutes, 1 1-5 seconds. Fletcher was second in 3 minutes, 2 seconds and Marriott in his steam racer, was third.

MR. HUTCHISON GOES TO WASHINGTON TO SEE SENATE COM.

Will Urge Passage of the Overman Bill for the Creation of a Cotton Commission for the Southern States To-morrow at Capital.

The Bill was Endorsed at the Atlanta Meeting Saturday Last. Spinners Hope that the Bill Will Pass Soon. Would Solve Many Problems.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Association will leave this evening for Washington, D. C., on a very important piece of business—to lay before the Senate Committee the resolution passed by the spinners Saturday in Atlanta, endorsing the Overman bill, which was drawn and presented by the North Carolina Senator some weeks ago for the purpose of creating a cotton commission.

The Southern Soft Yarn Spinners at their meeting in Atlanta, last Saturday, adopted a resolution asking that the reports of the cotton crop now being issued regularly by the Department of Agriculture be discontinued, and, at the same time, endorsed the Overman bill for the creation of the cotton commission.

Mr. Hutchison, who was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Association Saturday, was delegated to make the trip to Washington this week and meet the Senate Committee with other cotton men from the South and urge the passage of the Overman bill now before the Senate.

The Southern Soft Yarn Spinners are especially interested in this cotton commission and they, through their representatives, will lay before the Senate Committee tomorrow the good results and benefits that the Southern mill men believe will accrue to their interest in the creating of such a commission. At present the need of such is keenly felt and the mill men will leave no stone unturned to secure the appointing of the commission and the passage of the bill.

Mr. Hutchison goes to Washington with bright hopes that his mission will be a success and the outcome of the conference with the committee will be awaited with expectancy throughout the South by cotton mill men everywhere.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

S. E. Frazier of Salisbury Waives Examination and Gives $100 Bond.

Constable S. C. Ross returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Salisbury, where he went Monday night to execute a warrant on S. E. Frazier, charging him with bigamy, the charges having been brought against him by Mrs. Lizzie Wren, of this city. Frazier waived examination and gave bond for $100 for his appearance at the next term of Superior Court which convenes the second Monday in February.

Mrs. Wren alleges that during the month of last November Frazier knowingly and willingly married her daughter, Miss Fannie Lee Pace while at the same time he was married to another woman. It is claimed by Frazier that he had instituted divorce proceedings having, at the time, paid his attorney the required fee and that he thought he had secured a divorce from his first wife. Frazier is employed in the lumber department of the Southern Railway Company at Salisbury.

ANOTHER COTTON SLUMP.

About $2 Per Bale Decline Or 35 Points Yesterday.

When the government ginners report was flashed over the wires yesterday afternoon there was considerable excitement locally but as one cotton man said "We have had so many scares this season that we are getting used to them."

At the close yesterday cotton was off about 35 points for futures which means a decrease of from $1.75 to $2 per bale. Today the market was stronger however and a part of yesterday's loss was quickly regained.

Porminent Pythian.

Mr. Thomas L. Neal, of Indiana, is a guest of the Buford. Mr. Neal is a son of Mr. Chas. F. S. Neal, president of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias. Like his father, he is an enthusiastic Pythian and is interested in the Endowment Rank. He has travelled over many parts of the South and is now visiting many of the lodges in North Carolina in company with Mr. Geo. H. Royster, of Greensboro.

Peach Trees in Bloom.

A gentleman from the country today brings the interesting news that peach trees are beginning to bloom under the unusual influence of the recent warm weather at Dr. H. I. Alexander's in Providence. Many trees are said to be filled with blossoms and the appearance of the country at large is quite spring like. The farmers, however, will regret to see the fruit trees beginning to bloom at such an early date as it will mean certain loss of the fruit crop, or a large portion of it.

—Mr. Robert W. Stokes has leased through F. C. Abbott & Co., the residence formerly occupied by Mr. R. L. Durham on Kingston Avenue in Dilworth.