

CHARTER GRANT
CHARLOTTE FIRM
\$100,000 CAPITAL

Charter was Today Issued to the Harris Manufacturing and Mining Co. of Charlotte. Incorporators are W. H. Harris, David Clark and Others.

Battle Flag of Company H, Tenth N. C. Confederate Troops to be Returned. Chief Justice Clark to Receive the Flag. Other Raleigh News.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C. February 24.—The Harris Mfg. and Mining Company of Charlotte was granted a charter today at a \$100,000 authorized capital for the principal incorporators are W. H. Harris, David Clark and others.

Other charters are to the Beekwith Iron Co. of Lumberton \$50,000; The Carolina Fire Ins. Co. of High Point receives its capital from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The Levi Cotton Mills Co. of Rutherfordton increases its capital to \$62,000. Mr. Fred L. Merritt, industrial agent for the A. & N. C. and the Norfolk and Western Railroad Companies, spent the day here arranging for a notable ceremony to take place here March 2, when Chief Justice Douglas, of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, will come to Raleigh as a committee of one from the Veterans Association of Rhode Island to return to Company H, Tenth North Carolina, Confederate troops their battle flag which was captured from the company at the fall of Fort Monroe, April 26, 1862.

The flag was captured by Company E, Fifth Rhode Island troops, and was given to Captain Arthur Dexter, of Providence, who organized the battalion of which company E was a part. After the death of Captain Dexter, a few years ago, his widow presented the flag to the Rhode Island Veterans' Association with the understanding that it should be returned through them to the survivors of the Confederate company from which it was captured.

Now Judge Douglas has been designated to come to North Carolina as a committee to make the presentation. Official duties make it impossible for him to spare the time to go to Beaufort where Company H was formed. So he will come to Raleigh and the survivors of the company, several of them with their families will come to Raleigh on a special train for the ceremony.

Mr. Merritt perfected the arrangement of the program this evening. The exercises will be in the State Senate chamber at 2 o'clock. Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will accept the flag on behalf of the State, Lieutenant John W. Sanders, Beaufort, surviving ranking officer of the Confederate Company H, on the part of the company, and Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, on behalf of Miss Emerline Piggott, who made the flag and presented it to Company H when they entered the Confederate service.

After the exercises there will be an elaborate dinner at the Marlborough, at which Chief Justice Douglas, the North Carolina State officers, the Company H Veterans and prominent local veterans will be the guests.

The State and Supreme Court Library and several of the State officers in the Supreme Court building are closed and will remain closed until Monday while the carpets are being renovated by the application of a patent solution while the carpets remain on the floor.

The State Department of Agriculture is preparing to inaugurate a system of institutes for farmers' wives in connection with the regular farmers' institutes held under the auspices of the department in all parts of the State. The experiment will be made during the coming summer and if the attendance and interest is sufficient to warrant a regular and permanent provision will be made for them. The institutes for the women are to be held at the same time and place as the men's meetings, but in separate halls. State Veterinarian Tait Butler is in charge of the whole institute work and is now arranging for several series to be held during the spring and summer. Permanent organization of the institutes have already been perfected in nearly all of the counties.

MOROCCO CONFERENCE.
Little Hope For a Successful Issue.—White Still Hopeful.

Algeria, Feb. 24.—Conversations with the principal delegates except Ambassador White, show they have little real hope of a successful issue of the Moroccan Conference. White remains hopeful that some solution may be found.

SOCIAL.
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Eddins former residents of Charlotte, but now of Atlanta, are spending a few days in the city.

Miss Evelyn Grier came over yesterday from Rocky River to do some shopping and will return home tonight.

WILMINGTON NEWS.

Died—Young Man Found Face Eaten by Rats—Young Man Injured—Organ Recital—Washington's Birthday Observed.

Special to The News. Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24.—William Ekles, a well-known junk dealer of this city, was found dead at his place of business Thursday morning with his face and hands partially eaten by rats. Eckels was addicted to the drink habit and it is presumed that the night before he must have got on a drunk and went to his place of business to sleep it off. During the night he was either taken sick or in his sleep rolled off of a couch on which he was sleeping and when found he was dead, the rats probably being the cause of his death. Eckels has one sister living in this city, Mrs. A. W. Watson, with whom he boarded and he is reported to have been well off, notwithstanding the fact that he was of a miserly disposition. She will probably get his money.

Thursday afternoon in a slight wreck at the "Y" Johnnie Liles, a young man who works in the yardmaster's office of the Coast Line, was slightly hurt. Young Liles was on his way to the Union depot to get a report of cars and while in the cab of a shifting engine met with the accident. The shifting engine ran into a string of empty box cars and was damaged to some extent.

The organ recital given Thursday night on the magnificent new pipe organ of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. The doors were opened at 8 o'clock and by the time for the recital to begin the church was crowded and many had to stand up. Mr. Edward H. Munson, organist of St. James' Episcopal Church, gave the recital and he was ably assisted by Mrs. Annie DeRosset Harris, soprano, Mr. John F. Kneissel, violin, and Mr. Alfred H. Yopp, pianist. One piece that elicited much comment was a supple rendition of Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer" by Mrs. Harris. Messrs. Munson, Kneissel and Yopp. The organ numbers were also favorably rendered and the organ is one of great volume as well as sweet tones.

Washington's birthday was not generally observed here Thursday, although the banks were closed all day and the public schools had appropriate ceremonies. However, some of the wholesale houses were closed during a portion of the day. Many ladies and children took advantage of the beautiful weather to take a trip to the beach during the afternoon.

William Polite, who was chief waiter of the Seashore Hotel at Wrightsville Beach last summer, has opened a cafe, "The Rathskeller," on Princess, between Front and Second streets. Polite will no doubt do a good business, as he is polite in both name and manner.

FOUR HORSES BURNED.

Davidson County Farmer Sustains Serious Loss This Morning. Winston-Salem, Feb. 24.—At Enterprise, a small town in Davidson county, this morning, fire destroyed the large barn of Mr. J. S. Tesh, one of Davidson's most prosperous farmers.

Four horses, several hundred bushels of wheat, a reaper, a threshing machine and other farm machinery were consumed. There was no insurance either on the building or the contents. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD.

Aged Negro Found Dead in His Bed. Had Heart Trouble. New Bern, N. C., Feb. 24.—Ed Fisher, a negro between 45 and 50 years of age, was found dead in bed Thursday morning. He was a sufferer from heart trouble, which is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

NO PLACE FOR HOCH'S BODY IN CEMETERY

Owners of Lots in Cemetery Object to Interment of Those who Have Been Hanged. Hoch's Body Laid to Rest in Paters Field.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The body body of Johann Hoch lay in the county morgue at Dunning, Ill. Cemetery after cemetery was asked to permit the burial of Hoch, but all refused, saying the owners of the lots objected to the interment of those who had been hanged.

REICHTSTAGS' ACTION.

Was Approved by Federal Council—To Get Emperor's Signature. Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Federal Council approved the Reichstags' action in passing a bill providing for the extension of the new German tariff to the United States until June 30, and sent the measure to the Emperor for his signature.

About Union News.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Postmaster General is directed to inform the House why the Union News of Thomaston, Ga., the official organ of the Farmer's organization of that State has been excluded from the second class mail privileges by a resolution introduced by Representative Bartlett of Georgia.

KENYON MILITARY ACADEMY SWEEP AWAY BY FIRE

Disastrous Fire Completely Destroyed Buildings of Academy. Three Cadets Missing. Eight Seriously Burned. Three May Die. Loss was \$50,000.

Eighty Five Cadets Caught in Dormitory Forget all Military Formation and Rush Out. List of Those Injured. Cause of Fire Unknown.

Gambler, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The buildings at Kenyon Military Academy were burned early this morning and are a total loss. Three cadets are missing and at least eight injured, three of whom will probably die.

List of the Injured. Hart Shannon, of New York, arms and body badly bruised; may not recover. Harry Barnes, of Cleveland, probably fatally injured. John N. Nicholson, of Steubenville, O., badly burned, and will not recover. J. Dorsey, of Dallas, Texas, slightly burned about the face and head. S. A. Salaway, business manager of the Military Academy, badly burned about the face and hands.

Several others were slightly burned in escaping from the building. Eighty-five boys were in the dormitory when the fire broke out. An effort was made to effect a military formation, but the younger students forgot their military training and rushed about the burning building in a panic, shrieking and crying for help. The loss is \$100,000, with slight insurance. The cause is unknown.

The Three Missing. Practically all hope that the three missing students are yet alive has been given up by the authorities. The missing are: Winford Kunkle, of Ash-tabula, Ohio; James J. Fuller, of Warren, Ohio, and J. Edward Henderson, of Indiana.

RESIGNED TRUSTEESHIP.

Effingham B. Morris Resigned His Trusteeship of Mutual Life Insurance Company. Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Effingham B. Morris, of this city, announced that he had resigned his trusteeship in the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York. Morris gives as his reason for resignation the pressure of business. He is president of the Girard Trust Company of this city.

Morris Gives Reason. Morris in explaining his resignation said: "I resigned as trustee of the Mutual Life because it proved to be impracticable for me as a non-resident to keep in touch with the details of the management of the corporation, having its office in New York, and whose policy must necessarily be adapted to the varying conditions from day to day. I remained on the board after the recent deplorable events only long enough to vote in the support of every measure advocated by the Truste-dale investigation committee."

PROFITS \$750,000.

What Carter Estimated Profits At. Says Witness in Green-Gaynor Case. Savannah, Feb. 24.—C. P. Goodyear, of Brunswick, testified in the Green and Ganor trials that in 1891 Carter made a proposition to him saying he and the firm contractors had a plan to secure an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from congress for deepening Brunswick harbor. This Carter did not doubt their ability to put through, he said, but they desired the co-operation of Goodyear, who would, he said, told him \$750,000, the estimated profits, would be divided one-third, going to Goodyear, one-third to the contractors and the remaining third to some one Carter did not designate. This project was gone into to the extent of Goodyear's sounding the then congressman from Brunswick district who thought no such appropriation could be secured. The matter was dropped.

JUDGE A MURDERER?

Grand Jury Indicts Judge Hargis and Others For Marcum's Death Two Years Ago. Jackson, Ky., Feb. 24.—The Breathitt county grand jury returned indictments against County Judge James Hargis, Edward Callahan, B. F. French, John Smith and John Abner, charging murder and accessory to the same, in the death of James B. Marcum here two years ago.

State Senator Alexander Hargis was exonerated by the jury, Judge Hargis and Callahan are named as the principals and Smith and Abner as accessories before fact. Marcum was killed in feudal troubles. He was shot down in the courthouse door.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the platform today amounted to 44 bales at 10 7/8. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to 52 bales at 7 3/4 cents.

DEATH OF MRS. W. L. GILBERT.

She Was At One Time a Resident of Charlotte. The many Charlotte friends of Mrs. W. L. Gilbert, who resided here several years ago, will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred in Raleigh yesterday. The News and Observer gives the following account of the funeral:

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. W. L. Gilbert, who died here yesterday, were conducted by Rev. J. W. Ham, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, of which church, as has been stated, Mrs. Gilbert was a member. Following this service the body was sent to Middendorf, S. C., where the burial will take place today, Rev. Mr. Ham conducting the last solemn rites.

Mr. Ham pays the following beautiful and touching tribute to the deceased:

"Mrs. Gilbert joined the Faquay Springs Missionary Baptist church two years ago and at once became a spiritual leader in the community, and one of the best leaders in church work there. "Great sorrow rests upon the church as well as upon the community in which she had so ardently labored for the Master's cause as to win a place in the hearts of all."

The large gathering at the funeral attested the deep love in which the people held her. Great grief was apparent upon the faces of all those attending the last sad rites.

Mrs. Gilbert was 32 years of age and had been ill for thirteen weeks, suffering from a complication of troubles.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BELL.

Passed Away At Her Home On South Graham Street Yesterday. The funeral of Mrs. George R. Bell, who died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home at No. 211 South Graham street, will take place from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the Tryon Street Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Bell had been in declining health for nearly two years, her condition growing worse during the past few months. She was the daughter of the Rev. C. M. Campbell, of Randleman, who was pastor of the Broadway Street Methodist church of this city this morning to attend the funeral services. Mrs. Bell was 28 years old and besides her father she is survived by her husband, Mr. G. R. Bell, of the Parker-Gardner Company.

NOTED CASE OPENED IN FEDERAL COURT

Judge Purnell Made Order After Argument, Practically Re-opening Noted Suit of United Cigarette Machine Company Against R. H. Wright. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—After argument by the counsel today Judge Purnell in the Federal Court made an order practically reopening the noted suit of the United Cigarette Machine Co. against R. H. Wright, involving the transaction of the defendant in Japan, India, Asia and Philippine Island as the general agent for the Bon-sac Cigarette Machines.

CONFESSED TO MURDER.

Young Station Matron Said She Stabbed Man and Wife. By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 24.—Josephine Polari Terranova, a 17 year old Italian matron was arrested and confessed she stabbed Gaetano Riggio and his wife, with whom she had made her home before her marriage two months ago. Riggio died in the hospital today. Mrs. Riggio's condition is somewhat improved. Mrs. Terranova said she was justified by the treatment which she claimed to have received at Riggio's hands, since she was 13 years old.

RAN AWAY FROM SCHOLL.

A 12-Year-Old Lad Gone From Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton. Morganton, N. C., Feb. 24.—Elridge Furr, a seventeen year old boy whose home is near Albemarle, ran away from the Deaf and Dumb School Monday morning and has not been heard from since.

He had only been at the school about one month. Capt. E. McK. Goodwin would be very glad indeed to have information as to his whereabouts.

Episcopal Services. Church of the Holy Comforter, Sims' Hall, Dilworth, Rev. Francis M. Osborne, minister in charge.—9.45 a. m., Sunday school and Bible class. 11.00 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. St. Martin's Chapel, Davidson and Tenth streets, Rev. Francis M. Osborne, minister in charge.—3.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class. 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. St. Andrew's Chapel, Seversville, Rev. John H. Crosby, minister in charge.—11.00 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. 4.00 p. m., Sunday school. Chapel of Hope, Gingham Mills, Rev. John H. Crosby, minister in charge.—3.30 p. m., Sunday school. 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Mr. McRae to Speak. Mr. John A. McRae will address the farmers of Berryhill at Big Spring next Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

VANDERBILT DREW REVOLVER ON MOB WHO ATTACKED HIM

Serious Incident at Ponteders in Which Vanderbilt and Chauffeur Were Mobbed Because of Accident to Child. Vanderbilt Taken to Police Station.

When he Saw his Auto. Party in Danger he Drew Revolver at Him, Kicking and Cuffing Him About.

Florence, Feb. 24.—The incident at Pontedera yesterday, which involved the detention of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and their chauffeur, turns out to have been much more serious than at first reported.

It appears that Vanderbilt and his chauffeur were mobbed, that the former drew a revolver and that both Vanderbilt and the chauffeur were arrested and taken to the police station. Mrs. Vanderbilt was escorted to the best hotel in the place, where, according to latest advices, she was awaiting developments.

The Vanderbilt automobile, it appears, was not going at an excessive speed, but when turning a sharp corner it ran down a boy about five years old and injured him about the head, though not seriously.

The report that the child was dead caused the townspeople to attack the chauffeur. Matters reached a very critical stage and Vanderbilt believing the lives of his party were in danger, drew a revolver. Before he could use the weapon several men jumped into the automobile, disarmed Vanderbilt and kicked and cuffed him. The police appeared and protected the party.

Improved Child's Condition. The doctor visited the injured boy and announced that grave complications may arise. Vanderbilt secured a lawyer who applied for a provisional release. If the child lives and is not permanently disabled the punishment may be imprisonment for three months and a fine of \$200, in addition to the fine for carrying a revolver without permission.

It is believed considering the extenuating circumstances that Vanderbilt may be sentenced to pay a fine.

SALISBURY NEWS NOTES.

Entertained at Bridge Whist—Jr. O. U. A. M. to Establish Orphanage—Daughters of Revolution Held Meeting—Mr. McNeil Honored—Other News Items.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 24.—Captain Will Douson, who has been running conductor on the Whitney train from Salisbury to Whitney has quit his run and will engage in other railroad work. Miss Janie Klutz entertained at a bridge whist at her elegant home on West Ninth street this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Gerrill Hart McCullough.

The next State Council meeting of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will be held in Fayetteville. The council decided to establish an orphanage and appointed a committee to select a location. The Salisbury Guaranty and Loan Co. has offered a site of twenty-five acres and the committee has already inspected the property.

CLEMENCY REFUSED SHEPPARD.

New Yorker Whose Auto Ran Over Paris Girl May Serve In Prison. Paris, Feb. 24.—The ministry of Justice has acted adversely on the application for executive clemency in the case of Elliott P. Sheppard, of New York, grandson of the late W. K. Vanderbilt, who was sentenced October 26th to three months imprisonment and \$125, and pay a fine of \$4,000 damages to the parents of Madeleine Manduel, who was killed by Sheppard's automobile at Stoen April 24th last. The fine and indemnity was paid but application was sought to waive imprisonment.

Elliott P. Sheppard whose residence is in Paris, arrived in New York January 8, to visit friends.

Y. W. C. A. Vesper Service. Vesper service will be held at the Young Women's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The subject will be "Channels of Power." Miss Lottie Gray, who has charge of the music, has arranged a special program.

Miss Watkins will meet her Bible class at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening. The members of this class are finding the study of the Old Testament very interesting.

"AUNT NELLIE" IS DEAD.

Faithful Servant of the Brown Family Passes to Her Reward. "Aunt" Nellie Johnston, who has been a servant in the family of Mr. P. M. Brown for the past 25 years, died at her home on the Brown premises last night at 11 o'clock.

"Aunt Nellie" was born in Columbus, Ga., and moved to Charlotte directly after Mr. Brown's first marriage. Previous to her coming to Charlotte, she had been a servant in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bass, the parents of Mr. Brown's first wife, for several years.

She deceased was one of the old school of negroes which is fast disappearing. She was devoted to every member of Mr. Brown's family and every one of them loved and respected "Aunt Nellie."

About ten days ago the good old soul was stricken with pneumonia. From the first her condition was serious. On account of her advanced age she was unable to battle against the ravages of the disease and last night at 11 o'clock the spirit of the old woman took its flight.

Those who were kind and considerate to "Aunt Nellie" during her lifetime, will look after her remains and see that flowers are strewn above the mound.

SALESMEN HOLD MEETING.

Traveling Representatives of National Biscuit Co. Meet For Conference. The salesmen for the National Biscuit Company in North and South Carolina, met in Charlotte today, at the Manufacturers' Club.

The meeting was called by Mr. O. S. Gean, sales agent of the New York Agency and Mr. H. O. Miller, division manager for North and South Carolina. The object of the meeting was for the discussion of plans for closer business relations and for the betterment of this corporation's trade throughout the Carolinas.

After the meeting at the club the gentlemen who composed the party repaired to the Buford Hotel where an elegant dinner was served. The following well known salesmen were here attending the meeting: Henry Archbell, Kingston; J. M. Rankin, Greensboro; L. E. Rankin, Wilmington; K. R. Dettler, Lincolnton; James A. Sanders, Raleigh; W. P. Johnson, Elizabeth City; C. E. Efrid, Rocky Mount; J. W. Simpson, Rockwell; S. L. Colvert, Statesville; S. S. Dowson, Columbia, S. C.; L. W. Cozby, Greenville, S. C.; E. C. Duval, Orangeburg, S. C.; M. O. Efrid, Florence, S. C. and C. W. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.

RAIN IS PREDICTED.

Weather Man Says Rain Tonight and Tomorrow. The weather man says that it will rain tonight and will be slightly warmer. Rain is predicted for tomorrow, followed by colder weather. In his remarks today Mr. Bennett says:

"An area of low pressure of considerable intensity and extent, is central this morning over Illinois, and has caused rain generally over the Mississippi valley. Temperatures continue high over the Gulf States, the Mississippi valley and eastward, ranging 10 to 20 degrees above normal. In this vicinity rain may be expected tonight and colder Sunday."

GEN WOOD WAITS.

For Developments in Chinese Crisis—Packers of Manila Patriots. Manila Feb. 24.—Active preparations continue here for a possible emergency in China. Major General Leonard Wood has postponed his contemplated trip to Mindanao.

A list has been circulated among the packers and teamsters of this city requesting the names of those who are willing to enlist for service in China. The necessary outfit fits will be issued to them.

\$25,000 ROBBERY OF DIAMONDS

Loss Occurred on Railroad Between Terre Haute and Vincennes, Ind. Were Being Shipped to Cincinnati Firm. A "Duplicate Trunk."

Indianapolis Feb. 24.—Special to the News from Vincennes Ind., says: Unless some mistake has been made by the railroad officials a \$25,000 diamond robbery occurred either at Terre-Haute or between Terre-Haute and Vincennes on the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad today. The diamonds were in a trunk and are the property of a Cincinnati jewelry company.

William Pfleger, representative of the jewelry co, checked the trunk from Terre-Haute to this city. Another trunk almost a duplicate, was delivered to him. The police are of the opinion that the trunk was stolen and the theft was committed in the baggage room at Terre-Haute.

Belmont Park. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 3 p. m.; Prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Rev. G. G. Harley pastor.

"A GAME FIGHTER AND HONEST MAN" IS SEN. TILLMAN

Thus Says Roosevelt of the South Carolina Pitchfork Senator in Talking to Dolliver. Teddy Greatly Pleased Over the Rate Bill.

Favorable Report on Hepburn Bill Puts Roosevelt in Good Spirits. Senator Tillman May Confer With the President About the Bill.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt is said to be in excellent spirits over the favorable report on the Hepburn railroad rate bill by the senate committee on interstate commerce.

Senator Dolliver after a conference with the President, said the President is greatly pleased. "Is Senator Tillman to have a conference with the President about the bill," Senator Dolliver was asked.

"I don't know about that," he responded. "But I know what the President thinks about Tillman. He told me ten days ago that he regarded Tillman as a game fighter and an honest man."

A National Quarantine Bill.

The senate committee on public health and national quarantine considered the Mallory national quarantine bill a number of amendments of minor character were adopted tentatively but the final action was not taken.

It is expected that the bill will be reported next Saturday.

Reclassify Public Lands.

The House passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to reclassify the Alabama public lands.

Senator Tillman Sick.

Washington, Feb. 24.—On account of a slight cold, Senator Tillman, who was yesterday designated by the committee on Interstate Commerce to report on the Railroad Rate Bill, did not go to the capitol today. It is stated his condition is in no respect serious. He expects to be at his desk Monday and to then report on the bill.

JUDGMENT FOR 25 CENTS.

The End of a Noted Mental Anguish Case in Rowan Court. Mr. C. W. Tillett has returned from Salisbury, where he appeared for the Western Union. In a case brought against the company by a Mr. Harrison. The Salisbury Post has the following account of the trial of the case:

"A suit that has been of no little interest and was determined, so far as Judge Council's court is concerned a financial feature of mental anguish, was disposed of in the Superior court yesterday. On the 8th day of July, 1903, the young stepson of Mrs. Annie Harrison died in Salisbury. The boy's father sent a telegram to Mrs. Harrison but there was delay in its delivery and the plaintiff instituted suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company. The matter was heard at the February 1904 term of court and a judgment for \$200 was given. The defendant company appealed and a new trial was granted.

"Yesterday C. W. Tillett, Esq., of Charlotte, representing the Western Union, admitted the negligence on the part of the company but held that in view of the relationship existing between the deceased and plaintiff the actual mental anguish as alleged had not been suffered.

Judge Council ordered a verdict of twenty-five cents, the cost of the message and the costs in the case against the defendant company."

DEATH OF OLD VETERAN.

Mr. Rufus Brown Died At County Home This Morning. Mr. Rufus Brown, a veteran of the Civil War, and a member of Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans, died at the County Home this morning at 8 o'clock. The body was brought to the undertaking establishment of J. M. Harry & Co., where it was prepared for burial. The funeral services will be held from the parlor of the undertaking establishment tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Dr. R. C. Holland, chaplain of Mecklenburg Camp, will conduct the service. The interment will be in Elmwood.

Mr. Brown was, during the war between the States, a member of Company B, 13th North Carolina Regiment. He was a good soldier and made a splendid record for bravery and faithfulness to duty.

The deceased had been in failing health for the past year. He had been an inmate of one of the city hospitals until last Tuesday, when he was removed to the County Home. He was about 65 years old.

Rev. J. Mercer Blain, passed through the city last night on his way to Nashville Tenn where he will spend a couple of weeks.