Negroes Fleeced.

Correspondence Observer.

MOORESVILLE, March 23.—In the northern part of our town there is a suburb inhabited by negroes exclusively, known by the euphonious name of "Slab Town." Saturday night an episode occured there that will not be forgotten soon. A blind tiger wagon came along as the shades of evening gathered and offered liquor for sale by the keg, very cheap. The kegs held five gallons each and were offered for $5. The negroes, after sampling the whiskey, set about to get up the money for two kegs. They succeeded in raising $7.75 and the liberal dealers concluded to sell and wait till some other time for the balance, $2.25. They received their money and departed. The negroes at once set about for a division of their purchase. They began to pour, but only a pint of whiskey could be poured from each keg. They could hear a liquid shake about in the kegs but it would not come out. They took out the head of one of the kegs by the removal of a hoop. Inside they found a pint flask with its neck ingeniously fastened in the bung hole of the keg and entirley surrounded by water. Thus they paid $7.75 for one quart of whiskey with nine and three-fourths quarst of water to weaken it. There is no clue as to who the guilty parties are, but I guess when they come back after the $2.25 still due they will be nabbed or mobbed.

An Interesting Railroad Rumor.

A well founded rumor says that the Southern Railroad will have a through line from Chattanooga to Charleston via Asheville and "The Land of the Sky," In fact it is started that a deal of the kind has already been made and that official announcement of the matter will soon be given out.

The through line to Charleston by the Southern is obtained by the purchase of the South Carolina and Georgia Extension. This road runs from Camden, S. C., to Marion, N. C., a distince of about 125 miles, and is a valuable piece of property. It was originally built as a part of the Three C's road that was to form a connecting link between Charleston and Cincinnati.

It is also understood that the Southern will operate through vestibule trains over this through line.

With the purchase of this extension the Asheville traffic to Charleston and other Southern points would, to a very large extent, be turned.

Seamen Saved as if by a Miracle.

CHARLOTTE, March 24.—A special from Wilmington, N. C., says:

Captain Sanders, of the steamer Compton, which arrived yesterday from the scene of the wreck of the Spanish steamer near beaufort, this week, tells of a mysterious coincidence in connection with the rescue of the crew. Tuesday morning, with a gale of wind blowing and heavy seas breaking over the massive bulk of iron in the steamer there suddenly came an unexpected calm and immediately half of the weather-beaten crew put off in a life boat. Their daring inspired the brave life saving station men and they rushed out and rescued the remaining fourteen seamen. Before the ship wrecked sailors had hardley taken refuge on the cutter Algonquin the storm resumed its fury and a few minutes later the big steamer broke in two and the bridge upon which the crew had been standing since the Saturday before went under. It was indeed one of the miracles of the sea.

Has the Coast Line Been Sold?

Wilmington Dispatch.

It is rumored here that the parties holding the controlling interest in the Atlantic Coast Line system have sold out to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The price paid for this controlling interest cannot be learned, but it must be large.

While this report cannot be corroborated now, for all in a position to know are reticent or profess ignorance, still there is probably considerable trnth in it, for the offer some years ago of $400 per share for the controlling interest in the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, which is the parent road of the Atlantic Coast Line and the main link in the whole system.

The Coast Line comprises over 2,500 miles of road in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and, connecting with the Plant System of Georgia, forms a short main line between Florida and the northeastern States. The Atlantic Coast Line is in excellent condition, the market value of its stock is far above par, and it has paid its owners handsome dividens for years.

A North Carolina Merchant Comes to Grief in Charleston.

Salisbury Sun.

Mr. J. A. Townsend, a well-to-do citizen of Hildebrand, Catawba county, arrived in Salisbury Thursday in a bad plight.

Mr. Townsend went to the Charleston Exposition last week with a large quantity of eggs and the profit derived from the sale of them was sufficient to pay all his expenses and leave him about $15 to the good.

Mr. Townsend had a check for over $100 and cash to the amount of $14 in his pocket when he was ready to leave Charleston. While waiting at the depot he was approached by a stranger who was awfully happy to meet him—coming the same way—wanted to ride in coach with him—talk to him—in short a gold brick fellow of the old variety.

While the genial fellow was doing the talking two confederates glided up and extracted from Mr. Townsend's pocket his purse and check. He discovered his loss before the train left and immediately reported it to the officers. They worked on the case and had one man under arrest when Mr. Townsend left Charleston.

Six men were killed at Cleveland, O., on the 25th by a cave-in of earth. They were working close to a bank of clay when it suddenly gave way and caught them. It is believed the thawing from the late hard freeze was the cause.

At Aberdeen, Miss., last week a colored man was hanged for murder and when the drop fell the man's head was torn from his body.

Ex-President Cleveland was 65 years old last Tuesday.

Hugged and Kissed Kubelik.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Herr Jan Kubelik, the young violinist, was the victim of a remarkable feminine ovation in Brooklyn tonight. He had given a recital at the Academy of Music, which was crowded, and had stirred up great enthusiasm.

Encore succeeded encore and flowers were thrown on the stage in profusion. After the performance there was a demonstration that capped the climax.

As Herr Kubelik came out of the stage door to get into his carriage and go to his hotel several hundred impressionable young women crowded about the door and the police had their hands full in keeping them back. When the young violinist appeared there was an onslaught. He was hugged and kissed and pulled about for several minutes.

When he came out of the scrimmage, thanks to the police, the women screamed "coward" at him and pelted him with flowers. An immense wreath, weighing several pounds, was forcibly hung about his neck. In an exhausted condition he was helped to his carriage and the crowd of excited women dispersed.

The Tayloes' Poisoner Strung Up.

WASHINGTON, N. C., March 25.—Last night Jim Boston, colored was taken from the jail at Williamston, where he had been incarcerated for safe keeping, brought back within a mile of this town and hanged to a sweet gum tree. His body was found dangling to the tree limb early this morning. Boston is the negro who several days ago placed poison in the coffee to kill the nurse at Dr. T. Tayloe's, but instead of the poison reaching the old colored woman, Dr. Tayloe and his family were all poisoned and several members of the family came near dying. It was only through prompt aid that the family were saved from death. After Boston was arrested and placed in jail he confessed to the crime, but stated that his aim was to make way with the nurse. Fears of lynching were circulated among our citizens immediately after the crime and he was taken to the jail in Williamston.

How the mob secured Boston from the jail in Williamston cannot be ascertained as communication between the two towns has been cut off due to the lynchers cutting the wires. There was considerable excitement when the lynching was first learned, but now all is quiet.

Killed on a Railroad Bridge.

SALISBURY, N. C., March 24.—An unknown man was killed by a freight train at the Yadkin river, six miles from Salisbury, Saturday night about 9 o'clock. The man was walking across the railroad bridge and was run down by the train. He was instantly killed. The body was picked up and brought to Salisbury. Coroner Dorsett conducted an investigation yesterday morning and decided that the unfortunate man came to his death by being struck by a train, for which his own negligence was responsible. No papers were found on the man's person that give any idea of his identity and he was buried at the county home.

The officers continue to make arrests for the robbery of Southern Railway cars in the Salisbury and Spencer yards. Saturday night Officer Engle arrested John Fleming, colored, charged with stealing ten boxes of tobacco from a car of the Southern about a month ago. Fourteen pounds of the tobacco was found at Fleming's boarding place. He says he found the tobacco. Four other parties have been arrested in connection with this case. The robbery of Southern cars has reached proportions hereto ore undreamed of. Other and more important arrests are expected to follow in a short while.

Mullen to be Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Mr. Mullen will again be commissioned as postmaster at Charlotte, the unanimity and positiveness of his endorsement by the people of his home city having prevailed over the reports of the departmental agents. The President acted promptly, Senator Pritchard being notified of his decision a short time after the matter had been called to the attention of the Chief Executive by the Postmaster General. It is thought that Mr. Mullen's name will again be sent to the Senate.

Heavy Sentences.

HAVANA, March 24.—The trials before the Audencia Court of the cases arising from the embezzlement of Cuban postal funds, has resulted in the following sentences:

C. F. W. Neely, 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $56,701.

W. H. Reaves, 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $35,516.

Estes G. Rathbone, 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $35,324.

Growth of Rural Delivery.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 26.—There were March 1 only 56 rural free delivery routes in operation in this state. Since then about 25 have been established. It is asserted that by June 1 there will be 150. Twenty-six new routes have been approved in the sixth congressional district; of these, 14 are in Robeson county and 9 in Mecklenburg, and all these will go into operation May 1. An agent of the postoffice department is now here looking into the merits of the 39 applications on file from this district.

Dead Girl Found in a Pond.

From Ronda, Wilkes county, comes the news of the finding of the body of a dead girl in a pond Sunday morning. Two small boys went to look a fish basket and saw the body floating in the water. They went for aid and the body was identified as that of Sarah Benge, who had been missing since February 28th. An investigation followed by the coroner's jury and the girl, it was found, came to her death from the effect of a blow on the forehead. The girl was ruined before her death and an effort will be made to find the guilty party.

No Poll Tax, No Vote.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 25.—In an interview today with District Attorney Holton, he gave it as his legal opinion that those who fail to pay their poll tax by May first cannot, according to the present law, vote at the next election.

The Poll Tax Law—When Effective.

Charlotte Observer.

At the meeting of the Democratic State executive committee last night Chairman Simmons read the opinion of George Rountree, Esq., that the poll tax provision of the constitutional amendment is valid and that as a prerequisite to voting next November the poll tax must be paid by the 1st of May. This was adopted as the sense of the committee. This is the opinion of Chairman and Senator Simmons, and, as we see in the Washington correspondence of The Raleigh Post, of Chairman and Senator Pritchard also. It is likewise that of District Attorney Holton, as appears from our Winston special this morning. Mr. A. J. Maxwell, of Rockingham, a layman, and clerk of the State Senate, presents the same view in a communication in another column, and we are holding until tomorrow—because not receiving until late last night—an argument on the same side of the question from E. J. Justice, Esq., of Marion, one of the best lawyers in the west.

It may be added that, whatever the law, this question is not at all likely to get into the courts, but the interpretation which has been generally accepted, which has the concurrence of the chairmen of both of the parties, and to which the Democratic State executive committee has given its endorsement, is likely to govern, and that no man who is liable to poll tax, except such as are exempted by the county commissioners, will vote this year unless it is paid by the 1st of May. To pay it is the policy of safety, anyhow. As has been suggested, it must be paid some time, and it had as well be done first as last. We urge this course upon those who expect to vote in the election of next November.

Children in Factories.

Referring to the fact that a jury recently gave one thousands dollars damages against a factory because a boy employed there was injured, upon the ground that it was negligence on the part of the company in employing the child, the Durham Herald says:

"We have no fault to find with this verdict, but there are two sides to all questions, and we propose to go into the other side. This child being a minor, it is presumed that the suit was brought by his parents. It is also more than probable that his parents sought and secured work for him at the factory, but of course took upon themselves no responsibility for his injury. In this particular case the parents of the child and the owners of the factory are equally guilty and no reasonable man can make anything else of it."

Played the Piano 27 Hours on a Wager.

Marseilles Cable.

Mr. Garnier, a pianist, undertook to play continouusly for 27 hours, with intervals not exceeding in the aggregate an hour and a half, for a wager of 1,000 francs.

He began at 9 o'clock last night. He took his first rest at 2 o'clock this morning and thereafter had only three short rests until 5 o'clock this afternoon, when his fingers became cramped. Massage was resorted to and the pianist re-attacked the key-board. During the evening his face was drawn, his hands were swollen and his arms supported on cushions.

When he stopped at midnight, having won the wager with 14 minutes to spare, he collapsed from nervous prostration. A crowd packed the cafe where he performed.

Strike Followed by Lockout.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 28.—At a meeting of the King Cotton Mill operatives, it was decided to make a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages on April 7. It is the understanding that if the King Company grants the request, the other mills will be requested to meet the raise. If the King Mill refuses, the operative will strike. The plan is to have the strike in this factory supported by the employes of other mills.

The King Mill authortiies say they will not comply with the demands and a strike by their operatives will be met by a lockout in the other mills, including those at Bath, Warrenville, Langley and Graniteville, S. C.

The next Democratic State Convention will be held at Greensboro. This is the first time it has been held elsewhere than Raleigh. That city can blame nothing but itself for its failure to keep the convention there. With hotel facilities not equal to the proper demands of any town of one-fourth its size and importance, it has kept the convention there now longer than it had a right to expect. Greensboro has a fine new auditorium, the best hotel facilities of any city in the State, Asheville excepted, and when the State Convention is held there once it will want to return year after year, ad infinitum.—Concord Times.

The verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree in the Wilcox case seems to have surprised even the attorneys who prosecuted Wilcox, as they did not expect more than a verdict of murder in second degree. One thing is certain: If Wilcox killed Ella Cropsey, not one single circumstance was produced at the trial to prove it. If he is hanged for it, it will be the first time in the history of jurisprudence when a man's life was taken on such evidence.—Concord Times.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has refused an offer of $90,000 for the old family home at Beauvoir, and formally announces her intention of disposing of the property to the United Sons of Confederate Veterans for $10,000 as soon as the fund now being raised by the organization for this purpose is completed. The offer of $90,000 is being made by a syndicate of capitalists.

A mendicant approached a benevolent-looking old gentleman the other day and said: "Dear sir, I have lost my leg."

The benevolent-looking old gentleman replied, as he hurried away: "My dear friend, I am very sorry but I have not seen anything of it."

Senator Marcus A. Hanna has written a letter stating that he is in no sense a candidate for the presidency in 1904, and requesting his friends to discourage any movement to that end.

North Carolina Week at Charleston.

Governor Aycock, of North Carolina with his staff will leave Raleigh for the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition by special train on Tuesday morning April 8. The train will consist of three Pullman cars and two or three day coaches, and will be run for the benefit of anyone wishing to visit the Exposition during North Carolina Week. The rates from Concord for the round trip is $4.80, good for seven days.

North Carolina Week will include a Raleigh Day, a Charlotte Day, a North Carolina Editors' Day, a Winston-Salem Day, and a Wilmington Day. The military features of the occasion will be exceedingly brilliant. Four companies of the Second Regiment of the State Guard will be present in Charleston, probably under canvas on the Exposition grounds, and their presence will add much to the display made by the old North State.

Governor Aycock will be accompanied to Charleston by about twenty members of his staff and theirs families and their friends. His escort from North Carolina will be a full regiment of five hundred men and in addition to this military escort it is expected that there will be of the North Carolina military at least 1,200 men in Charleston during North Carolina Week. The Exposition at Charleston and the part which North Carolina is taking in it have been widely discussed in the North Carolina papers and it is certain that thousands of people from that progressive State will attend the Exposition during that week, several estimates being that not less than seventy-five thousand Tarheels will come to Charleston the second week in April.

A Big Flood in the South.

VICKSBURG, MISS., March 27.—Nearly eight inches of rain fell in the past 24 hours and it has almost isolated Vicksburg, so far as railway traffic and wire communication is concerned. Not a train on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road has entered or left the city since 9:30 o'clock last night, when a mail and passenger train left for New Orleans. This train only succeeded in getting as far as Port Gibson, 250 miles south, where it is still held, the tracks south of that point for two miles being washed away. In this city the damage will amount to several thousand dollars. Many business houses and residences have been flooded to a depth of several feet. Streets are washed out and many bridges undermined. At the National Cemetery many terraces were cut to pieces and the fine steel bridge across Mint Springs bayou, built by the government five years ago, in on the point of callapse and traffic across it has been stopped. Traffic has been suspended on the Alabama & Vicksburg road on account of Baker's creek having overflowed the track.

Story Told by Mr. Bryan.

William J. Bryan found time to tell a story or two while he was at luncheon in the House restaurant at the Capitol recently.

"A while ago," he said, "I went with a party of friends to visit the Nebraska State Asylum for the Insane. I became separated from my party and wandered through some of the rooms alone.

"An inmate approached me, and seeking to be friendly, said: 'What are you in here for?' 'Because I believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1,' I replied, thinking to be facetious. 'Huh,' said the inmate, moving off in disgust, 'you ain't crazy, you're just a plain, dum fool.'"

A Springtime Tragedy.

Following is "A Springtime Tragedy," by a Georgia youngster:

The other day Dad said: "Spring has come," and went out where the Garden use to be and commenced to dig in the sod, to put the seed that would bring forth the tender plants, called Collards and Tomatoses. He digged and digged 'till the Sweat of his Brow looked like a Turkish Bath; when suddenly a Blizzard which had been resting-up Chicago, swooped down on him, and he was so scared that he was froze to the spot, and had to be dug out took to the house, where he made things so hot by swearing that it wasn't long before he thawed, and reformed from gardening in Springtime. May says Spring is as big a Failue as he is."

Log Cabin Philosophy.

Atlanta Constitution.

Ef dis worl' is de howlin' wilderness some folks says it is, a deef man must be ez happy ez a crow in a co'nfiel'.

You don't hatter go fur in dis worl' ter be happy. All you got ter do is ter set still en think er de yuther feller.

God made de country, en man made de town, en de fust thing man done wuz ter 'lect hisse'f boss er de whole business.

We ain't satisfy wid de worl' we in, en ef ever we gits ter heven some er us'll say dat de streets is only goldplated, de honey is all comb, en dey's somepin' mighty lak water in de milk!

Charlotte to Have a Free Hospital.

CHARLOTTE, March 25.—The Charlotte clinic of the North Carolina Medical college will open a free hospital in this city. Convenient rooms have been secured in a new building on West Fifth street, and will be opened for the free treatment of patients after March 27. The management announces that it has secured the co-operation of some of the most prominent physicians in the city. Separate waiting rooms will be provided for the two races, a nurse will be in attendance and patients treated with the utmost care.

Mrs. Scott Owns Town of Star.

RALEIGH, March 26.—The Supreme Court decides the interesting case of Mrs. Scott vs. Ingram, involving the title to the whole town of Star, in Montgomery county. Mrs. Scott, a married woman, living in South Carolina, sold the land on which the town now stands for a trifle, it seems. The town was built, and it is said the land is now worth $70,000 or thereabouts. The Supreme Court decides in favor of Mrs. Scott and so the property owners lose it.

Some men wake up and find themselves famous, while lots of others stay up all night and never even get a glimpse of fame.

Young John D. Rockefeller's Lecture to His Bible Class.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the Standard Oil magnate, in his usual address to his Bible class in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, recently, spoke on the topic, "Why Should We Join the Church?" He said, among other things:

"To fight the battle alone is to be lost. Association with others is an absolute necessity if we would be successful. It would be like seeing a soldier fighting singly for his country to see the Christian fighting for God from without the church.

"In union there is strength and success. We can see this illustrated every day in the business world. The business man with a small capital finds it to his benefit to unite his money and interests with those of his neighbor. The benefits they derive from their combined capital and labor are proportionately greater than those that would accrue if both worked singly. And these partners in turn find it beneficial to join their partnerships, and so on until the great corporation is founded, each union extending the benefits and possibilities of all concerned without the loss so common in single effort.

"Every man who believes in Christ should ally himself with the church. What branch of the church he attends makes but little difference The particular creed chosen makes but little difference, for we all are working toward one common end. To join the church is a duty we owe to Christ, for to Him it manifests our stand that we are not ashamed of His name.

"Man also owes it to himself to become a member of the church, for in the churches he finds himself associated with men and women of the highest aims, morals and ideals. A church life gives a man many advantages. It is true that some men take advantage of these advantages, but this should not dissuade any man from becoming a member of the church of God."

Washington to Have a Depot Built of White Marble at a Cost of $5,000,000.

Plans for the new Union steam railroad station that is to be built in Washington have been received and inspected with interest by Senators and Representatives and prominent citizens of the District. The new station is to be one of the finest in the world. It will be built of white marble and will cost about $5,000,000. It is to be located two or three squares northeast of the present Baltimore & Ohio station and will have a frontage of more than 700 feet, as great as that of the Capital building, with a broad plaza in front, to which several of the broadest avenues of the city will directly lead, and will contain all of the modern improvements in railroad passenger station construction. The various railroads entering the city will connect through a tunnel under Capitol Hill and enter the station by a viaduct and elevated tracks, as all grade crossings are to be abolished.

In the last Congress a bill was passed, after many years of controversy, providing for the erection of two railroad stations and the removal of the tracks from the mail or system of public parks that extends from the Capitol to the White House. When the two main roads running into Washington were consolidated, however, the Union Station project was taken up and all the legislation now necessary to carry it out is a slight amendment to the law already passed. This will be adopted by both houses very soon and the comprehensive plan of improving and beautifying the capital city will thus be inaugurated.

"Serve the Lord."

News and Observer.

The Lenoir News says that the last words uttered by the late Rev. Dr. Jarvis Buxton, "the grand old man," were "serve the lord."

For half a century Dr. Buxton had served the Lord by preaching His gospel and living according to the precepts of the Master. The gospel he preached to others was his strength and support in his old age, and in death his last admonition told of his unfaltering faith.

It is related that the poet, Swinburne, in his old age, invited a company of brilliant men to dine with him—men of convivial taste, who were noted for their wit and wisdom. The life of the party was the late Col. Ingersoll, who was never so charming and captivating. He made fun of the faith of the preachers and of good men and women in his own inimitable way, and after one of his happiest sallies of ridicule, Col. Ingersoll turned to the aged poet and appealed to him to endorse his profanation. The poet's reply was, in substance, "I am growing old, and as we draw near the grave we come to look upon the matters differently," gently rebuking his friend with whom he held many views in common.

How much brighter is the glowing faith of Dr. Buxton than the flickering light of the aged poet! How it looms up as a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day in contrast with Ingersoll's philosophy which gave no hope of a better life beyond the grave!

Heirloom in Cow's Stomach.

Goshen, N. Y., Dispatch.

A prize beef cow was killed at Samuel Sylvester's farm today and when its interior system was exposed to view the butcher found a necklace of good medallions lost last summer by Kathryn Lamson, a niece of Mr. Sylvester, who came to visit him from her home in Muscatine, Iowa.

The necklace was over 100 years old, having been owned by the young lady's great-grandmother. After a merry "hay-ride" one summer night Kathryn missed the heirloom. Although a diligent search was made, it could not be found. Andy Jensen, the hired man, was accused of stealing it and Mr. Sylvester discharged him.

It is believed the hay contained the necklace when thrown back in the loft and that it was recently eaten by the cow.

Gen. Fred Funston is said to have been much chagrined by the fact that, instead of being lionized on his recent visit to Washington, he was almost ignored. We hardly expected it from Washington, but such treatment is no worse than he deserved. His capture of Aguinaldo was a proceeding which could not have the sanction of those who love openness and fairness and despise treachery.—Concord Times.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON I, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, APRIL 6.

Text of the Lesson, Acts ix, 1-20. Memory Verses, 3-5—Golden Text, Acts iii, 19—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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1, 2. Saul yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord.

What an evil breath he had! The word translated "breathing out" is used only this once and means to breathe in or out, to breathe, to live. His very life was to hate Christ and Christians, and yet the time came when he could truly say, "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. i, 21). Our first introduction to him is in chapters vii, 58; viii, 1, 3, in connection with the death of Stephen and the persecution following, which at this time was still going on. Saul's own account of his life in those days is found in chapters xxii, 3, 4; xxvi, 9-11; Gal. i, 13, 14, but in Eph. ii, 1-3, he speaks of it all as being under the prince of the power of the air.

3, 4. Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Thus spake Jesus of Nazareth to him in the Hebrew language (xxvi, 14) and arrested him in his mad career, for God had determined concerning him, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further" (Job xxxviii, 11). Whoever touches a Christian touches Christ Himself, but not even the devil can go one step beyond God's permission (Job i, 10; Dan. iv, 35; Zech. ii, 8). Though it was midday, this light from heaven was above the brightness of the sun, and Saul could not see for the glory of that light (xxvi, 13; xxii, 11).

5, 6. The Lord said, I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest.

He recognizes a superior and asks, "Who art Thou, Lord?" The answer fills him with trembling and astonishment, for Jesus of Nazareth is actually speaking to him. Seeing Him to be indeed the Christ, the Messiah, whom the prophets had foretold, he at once acknowledges Him as Lord and meekly asks what he is now to do. Thus suddenly shall Israel as a nation be surprised some day, and, looking upon Him whom they pierced, they shall be filled with true penitence and, accepting Him as their long expected Messiah, shall say: "Lo, this is our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us" (Zech. xii, 10; Isa. xxv, 9). Saul's conversion was a pattern or type of the conversion of the nation (I Tim. i, 16).

7-9. He was three days without sight and neither did eat nor drink.

The men who were with him fell to the earth, seeing the light and being afraid. They also heard the voice of some one speaking, but did not hear the words, for those were for Saul only. Compare xxii, 9; xxvi, 14. It was somewhat like the experience of Daniel and of our Lord as recorded in Dan. x, 7; John xii, 28, 29. That Saul really saw Jesus is evident from verse 17 and I Cor. xv, 8. What Jesus said to Saul as He commanded him to rise and stand upon his feet is fully stated in Paul's testimony before Agrippa in xxvi, 16-18. Consider him three days blind and fasting, the world shut out, the body mortified, dying to self, God dealing with his soul. It is the period of death preceding resurrection (Gen xxii, 4; xlii, 17; Jonah ii, 17; Hos. vi, 2; John ii, 19; Rev. xi, 11).

10-12. Inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for, behold, he prayeth.

Thus said the Lord to Ananias, a devout disciple and one who had a good report of all the Jews at Damascus (xxii, 12). He, like Philip in a previous lesson, is prompt and obedient, one on whom the Lord could rely to do His bidding. His reply reminds us of Samuel and Isaiah (I Sam. iii, 4, 6, 8, 10; Isa. vi, 8). These three days find Saul and his Lord in intimate communion. Saul talks with the Lord, and the Lord in vision reveals Himself more fully to Saul. From Jesus Christ by revelation he received the gospel and from Him also all his future instruction (Gal. i, 11, 12, 15, 16).

13-16. He is a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name.

Ananias hesitates just a little as he thinks of Saul's reputation and authority and his madness against Christians. The Lord graciously bears with Ananias in his objections, but repeats His command to go and assures him that Saul is to be His special messenger to the gentiles. One would think that the Lord's first assurance to Ananias that the persecutor was praying would have been sufficient encouragement, but we are so slow to expect wonders from Him whose name is Wonderful. Saul is not only chosen to bear the name of Christ, but also to suffer, for faithfulness to Christ and suffering for His sake are inseparably connected in this present evil age, while the whole world lieth in the wicked one (Gal. i, 4; I John v, 19, R. V.). See also John xv, 18, 19; xvi, 33; Phil. i, 29; II Tim. ii, 12; iii, 12, but be encouraged by Rom. viii, 18; I Cor. x, 13.

17-20. Receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Thus said Ananias to Saul as, having found him just where the Lord said he would, he put his hands upon him and told of the Lord's commission. He received sight, both natural and spiritual, confessed Christ in baptism, took food for the body and was strengthened and immediately preached in the synagogues that Jesus of Nasareth is the Christ, the Son of God. Old things are passed away, all things are become new, the Spirit has clothed Himself with Saul (Judg. vi, 34, R. V., margin) and now henceforth he does but one thing, knows but one Master, and for Him is ready to lay down his life.

Often So.

Penelope—Mercy! Why did Mabel ever marry that young Slimkins? He's such a poor excuse of a man!

Ann—Well, a poor excuse is better than none.

Mrs. Suburbanite: "John, I think we should have burglar alarms in the house, and then if anyone tried to break in they would go off."

Mr. Suburbanite: "Yes 'n wake the baby."

Meets in Greensboro.

On July 16th the Democratic State convention will meet in Greensboro. The Executive Committee decided this yesterday in session at Raleigh. The vote stood a tie between Greensboro and Raleigh until the third ballot when Greensboro won by a vote.

The Senate Friday passed the bill for the repeal of the war revenue taxes, which had been previously passed by the House. The bill as passed by the House abolished all taxes imposed to meet the expenses of the Spanish war, except the tax of 4 cents per barrel on mixed flour, the revenue derived from which in the fiscal year 1900 amounted to about $7,439.

Cassidy—Man, ye're drunk. Casey—Tis a lie ye're spakin', Cassidy. Ye'd not dare to say that to me iv Oi was sober. Cassidy—Iv ye wuz sober ye'd hov sinse enough to know ye wuz drunk.

Seaboard Air Line.

Between New York, Tampa, Atlanta New Orleans and points South and West.

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 1ST, 1901.

		Daily. No. 31.	Daily. No. 27.
SOUTHBOUND.			
Lv New York, Penn. RR		12 55 pm	12 10 am
Leave Philadelphia	"	3 22 pm	7 20 am
Lv Baltimore	"	5 45 pm	9 41 am
Lv Washington, W S Ry		7 10 pm	11 10 pm
Lv Richmond S. A. L.		10 37 pm	2 38 pm
Lv Petersburg	"	11 30 pm	3 18 pm
Lv Norlina	"	1 42 am	5 41 pm
Lv Henderson	"	2 09 am	6 12 pm
Lv Raleigh	"	3 32 am	7 35 pm
Lv Southern Pines	"	6 40 am	9 37 pm
Lv Hamlet	"	6 50 am	10 25 pm
Lv Columbia*	"	8 40 am	1 05 am
Ar Savannah	"	12 05 pm	4 40 am
Ar Jacksonville	"	3 50 pm	9 05 am
Ar Tampa	"	8 10 am	5 40 pm
Lv Portsmouth	"	8 50 pm	9 25 am
Lv Weldon	"	12 08 am	12 28 pm
Lv Norlina	"	12 55 am	1 30 pm
Lv Henderson	"	1 25 am	2 05 pm
Lv Raleigh	"	2 50 am	3 55 pm
Lv. Southern Pines	SAL	5 05 am	6 18 pm
Lv Hamlet	"	6 35 am	10 35 pm
Lv Wilmington	"		2 05 pm
Ar Charlotte	"	9 25 am	10 35 pm
Lv Chester	"	9 45 am	1 35 am
Lv Greenwood	"	11 56 am	3 41 am
Lv Athens	"	2 18 pm	6 13 am
Ar Atlanta*	"	3 45 pm	7 50 am
NORTHBOUND.		Daily No. 34	Daily No. 38.
Lv Atlanta	SAL	12 00 n'n	8 00 pm
Ar Athens	"	2 57 pm	12 22 pm
Ar Greenwood	"	5 19 pm	2 07 am
Ar Chester	"	7 20 pm	4 00 am
Lv Charlotte	"	7 38 pm	5 00 am
Lv Wilmington	"	3 05 pm	
Lv Hamlet	"	10 40 pm	7 40 am
Lv Southern Pines	"	11 23 pm	8 34 am
Leave Raleigh	"	1 35 am	11 05 am
Ar Henderson	"	3 07 am	12 22 pm
Lv Norlina	"	3 55 am	1 25 pm
Lv Weldon	"	4 50 am	2 40 pm
Ar Portsmouth	"	7 15 am	5 25 pm
		No. 34	No. 44.
Lv Tampa	"	9 00 pm	8 00 am
Lv Jacksonville	"	10 50 am	7 40 am
Lv Savannah	"	1 55 pm	11 20 pm
Lv Columbia†	"	7 05 pm	4 10 am
Lv Hamlet	"	10 40 pm	7 25 am
Lv Southern Pines	"	11 23 pm	8 17 am
Lv Raleigh	"	1 35 am	10 20 am
Lv Henderson	"	3 07 am	11 32 am
Lv Norlina	"	3 55 am	12 13 pm
Lv Petersburg	"	5 54 am	2 28 pm
Lv Richmond	"	6 35 am	3 08 pm
Ar Washington W S Ry		10 10 am	6 35 am
Ar Baltimore	PRR	11 25 am	11 25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	"	1 36 pm	2 56 am
Ar New York	"	4 12 pm	6 30 am

Note—*Daily except Sunday. †Eastern time

SLEEPING CAR SERVICE.

Nos. 31 and 34, 32 and 44—Florida and Metropolitan Limited. Drawing Room, Sleeping and Through Day Coaches between New York and Jacksonville. Through Drawing Room Buffet Sleeping Sleeping Cars and Day Coaches between New York and Atlanta.

Nos. 31, 33, 32 and 34 carry Pullman Dining and Cafe Cars between Hamlet and Athens, Hamlet and Savannah.

Nos. 37 and 38—Seaboard and Atlanta Fast Mail. Through Drawing Room Buffet Sleeping Cars between New York and Jacksonville, connecting at Hamlet with Sleeping Car to and from Atlanta.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED Nov. 24th, 1901 (Corrected)	No. 78. Daily.	No. 32. Daily.	No. 77. Daily ex. Sunday.	No. 47. Daily.	No. 46. Daily
	A M	P M	P M	A M	P M
Lv Weldon	11 50	9 35			
Ar Rocky Mt	1 00	10 32			
	P M				
Leave Tarboro	12 22		7 22		
Lv Rocky Mt	1 05	10 02	7 55	5 15	12 52
Lv Wilson	1 50	11 10	8 31	5 56	2 40
Lv Selma	2 25	11 59			
Lv Fayetteville	4 20	3 15			
Ar Florence	7 05	5 40			
	P M	A M			
Ar Goldsboro			9 20		
Lv Goldsboro				6 45	15
Lv Magnolia				7 51	25
Ar Wilmington				9 25	6 00
			P M	A M	P M

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 79. Daily.	No. 95. Daily ex. Sunday.	No. 33. Daily.	No. 45. Daily.	No. 47. Daily.
	A M		P M		
Lv Florence	10 05		8 05		
Lv Fayetteville	12 40		10 40		
Lv Selma	2 10		11 35		
Ar Wilson	2 57		12 07		
	A M			P M	A M
Lv Wilmington				7 00	9 30
Lv Magnolia				8 30	11 05
Lv Goldsboro	7 35			9 37	12 22
	P M		A M	P M	P M
Lv Wilson	2 25	8 20	11 34	10 45	1 38
Ar Rocky Mt	3 20	9 00	12 10	11 23	1 58
Ar Tarboro		9 34			
Lv Tarboro	3 21				
Lv Rocky Mount	3 30		12 40		
Ar Weldon	4 05		1 27		
	P M		A M	P M	

Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9 10 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12 32 p. m. leaves Fayetteville 12 42 p. m., arrives Sanford 1 55 p. m. Returning leave Sanford 3 05 p. m. arrive Fayetteville 4 20 p. m., leave Fayetteville 4 30 p. m., arrive Wilmington 7 15 p. m.

Bennettsville Branch.—Train leaves Bennettsville 8 10 a. m., Maxton 9 00 a. m., Red Springs 9 32 a. m., Parkton 10 41 a. m., Hope Mills 10 55 a. m. arrive Fayetteville 11 25. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 45 p. m., Hope Mills 5 00 p. m., Red Springs 6 42 p. m., Maxton 6 10 p. m. arrives Bennettsville 7 10 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78 at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Rowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3 15 p. m., Halifax 3 29 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4 10 p. m. Greenville 5 47 p. m., Kinston 6 45 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7 05 a. m., Greenville 8 00 a. m., arriving Halifax at 9 05 a. m., Weldon 11 10 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 6 00 a. m. and 2 45 p. m., arriving Parmele 8 [illegible] a. m. and 6 30 p. m. returning leave Parm