RESERVE BANKS REPORT MUCH TRADE ACTIVITY

Declare That With Opening of Spring American Business is at High

Washington, April 3 .- Officials of monthly reports to the federal reserve board on commercial conditions declare with the opening of spring American business is at a high tide. Each of the 12 banks reports unprecedented trade activities.

One of the significant indications of the permanent return of prosperity comes from Philadelphia. This perity. For its February report the Philadelphia reserve bank officials took a poll of the leading business concerns within its territory. This poll shows that 301 business concerns report business normal against only 30 adverse reports. In answer to the question "What is the outlook ?" 244 reported "Good;" 57 reported "fair;" and 26 reported "uncertain."

The federal reserve bank at Richmond, reporting the states of Vir-Maryland, West Virginia North and South Carolina submit the following very favorable report:

"State legislation in South Caro lina by enactement of the Lancy-Odom bill has created a condition in the matter of insurance sufficiently serious to cause the withdrawal from the state of practically all outside fire insurance companies. Until the situation is more definite and a more tangible remedy is apparent, it is probable that the public will find it ifficult to find adequate protection.

"A relative difficulty in effecting loans against stored merchandisc and products may be reasonably expected and a curtailment of volume in commodity paper would appear very probable.

West Virginia reports continued heavy shipments of coal and better volume of business at higher prices in hardware supplies and jobbing business generally better than last

"Cotton mill operations are repor ed most satisfactory.

"Money is easy, except for los terms, and borrowers have no difficulty in obtaining sufficient for their legitimate business needs.

Unfavorable weather conditions have delayed work on farms through out the district. The loss of tobacco plants in South Carolina by freezing indicates that the 1916 crop will be considerably below normal in that State. Grains are more or less backward by reason of cold weather. Cotton acroage in the Carolinas will be slightly increased over last year

"Fertilizer costs are higher than last year and it is questionable if farmers will use up to their last year's standard, either in quantity or quality. Many farmers intend to raise the bulk of their food supplier at home. There are more hogs and cattle on the farms this year. Trucks farmers anticipate a good season or. ed shortage of the potato crop in th north and northwest.

The lumber market is hampered by reason of congested terminals and apparently by some discrimination as regards rail transportation in favor of higher freight tariff goods and products.

The cotton oil industry has suffered somewhat by reason of high cost of seed, but correspondingly better prices for oil and meal indicate a fair margin of profit for the season's operations."

### RAILROADS SHOW

MUCH PROSPERITY Washington, April 3,-The prosperity of the railroads throughou the country continues without shate ment, according to preliminary reports for February made public today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Returns from 96 large roads show a net revenue increusfrom \$25,000,000 in February, 1915 to \$38,000,000 for February, 1916 more than fifty per cent. The greattrict and amounted to nearly ninety per cent. The Southern district howed an increase of approximately fifty per cent, and the western district excelled its January showing of sixteen per cent, increase by ar increase of more than twenty-fire

### COAST LINE BUYING

Wilmington, April 2.- More than \$1,000,000 in rolling stock and rails white men captured. have been purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line, the deliveries to be made

ment indient to the war.

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER SOLD MANY LIVES LOST WHEN Queen City's Morning Paper Acquired by Curtis Johnson and W. B. Sullivan.

Charlotte, April 1 .- The Charlotte News today announced the purchase the federal resorve banks, in their of The Charlotte Observer by Curtis Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Walter B. Sullivan, of Columbia, S. H. Wood and George Stephens, local bankers who have owned it in recent years, since the deaths of J. P. Caldwell and D. A. Tompkins, its

> cipal owner of the Knoxville Sentinel. He was formerly one of the

historical characters in "The Birth of a Nation" spectacle to be seen at the La Fayette Theatre, April 17, 18 and 19, Howard Gray and Donald Crisp have received the most compliments on the faithfulness of their JOHNSTON COLORED SCHOOLS work, the one as General Robert E. Lee and the other as General U. S.

The picture shows General Lee surrendering to General Grant in commencement the Wilmer-McLean mansion at Appriate exercises. pomatox Court House, Va., April 9, 1865. It is a most faithful repro-duction of all of the personages in Lects, both of which were won 59 the great historic scene and of the minute details of the action.

means of a guerilla warfare similar to that used by the Boers towards the close of the Anglo-Boer War. In fact John Wilkes Booth supposed that in killing President Lincoln be would have support of the South in was of a different temper. He re- stration agent of farm clubs for suc: fixed that the South had been beaten colored people, in a fair struggle on the fields of sattle and that prolonging the fight- L. W. Smith, supervisor of colored ing would merely add to the horrors schools, under whom the industrial \$580. and miseries endured by his people. Therefore, after the battle of Five two schools were represented in the Forks, he opened negotiations with parade, with 1,460 pupils, Grant, and on the morning of April 9, under the budding apple trees of

Strangely enough General by an officer of the general staff, and it was with these that the historic document of surrender was written. Afterwards an effort was made to as rest and indict Lee for treason but Crant who knew Loe's nobility of character and bow he had fulfilled to the letter all the surrender obligations, prevented any such disgrace ful sequel to the great event.

### REVENUE OFFICERS GET

ed to Raleigh yesterday afternoon from Dunn where on Saturday he attended the preliminary hearing of Fraddy and Braddy McLamb and Joe Young, charged with Illicit dis

The Mclamb brothers were bound over to Federal Court for trial, while Joe Young was dismissed. The hearing was before Commissioner M. T. Young, and was the result of a raid on a blockade outfit about four miles south of Benson by Deputy MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT Collectors George Moore and R. L. Flowers. A still of 32-gallon capscity was destroyed and the three

It has been plain sailing with the within the present and the first candidates who want to succeed Mr. months of the coming year. Nearly Godwin in Congress. They have 1,000 freight cars, several score pas- "met the people," but Mr. Godwisenger coaches, 12 locomotives and says he is coming home soon, and 15,000 tons of rail are included in the pass through the district. making order. Other railroads throughout four or five speeches in each county, the history of our town. the country also and having heavily. The trail will be hot, and we expect June 3rd .- Red Springs Citizen.

PORTUGAL WENT DOWN

Red Cross Officials and Sisters of Charity Lose Lives in Destruction of Hospital Ship.

Washington, April 3 .- An account

representatives of Short Journey Duke. school. These were followed by It is well known that many sup- brief addresses from Prof. L. T. Royporters of the defeated Confederacy all, county superintendent, and Miss wished to prolong the struggle by Elizabeth Kelly, assistant superintendent, both of whom spoke encouragingly of the work of the schools and the need of the practical work being done along industrial

work has been developed. Twenty-

### FLORAL FAIR

formerly written down at the Wil- have a Floral Fair in October and tions. mer-McLean house in the afternoon. hopes to make this a success.

Lee had dressed for his last public Now is the time to grow flowers. bour, lots Nos. 35, 36, 62 and 63 toe of the National Farmer's Union; Doctor Lewis says that eye-strain, vital to the Republic pacced while occasion with great care, Grant on Let us go to work and spend much Block "C" in Coats; consideration, and president of the Farmers State may be recognized by the ordinary the contrary lacked his full dress time communing with God's out-of- \$250. and appeared in the "fatigue" and doors, caresaing the tender fiflowfier dusty jack boots of the hard cam- and transform the barren places into a greensward of symmetrical Lee had no pencil to write with. A living beauty. If you are not sucpocket ink-stand and pen were lent cessful in floral culture, then there's a fancy-work department for you. Prizes will be given as below. The

list of prizes will be published later: Chrysanthemume:

First best collection, Second best collection. Third best collection. Three best white blooms of or

Three best yellow blooms of one

variety. Three best variegated blooms one variety.

Best single bloom of any variety Best vase of eight varieties-or one of each variety.

Best vase of cut flowers other than

Best maiden-hair fern. Best baby-breath fern. Best potted plant of any variety

hryaunthemuma. Best piece painted china, Best oil painting. Best water-color painting

Fancy Work. Best embroidery, white or Best crochet, Best tatting.

Best piece baby apparel. Best miscellaneous article. Best handkerchief. Rest towel.

help make this fair The Event in

Ladies, put forth every effort to

DUKE NEWS

Duke, April 4,-The Erwin Concert Band left Tuesday morning for Fayetteville where they will take part in the Cumberland county pub-

The Duke Graded school is makof Red Cross officials and Sisters of the Durham and Southern and Nor-

the first head heaptal apont visiting Mrs.

deliver the address.

### Real Betate Transfers.

would have support of the South in

The principal address was delive isled for registration in the office of ing for preferment at the hands of had prepared for free distribution a department work and correspond a new struggle. But General Lee ered by J. D. Wray, State demon-Register of Deeds since our last is the Democratic voters. He will special bulletin on "Weak Eyes, "That's the record—a fire

A. F. Johnson and wife to Law-Lallington township; consideration,

I. H. Lutterlah, mortgagee, to H. fight on a high plane. M .Spears, 43 acres in Johnsonville, ownship; consideration, \$125.

H. L. R. Draughon to Cora Brewington, lots Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 J. that he will make a go

consideration, \$125.

S. A. Cameron and wife et als to

J. M. Byrd mortgages to Frances R. Ross, 1 acre in Lillington townphip; consideration, \$36.

T. E. Godwin and wife et als to township; consideration, \$325.

D. A. McArtan and wife to B. T. Morrison 14 1-4 scres in Lillington once a modern ball park. township; consideration, \$142. H. G. McNelll and wife to A. J.

township; consideration, \$175. G. W. Partin and wife to W. H. Love, one lot in Conta: consideration \$1.000.-Harnett Post 31st

NORRIS, VS. REAL ESTATE TRADING COMPANY, WON

Mr. Norris Sued For \$10,000 Damages For False Arrest; was giv-

en \$1,000 by Jury. The case of Norris against the Real Estate Trading Company of With the admission of Dunn, the "Why I have figured it out and of the First Church. Fayetteville ternoon, the jury rendering a ver- our people may expect a team this jority will be just 2,160." This gen- A fuller program will be amounted diet for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000. The case has been a hard not excel the famous teams in the from information gathered from fought one lasting for three days. Interious old days of Randall, Shell that good county, he has not missed The plaintiff was represented by Stringfield, while the defense was

PELLAGRA CAMPAIGN STARTS IN BLADEN

Bladen County Gets in Line with Progressive Movements-Fights

former proprietors. The Observer that department officially in the South, it having been established in 1869, and a member of the Associated Press.

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Sampson county raises its own of the surplus, at and a coniderable surplus, at an impression that Congress which is sold chiefly in Payetteville. Sought to thwart the President's desured in allied diplomatic quarters amination papers.

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Mr. John W. West Dur- for Commissioner of Agriculture of Sam spent Sunda with Friends in North Carolina, the friends of Mr. 188UES SULLETIN ON WEAR

Sam. H. Hobbs are backing him up in his plans to present his claims .. commencement has been set for the the Democratic voters of North Car Free Health Bulletin From State 27th and 28th of April and Dr. F., olina. Between new and June 3rd. W. Knight of Trinity College will the date of the primary, the voters wili become acquainted with the qualincations o fthis candidate through a strenuous newspaper campaign.

Mr. Hobbs will follow the lead of

tee of the State Farmer's Union; health organizations. W. H. Parrish to Eva Mae Bar- chairman of the Legislative Commit-Convention he has been tremendous- symptoms of burning, itching, wat-H. M. Spears to L. H. Lutterlah, ly useful. Two years ago when Mr. 43 acres in Johnsonville township; Hobbs first let it be known that he headache usually in the forhead, Georgianna Swans, quit claim 16 the Farmers Union, in order to fore-89-100 acres in Barbecue township; stall any intimation from any source of nervousness including St. Vitus' considerations, \$10 and other consid- that he was bringing the organiza- dance. Astigmatism is given credit tion into politics.

### Duna to Have Base Ball,

Archie B. Godwin, 70 acres in Av- have a hall team for the coming and efficiency of mankind in the do prasboro township; consideration, \$1 summer will be of interest to every main of medicine as the accurate and other valuable considerations. | citizen of our town. Tuesday a, m. | correction by glasses of these ocular J. A. McLeod, commissioner, to J. at 10 o'clock, several business men errors." P. Page, 6 1-2 acres in Black River of the town met in the furniture store of Barnes and Holliday and made plans to build and equip at their children's eyes examined when

Mr. J. Lloyd Wade was elected pres- by an oculist, who differs from the Starnes, 62 7-10 acres in Buckhorn ident. A board of directors was selected consisting of the following that he is an educaed, licensed phymen: G. M. Tilghman, MeD. Holliday, Dr. R. L. Warren, J. W. Turn- use the drops that are necessary age, K. L. Howard, C. L. Wilson, Dr. to a complete and thoroughly accu-Wallace Coltrane, Ellis Goldstein, T. rate examination. V. Smith Treas, and J. P. Pittman

the northern part of town and an This is the way one Democrat in and Jordan.

of this city. Payetteville News 20th Snears and James Cash, of Aprx. in Washington Monday.

WIDE AWAKE SAMPSON

Fayetteville Paper Gives

tile and productive counties in North Raleigh, April 2.—Dr. T. M. Jor- Carolina, and its farmers are imof the torpedoing of the Franco- ing preparations to attend in a body dan of Raleigh left yesterday for proving their opportunities and util- Clark tonight replied to criticisms tousand hospital ship Portugal in the Harnett county school commence Bladen county where he will be anthe Black Sen, March 30, with the ment at Lillington Friday April 7th. gaged for the next three months in a remarkable extent. They are work. In a charaioss of many lives, including those A special train will be operated over a disease prevention campaign. He farming on scientific principles, and he denounced such a criticism as a will give special attention to the each year there are harvested great "baid and malicious lie," outline Charity, was cabled from Petrograd folk and Southern for the occasion prevention of pellagra, typhoid and crops of cotton, corn, wheat, outs what has been accomplished, and cato the Russian embassy here today The county examinations for passing diarrhoeal diseases, not that this hay, tobacco, potatoes and all pro-and probably will be filed with the from the graded school to the high county suffers more from these dis-

Following is the dispatch to the ditorium Tuesday jaight. Her class largest amount yet apropriated by introduced. Sampson chickens and June, Speaker declared that "Every is composed of twinty-five members any single county for one feature of eggs are plentiful when there is a human being with two ideas above

bered 272 all told, of which 87 are missing." One officer, 20 male nurses for the picture me me and the basics, 21 sallors, of the French contingent also periahed and Minister Georgetta, 19 of the crew and four servants."

JOHNSTON COLORED SCHOOLS

HOLD COMMENCEMENT

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Dr. Jordan says he is looking for stock-still and they must be careful-ward to his work in Bladen, that the hold on the people and there are now in operation four "community" spirit has taken strong by considered both in committee and hold on the people and there are now in operation four "communities," result of Community Service. Much alleys will be in all immediately and opened to the file.

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Smithfield, April 2.—The colored schools of Johnston county held their commencement Friday with appropriate exercises.

The exercises began about 10:30

Mr. John W. 4.

West Dur- for Commissioner of Agriculture of HOBBS FOR COMMISSIONER OF Sampson is steadily moving along reported. Three more are about the lines of morality, education, strongly to be reported. The House

## EYES

Board of Health Says Health Depends Largely Upon Condition of

Since health is to such a large exwage his campaign without any bit- Their Most Common Causes and the and yet the public is constantly miswage his campaign without any bit- Their Most Common Campaign and yet the profit and yet the profit terness and will do nothing to inter- Importance of Their Treatment." led into believing that Congress is fere with that complete harmony Dr. R. H. Lewis, L. L. D., member not working at all. It is a field and The event was directed by Prof. C. rence G. Smith, 14 47-100 acres in fere with that complete harmony Dr. R. H. Lewis, L. L. D., member which is desirable in the political of the State Board of Health, is the melicious lie. camps this year. He will wage his author of this bulletin and is an eminent authority on all eye trou- without and responsibility could pass By reason of his splendid record bles and matters pertaining to the bills carrying a billion dollars in a of public usefulness, Mr. Hobbs' eye and its relation to health. Doctor friends are confident in the belief Lewis has not only long stood in the sponsible cannot pass bills that way a member of the Executive Commit- honors conferred by several national

> ering or aching of the eyes or by would be a candidate this year, he through the temples, in the back of severed his official connection with head and neck; sick buadache; neryous indigestion and various forms as causing 60 per cent of all headaches. He says further in regard to eye-strain and errors of vision: feel safe in saying that nothing has sary for the proper transaction The announcement that Dunn is to done so much for the relief, comfort

Doctor Lewis particularly urges parents to the necessity of having A stock company was formed and ent and "always when practicable optician or optometrist in the fact sician, and who alone can lawfully

### 2160 Majority.

excellent location has been secured. Cumberland put it when asked how Theological Seminary, Columbia, C. Dunn will join the Cape Fear League Congressman Godwin is going to run which has been recently organized. in Cumberland this year. He says: league will number six teams and have the exact figures, and his ma- will give a "Home Mission Pogrant" coming summer that will rival if "man may not be a prophet but later.

CLARK DENIES CHARGE THAT CONGRESS DWADLES

Speaker Replies to Asper Carping Critics, Praising House's Industry.

Washington, April 2. Speaks

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has passed the Hay military bill, the immigration bill, three conservation bills and a multitude of bills

steadily and so industriously as this one. It has not adjourned over a single day since it convened on Janunry 3-a remarkable record and has worked five, six and seven hours a day, with an occasional night sestent affected by the condition of the it makes a good day's work, to say the other gentlemen who are striv- eyes, the State Board of Healh has nothing of the time necestary for

"Of course some of these critics

you wait seek to create the impression that the President is nexious for Congress to adjourn before the conventions and that Congress is wickedly thwarting him. Every human being with two ideas above a Hottentot knows that Congress is just as anxious o adjourn before the convention as the President is. Why in Heaven's name would Congress desire to remain in Washington one day longer than is absolutely necesthe public business."

# Fayetleville Presbyterial to Meet

Preparations are being made to entertain the Favottoville Presbyterial which meets here April 25th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The following in partial program:

Opening Address Rev. W. Moore, D. D., L. L. D., President Union Theological Seminary, Rich-

Miss Kirk, of Alabama, will give two lectures on Mission Study Wed-

be delivered by Rev. Thornton Whaling. D. D., President of Columbia

the mark very much .- Dunn Guide. United States Public Health Service on pellagra, advises the use of rab-Among there from out of town The estate left by the late T. J. hit most to check disease. He recrepresented by Mesers. E. P. Young, who were here last Priday night to Pence is valued at \$20,000, according ommerds that communities where The statement made by his attorneys meat is reares, kill and cat mollie