

GALVESTON, TEX., Sept. 14.—A special to the News from Fort Worth, says that the will of John Nichols, late vice-President of the City National Bank, was proved yesterday, Mrs. Nichols being qualified as executrix. A. M. Britton, president of the bank, immediately began suit against the executrix for the recovery of thirty thousand dollars, the amount of Nichols' defalcation. Nichols' estate is rated at sixty thousand dollars.

CHARLES DICKENS AT HOME.—During the years spent at Tavistock House one of his daughters was, for a time, a great invalid, and after a worse attack of illness than usual, her father suggested that she should be carried as far as the study, and lie on the sofa there, while he was at work. This was of course considered an immense privilege, and even if she had not felt as weak and ill as she did, she would have been bound to remain as still and quiet as possible. For some time there was no sound to be heard in the room but the rapid working of the pen, when suddenly he jumped up, went to the looking-glass, rubbed back to his writing table and jotted down a few words; back to the glass again, this time talking to his own reflection, or rather to the simulated expression he saw there, and was trying to catch before drawing it in words then back again to his writing. After a little he got up again, and stood with his back to the glass, talking softly and rapidly for a long time, then looking at his daughter, but certainly never seeing her, then once more back to his table, and to steady writing until luncheon time. It was a curious experience, and a wonderful thing to see him throwing himself so entirely out of himself into the character he was writing about. His daughter has very seldom mentioned this incident, feeling as if it would be almost a breach of confidence to do so. But in these reminiscences of her father, she considers it only right that this experience should be mentioned, showing as it does his characteristic earnestness and method of work.

Often after a hard morning's writing, when he has been alone with his family, and no visitors in the house, he has come in to luncheon and gone through the meal without uttering a word, and then has gone back again to the work in which he was so completely absorbed. Then again, there have been times when his nerves have been strung up to such a pitch that any sudden noise, such as the dropping of a spoon, or the clatter of a plate, seemed to cause him real agony. He never could bear the least noise when he was writing, and waged a fierce war against all organ-grinders, bands, etc.—Cornhill Magazine.

DRINK STATISTICS.—A government report by the British Consul-General, in Germany, points out certain serious facts. The adult male German drinks annually on the average about annually on the average about seventeen gallons of spirituous liquors. In the kingdom of Prussia, the whole expenditure in 1882 on wine, beer and spirits amounted to nearly \$22,000,000. In Sweden Norway the consumption of spirits has been declining for some years past; but in Denmark the evil of spirit-drinking has reached a terrible pitch. In Holland, in 1878, there was a drink-shop for every ninety inhabitants, including women and children; but a restrictive law, passed in 1881, has reduced the number about a quarter. The worst statistics in regard to the consumption of alcoholic liquors are those of Belgium, where, in less than half a century, the drinking of such liquors has far more than doubled for each person. In 1881 there was a public house for every dozen adult males. In France the amount of drunkenness has been reduced by the passing of a salutary law. In Switzerland, between 1870 and 1880, while the increase of population was but 65 per cent, the increase of public houses was 22 per cent. In Austria the condition of affairs is similar. And all this drinking has its

effect. There is a horrible array of figures giving the statistics of delirium tremens, suicides, lunacy and accidental deaths as the result of drunkenness. In Denmark 74 per cent. of the arrests were for drunkenness, or for crimes committed under the influence of drink. The Inspector-General of Belgian prisons reports that four-fifths of the crime and social misery is attributable to intemperance. In Austria the hospitals, lunatic asylums and prisons all testify to the advance of drinking habits. And continental workmen generally—even those who do not become absolute drunkards—spend a large proportion of their earnings in drink. The foregoing statements, be it observed, are not the froth of a temperance harangue, but the cold statistics of a government report. They show that earthquakes and cholera are not the most terrible evils of Europe. They should be studied by those who suggest that spirit-drinking can be extirpated by introducing the free use of beer and light wines. In the very countries where the milder drinks are used, the consumption of ardent spirits is increasing at a terrible rate. The temperance question is a growing question, and it demands attention here as in other lands.—Independent.

GIVE THANKS.—A young lawyer had left his prosperous profession in a distant city and gone home to die. A lingering disease, terrible to endure, was fastened upon him, and he knew that death was certain. No medical skill, no kind care, could save him; but he looked forward to the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;" and through the long summer months he lived and suffered patiently, shedding abroad the gentle influences of a meek and lowly spirit.

When the autumn came, and the flowers faded before its chilling blasts, a group gathered about young C's bed to see him die; a father going down life's hill-side and yet far from the kingdom of heaven; a mother, toiling, praying, hoping on, whose heart was wrung with anguish by the sufferings of her youngest born; a dearly loved brother, and the pastor, whose frequent presence had lighted the sick-room.

The time had come to say farewell; the "dark river" was just at hand. Turning to his brother, the dying one said, "Charles, with what joy shall I haste to meet you when you come!" Then, raising his eyes to his father's face, he said, solemnly, "Father, marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again." Then to his precious mother, "Mother, when I am gone, you will close my eyes, won't you? Farewell." Turning to his pastor, he said, "Mr. H—, when this is over, give thanks."

The words were his last on earth. The poor body, distorted with pain, no longer imprisoned his free spirit, for that had gone to meet Jesus.

Mourning one, look up and "give thanks." Your Christian friend is happier far than ever before; then give thanks. Weary one, oppressed by bitter trials, give thanks. Remember, the hotter the furnace in which the silver is purified, the more brightly it reflects the image of the refiner who watches beside it. Even so you, purified in the furnace of affliction, will reflect more perfectly the image of your Father which is in heaven; and when the time comes for you to lie down and die, you will be ready, like young C—, to cry, "Give thanks, O give thanks."—Selected.

AMBITION.—It is wonderful how men, in different circumstances and conditions in life, strive to gain prominence and become leaders of men! If God has bestowed talents on an individual, it is entirely proper that he should exercise and improve them, and if he possesses the necessary qualifications, and in the discharge of duty is called to fill important positions, he should not shrink from the responsibility or labor connected with them. They may be perplexing and trying, but duty must be performed in high positions as well as in low, and the faithful performance of duty in any position gives

satisfaction to the mind. No position should be sought because of the prominence it gives an individual. Aside from the discharge of duty, a private position is much more desirable than a public one, and secures greater quiet and contentment of mind. A man who seeks high and responsible positions through worldly ambition, if successful, seldom discharges their duties conscientiously, but in view of selfish ends, and often with little credit to himself, and always without realizing true contentment in the position he occupies. It is not the position a man fills, be it high or low, but the state of his mind and heart that gives true satisfaction and comfort. While a man should not be a place-seeker, he should endeavor to qualify himself for any position to which he may be called. The place can not add anything to his real worth, but he may honor the place. Character is everything; position, without character, is nothing. True happiness arises from what a man is in himself, and not from the office he fills. A true man is honorable in any position in life. To be such should be our highest ambition.—Meth. Recorder.

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May 31st, 1885.	No. 51.	No. 53
Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Charlotte	4 50 a.m.	6 30 p.m.
" Salisbury	6 32 a.m.	7 50 p.m.
" High Point	7 45 a.m.	8 52 p.m.
Ar Greensboro	8 17 a.m.	9 18 p.m.
Lv Greensboro	9 35 a.m.	
Ar Hillsboro	11 39 a.m.	
" Durham	12 13 p.m.	
" Raleigh	1 20 p.m.	
Lv Raleigh	2 28 p.m.	
Ar Goldsboro	4 40 p.m.	

No. 15—Daily except Sunday.  
Leave Greensboro 10 00 p.m.  
Arrive at Raleigh 6 00 a.m.  
Arrive Goldsboro 11 00 a.m.

No. 51—Connects at Greensboro with R. & D. R. R. for all points North, East and West of Danville. At Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. for all points in Western N. C. At Goldsboro with W. & W. R. R. daily. Nos. 51 and 53 connect at Greensboro with R. & D. R. R. and for all points on Salem Branch.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

May 31st, 1885.	No. 50	No. 52
Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Goldsboro	12 35 p.m.	
Ar Raleigh	3 00 p.m.	
Lv Raleigh	5 00 p.m.	
Ar Durham	6 07 p.m.	
" Hillsboro	6 47 p.m.	
" Greensboro	9 00 p.m.	
Lv Greensboro	11 21 p.m.	9 36 a.m.
Ar High Point	11 55 p.m.	10 05 a.m.
" Salisbury	1 05 a.m.	11 10 a.m.
" Charlotte	2 50 a.m.	12 35 p.m.

No. 16—Daily except Sunday.  
Leave Goldsboro 7 45 p.m.  
Arrive Raleigh 4 45 p.m.  
Leave Raleigh 12 35 a.m.  
Arrive Greensboro 8 30 a.m.

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Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Greensboro	11 35 p.m.	9 40 a.m.
Ar Kernersville	12 39 p.m.	10 56 a.m.
Ar Salem	1 17 p.m.	11 25 a.m.

GOING NORTH.	No. 51	No. 53
Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Salem	6 55 a.m.	6 40 a.m.
Ar Kernersville	7 30 p.m.	7 09 a.m.
Ar Greensboro	8 35 p.m.	8 05 a.m.

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Daily.	Daily.	ex. Sun. ex. Sun.
Lv Chapel Hill	10 25 a.m.	5 00 p.m.
Ar University	11 25 a.m.	6 00 p.m.

GOING SOUTH.	No. 4.	No. 2.
Daily.	Daily.	ex. Sun. ex. Sun.
Lv University	6 30 p.m.	11 54 a.m.
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Leave Bennettsville, S. C.	8 00 A. M.
" Shoe Heel, N. C.	9 50 "
" Red Springs	10 43 "
" Fayetteville	1 00 P. M.
" Sanford	3 10 "
" Ore Hill	4 30 "
" Liberty	5 30 "
Arrive at Greensboro	6 45 "
Dinner at Fayetteville.	

MAIL AND PASSENGER TRAINS SOUTH BOUND

Leave Greensboro, N. C.	9 50 A. M.
" Liberty	11 05 "
" Ore Hill	12 00 "
" Sanford	1 40 P. M.
" Fayetteville	4 00 "
" Red Springs	" "
" Shoe Heel	6 40 "
Arrive at Bennettsville, S. C.	8 15 "
Dinner at Sanford.	

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