### THE STATE IN EPITOME

News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : :

THOSE COTTON CONTRACTS

rier of Interest Here. The following from the Charleston News and Courier, editorially, will be by the transaction. During the last the parties are colored. In default of catch this one."

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A heavy piece higher court which will convene July ries. There was their contracts, contracts which, we daughter and grown grand-daughter are informed, had invariably been en- of Sarah. so specific as to indicate this plainly Woodberry Lennon, while Messrs. Mc-

good faith it must stand. This view. chants who have made such contracts the penitentiary under a 20-year senregularly have been more than ready tence, charged with a nameless crime to keep them, we are told, delivering Steps will at once be taken here to the cotton called for to the last ounce, investigate the matter and if possible because it was always to their benefit get him out of the trouble. tion of all business-credit. The ex- Lumberton. tests is not surprising. Perhaps, how- joice at her improvement. ever, it may not prove a bad thing for the farmers as a whole.'

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTION.

Company Organized for Promotion of Extension Car Step. (Charlotte News.)

cent newspaper article to the effect much enjoyed. that Messrs, H. C. Williams and Jno. S. Blake, of Charlotte, and others, will soon put on the market a patent extension car step for use on rail- Prominent Educators Will Attend ways, the same having been examined by the State Corporation Commission and approved by them as being the procuring of the greatest degree of safety for the traveling public.

The invention is the work of Mr. B. F. Massey, and a stock company with a view to its adoption. Messrs.

from the platform, and has many It is understood that the extension roads operating in North Carolina by onstration work. the corporation commission, with a view to interesting the roads, and perhaps in getting them to adopt the step for their passenger trains.

### ELOPER AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Pender County Girl Arrested-Moonshine Outfit Destroyed. (Special Star Telegram.)

eloped with J. B. Holland, January n a most gratifying manner. 28th, the latter being now imprisoned in Raeford, was yesterday arrest ed at McCall, and later brought here, where she is now confined in the po-lige station, awaiting the coming of her telatives. Holland, who, was for-merly connected with a carnival com-pany, was arrested at Racford. Thes day, but the girl, eluded her father, who had traced them there and tramp-ed to McCall.

Holland and Sloan, and Sheriff N. A. Watson yesterday seized complete moonshine outfit in North Carolina in many ars, and succeeded in taking two f the operators, Grant Pearson and situated just inside the Harnett counly line, in a famous moonshine section, in which Revenue Officer Reece Park School on the 14th.

Contest Closes Tomorrow.

accounts tomorrow. From observation catcher, the Polvogt Company think the prize will go to either the St. John's Sunday School, Y. M. C. A., or Delgado Mis- ening next Tuesday and Wednesday sion Sunday School. So if you have a favorite, you can still cast your vote omorrow by making purchases of pay-

NEGRO BOUND OVER.

Editorial in Charleston News and Cou- Charged With Criminal Assault in Robeson-Other News Notes. (Special Star Correspondence.) Lumberton, N. C. March 5 .- The

read with interest in this State, where case of Robert Roper, charged with many such contracts have been made: attempted assault on Sarah Ballard, The practice of selling cotton for near Barker's Cut, four mile west of future delivery has been in vogue be- here, Thursday, was heard in jail toexporters and farmers day before Justice Jno. A. Rowland. and merchants for ten years. Usually Only two witnesses were examined, the farmer or merchant has profited the victim and another woman. All

merchants had contracted to furnish 4th. Roper appears to be about 18 cotton during the Fall months of 1909 years of age, and is said to have servat prices ranging generally between ed eight months on the chain gang 10 and 11 cents. When the time for some time ago. The victim, Sarah delivery arrived cotton was bringing Ballard, is over 80 years old and very considerably more than these prices. feeble, having to use a cane as she The result was that a number of farm- walks. She was very positive in her ers and merchants sought to avoid identification. At the trial was a

tered into at the solicitation of the Another case tried here today in the selling party and never at that of the court house before Justice Reynolds purchaser. The claim was advanced caused considerable interest. It was that these were gambling contracts the case of Dr. Akerman, of Wilmingand that collection could not be made ton, vs. O. M. Britt, of this place. Dr. The exporters, however, Akerman sued Mr. Britt for somereplied that the contracts show on thing like \$200 for services as an extheir face that they were made in pert in the case brought by him good faith and represented a bona against the R. & C. Railroad Company fide transaction. They pointed out some time ago for damages sustained. that the terms of delivery are made Dr. Akerman was represented by Mr.

and they also drew attention to the Lean & Snow and Wishart, Britt & fact that no margins were required as Britt appeared for Mr. Britt. The case was decided in favor of Mr. Britt. In the Federal Court at Florence Ir. Green, also of Wilmington, had Wednesday, Judge Brawley held entered suit for \$10 against Mr. Britt that whereever it appears that a con- for examination before the railroad tract of this sort was entered into in trial, but the case was non suited. During the past few days informa we think, will be generally approved. tion has reached relatives in this sec-As to the wisdom of entering into a tion that a former Robesonian who definite contract to sell something not went to Louisiana some years ago vet in existence there may be a differ- where he has since resided, finds himence of opinion. As to the binding self in a most serious predicament. He force of such a contract there can be left here a single man, but married in Farmers and mer- that State, and now finds himself in

to do so. To seek to avoid the fulfill- Mrs. D. D. Lennon, of Wilmington. ment of such a contract where made is spending some time with relatives in good faith is to attack the founda- in this county, and is at present in

porters say that the experience has Mr. George Floyd returned vester been a costly one for them, and it is day from Tomahawk, where he went stated that they are now declining all the first of the week with Mrs. Floyd. such propositions. We do not blame who will spend some time with her them. That their refusal to enter into parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herring. Mrs. these contracts any longer should Floyd has been very sick for some meet with numerous individual pro- time and a large circle of friends re-

Several of the public schools in the county have closed during the week. Mr. T. L. Johnson, of the firm of Shaw & Johnson, delivered addresses at Bethesda and Oakdale, and he and Mr. Geo. B. McLeod both addressed a large crowd at the closing exercises of Magnolia (Croatan) school yester-An announcement of interest to day. The patrons and pupils of the Charlotte people is contained in a re-school gave a grand picnic which was

### TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

Asheville Session This Summer. (Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Mch. 5 .- A number a very commendable effort towards of teachers and other educationa workers of national reputation are be ing secured by Secretary R. D. W Connor, of the North Carolina Teach ers' Assembly, for the 27th annua has been organized to manufacture session at Asheville July 14th-17th the new invention and to put it on 1910. Among those already assured market, and it is believed that are Dr. L. D. Harvey, president of he same will receive careful attention | Stout Institute, Wisconsin, and for of the railroads who will probably ex mer president of the National Educa periment with the new extension step tional Association; Miss Jessie Field rural school supervisor of national Williams and Blake, and Mr. A. M. reputation and prominently mentioned Beartie, all of Charlotte, are includat this time for superintendent of pub ed among the stockholders in the new lic instruction of Iowa; Hon. W. J Spillman, United States Departmen

The extension step can either be of Agriculture, specialist in the prob worked automatically or by a lever lem of bringing rural schools into closer touch with farm life; Hon. O points of advantage, and it is calculat- B. Martin, for a long while superined to insure a greater degree of safe-tendent of public instruction for South ly in getting on and off railway cars. Carolina and now associated with Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the United States De step will be submitted to the rail- partment of Agriculture in farm dem

Quite a number of prominent North Carolina educators have also been al ready assigned to important parts in the programme of the Assembly. Those in touch with the preliminary

arrangements declare that the Assembly this year will be one of the great est educational gatherings ever held in the State, and that the teachers of North Carolina, especially in the Fayetteville, N. C., Mch. 5.-Annie western section of the State, are tak tkinson, 18-year-old daughter of A. ing the keenest sort of interest in the J. Atkinson, from near Burgaw, who approaching meeting and co-operating

A. & M. NOTES.

Red and White Just Out-Baseball Squad Doing Good Work.

(Special Star Correspondence.) West Raleigh, N. C., Mch. 5.—The February, number of the Red and White is just out. There are several well written articles and also a poem contributed by the wife of an alumnus. The article. "A Problem of This College," written by J. H. Brown of the junior class, deals from the student's view point, with the problem of the number of hours of work per week a student should be required to take Coach Thompson is putting the baseball squad through hard practice every day now in preparation for the opening of the season with Trinity

The new men are showing up well and are making the old men hustle to hold their positions. Some of the The fine Four Hundred Dollar Cote most promising of the new men are Plano will be given away this week Page at second, Street at short, Gore by the C. W Polvogt Co. Parties at first, Phelps catcher, and Tucher holding coupons are requested to bring them tomorrow. This will be the last change to work. chance to vote. The Polvogt Company first base, and is showing up very will give double votes on all cash well. "Dutchy" Selfer will attend to sales and to customers paying their the receiving end this year as first

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was Cassidy's first morning as of the avenue he hurried, dropping the moist sheets in vestibules and running them in the space between the door and sill. Finally he came to a house that was separated from the sidewalk ro will have a strong team in the field brought by William C. Woodward, by an urn studded yard. Cassidy opened the iron gate and walked up the stone path. He knelt in the vestibule and started running the paper under

Going Into a Safer Business.

ed, and a woman's voice called: "Is that you, Harry? You are awful late. I hear the milk carts rattling." Cassidy thought it best to remain quiet. The voice continued:

"You needn't think I'm coming down at such an hour! The idea of you, a married man, coming home at such a time! Lost your key, as usual? Well,

A heavy piece of brass shot two stories. There was a heavy fall, and the vestibule resembled a press room. Some one found Cassidy smoking his pipe in the "accident ward."

they asked. "Niver once more," responded Cassidy. "Oi'm goin' back to wur-ruk in th' quarry. Thor's no fallin' kaes thor. only dynomited rocks."-Chicago News.

"Going back to the carrier route?"

As Expanded.

A diminutive specimen of juvenile femininity yclept Miss Muffet had placed herself in a sitting posture upon an article of household furniture ordinarily termed an ottoman or hassock, ministering to the gratification of her gustatory organs by ingurgitating the coagulated portion of bovine lacserum of the same which remains aft. teachers. er the coagulated portion has been

segregated and withdrawn. Happening to glance downward, she observed that a specimen of the genus extraordinary tenuity from its own interior, had taken a position upon the ottoman or hassock in immediate prox-

lmity to her. Which totally unexpected inciden. aroused her apprehension to such an extent that she immediately, not to say precipitately, arose from her sitting posture and departed from the locality, leaving the intruder in undisputed possession of the apartment .-Chicago Tribune.

An Easy Job. In antebellum days Colonel Moore of Kentucky owned a large number of slaves. One day one of the field hands named Jupe, was guilty of some negligence and was sent to the woods a once to cut down and split up a black gum tree, practically an impossible task. Jupe cut down the tree and la bored hard to split the tough wood. but in vain. In the meantime a thunderstorm came up, and Jupe sought refuge under a brush heap. Directly the lightning struck a large poplar near by, splitting it into kindling wood. After the storm had passed Jupecrawled out from his place of security and after taking a careful look at the remains of the poplar tree, which were scattered all over the woods, said "Mr. Lightnin', I wish you had just tried yo' han' on dis black gum. Any

blame fool can split a poplar!"-Cleve

land Leader.

How Welshwomen Carry Their Babies. The quaint old Welsh way in which Swansea women carry their babies attracts every one's notice when visiting that town for the first time. A big shawl over the right shoulder is drawn down to the left hip, where the two ends of the shawl are met and held together, forming a sort of pouch or pocket, in which the baby snuggles cozily and safely. Its weight is so supported by the hip and distributed by the shawl over the whole upper part of the body that there is no strain at all nor any tiring of the arms. This probably accounts for the upright carriage of the Welsh mother. Moreover. the method is comfortable for the child and so safe that in Swansea small boys swathed in their mothers' shawls are seen carrying the family's latest baby.-London Chronicle.

Dean Swift's Complaint.

It is no new thing, this complaint which one hears of the high cost of living. Writing to Stella from London in the year 1710, Dean Swift remarks: "I lodge in Bury street, St. James, where I removed a week ago. I have the first floor, the dining room and bedchamber at 8 shillings a week; plaguy deep, but I spend nothing for eating, never go to a tavern and very seldom in a coach, yet, after all, it wi be expensive."

Knew of One. Traveler (delayed in Drearyhurst by washout)-Are there any objects of

curiosity in this village? Uncle Welby Gosh-Well, I reckon I've got as much curiosity as ary objick you'll find. Where are you goin', mister, an' what do you foller fur a livin'?-Chicago Tribune.

Got the Time. A man was so cross eyed that he put his hand into another man's pocket and abstracted therefrom a watch. He wanted to learn the time. The judge told him it would be three years.

A Nuisance.

Father-What do you mean, my son, by saying that your teacher is a nuisance? Theobald-Well, that's what you call me when I ask questions, an' teacher does nothin' else.

Lofty Expectations. "Is your husband all you thought he

"Just about. But he doesn't come close to being all he thought he was."

To the Beach. Today cars to Beach every half hour in afternoon.

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newspaper carrier. From side to side Strong Aggregation in Eastern Caroli- Decision Reversed in Action Brought na League This Season.

(Special Star Correspondence.) when the coming baseball season op- alias "Big Hawley," a former convict, ens and some fast players have all against Katherine Clemmons Gould, ready been signed.

the door. An upper window was rais- this city to learn that Stochr will be on the pitching staff of the Giants again this season. Now the schedule has been arrang-

ment wishes to announce that they some real good ones. The signed when they were both in London, with bach has been received, also Catcher re-paid in 1899. Continuing, the plain-Fulton, and Outfielder Sharpe, of last tiff sets forth that Mrs. Gould" con-Grath, the baseball scout. Other play-|ble." ers will be announced later.

SAMPSON, TEACHERS.

Mr. J. P. Cooke, of Stonewall Jackson Training School, Speaks.

(Special Star Correspondence.) having with them Mr. J. P. Cooke, of evidence." Stonewall Jackson Training School. Through his work Mr. Cooke has endeared himself to the people of cordiality and ability by no means suf- who has a keen sense of humor. Seek teal fluid mingled with the watery with this very intelligent body of once wrote to a prospective advertiser,

regular programme was carried out, icity. The advertiser was captivated consisting of music furnished by some by Sweeney's letter, but desirous of School and a talk on Method by Miss vested his money, he wrote to Sweearanelda, class arachnida, remarkable Alice McCullers, of the faculty of the ney, saying that he hadn't heard of the for its ability to produce filaments of same school. The talk which was Trumptown Sentinel. "Where does it based on Hamilton's "The Recitation", circulate?" he asked. And, in his illuwas very instructive and was eagerly minating way, Sweeney wrote back:

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SUIT AGAINST MRS. GOULD.

by "Big Hawley." New York, Feb. 25.—Decision was Goldsboro, N. C., Mch. 5.—Goldsbo- reversed today in a suit for \$2,400 who was awarded a decree of separa-It is very pleasing to the fans in tion from her husband, Howard Gould with alimony of \$36,000 a year last

"Big Hawley's" name figures promied for the coming season the manage nently in the separation suit brought by Mrs. Gould. He now alleges that have not been idle, but have signed he advanced Mrs. Gould \$2,400 in 1894. contract of Second Baseman Stein- the understanding that it should be rear's team. Manager J. Kelly has tinuously sought his companionship sent in the contracts of Outfielders not only on the steamship City of Billett, Irving and Evans, crack play- Paris, but at the Black Friar's Hotel ers from last year's Atlantic League, in London" and further that when she and Pitchers Wolfe, of the Atlantic was "put out of the Grand Hotel, bag League, Confrey of White Hall, N. Y., and baggage" he advanced her 50 recommended strongly by J. J. Mc- pounds to "help her out of her trou-

Mrs. Gould in her reply called attention to testimony of former Police Inspector McLaughlin, given in her suit for separation "that Hawley is known to the police as 'an all around bad man and a green goods swindler.'" She denies she ever knew Clinton, N. C., March 5 .- The teach- Hawley and says the suit is brought ers of Sampson county meeting in for "some ulterior purpose, and can Clinton today were very fortunate in only be carried on by manufactured

One Truthful Editor. There lives an editor in interior the entire State and his reputation for Pennsylvania, "Jim" Sweeney by name fered by his coming in close contact ing to increase his fortune, Sweeney setting forth in attractive fashion the Preceding Mr. Cooke's speech, the value of his paper as a medium of pubyoung ladies of the Clinton Graded more specific assurances before he in-"The Trumptown Sentinel circulates

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