BEST ONE THING IN STATE RURAL FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL

sarly a quarter a century grass have happened. Not to spenese United States becoming d-power, think of how invegone shead by leaps and bo has gone shead by leaps and how the very typewriter upon which these lines are written has developed from the merest toy into a necessity Think, too, of the electric lights and of trained electricity in general, then in its very babyhood and now in use wherever the white man goes. Think of the phonograph, then undreamed of, and of the electric car, equally in the future in 1884. Things that we now regard as having been fixed such now regard as having been fixed such a long, long time are so new that could these skates speak, what surprise would they express on their way down town at what they saw by night and by day; the cars, skimming along, pushee, no pullee, goee like nelles, as our friend the Unitaman puts it in his terse way, which always means so much; the glare and glitter of that light which is most like the sunlight; the developed bicycle, going like a streak; all sorts of things, new and yet which we think of as old. And how the old skates, bright and gay still, in all the shine of their true metal, must feel towards their new on the floor; those twofellows for example, which the dear old skates never saw before, and the scores, nay hundreds, of bright young faces, undreamed of when they used to roll in their heydey; and then the faces that they miss, dead and gone and many of them now no more a memory than the mumwhich rest here and there in old and far-off Egypt. But the skates re-member; they do not forget. They think of the hands that in days gone by have been held in affectionate or friendly clasp, eyes looking into eyes, sweet or kind or brave words said as the procession on wheels weve and unwove itself in the figures we to like so well. But the skates seem to know that though time has flown and this is the good year 1906, they are still in the pro as they wheel and go hither and yon. They know that, sweet as the old life was, there is yet a life to be lived and things to be done on rollers as well as otherwise, and so they enter with true ring into the spirit of the time, with crowding memories of the bygone years, but with yet a happy pride in

During the past year our friends the Anti-Saloon Leaguers of North Carolina took a sort of a rest, after their busy year of 1904, but it seems that busy year of 1904, but it seems that this year they are going to get busy again, and give their opponents, the saloons, what in the slang of the day is termed "a whiri for their money" and that the saloon men, or rather the remnants of that once grand army are aware of the fact that the battle line is about to be formed to put them out gravel roads, very good in good years and sees the progress of the anti-salom movement it will prove rather startling since two-thirds of North Carolina has been swept quite clean of bar rooms, etc. Of course there are several things to be reckoned with, notably our friends the moonshiners, who, like the poor, we have always with us, and who in their modest way like, (as the lamented Dr. George W. Blacknall used to say) "to keep back a little from the read;" and there are the gentlemen who travel with jugs and flasks from such villages as turn out liquor to those where there are people with thirms; last but not least being the friends across the line in Virginia, where distilleries cluster thick, under the management of such choice spirits as S. Otho Wilson and others of the "elect." Liquor comes into the State in great quantities from these Virginia distilleries; Southern Pines, Jan. 14.—The colored example, on the Friday before Christmas no fewer than 970 jugs of that beverage were taken on at-Keysby the express company, destined for North Carolina points, coming under the head of inter-State commerce. The Anti-Saloon League can either kill or cripple, as the sportsmen say, the saloons and distilleries within the borders of the State, but those beyond the pale are a rather tough proposition, and they put on outre a lofty astional air as we may quite a lofty national air, as we may say, and rely mightily upon the pro-visions of the acts protecting inter-State commerce. But the fact remains that here is a whole lot less drinking in North Carolina than there was a year ago, or two or three years ago. One of the drawbacks has been the failure, that being really a mild word to use, of county officials in almost every part of the State to uphold the law, but now these gentlemen will have to do something, or the sell-citors and various other people will make things sufficiently lively for them. Some of the sheriffs appear to have thought that they ought not to associate with revenue officers; politi-cians of an ancient type, some of whom battened upon opposition to anything the United States did, hav-ing for years fostered such a feeling of antagonism, and the reluctance to en-force the liquor law on the part of will have to do something, or the sollantagonism, and the reluctance to enforce the liquor law on the part of nearly all the sheriffs doubtless had its origin right there. So it is that chickens come home to roost. There has been maudlin sympathy with moonshiners on the part of a lot of people whose trade is politics, and actually some sentiment in their favor on the part of much more decent folk, who have never risen to the true height of the situation or realised the fact that no man on earth can do more damage to a community than a moonshiner, who breeds there a chan of drunkards, fighters, thieves and liars, not to speak of other incidental law-breaking features. But the State ill now watch and see whether the Ward law is enforced as it ought to be. It is one of the new things of the current year.

Away back yonder, after those chastly days of reconstruction, when

Funerals are pitiful things at best, even in such places as Cuba, where the horses and the attendants look like features of a masquerade, gorgeous in aixteenth century trappings and uniforms, but there is not anything sadder than a funeral I saw a few days ago, the procession wending its slow way across the broad field, brown with the dead weeds and grass, which lies between the Soldiers Home and the little Confederate cemetery. It was paying the last tribute to the feat-departing heroes who wore the gray in the great war. Another had sone and his comrades, with shoulders bent in almost every case, but yet with a certain half-alertness in step and demeanor which marked the soldier-days, were following behind the hearse, days, were following behind the hearse, in which was the casket, on which were some fresh blossoms from the conservatory at the Home. Simple, indeed, was the ceremony at the grave-side. No volleys rang out in triple salute to the dead, and no bugle gave the mournful notes of "taps," to float above the last resting place of mured words, of reading and prayer the quavering notes of a hymn, and then a heap of clay. But in the air above, the high note from a swellingthroated mocking bird came as a requiem for a soul that had gone home and for the body which lay in its final bed, "under the sod and the dew, waiting the judgment day."

Some one asked the other day what was the very best thing which had happened for North Carolina in the past few years and the reply was, the rural free delivery of mails. Then the speaker went on to say that this system carried in its train good roads, had promoted reading, meant an inin the value of farms, made farm life less narrow and segregated brightened it, so to speak, and that it was a remarkable promoter of education and of that better reading and broader life which comes to the educated person. So then, the rural mail carrier and the improved school and the better road and the happier farm-er and the better informed countrymen all stand together like cogs in a wheel,

weather but quite too apt to become cut-up in bad, and so not entirely de-pendable. Mecklenburg has done well, and those white and snining thorough-fares which Charlotte unwinds like ribbons, to the furthest borders of the good county, show what permanence and care mean, and so are a better example. An ex-road supervisor here told me that this county had done no permanent road work in several years and it does not even have a stone crusher, having sold the one it possessed to another county. This looks like progressing backwards. FRED A. OLDS.

A NEW DEVIL.

special to The Observer.

Southern Pines, Jan. 14.—The colored population of Southern Pines is excited. A startling rumor has come to this section saying that a new devil has been born in West Virginia. The story goes that the new devil was a monster fit for any kind of mischief, and although every effort was made to do away with him immediately after it was discovered to be a devil, the creature escaped when a few days old, and has been rambling over the country at its own will ever since.

The situation would be funny if it was not so annoying in the inconvenience it causes. The colored folks who have heard the story are scared out of their senses. Naturally superstitious and timid, they are infinitely worse now. The house servant who has heard of the new devil is afraid to go to the chicken house alone. She refuses to go around the dark side of the house after dark. She will not go near a vacant house in daylight for fear the new devil will jump out and catch her, and taking it all around the absurd story is making a lot of inconvenience.

Several letters of inquiry have been written by the hopseful ones to friends in Ohio and West Virginia, and it is to be hoped that information will be received to set at rest some of the fears, but no amount of assurance will remove the scare entirely, for a frightened darky always shies again at the same place.

MRS. LUCY E. POLK DEAD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Warrenton, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Lucy E. Polk died here yesterday morning in the 79th year of her age. She was the widow of Col. William H. Polk, who was minister to Spain during the administration of his brother, President James K. Polk, which position he resigned to enter the army of invasion into Maxico. Mrs. Polk was a native of Warren county and was connected by blood and marriage with many of the most prominent people in this and other States.

In her young womanhood she was regarded as the most charming woman in this section. She was public spirited and enterprising, and the Confederate monument erected two years ago in this place was the result of her untiring efforts. She will be greatly missed in Warrenton. She leaves many friends and one son, Mr. Tasker Polk, of this place, to mourn their loss.

rrespondence of The Observer, purham, Jan 12.—Charles E. Barbe roung white man, son of a Durha

OCIAL EVENT AT LITTINGTON

The chaperones were Mrs. C. M. Muse and Mrs. C. H. Fewell. Delightful music was rendered by Miss Pearl Caviness and Mrs. C. H. Fewell. E. B. Respess. Luncheon was elegantly served by

McArtan; Dr. C. P. Norris and Miss Ruth Withers; Mr. Eugene B. Respess and Miss Bessie Matthews; Mr. Baldy Respess and Miss Myrtle Shaw; Mr. Turner Atkins and Miss Dalsy Shaw; Mr. James Shaw and Miss Essie Huntley; Mr. Willie Pleasants and Miss May Withers; Mr. Farquard Smith and Miss Eliza Green; Mr. Marshall Spears and Miss Maud Johnson; Mr. J. Neal Fuquay and Miss Margaret Spears; Mr. Henry M. Spears and Miss Miss Pearl Caviness; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis M. Muse; Mr. and Mrs. Claud

Among the stags present were: Gen. R. M. Nelson, Messrs. A. C. Holloway, A. P. McPherson, J. F. Mc-Lean, Jack McPherson, Bennie Spears, James Marsh, Will Marsh, Jr., Connie Caviness, J. L. Wheeler, Allen Shaw, Heck Green, C. R. Parker, W. F. Marsh, Jr., Oscar Atkins, Oker John

BISHOP CHESHIRE'S DATES.

The Appointments That He Will Fill This Year.

The following are the appointments of Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire, of the Diocese of North Carolina, in 1908: January, Z. Sunday, Durham; 22, Monday, p. m., Lexington; 25 Thursday, Davie county, Ascension Mission; 26 Friday, p. m., Thomasville; 28 Sunday, Greensboro, St. Barnabas; Sunday, p. m. day, p. m., Thomasville; 28 Sunday, p. m., Greensboro, St. Barnabas; Sunday, p. m., Greensboro, St. Andrews; February, 4 Sunday, Pinehurst; Sunday, p. m., Southern Pines; 11 Sunday, Oxford; 13 Tuesday, Henderson; 15 Thursday, Kittrell; 18 Sunday, Louisburg, St. Paul's; 25 Sunday, Chapel Hill; March, 1 Thursday, p. m., Burlington; 4 Sunday, Salisbury; 6 Tuesday, Cooleemee; 9 Friday, Moodsay; 8 Thursday, Cooleemee; 9 Friday, Moodsay, p. m., Elkin; 15 Thursday, p. m., Germanton; 16 Friday, Walnut Cove; 17 Saturday, Stoneville; 18 Sunday, Mayodan; Sunday, p. m., Madison; 19 Monday, Pine Hall; 25 Sunday, Wilson, St. Timothy's; Sunday, p. m., Wilson, St. Mark's. April. 1 Sunday, Raleigh, Christ Church; Sunday, p. m., Raligh, St. Augustin's; 4 Wednesday, p. m., Raleigh, St. Ambrose's; 3 Palm Sunday, p. m., Raleigh, St. Ambrose's; 3 Palm Sunday, p. m., Raleigh, St. Ambrose's; 3 Palm Sunday, p. m., Raleigh, St. Saviour's; 13 Good Friday, Weldon; Good Friday, p. m., Hallfax; 15 Easter, Tarborough, Cavalry Church; Easter, p. m., Tarborough, St. Luke's; 16 Monday, p. m., m., Sitthfield; 17 Tuesday, 16 Monday, p. m., Sitthfield; 16 Monday, p. m.,

quested to give notice beforehand of these offerings. They are also requested to hand their lists of canneldates for Confirmation to the bishop, before the service. The hours of service may be fixed by the clergy to suit the local conditions.

"REV." -GLENN HELD.

Negro Preacher, Against Whom There Are Several Serious Charges, Given Preliminary Hearing and is Bound to Court.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 13.—"Rev." N. L. Glenn, the colored divine who was arrest Winston-Salem, Jan. 13.—"Rev." N. L. Fu Glenn, the colored divine who was arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., and brought back here to answer the charges of criminal assault and abduction, committed while acting as pastor of a church in this city, was given a preliminary hearing before three magistrates here to-day. Several girls, victims of Glenn, and other witnesses, were examined for the State. The defendant had nine witnesses summoned, but only one of them went on the stand. Glenn endeavored to prove that he was not in the city at the time of the alleged assault. The "divine" in his testimony, emphatically denied all the allegations against him, saying he was an innocent man. He claimed that he was a native of South Carolina; that his wife was dead but that he had children in that State. The evidence against him was considered damaging in the extreme and the magistrates ordered that Glenn be committed to jail, without ball, until the February term of Forsyth Superior Court.

BANK CASHIER RESIGNS.

W. A. Endy Gives Up Position With Commercial Bank at Chester, S. C. Special to The Observer.

Chester, S. C., Jan. 14.—The most interesting news development of the week in business circles was the sudden announcement last night that W. A. Eudy had resigned his position as cashier of the Commercial Bank. His cashier of the Commercial Bank. His action occasioned no little surprise, and has been the chief topic of conversation among his friends here today. Mr. Eudy was largely instrumental in organizing the bank about eight years ago, and under his able management it has grown to be one of the strongest and most successful financial institutions in this section. Mr. Eudy has not announced his plans for the future. Robert Gage, the oldest son of Judge Geo. W. Gage and formerly teller, succeeds Mr. Eudy as cashier, A. G. Thornton is made teller and R. B. Caidwell becomes a managing director in charge of the loan department.

Prosperity of Thomasville Bank. Correspondence of The Observer. Correspondence of The Observer.

Thomasville, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Thomasville was held Jan. 2 From the report of the cashier it was found that the past year the bank's deposits had increased 60 per cent, its laons 70 per cent. and its not profits 31 per cent.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. M. Armfield, president; F. S. Lambeth, vice president; J. M. Morris, vice president; J. M. Morris, vice president; J. L. Armfield, cashier. The following were elected directors: John W. Lambeth, J. A. Elliott E. W. Cates J. M.

GIRL PLEADED IN COURT.

The scene in the court room when sentence was passed was touching and very pathetic. Mrs. Barbee, mother of the Barbee boy, was present and The following couples were present:
Mr. John D. Johnson and Miss Mack
McCormick; Mr. James E. Bryan and
Miss Daisy Black; Dr. Laurie J.
Arnold and Miss Mabel Clifton; Mr.
John A. Rogers and Mrs. Ralph Shaw;
Mr. Paul McKay and Miss Gertrude
McArtan; Dr. C. P. Norris and Miss
Ruth Withers: Mr. Expression Miss
Rut crying of Mrs. Barbee, counsel for Barbee gave notice of appeal to the

While notice of appeal has been given, it is hardly probable that the case will be taken to the higher court. In case there is an appeal, however, Judge Furgerson fixed his bond in this case at \$1,000 with an additional bond of \$500. this case at \$1,000 with an additional bond of \$500 for the case that has not been tried, this being for burgiary. It is generally supposed that, if the sentence of three and one-half years is accepted by the defendant, the second burgiary case will be quashed. If it is fought in the courts and Barbee should win there is still a very serious case hanging over him. For these reasons it is thought that the senence will be accepted.

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"There are hundreds of people Weldon; Good Friday, p. 1811.

Easter, Tarborough, Cavalry Church; Easter, p. m., Tarborough, St. Luke's; 16 Monday, p. m., Smithfield; 17 Tuesday, p. m., Duke; 26 Friday, Rockingham; 22 Sunday, Wadesboro; Sunday, p. m., And Sunday, P. m., Concord.

Sunday, The Thompson Orphanage; 29 Sunday, Charlotte, St. Peter's Church; 30 Monday, p. m., Concord.

The Holy Communion will be administered at all morning services. At every service the offerings of the people will be received for the Bishop's Fund for Diocesan Work. The clergy are reformed to process the suppetite, cure stomac troubles, give strength and renewe vitality to the aged, build up the run-down, tired and debilitated, maintenance at all morning services. At every service the offerings of the people will be received for the Bishop's Fund for Diocesan Work. The clergy are reformed to process the suppetite, cure stomac troubles, give strength and renewe vitality to the aged, build up the convalence "We freely offer to return you money in every case where 'Viff fails. Try it on this guarantee." H. Jordan & Co., Druggists. right here in Charlotte who can testify that there is nothing equal to Vi-nol to make rich, red blood, to increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, give strength and renewed vitality to the aged, build up the run-down, tired and debilitated, make the weak strong, cure chronic coughs, colds and build up the convalescent. "We freely offer to return your

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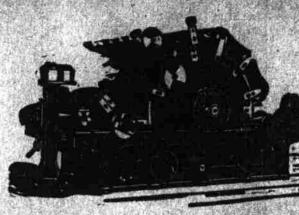
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Winston-Salem, Jan. 13 .- The bar of Frank Eddleman, on Masroom of Frank Eddleman, on Mas-ten's corner, was broken into and robbed last night. Entrance was ef-fected by prizing open one of the side doors. The thief carried off several bottles of liquor, besides steal-ing all the money left in the cash drawer, about one dollar in change,

information and is subject without notice to the public. ation and is subject to change 4:00 a. m., No. 8, daily for Richmond and local points; connects at Greensboro for Winston and Morehead City; at Dan-Newbern and Morehead City; at Dan-Newbern and Morehead City; at Dan-ville for Norfolk.

5:05 a. m., No. 27, daily for Rock Hill. Chester, Columbia and local stations. file a. m. No. 16 daily except Sunday for Statesville, Taylorsvile and tocal points; connects at Mooresville for Winston-Salem, and at Statesville for Hickory, Lenoir, Blowing Rock, Asheville and other points west.

7:15 a. m., No. 39, daily, New York and Atlanta Express, Puliman sleeper to Columbus, Ga., and day coaches to At-lanta. Close connection at Spartanburg for Hendersonville and Asheville. 8:33 a. m., No. 33, daily, New York and Florida Express, for Rock Hill, Chester, Winnsboro, Columbia, Savannch, Jacksonville and Augusta, Pullman sleeper New York to Port Tampa and Augusta. First class day coach Washington to Jacksonville, Dining car service.

9:25 a. m. No. 28 daily, U. S. Fast Mail for Washington and all points North. Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York and Richmond; day coaches New Orleans to Washington. Dining car services. vice. Connects at Greensboro for Win-ston-Salem, Raleigh and Goldsboro. 9:20 a. m. No. 37 daily, Washington and Southwestern Limited. Pullman draw-ing room sleepers, New York to Mobile and Memphis. Pullman observation car New York to Macon. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train.

10:05 a. m. No. 30: Washington and Fiorida Limited. Pulman drawing room sleepers to New York: first class coach washington. Dining car service. 11:00 a. m., No. 28 daily, for Davidson, Mooresville, Barber Junction, Cooleemes, Mocksville, Winston-Salem, and Roanose Va., and local points.

12:35 p. m., No. 11, daily, for Atlanta and local stations; connects at Spartan-burg for Hendersonville and Asheville. burg for Hendersonville and Asheville.

7:89 p. m., No. 12 daily, for Richmond and local stations; connects at Greens boro for Raleigh and Goldsboro. Pullman sleepers, Greensboro to Raleigh, Salisbury to Norfolk.

6:09 p. m. No. 25, daily, except Sunday, freight and passenger for Chester, S. C., and local points.

7:15 p. m., No. 24, daily, except Sunday, for Statesville and local stations connects at Sattesville for Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis.

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10:10 p. m., No. 40, daily, for Washington and points North. Pullman sleeper to Washington. First class day coach, Atlanta to Washington.

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