Pierce Assault on Negro Section of the City Follows Shooting of White Man by Negroes—Police Stoned and Houses Fired—Authorities Are Unble to Cope With the Ricters and oldlers Are Being Rushed to the

Springfield, O., Feb. 27.-To-night ob evidence provailed here, as the result of a shooting in the railroad yards early this morning in which M. M. Davis, a brakeman, was perhaps fatally shot by two negroes, Preston Ladd, of Bellefontaine, and Edward Dean, of this city. Ladd was taken to the hospital this morning as a result of injuries received presumably in connection with the shooting of Davis, where he lies in a ward adjacent to his victim. Dean was taken to Dayton, after a hurried conference of officials. A mob of one thousand men and boys formed this and marched to "The Jung," a locality inhabited by colored people with the announced purpose of burning that section.

Mayor Todd Shortly after 9 o'clock sked that Companies B and E of the third regiment, Ohio National Guards be called out. The mob soon reached the "jungles" and batered one house to ces with stones and posts used as battering rams. A general fire alarm was sounded. The sounding of the gong served to fill the streets with people and the feeling of the crowds was tense. The mob entered Kemplers saloon in East Columbia street and quickly looted it. Kempler and his wife fied, leaving three little children asleep in a room over the saloon. The building was riddled with bullets and stones, and it was only by the hardest efforts of policemen and firemen that a way was forced through the mab and the children rescued. After the pilaging of the saloon drunkenness was an added feature in the riot. At 11 o'clock members of the mob broke through a cordon of police and set fire to a house in the "jungles," which was quickly burned down.

Sergenat Creager, who had charge of the squad of police, was hit on the head with a brick and seriously wound ed. A request was sent outat 10 o'clock for the (Xenia military company. At midnight six houses which been fired by the mog were burning Sercely, and the police had apparently and their children's children that there lost control of the situation. Only 6 mbers of the local militia responded to the mayor's call and the Xenia company which was expected had not

12:30 a. m.-The city authorities succeeded at 12:15 o'clock in assembling arts of Companies B and C of the third regiment, O. N. G., which are stationed here. The total force numbers about 75 men. They are now on the scene of the fire and have pushed the mob back both ways in Columbia street, east from Water street, and west from Foster street. Just as the fired and no efforts were made to eave it. The police, firemen and the guardsmen are now directing their cfforts to forcing the rioters back and saving the property outside of the doomed square.

12:45 a. m .- Sheriff Almoney has just wired Governor Patterson the following: "Send all possible troops to-night and hold others in readiness for to-

Sergeant Creager, the policeman hit in the face with a brick, is in a serious condition. The mob is stoning and feering the militiamen, but a show of bayonets, has sufficed so far to keeps the rioters on the move. The rumor that out of town troops are momentarily expected is having a quieting effect on the mob.

Dayton, O., Feb. 28.-Companies G., have been ordered to Springfield and which has been set for to-morrow K of the third regiment of this city, will leave by the first train.

ENGLISH SPINNERS COMING.

Commission to Visit Southern States to Ascertain Cost of Growing Cot-

ton on a Commercial Basis. Manchester, Eng., Feb. 27.-The cotton spinners of this city have appointed a States and there investigate the methods of baleing, marketing and transporting raw cotton, which it is contended is unsatisfactory. The commission will also ascertain the actual cost of growing cotton on a commercial basis in the Southern States. The commission will sail March 20 and expects to be joined by American spinners. The members of the commission will attend the conference of planters and spinners to be held in Washington May 1.

CLAIMS AGGREGATE \$100,000.

First Reference in the Matter of the Former President of Union Cotton Mills.

Union, S. C., Feb. 27:-The first reference in the matter of T. C. Duncan, late president of the Union Cotton Mills, recently adjudged a bankrupt, was held here to-day in the cotton mill was held here to-day in the cotton mill office. There were present Duncan, his attorneys, Referee J. J. Earle, attorneys representing the Union Mills and others. Duncan was briefly examined with reference to papers which he is to deliver to the trustee of the mills, William Elliott, Jr., and claims were presented amounting in the aggregate to about one million dollars. The reference was behind closed doors and adjourned after a short session to meet at the call of the referee on five days

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 27.—An unknown nir-masted schooner was driven ashore a blinding snow storm one mile off spe Henry late this afternoon. During sevening the wind blowing nearly 20 son hour, made it impossible to sen a nour, made it impossible to sen a surf boat and efforts by life are to shoot a line to the ashp were accessful on account of her distance in shore. Her condition to-night was lous. From indications early this ming it will be impossible to make an appear at this pince. The total loss is estimated at \$200.00. The loss on the compress is \$30.00. Insured for \$24.00. The lumber loss is \$17.00; partly covered to reach her before day.

Commends the Japanese Admiral's Prowess, and Urges Upon American Fighters on Land and Sea the Cultivation of the Qualities That Make Formidable Antagonists—The Necessity of Preparedness in Time of Peace—Admiral Togo's Message Quoted for the Benefit of Soldiers and Saflors.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt has addressed to the Sec-retary of War, who has premuigated the same in a general order, a letter reciting the achievemnts of the Japanese admiral. Togo, during the late war between Japan and Russia, and repeating for the benefit of American soldiers and sailors the address issued by that Admiral upon the conclusion of the war. The point of the Presi-

"The White House, Washington, D. C., February 21, 1906.

"The Secretary of War:—In the re-cent war in the East Admiral Togo took his place among the great sea fighters of all time. His message to the united squadron, which he com-manded, on the occasion of its disposal at the close of the war, is so noteit inserted in a general order of the

Department.
"The qualities which make a forshore, and which, therefore, make a formidable army or navy, are the same for all nations. The individual men must have the fighting edge; there must be in them courage, de-termination, individual initiative, combined with willingness to learn this subordination of self, together with physical address, in order that may form the stuff out of in the aggregate good armies and navies are made; but in addition to this there must be preparedness there must be thorough training in advance. Every American officer and enlisted man, whether serving in the army or the navy, should keep ever before his eyes the fact that he will not be fit thoroughly to do his work in the event of war unless in peace he has thoroughly done the work of preparing for war. If in peace the sol-dier and sailor abandon themselves to ease and sloth, when war comes they will go down before rivals who have been less self indulgent. Nor It only the men of the army and the navy who should constantly remember these facts. In a great self gov-erning republic like ours the army and the navy can be only so good as the mass of the people wish them to be. The citizens of our country owe it to themselves and to their children shall be no chance or naving the national honor tarnished, the flag stained with aught that is discreditable. The men of the army and the navy, in any great cricis such as even the most peaceful nation may at times have to face, will be those upon whom the especial responsibility will rest of keeping the nation's honor bright and unsullied. They exercise forethought on their behalf. We must have an adequate navy and an adequate army in point of size; they must be provided with the most effective mechanism in the form of they must be given every chance in chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dryander. that they may be adepts in handling

tremendous resposibility of war." The President here quotes the address of Admiral Togo, omitting, he says, certain illusions having no bearing on our conditions, and concludes

every man who is or may be a part of fighting force of the United States, and to every man who believes that, if ever, unhappily, war should come, it should be so conducted as to reflect credit upon the Amer-

as follows:

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

WAS NOT STRYCHNINE?

University Chemist's Analysis of Contents Used by Dr. Matthews in Killing His Wife Differs From That of Physicians—Interest in Approaching Trial.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 27 .- The public is waiting with much interest the deveiopments in the trial of Dr. J. B. Matmorning. Atterneys for the defense claim that tremendous import attached to the analysis recently made by a chemist at Chapel Hill of the contents of the hypodermic syringe with which it is alleged the prisoner killed his wife in the presence of three physi-clans while pretending to pray with her, as she was lying on her bed sufferspinners of this city have appointed a ing from what the physicians diagnos-commission to proceed to the United ed as morphine polsoning. These doc-states and there investigate the methods tors testified at the preliminary hearing that the syringe mentioned contained strychnine and that she died two hours later from strychnine poisoning. The Chapel Hill chemist examined the syringe and says he found no strychnine in the one-third filled barrel. He will come here and swear to this effect. More than 100 witnesses have been summoned and at least a week will be consumed in the trial.

WANT SPECIAL TERM.

Durham Citizens Do Not Want Trial of Hodges, Wife-Slayer, Delayed Till Regular May Term.

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Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 27.—Yesterday there were all kinds of rumors that a lynching party might be formed to take summary action in the case of Hodges, the wife-slayer. This was idle talk and no serious concern was given it by any of the officers. As a matter of precaution, however, the county and city authorities had arrangements last night by which any move made in West Durham, or originating from that section, would have been reported promptly and in advance of a start to the city. The people here do not want anything that looks like a demonstration to take the law good people and leading citizens have expressed, the opinion, however, that Hodges thould be tried at a special term of court and the terrible matter disposed of. The regular term of court does not meet here until May.

The prisoner has reherated his intension to go to trial without getting a lawyer. He said that he did not have any money with which to employ a lawyer and that if he did have he would not get one.

eretary of Smithsonian Institution Was Wintering at Palmetto Resort on the Advice of His Physician— Body Will be Tuken to Washington Thursday and Interment Will be Made in Boston—Davoted All His Made in Boston—Davoted All

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 27.-Prof. S. P Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian institute, and world noted scientist known most generally by his daring airship experiments of a few years ago, died at a local hotel here at 1 p. m. to-day, the cause being paralysis, he suffered a second stroke

yesterday. Professor Langley came here Februdent's letter is the necessity of keeping the personnel of the army and a paralystic stroke suffered in Washnavy at the highest pitch in time of peace in order to be prepared for war.

The text of the President's letter is his nice, of Cincinnati, and Dr. Riley, and College. f Washington, both of whom were by his bedside during the last moments. He seemed to be getting along well and on the road to recovery when af-flicted with the second attack, from which he barely recovered consciousness. The remains will be prepared for burial and forwarded to Washington leaving here at 4 p. m. to-morrow, arriving there some time Thursday.

> Washington, Feb. Samuel P. Langley, who died at Aiken, S. C., to-day, had a slight stroke of paralysis on November 22nd, which affected his right side. He was gradually recovering from this attack when on the advice of his physician he went South to escape the more vigorous months of February and March in this city. His mental faculties were unimpaired and he really attended to business matters pricompanied at Aiken by a niece and an

a civil engineer and architect, astronomy occupied most of his time. Sevted a series of experiments with a flying machine at Widewater, Va., on the Potomac river, the results of which were watched with widespread interest. The Experiments, however, ended disastrously.

It was a singular coincidence that on the day of Prof. Langley's death the progress so far made by the board. With him were Messrs. Hiss and Webb the question of appropriations for fly-ing machines came up incidentally during the debate in the House while the army appropriation bill was unleration. The body will be brought to Washington Thursday. Interment will probably be in Boston.

ROYAL WEDDING IN BERLIN.

by his first marriage with Princes Prince Eitel Frederick, the Emperor and Empress, were married at 5 o'clock this afternoon in weapons and other material; above all the chapel of the palace by the court time of peace to train themselves so was falling on the chapel dome but the inside was lit by hundreds of candles, the mechanism, and be fitted in body showing the delicate costumes or uni-and in mind unflinchingly to endure forms of about 500 persons belonging and in mind unflinchingly to endure forms of about 500 persons belong the tremendous strain and bear the the principal nobility, the cabinet ministers and a number of gentlemen and admirals. Ambassador Tower and Mrs. Tower were present in the diplomatic

circle. The civil ceremonies had previously taken place in the presence of the im-perial family alone, in the electors chamber, while the other guests were gathering in the chapel. The Empress placed the Princess crown of green velvet and diamonds and a wreath of fresh myrtle on the head of the Princess. Her Majesty who also wore wreath of myrtle, and the bride were dressed in long pearl white slik. The train of the bride, which was four vards in length, was embroidered with silver roses.

500 BOTTLES OF WHISKEY.

Newbern Officers Unearth Two Blind Tigers—Seven Negroes Ar-rested and Large Quantity of Whiskey Confiscated. Special to The Observer.

Newbern, Feb. 27 .- One of the biggest raids on blind tigers since this town went dry was made last night.
Two places belonging to Province
Bryan and Richard Guion, were raided and about 200 bottles of whiskey
were confiscated by Chief of Police Hargett and Officers Lupton, and Bowden. Seven men, including Bryan and Guion, colored, are under arrest. They are J. O. Land, James Harrison, William Lovenear, J. T. York and Sam Blackledge. The men were on trial before Mayor Patterson this morning and their cases vecontinued until Wednesday on

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 27.—Capt. B. W. Belo received a telegram to-night from Dallas, Texas, stating that his nephew, Alfred Belo, died this afternoon. Deceased was president of the A. H. Belo Company, owners and publishers of The Dallas News and Galveston of The balls rever and most in-fluential papers published in Texas. The son, who was 32 years old, suc-ceeded his father, the late Col. A. H. ceeded his father, the late, Col. Shead Belo, who died in April I, 1901, as head of the well-known publishing firm. The father was a native of Salem and The father was a native of Salem Competery. his body now rests in Salem Cemetery. The latter's widow was in Boston two weeks ago and was arranging to sail for a year's trip to Europe when she received a message calling her home on account of her son's serious ilin

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 27.—A fire that hreatens to destroy the village is surping at Cumbolo, near here. The fillage has two hundred and fifty louses and 2,500 inhabitants. Aid has seen summoned from surrounding owns. The inhabitants of the village are panic-stricken and many have fied the bills surrounding the second of the stills are panic-stricken and many have fied

RIOTING IN SPRINGFIELD PRESIDENT HEROIZES TOGO SCIENTIST LANGLEY DEAD CAPITAL IS NOW \$500,000 POSTMASTER IN TROUBLE THE HOUSE TRIFLED WITH FOR FORMULA ON BOTTLE

Cabarrus Cotton Mill Increases Its
Capital From \$150,000 to \$500,000
—Other Charters Granted and
Amended—Mr. C. H. Gattis to be
Commissioned Major on Adjutant
General Robertson's Staff—The
East Carolina Fisheries—No Action
in School Book Matter Till After
July 1—Stress in Capital Circum Snow in Capital City-Raleigh News Notes.

Observer Bureau. 122 South Dawson street, Raleigh, Feb. 27. The United Firemen's Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., has en-tered the State the agencies of which will be managed by W. A. Chaplin, of

Atlants, Ga. Norman Jones, a negro from Vance serve a three-year sentence, having been convicted of secret assault. He fired eight shots into the house occupied by a man and his wife by the name of Betch.

Charters were granted to-day to the

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McCall-Pool Company, Salisbury for

Charlotte for trial. manufacture, sale of whiskey, whole-sale and retiail, capital stock \$6,000, paid in by S. Y. McCall, W. W. Pool and R. L. Finger, all of Salisbury; the Marion Light & Power Company, Marion, for development of water powers on the Catawba river in McDowell county and the generation of electricity both for light and power, in cor-porators, J. L. Morgan, W. W. Lotspeich and R. H. Bennett, authorized capital stock \$25,000, of which amount \$6,000 is paid in.

MR. C. H. GATTIS BECOMES MAJOR A commission that will, in a few days, be issued and will be pleasurably appreciate, is that of Mr. Charles H. Gattle, traveling passenger agent the Seaboard Air Line, by which he will become Major Gattis, on the staff or to his departure. The immediate of Adjutant General T. R. Robertson, cause of his death was not stated in of Charlotte. The official document the brief telegram sent from Aiken to will be issued on the return of Gov-the Smithsonian officials. He was acthe city. Genial likeableness, efficiency business ability, energy and all that Professor Langley was 72 years old. stands for high qualifications, belong to the new major and his friends in the scientific work. Though by profession departments of State. In railroad cirnmercial lines all over the country will congratulate him on this.

EAST CAROLINA FISHERIES. Dr. Joseph Hide Pratt, of the North Carolina board of geological survey,

was in the city to-day on business con-nected with the east Carolina fisheries. Dr. Platta is generally pleased at of the national Department, the latter being shell-lish commissioner. Dr. Pratt states that the nets are already being set for the shad and it has been looked to that they are already within the prescribed boundaries. An informal meeting was held with the fisher-men at Roanoke Island to whom the the Bride of Prince Eitel Frederick, the Emperor's Second Son.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The Duchess Sophie Charlotte, of Oldenburg, daughter of the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the Bride of Prince Eitel Frederick, the Emperor's Second Son.

Millikan served the papers on him late and brought him to Contact the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the same time, the reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the same time, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the same time, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the same time, the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to Contact the papers of the last night and brought him to interests. When asked about the wish of the people along the Cape Fear river in regard to the fish question in that section, Dr. Pratt stated that the board would try to arrange to have an investigation and later to bring bout such action as would benefit those people, though this would necessarily call for special legislativt enotment. Accompanied by his wife, Mr.

Staples Fuller, the law associate Mr. James Pou, left to-day for New charge of forging two checks on the York city, where he will possibly un-dergo an operation for appendicitis, Company for amounts aggregating having been a sufferer from his af- about ection for some time.

CHARTERS GRANTED

AMENDED. Additional charters were this after soon granted to the Golden Rod Bottiling Company, Sanford, W. H. Har-rington, W. H. Pace, D. K. Wright, Judge T. B. Womack, W. A. Gattis and W. C. and W. B. Douglas stockholders; authorized capital \$10,000, of which amount \$3,000 has been subscribed; the company will bottle Golden Rod ginger ale and other carbonated drinks of a non-alcoholic nature: the Levi Cotton Mills Company, Rutherfordton, amends its charter fixing the authoriz-have been many reports connecting ed capital stock at \$62,000 common and him with forgeries, in Montana, Min-him with forgeries, in Montana, Minretiring the preferred stock of \$20,000 which will be redeemed June 1, 1906; the Cabarrus Cotton Mill, of Concord, also amends its charter, increasing the here are the only ones that could be capital stock from \$150,000 to \$500,000; J. W. Cannon is president and J. W. Cannon, Jr., secretary.

Internal Revenue Collector Duncan has appointed V. C. Carrard to suc-ceed S. T. Rogers, who resigned as expert deputy to enter other business.
Under the laws no action of any sort can be taken in regard to the adoption of books for public schools of North Carolina until after when the present contracts shall have expired. Five years ago the law allowed the placing of advertisements and the action of the sub-commission to be appointed in April or May, looking to possible changes and in order to discharge the work with more time

count of a small technicality raised by count of a small technicality raised by the defense. The mayor's office looks like a bar room, there being some 500 bottles of confiscated liquor locked up there. The defendants have engaged able counsel and will fight for every possible chance.

There was rain here this morning, which was followed by snow at 1 o'clock which has been steadly faling for three or four hours. The moisture has frozen slightly on the trees, many of which, maples and elms, are in bloom. A high wind accompanies the snow and the wind accompanies are for a considerable fail Son of Former Salem Man, at Head of snow, though so far the warmth of Big Publishing Firm, Passes at the ground has disallowed the fleecy stuff to rest for more than a moment or two at a time.

THREE RAILROAD CHANGES.

Superintendent of the Southern's Birmingham Division.
Birmingham Ala., Feb. 27.—Three important changes among local railroad of-cials were announced to-day. The frisco creates the position of assistant aperintendent of the Birmingham division and R. C. Wescott is appointed to be place.

the place.

C. L. Harris, trainmaster of the 'Frisco. is made assistant superintendent of the Birmingham division of the Southern with headquarters in Birmingham. Col. A. B. Bayless is promoted from trainmaster of the Birmingham Mineral to assistant superintendent of the Atlanta division of the Louisville & Nashville, with headquarters at Blue Ridge, Ga.

A Fine Meeting at Emfeld.

Rev. William Black, of Davidson, spent yesterday in the city on his return from Emfeld, in eastern Carolina, where he conducted a series of religious services. The meeting was wonderfully successful, During the 10 days of services 120 persons professed Christianity. Mr. Black is evangelist for the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church and is a preacher of force, as his successful meetings in the State have shown.

MOB HOLDS THE POLICE AT BAY A LETTER TO ARMY AND NAVY END CAME SUDDENLY AT AIREN CONCORD MILES NEW CHARTER GEO. L. PATTERSON INDICTED ORPHAN RESOLUTION TURNS UP

Concord Official Charged With Aiding and Abetting in the Opening and Delaying of Mail—Miss Salile Kime, an Employe of the Office, Presented for Detaining, Delaying and Stealing Mail—Both Cases to be Heard in Charlotte—The Asheville Court Adjourns.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 27.-Geo. L. Patteron, postmaster at Concord, was arrested there last night as the result of an incident brought against him by the grand jury in the United States District Court, charged with being implicated in and aiding and abetting in the opening and delaying of mail. An indictment in this connection was

also found against Miss Sallie Kime, county, was to-day brought to the pen-itentiary by Sheriff E. A. Powell, to Concord office, The bill of Indictment found against Miss Kime charged her with detaining, delaying and stealing mail. It is alleged that Patterson aided and abetted her in this violation of the postal laws. Both cases have been transferred to

> It was stated that Postmaster Patterson would come here at once and demand immediate trial, but he has not yet arrived. The United States District Court ad-

journed for the term this afternoon.

PATTERSON UNDER BOND. Gives Bail in the Sum of \$1,000-

Deaf Mute Charged With Fraudu-

night served on Postmaster Geo. L. Patterson, by United States Marshal Orient. Millikan, charging him with permiting certain infractions of the law by one of his clerks, who has been under terson gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 mand an immediate trial. The news of the arrest of Postmas-

ter Patterson, when it became known, tion should be made. late Monday, created considerable interest and excitement. The warrant terrupted by Mr. Crumpacker, who chloral or alcohol. charged the postmaster with allowing to open matter addressed to patrons of the office in his presence, in this \$30,000 had been wasted by the Army way aiding and abetting in the viola-Mr. Patterson's bondsmen, Messrs. D. ing machines, telescopes, B. Coltrane and J. C. Wadsworth, will Hull replied that the committee on take charge of the office at once and military affairs had never authorized name some one to act as postmaster, flying machines but that flying mapending the result of the trial. Miss Kime is now under bond, hav- the fortification appropriation bill. ing been arrested on the charge named regard flying machines as absolutely last fall. The case against not been called for trial. Mr. C. A. tific man, but a machine that will fly Cook and Miss Bessie Stricker, of to the bottom of the river." Concord, went to Asheville last week

term of court also found a true bill spent, as it turned out later, uselessly, against Reese Boyer, a deaf and in buying supplies which were allowed dumb young man of this county, to waste from lack of proper care and details and workings of the new arrangement were made plain, many of these fishermen having felt in a meascharged with some scheme to defraud in the deprication of equipment.

TWO YEARS FOR M'MILLAN.

Young Society Man Convicted of Forgery at Greensboro Must Serve Sentence on Roads. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 27.-The only case of interest disposed of in Guilford Superior Court to-day was the one \$200. .The defendant plead guilty and Judge Ferguson sentenced him to a term of two years on the county roads. Mr. John A. Hodgin, president of the Cape Fear Company, was put on the stand and testified regarding McMillan's negotiations with him last fall for the purchase of his stock in the company, the young man coming here and representing himself to be quite wealthy. He had a pleasant manner and soon won numerous friends among the best people of Greensboro, being introduced very readily into the social life of the city. His downfall came as a great surprise to everyone. Since his arrest there have been many reports connecting nesota, Oregon and other parts of the country, but no direct testimony was forthcoming and the forgery charges laid at his door.

SIX KILLED IN MINE.

Explosion in Little Caliaba Shaft No. 2, Near Birmingham, Instantly Kills Six and Probably Fatally In-Instantly jures Twelve Other Miners.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 27.—Six vere killed and twelve so badly injured that most of them are expected to die before morning, by an explosion in Little Cahaba Mine No. 2. at Piper Ala., at 4 o'clock this arternoon. The dead:

PETER COSTELLO. STEVE MEMETH. MATTELZ. JOHN STONE.

RICH SMITH, negro. The mine is owned by the Little Cahaba Coal Company, of which J. R. Smith, of this city, is president. Piper is in Bibb county, in the Blocton field, about 60 miles south of Birmingham.
The Little Cahaba settlement is on a spur track of the Birmingham Mine Railway and is difficult of access by

MISS WEBSTER AT HOME.

Vomum Who Masqueraded as Man and Was Center of Matrimonial Escapades in Kansas Returns, to Gaffney. Special to The Observer.

wire communication.

Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb, 27.—Miss Pauline Webster, of Kansas City, Mo., passed through Spartanburg to-night en route to her former home at Gaffney. Miss Webster was joined by her brother, Rudge Webster. They had not seen each other for 10 years. She was thought to be dead by her relatives and friends until the developments in Kansas City in which her identity was revealed and her people in South Carolina notified, For several years she were the garb of a man eral years she wore the garb of a man and, in that way, succeeded in keep-ing her secret. Miss Webster, it is said, possesses considerable property in Gaffney and Cowpens.

Measure Purporting to Have Been Introduced by Mr., Van Duzer of Nevada Repudiated by That Mem-ber and is Cancelled and Destroyed -Effort to Get Corbin and Mc-Arthur Retired as Lieutenant Gencrais Meets Defeat—Little Progress Made on Army Appropriation Bill —860,000,000 Ship Canal Concern, Chartered by Dalzell Bill, Goes

Washington, Feb. 27 .- Military maters held the attention of the House o-day, the army appropriation bill being under consideration for amendment. That General Corbin and General McArthur might become lieutenant generals the provision in the bill abolishing that rank was eliminated on a point of order raised by Mr. amendment to abolish the grade after these officers had been promoted, but this too, met defeat. Members of the appropriations committee disputed the right of the military committees to control of field artillery, but without success. Only eight of the fifty pages of the bill were passed upon when the House adjourned. As its first business the House passed the Dalzell bill chartering the Lake Erie & Ohio Ship Canal Company with an authorized capital stock of \$60,000,000

On meeting the House ordered cancelled and destroyed a resolution of injury purporting to have been introduced by Mr. Van Duzer of Nevada, but which he repudiated. The resolution lent Use of the Mails.

Concord, Feb. 27.—Papers were last report of Herbert H. D. Price, regarding the condition of consulates in the

Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, moved the action and Mr. Williams (Miss.) read a letter from Mr. Van Duzer statindictment for some time. Mr. Pat- ing that he had never heard of the resolution.

Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) complained that the House had been trifled with by some one and he thought an investiga-The reading of the army bill was ined the postmaster with allowing raised an inquiry which developed a Sallie Kime, one of his clerks, lively turn of debate. Mr. Crumpacker had read in the papers the charge that ion of the law. It is understood that scientific and otherwise, including flychines were especially authorized

Mr. Hull concluded the incident with to testify before the grand jury in the a statement that the money had been case against Mr. Patterson. wasted in scientific or useless apparatus, although much money had been o waste from lack of proper care and

fesses That It is Without Authority to Remedy the Evil.

Washington, Feb. 27.-Although olding that certain combination rates on petroleum are just and unreasonable, thereby working a practical mo-nopoly in favor of the Standard Oll sumption cure is known Company. The commission to-day in an opinion by Commissioner Prouty, confessed itself against John B. McMillan, the young to be without authority to grant the man arrested two months ago on a relief sought and dismissed the peti-

The case came up in the petition of Fred G. Clark Company against the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and others, and the Waverly Oil Works against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others, alleging unjust and unreason-able rates and discrimination in the transportation of oil. In these cases the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad Company was the principal defendant.

STATEHOOD BILL FRIDAY WEEK. Proposition by Senator Beveridge Meets With Little Opposition-Indian Affairs Discussed.

Washington, Feb. 27.-The Senate today agreed to vote on the Statehood March 9. The proposition to take the vote at that time was made by Mr. Beveridge and there was little difficulties in reaching an understanding The suggestion immediately followed a speech in support of the bill by Mr. Hopkins during the course for statehood and suggested that their admission be deferred. The remainder of the day was devoted to the discussion of the bill providing for the settlement of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians, the major portion of the time being given to the provision for the disposal of the coal lands in Indian

ACCUSED MAN DROPS DEAD.

Territory.

R. L. Traynham, Charged With the Murder of His Father, Expires Suddenly While on His Way to Lynchburg Jail.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 27 .- R. L. Traynnam was arrested here last charged with the murder of his father. J. B. Traynham on the night of Feb-ruary 18. The feeling here was very bitter against young Traynham and it was thought advisable to take him to Lynchburg for safe keeping. Just as the train was entering the latter city Traynham arose from his seat and with an exclamation fell back in the arms of Officer Overstreet. When he was taken from the train he was found to be dead. The autopsy showed he died from

fright. No polson was found in the stomach. Young Traynham bought the hatchet with which he was accused of having murdered his father at a lo cal cutlery store, on the day preceding the tragedy. A piece of bloody news-paper in which the hatchet had been wrapped was in the murdered man's room and this gave the clue that re-suited in Traynham's arrest.

SITE NOT SELECTED.

College Still Undecide Referred to Committee, Still Undecided --- Matter

Referred to Committee,
Special to The Observer.
Greensboro, Feb, 27.—The board of education of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference adjourned to-night without selecting a site for the location of the proposed Methodist. Protestant College. A committee was appointed to take under consideration the offers made by Greensboro, High Point, Pinnacle, Oak Ridge, Liberty, Graham and Hillsboro. The committee will report to a meeting of the board here Thursday, March 3th, at which time final action will be taken.

HEARING ON WEBB'S DRUG BILL

Inter - State Commerce Hears Representative Webb in Sup-port of His Bill Requiring Manu-facturers of Medicines to Have Label Containing List of Ingredient on Every Bottle—Made Favorabl Impression—Mr. Holton, in Au swering Charges, Assetts That Mr Blackburn Frequently Suggeste That He Not Push Cases—As a Blackburn's Recommendations.

Blackburn's Recomme BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

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Representative Webb occupied the attention of the inter-State comm committee of the House for a time torenor, of Ohio, who substituted an day in advocating a favorable report dment to abolish the grade after upon his bill providing that every manufacturer of medicine for State shipment shall have printed on each bottle, in the English language the name of the ingredients contained appropriate for an apparatus for fire in each botle of package. At the con clusion of the address Chairman Hep burn said that he felt that the North Carolina member had thrown much light upon the subject of decided importance, and there appeared to be only a single member of the committee, Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, who has any objections to the bill. Representative Bartlett, of Ger He fears that the proposed measure might come in conflict, in some way with the State's rights doctrine. Mr. Webb was asked if he had any objection to the incorporation of his the pure food law and replied that this course was satisfactory to him, as his first desire was to correct evils com plained of, without reference to the question of whose name the bill should plained of, without reference to bear. Editor Hapgood, of Collier's Weekly, will be here to-day to confer with Mr. Webb about his subject, it being a matter to which the public tion mentioned has of late devoted much space. The bill does not require the proportion of ingredients to be printed on the bottle unless the bottle contains opium, cocaine, morphine

THE "ETC," MEANT COCAINE In the course of his remarks, Mr. Webb said: "Recently a patent medicine concern advertised that they had concluded to give the public the contents of their medicines and assumed to print the formula on the package, Several different herbs were ed, and, at the end of this enumeration, are the three letters board of pharmacy analyzed this medicine and discovered that the covered 3.76 per cent. of cocainehabit-forming cocaine death-dealing. The head of the New York city health department recently wrote a protective association that he desired to call attention to the fact that a much-advertised article contained a large per cent. of cocaine, saying that a Pitiable case had come under his knowledge recently of a former bright lawyer with whom he had done business. The lawyer had a bad cold for a long time and had

"Many consumptive cures contain drugs in the form of oplum, morphine, cocaine and chloroform, which not only do not stop the progress of the diseas but oftentimes hasten it. One con inter-State commerce chloroform and prussic acid, and there is no warning on the bottle that contains deadly poisons. Morphine the most constituent of a famou cough syrup. In Cincinatti the death of a little child was caused by a dose of this cough syrup. Another case of poisoning from this syrup is registered in Indiana. The child died in convul-sions after 72 hours. It had taken an overdose. The mother no doubt had left the bottle lying around carelessly ecause there is nothing to indicate that it contained a deadly poison. Another cough syrup is known to contain

> BLACKBURN'S RI RECOMMENDA-One of the highest officials of the government, one who makes almost daily visits to the White House in line with his official duties, was to-day asked whether the recommendations of Congressman Blackburn would carry weight pending his trial in April. After some hesitation the gentleman in question said no decision had been arrived at in this matter, but that some thing might be said later with refer

morphine and hydrocyanic acid."

ence to the subject. MR. HOLTON ANSWERS CHARGES. An inspection to-day of the answer of District Attorney Holton to the charges filed against him shows that Mr. Holton does not fail to pay his respect to his chief critic, man Blackburn. He asserted that, on numerous occasions. Blackburn came him and suggested that he no push cases, the Congressman saying it would help him out politically and that he would get fees out of defendants.

TO MANUFACTURE MIRRORS.

New Concern Being Organized at Statesville — Postmaster Operating on Borrowed Time. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Feb. 27.-An establis ment for the manufacture of mirror plates is the latest thing for States cern has been out, practically all th stock has been subscribed, and it is an assured fact. The capital stock will be \$20,000, \$10,000 of which has been subscribed by Mr. O. W. Sisine, of Pittsburg, Pu. The other \$10,000 has been taken by local capital and a chi ter will soon be applied for. The concern will manufacture mirrors clusively and will supply the fu-ture factories located in this sec of the country.

Postmaster Long is operating on rowed time. He has been indorse rowed time. He has been indor reappointment by Congressman burn and it is also understoo the Republican State organism for him, but while he has good the postmaster lan't certain it erything is alright until Mr. velt says the word, and up to the the appointment has not been