or of Bennett and Davison Claims
In Victims Were Attacking Him Vien He Fired—Denies That He ttempted to Enter Miss Sherian's Room—Retained His Nerve throughout the Ordeal—Miss beridan Recalled and Other Witnesses Put on in Rebuttal by State—Col. Bell Opens Argument for the State and Mr. Osborne Speaks or the Defense. cial to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., March L.-The defendant resumed his case in the State vs. Hasty with Smith Williams, the ent proprietor of the hotel where the killing of Bennett and Davison occurred. He testified, tending to contradict Miss Sheridan, that the dining room doors, though made to swing, stops. But, on cross-examinahe said the door would bound some 15 inches when let slagn shut. His measurement of the transhowed 1214 inches in height, as against another defendant's witness's 11% inches.

Mr. C. C. Gibson swore he saw Mr. Davison running from the hotel, crying for a doctor and carrying an open knife in his left hand.

J. D. DeStaffino, a barber, saw a profound coma besides opium; that scuffle in the hall. He ran down Mrs. Matthews' case was not a typical Davison run out crying for a doctor. low get bad hurt," meaning George

Miles Bullington, who boarded then at the Piedmont Hotel, said that the dining room. He slept with George prisoner attempted suicide Hasty that night, wouldn't swear exactly when George went to bed, but he got up about 6. He heard no cry of distress or fear in the night.

Will Hasty, recalled, said there was no sign of disturbance of the dust on the transom sill, which he examined a day or so after the tragedy.

GEORGE HASTY TESTIFIES. the stand at 10:30. His direct exammation was by Mr. Osborne. He is 22 years old, and a native of Union county, N. C. He is an orphan. Has been in Gaffney about a year.

"On the 15th of December I taken

Mr. Estes up to breakfast. When I came into the dining room Mr. Bennett told me that I was the man who alted the ladies and tried to break into the transom. I told hi mI was but he said I was and that he would no take my word for anything. I said I didn't want any more words unless they would come into the hall. We went into the hall. Mr. Davison 'You're the fellow,' and struck

He and his lawyers made a most dramatic reproduction of the scene, not keep his mind on any subject, and on the floor before the jury. "Oh, for seemed to be under the influence of a George represented Davison as push-ing him backward on one knee and Bennett as clawing him in the face,

had no previous acquaintance with those men, and would not have shot them except to save my life," he therwise. I am not sure, but I think I shot Mr. Bennett first, when he straightened up and fell. I would not have shot either of them if they had not both jumped on me."

the shooting, that he had fooled about Miss Sheridan's room, and all the other material points of the State's evi-dence. The pistol he had borrowed from Walter Baker some days before. It was put in evidence and is a beauty with mother of pearl.

Under cross-examination he was pale discredit or degrade him before the jury. There were several lively eninters of counsel, Col. Johnstone delivering a most eloquent arraignment of the mob law, wild on formal, as under color of the courts. The judge, wever, had his nerve in his hand, and cooled all fervor by ready and clearly defined ruling. At one juncing on trial for his life, he should be allowed the limits of the rules of evi-

knife which the sheriff found under his drawers, he said, he had provided for protection. His coat was out in evidence to show a cut on it. Walter Baker testified that the pistel was his. He did not know how in the Piedmont Hotel the night before the killing, but there was nothing new in his evidence.

DEFENDANT RESTS.

her, designed to contradict out a conversation between attended by drowds which filled the 'I can't see, gentlemen," the court

ruled, "the materiality of the defen-dant's association with these ladies."

This he had ruled before, but the counsel have kept getting back to it.

She testified to the fatal wound in the body of Davison, which was intended to show his inability to put Hasty on self-defense; and that she took his knife from his pocket, after he was dead. It was shut and there was soap

Miss Sheridan was also called in reply. She denied that any profane language had been used by either of show girls at the tragedy. said she might have prayed; that she took Bennett's knife from an inside pocket, where he lay, and it was shut. She said some other things "in reply."

She is the same witness who gave Col. Johnstone such a tilt Thursday, and there was a good deal of suppressed laughter and winking when the colonel, being a burnt child, as soon as the witness was "turned over" to him, beckeded and said with a smile. "Come down, mum."

Mr. S. F. Parrott, connected with The Gaffney News, said he was in his office that morning; heard screaming, then a fall and more screaming; then saw Davison come from the Piedmont holding his sides with both hands; saw him open his left hand and there was no knife in it.

L. M. Cook, who made the arrest, said that one of the young ladies cried to him. "You let that man set away! He has passed you?" referring to George Hasty. Arthur Hasty's wife was in bed: Gibson and Raines were not there. Neither of the ladies used any cust words. Mr. Davison named him, on the street, and had no knife "COME DOWN, MUM."

Murder Nos Half Over—Taking of Testimony May be Concluded Tuesday and Case Given to Jury Thursday—Dr. Gorman Tells of Attempt at Suicide Made by Defoudant—The Father Testifies as to Insanity in Family—Number of Other Witnesses Examined—Court House Again Crowded.

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, March 3 .- The time for fendant as his family physician on account of his mental condition. Dr. A. good. L. Petree, of Greensboro, qualified as an expert and testified to the symptoms of various kinds of poisons; that there are other drugs that would produce erves and this, in itself, is no small

one of strychnine poison, one charac-

the mind was clear to the end. Raines asked witness, "Did that fel- MATTHEWS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. Dr. J. A. Gorman, a dentist of Asheville, was the next witness, testifying that he had known the defendant for 15 years, having met him in Washington in 1889; that he studied medicine spring door opened inwards to the with him in Richmond, Va.; that the of disappointment and despondency due to the death of his sweetheart; that he found the defendant in bed in an unconscious condition; that two or three physicians were hastily summoned and succeeded in reviving him after working with him several hours; that on regaining consciousness he told the witness to go to his pocket and get out a note, the contents of which he was to keep secret. The witness George Hasty, the defendant, took said the noted stated that Dr. Matthews wanted to dispose of all of his property; gave directions that he buried in Durham and named the pail-bearers. The witness said they found an empty pill box in the coom, but there was nothing written on it to indicate what it contained. He new the prisoner's handwriting and State geologist, Chapel Hill; W. E. the telgrams sent from Greensboro last December 1 telling of Mrs. Matthews' leath were not written nor signed by him. He said he and Dr. Matthews were good friends and that his brother married Dr. Matthews' sister; that he ted and smoked together. In addition had grown in wealth, power and realways stopped over with the defenwhenever he passed through Greensboro and that when he saw Dr. Matthews for the last time a year ago he acted very strangely, could

en name was Brown and that she died when he was 14. He was questioned gathering in all departments was a newspaper that does not favor it. The regarding the insanity of his mother very select one. and other members of his family, counsel for the defense endeavoring to ing to order and in a few fitting words in a rather peculiar way. In the north-show the hereditary insanity of the welcomed the visitors to the car. He east corner of the State there is show the hereditary insanity of the prisoner. Counsel for the prosecution then called upon his excellency, Govercharacter was admissable only there was no motive, but that, in this case, the motive had shown. The argument lasted two hours or more and the court ruled that the defendant had a right to show what to the lips, but stanchly denied what-ever collateral matters would tend to er's father then resumed the stand and testified that he mother, sister, uncle, aunt and other relatives were unbal-

anced mentally. Jack Jeffreys, a negro bootblack of gist of that city, testified that they saw the prisoner in Durham last Thanksviging Day and that he seemed drunk

from some drug.
T. C. Hobbs, of Greensboro, testified that he knew that Dr. Turner would not practice with Dr. Matthews in at least one case.

Thos. S. Beall, of Greensboro, related a conversation that he had with Dr. Turner the morning after Mrs. Matthews died in which Dr. Turner stated that he could not say that Dr Matthews was sane. The last witness examined this afternoon was Capt. C. W. Fowler, conductor on the train from Durham last Thanksgiving Day, who said he saw Dr. Matthews with 12 or 20 white tablets in his hand but Here the defendant rested.

Miss May Bishop was called again that Dr. Matthews slept all the way from Durham to Greensboro. To-day's sessions of the court were court house and the trial is not flag-

ging by any means. in his hand, Both Col. Johnstone Mr. Butler cross-examined him, but he took care of himself easily. Policeman L. M. Austell, who had Hasty in charge, saw Davison pass and he saw no knife. He flatly con-

Hasty was arrested.
Joe Mooney said, without cross-examination, that he opened the Commercitl Hotel for Davison; saw him

unbutton his vest, and was sure he had no knite in his hand.

Dr. Charles A. Jenries testified to the range of the ball that killed Davison. He was shot in the abdomen, 44, to 5 inches from the mayel, and the builet was "very peculiar ranged." In-deed it was, from his testimony, and the reporter is at a loss to know whether it went up, down, slantwise,

whether it went up, down, slantwise, or zigzag.

James Swafford swore that Arthur Hasty, his brother-in-law, told him the day after the killing that he was down stairs when the shooting happened and he did not know how the row started nor what about.

Here court adjourned tilf 2:30, at which hour, on account of rain, the press about the door and in the corridors was not so slubborn as usual.

CONCLUSION OF EVIDENCE. him a drink and told him that

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Caro-lina, and Governor J. M. Terrell, of Georgia, Among the Distinguished Speakers—The Forests Must be Preserved, the Watchword of the Meeting — Mr. Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, and Others Speak — Resolutions Drafted for Submission to Congress — Other Items of Interest.

Charlotte's distinguished guests have come and gone and the forestry connment of the regular one-week ference of which so much has been court expired this afternoon, yet the matthews murder trial, which began has been a notable one in many rehalf finished. It is thought that the with a number of guests whose names taking of testimony will be concluded are familiar in all sections of the coun-next Tuesday and the argument of try. Steps have been taken which counsel will last until Thursday even-mark the real beginning of the moveing. The first witness for the defense ment for the preservation of the Appacalled this morning was Deputy Sher-lachian forests. For years and years this iff W. J. Weatherly, who stated that great work has been talked of more or he had known the prisoner about two less, but nothing official has ever years and that he had come to the been done which gave any great promconclusion that he was mentally unbalise of permanency. The present move-anced. C. C. Lewis, a barber of ment has back of it the united effort Greensboro, testified to the same effect, of all of the Southern States, which, aying that he had discharged the de- with the co-operation of the North and

> Charlotte has taken first place in the ranks of those cities advocating the establishment of national forest pres-

There were three sessions of the conference yesterday. In the morning, at stairs, scared, and pretty soon saw teristic of strychnine poison being that 11 o'clock, a most informal reception was held in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club. The Richardson Orchestra furnished delightful music. The members of the reception committee were on hand to welcome the guests and the entire morning was one of pleasant, informal social intercourse. Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Georgia: Messrs Gifford Pinchot, Washngton, D. C., chief forester of the United States; Mr. C. A. Schenck, Biltmore, forester of the Vanderbilt estate; Dr. W. Gil Wylie, New York, president of the Southern Power Company; Alfred States Forestry Department; F. A. Newell, Washington, D. C., chief hy-drographer of the United States; A. T. Smythe, of Charleston, S. C.; E. A. Smyth, of Greenville, S. C.; J. Elwood Cox, of High Point; Prof. J. A. Holmes, State geologist, of Raleigh; J. F. Hays, of Asheville, general manager Cobb, of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. J. Hyde Pratt, assistant stated while the Governors were few Beattle and A. G. Furman, of Green-ent, they made up for the deficiency in instances of utter destitution.
ville, S. C.; Fred C. Bates, of New advoirdupois. He denominated Gover-Americans are hopeful of sections. York; Prof. H. D. House, of Clemson nor Terrell as a "Governor of progress College, and W. B. Wilson, of Rock and advancement, under whose wise to the regular reception committee a pute. I have the honor and great number of the citizens of the city were

hand of hospitality. THE AFTERNOON SESSION. The afternoon session was held in the Academy of Music. The committee appearance when he grose to respond on arrangements DEFENDANT'S FATHER ON STAND handsome place in order to accommoof the prisoner, was next called to the stand. He testified that he was 72 years of age, was born in Cumberland county, and lost his arm in the third were present were among the foremost. Georgian and spoke glowingly in the harbor washing over the quay. Of the Old North State. Charlotte he declared to be "The Atlanta of North ward 10 o'clock people dwelling in the vicinity of the water front were comcounty, and lost his arm in the third B. W. Matthews, of Durham, father date as many as desired to attend. day's fight at Gettysburg; married business men of the city, whose in one that has already come into promi-Edith Johnson; that his mother's maidfluence is really the moving force in Georgia. So much so that all the enterprises of this section. The

very select one.

Mayor S. S. McNinch called the meetobjected, claiming that evidence of this nor R. B. Glenn, to take charge of the afternoon's exercises.

Governor Glenn is the ideal presiding officer. Of commanding presence, easy manner, full voice, it is a real pleasure to hear him. He spoke of the significance of the conference, told of the far-reaching benefits that will result from it not only to North Carolina, nor the South, but to the whole country.

"I am heartly in favor of the move-ment," said he. "Its vital importance has taken hold of me and hence I am mob law, wild on formal, as Durham, and R. P. Hackney, a drug- glad to do anything I can to help along of forestry which is maintained by a the work." Governor Glenn then in-troduced the first speaker of the af-York. The citizens of the State are ternoon, Mr. Gifford Pinchot, forester anxious and willing to do anything in of the United States.

MR. PINCHOT SPEAKS.

Mr. Pinchot is a pleasing speaker. He ts tall, full of energy, quick-speaking and, above all else, knows what to say. He declared that he would give himself but 15 minutes in which to deliver the message that he had for the people of the South.
"If you want a forest reserve in the

000,000 acres of land reserved in the West but not one acre in the East. serves are inestimable and, as it stands now, there is no fair or equable distriin securing her vast appropriations. The forestry departments have done all/they can in the furaherance of this work. They have gathhave been scattered broadcast. New England and the entire East wants these forest reserves and with the South pulling, the North pushing and the West helping I am sure that alfor reserves in the Appalachian moun-

These reserves are to be located in the Appalachian mountains both North the Appalachian mountains both North as well as South. The government was asked to invest in forest reseves 14 years ago, when the land might have been had very cheap. It has increased, in value 10 times since that time, and will doubtless continue to grow in worth. As a financial undertaking, the worth. As a mancial undertaking, the investment is a good one. It would furnish timber and at the same time power reserve. Very wide interest is now being manifested in the commercial prosperity of the South. These preserves would mean the saving of

forestry department of Massachusetts. He stated that New England was distinctly manufacturing, all other industries being secondary. The Com-monwealth, he said, was engaged in procuring raw material as cheaply as possible. Of the raw products, wood vas regarded as one of the most important and hence the attention that is being given it by the State department. Forests were preserved in three ways, by education, by co-operation and investigation. A careful study was being made by the officials as to the best means of fighting forest fires, structive cyclone ever experienced in

preservation.

Mr. Akerman closed with a message Massachusetts, in which he expressed his best wishes for the success of the conference and those interested in it. artment, was the next speaker. at the outset that he would pass over the Appalachian reserve and treat the subject in its entirety, from the actual money value point of view. "Trees on the guardian of the quarantine station duire no effort or expense. Lumbermen will tell you that timber is money and that lumber is constantly increas-ing in value. The trees also add to The schooner Papeete was submergland will produce a direct and at the Her captain, Philip Michaell, estimated me time an indirect return. Land ed that the waves were 65 feet high. that lies idle is a hindrance; no good It was impossible to see 20 feet away

"One has to go out on the prairies be-fore they will learn the value of trees. Marcadi, a French resident at Faha-fan, Tuamolu Islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the I believe that the South Atlantic government buildings and dweling States are richer in resources than houses and the Catholic church were the West. I am of this opinion for the swept away. Many of the natives simple and sole reason that the South climed cocoanut trees and others put has virgin forests; the West has none. out to sea in small boats. The school Will you sacrifice that source of wealth er Ina, which was anchored in the which gives you the preponderance over lagoon at Makemo, successfully rode section which is rapidly forging to out the storm. the front? Pennsylvania is now buy Akerman, Boston, Mass., State forester ing thousands of acres of stripped land of Massachusetts; Alfred Gaskill, at approximately \$3 per acre for a Washington, D. C., of the United State forest preserve which she sold A. timbered years ago at from 25 to 30 cents per acre. The same may be said

of Michigan. "The South has her natural forests There is one thing that she must do, preserve and maintain them."

GOVERNOR TERRELL TALKS. Governor Glenn in calling upon Govrnor Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia, In numbers, there being but two preswere among the guests who chat- administration the State of Georgia pleasure of presenting to you, his expresent to join in extending the open | cellency, my friend, Joseph M. Terrell, Governor of the great State of Geor-

> Govenor Terrell presented a very fine troduction. He paid his compliment to break heavily over the reef, the waves

need of forest preservation was brought to the front several years ago some time. The adjacent forests had disappeared and the country had become so much waste land. The matter was brought before the General Assembly and proceedings were instituted against the mill owners, as well as the State of Tennessee. The latter case is now pending in the United States Supreme Court. There is no State in the South which is more keenly alive to the needs of a reserve in the Appalachian mountains than is Georgia.
"In the State University is a chair

their power to further the movement on foot. Georgia is, at all times, at the service of those who are urging the matter in Congress."

Mr. J. F. Newell, chief hydrographe of the United States, explained why capital, until a few years ago, had never come South. He stated that never come South. many of the Northern hydraulic expeople of the South.

"If you want a forest reserve in the Southern streams was uncertain owing Appalachian mountains, I am here to tell you that you can get it if you will to the fact that there were no lakes or swamps near their heads to act as only ask for it. The United States reservoirs Later investigations have shown that the leaves on the mountains have acted as reservoirs for the water. Unless these leafy blankets re-main, the former predictions will be very true, and the streams will indeed be uncertain. "If the South desires to aries. Mrs. Doty was in bution. The South has helped the West hold capital, protect the investments already made and induce more capital to come South, she will have to preserve the forests which are in reality among the greatest of her natural reources."

Mr. A. T. Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., and Dr. W. Gil Wylle, of New York, both made most excellent practical speeches. Mr. Smythe urged con-certed action on the part of all those terested in Southern development tating that the failure to secure the ppropriation in the past had been to the fact that the Senators tepresentaives were not aware of the portance of the matter. Dr. Gil the importance of the forests to the water power development. He declared that within six years, there would be vallable from oad rivers along more than 200,000 se-power of electricity. "If this is be preserved," he declared, "then he forests must be saved, not only in

Dr. C. A. Schenck of Biltmore, who has charge of the magnificent Vander-bilt estate, was called upon for a few vords. He dwelt upon the beauty of he forests of western North Carolina and declared that if the Southeland ins must be preserved at all costs.

Schenck is a German by birth and a most enjoyable speaker.

Sovernor Glenn, after announcing a programme for the evening, detred session adjourned.

THE EVENING'S EXERCISES. The evening session was more large-stiended than that of the afternoon.

Society and Tuamolu Islands Ex-perience Most Disastrous Storm in Their History, Damage in Tahiti Alone Being Estimated at \$1,900,-Actual Situation is Bad Enough perience Most Disastrons Storm in Their History, Damage in Tahiti Alone Being Estimated at \$1,000,-000, With a Number of Americans Among Sufferers—City of Papeete Inundated and About 75 Buildings Destroyed, Including American Consulate—Only One Known Death in Tahiti, but Henvy Loss of Life

the Society and Tuamolu Islands occurred on Feb. 7 and 8. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at \$1,000,000, and of greeting from Governor Douglas, of presumably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamolu Islands. The city of Papeete was inun-Mr. Alfred Gaskill, of Washington, dated and about 75 buildings destroyed, including the American consulate and the French government building. The Gaskill is of rather slight build, with shipping in the harbor of Papeete esbright eyes and dark hair. He is an caped injury owing to the wind, but easy and forceful speaker. He stated fears are ascertained for vessels which were cruising near Tuamolu Islands. It is feared that there has been

Tuamolu Islands, though the death of in Papeete is the only fatality yet reported.

The schooner Papeete was submerg-Thus the growth of trees on ed for an hour near Anaa, Tuamolu. comes from it, it does not add to the At 3 o'clock in the day time the sailwealth of the Commonwealth, is an ors had to be lashed to the vessel. M.

AMERICANS LOSE HEAVILY. Bridges and roads were badly damaged on the island of Tahiti. fruit, cocoanut, banana and plaintain trees were blown down in great numbers, which will result in hardships to the natives and materially affect commerce during the next two or three years. The French gunboat Zelee has gone to the Tuamolu Islands with supplies of food and fresh water. British consul has appealed to his government for aid for 500 British subjects Some Americans have sustained heavy losses, and probably there will be a few Americans are hopeful of securing nor Terrell as a "Governor of progress help from the United States. Money and food are required.

BLEW 120 MILES AN HOUR. The cyclone, or hurricane, reached the velocity of 120 miles an hour. It struck the islands about midnight on Feb. 7, and continued until about o'clock on the next afternoon. The Island of Anas, Tuamolu is believed to titute and injured. have been the center of the storm. At Papeete about 7 o'clock on the Governor Glenn and spoke glowingly in the harbor washing over the quay. as a rule only a small portion of their belongings. The merchants and clerks there is no lawyer, public official or went to the stores and warehouses, only to discover that it was quite im possible to save goods on the lower

floors. A VILLAGE WIPED OUT. An hour later high seas broke, com-pletely demolishing the government slip, and buildings, beside causing great damage to the coal sheds. The guardian of the arsenal, Teffer Adams, an expert swimmer, was in the water for many hours and assisted in warning and rescuing others. The village of Tarona, near the arsenal, was com-pletely swept away. It consisted of the mission buildings and homes of native converts of the Re-organized Latter Day Saints' mission, formerly un-der the direction of Captain Joseph Burton, of California. The mission house and a great many houses were carried off to a distance of many hundreds of yards and demolished. Of the church edifice not a vistage remains. A selltement about an eighth

of a mile distant, comprised of dwellings of several hundred Cook Islanders (British subjects) was completely destroyed. One American named feldt, living near that community, had to take to an adjacent swamp, which became inundated, and he was compelled to battle with the waves many hours. Further east on the away for about half a mile. About 8 o'clock in the morning the

American Consulate, the oldest structure in Papeete, having been built about 1836, collapsed. In the ab of the American consul, his mother Mrs. Doty, supervised the removal of the archives, aided by several mission jeopardy several times. The were temporarily stored at the Latter Day Saints' mission house. family also accepted their hospitality. Beyond the American Consulate several government buildings, including the treasury and store houses sustained

TRAGEDY IN UNION

and Killed in Store of Marsh-Lee Supply Co. at Marshville.

Supply Co. at Marshville.

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, March 3.—A most distressing accident occurred here at 7 o'clock tonight when Charles Simpson, aged 18, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his friend and roommate. Paul Effed, aged 17. The tragedy occurred in the store of the M. K. Lee Co., where the two young met had stepped on their way to a public debate at the school at Marshville. Simpson was buying a pistol from Mr. Lee and both were examining it, not knowing that it was loaded. Young Effed snapped the trigger, the bullet striking Simpson in the heart, killing him instantly.

Mr. Junius Siles, a friend of both young men, phoned the coroner and the sherif notifying them of the tragedy, there were soveral eye-witnesses to the killing and all say it was purely accidental. Until two weaks ago the young men were in school at Wingate. The funeral will take place at Olive Branch church to morrow afternoon. The tragedy has cust a gleom over the little town of Marshville.

HASTY ON WITNESS STAND TRIAL IS NOT HALF OVER A NOTABLE CONFERENCE known experts in the country was then could upon for a few words. Mr. Akerman devoted his entire time to an devoted his

State Legislature Appropriates \$5,000, Citizens Having Previously Subscribed \$8,000, and Gov. Varda-man Sends Special Train With Con-victs to Aid in Work—Greatest victs to Aid in Work-Greates Fatality Was in Mill Village-Little or No Insurance.

Meridian, Miss., March 3.-Nineteer

MRS. ELLA SINGLETON and LIT-TLE GRANDDAUGHTER killed in East End. JOHN P. SMITH, engineer, killed at Elmira's restaurant, MR. STEWART and LITTLE SON, of Cottondale.
CLAUDE WILLIAMS, bookeeper Meyers-Neville Hardware Company, found in debris B. F. ELMIRA, restaurant proprie-

Negroes-UNKNOWN NEGRO MAN and LIT-TLE CHILD, charred remains found "Bucktown TOM BARNEY and CHILD, killed at fertilizer factory, UNKNOWN NEGRO WOMAN, killn near fertilizer factory.

TWO NEGRO WOMEN, killed at Georgetown. Among the injured are the following: William Yarborough, Bristol, La., slightly; W. Josephs, of Tennesseu, back hurt; Mrs. Stewart and daughter, of Georgetown; Ben Sharkman, a negro express driver; T. H. Brown, chief broken, several ribs broken; E. Wildean, telegraph operator, Queen Crescent Railroad, shoulder crushed; M. Goodwin, express driver, leg broken; unknown negro woman and child; Wm. Donovan, left cheek cut: Mrs. Wm. Donovan, slightly hurt; J. Adams, brakeman for the 'Frisco Railroad, collar bone broken and bruised about body; Negro waiter at Grand Avenue Hotel, badly injured; Collier Carr, bruised on head and body. A mass meeting of citizens of Meri-

dian was called to-day and \$8,000 was immediately subscribed to aid the des-The Mississippi Legislature, in session at Jackson, to-day appropriated \$5,000 to the relief fund. Governor Vardaman at noon secured a special train, and loading it with convicts from the Rankin county farm, dispatched it at once to Meridian. The city now enjoys the unique spectacle of

State convicts aiding in the rescue

work. The tornado which played such tion of the village turned out and frightful havoc appeared in the southvest at 6:27 o'clock last evening. A low, funnel-shaped cloud was seen to form near the city. A heavy downpour of rain had been falling, when ceived a telegram from Pineville, suddenly the humidity became intense. distance, the storm approached from the southwest and descended upon the city. The greatest loss of the control of the southwest loss of the city of the southwest loss of the city. ported from the East End, in what s known as the "Cotton Mill" settlement. The large cotton mill there was partially wrecked and small houses were demolished or bad-ly damaged. The tornado swept Front street and wrought great damage there. Many houses were demolished and others were partly damaged. electric light plant was partially wrecked, and to add to the terror of the situation the city was thrown into total darkness. Lanters, candles and even coal oil lamps were used by the people in seeking places of safety. tornado also did severe damage on Twenty-second avenue between and Railroad streets. Several houses on this avenue were partially wrecked. The work of the storm lasted for only a brief period, many people claiming that the entire destruction wrought in the brief space of five min-

HARVIE JORDAN AT RALEIGH. Addresses Large Gathering of Cotton Growers-Fair Premium List Is-

122 South Dawson St., Raleigh, March & Raleigh, March & The Secretary of State authorizes an amendment to the charter of the Wysong & Miles Company, of Greensboro, increasing the capital stock to \$50,000, of which amount \$200,000 will be preferred; officers, O. C. Wysong, president, and J. A. Kleemeler, secretary.

The most important action by the Haleigh board of aldermen is that of cutting down the tax rate from \$1.10 on the \$100 to \$1. this premium having stood four years ago at \$1.32.

The Frick Company, incorporated, of Waynesboro, Ps., to-day domesticated by articles of incorporation and letters patent.

an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed to-day in the matter of Ellis Goldstein, trading as Ellis Goldstein Co., of Fayettsville. H. L. Cook was appointed temporary receiver. The hearing will be had March 13. Action was brought on by Carter, Webster & Co., Voss & Stern, and the Dorothy Dodd Shoe Co. Voss & Stern, and the Dorothy Dodd Shoe Co.

Harvis Jordan, president of the South, ern Cotton Association, never had a mere attentive audience than listened to him in Ralsigh to-day, when he addressed the farmers, bankers and others of all classes, who feel the interest and show it in the matter he brings before the people. His speech was filled with wholesome advise to the farmers, and the pleas that he has ever made for a unity of action and a more direct and effective co-operation between that class and the men who are toiling in the South in other walks of life. His subject allowed varied facts and comments along the parts of farming life. He appealed to all Southern interests to stand together and to show to the cotton consuming world the true meaning of direct unity and oneness of thought, purpose and action He referred to the fact that more than 25,000 letters had been sent from his offices in Atlanta to individual farmers whe are returning pledges to hold, and to decrease acresse.

President Winston, of the Agricultural & Mechanical Coilege, also spoke as did President Moore. A long meeting of the

District Attorney Files Reply to Charges Made Against Him by Representative From the Eighth, Denying All the Allegations Made by the Latter—Bill for \$25,000 Monument to Gen. Green at Guil-ford Will be Reported Favorably— Lawrence Pulliam, Jr., Pleads His Father's Cause.

Father's Cause, BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Meridian, Miss., March 3.—Nineteen people are known to have been killed as a result of the tornado which swept over this city shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. Twenty-four persons were injured and property with an estimated value of \$1,000,000 was demolished or otherwise damaged. Many sensational reports were sent out from here of an appalling loss of life, due probably to the chaotic condition of affairs immediately following the visitation of the storm, but to-night after a careful canvass of the situation the following list of dead appears to be complete:

Whites—
PATRICK M'GINNIS, conductor on Mobile & Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

CLIFF EDWARDS, flagman Mobile & Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

J. P. TARRY, policeman, killed in Thornton's transfer stables.

W. B. NELSON, killed in Thornton's stables.

MRS. ELLA SINGLETON and LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER killed in The Conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble the would not act on a eport made by Deputy Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble to would not act on a eport made by Deputy Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble to would not act on a eport made by Deputy Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble to would not act on a eport made by Deputy Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble to would not act on a eport made by Deputy Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would resemble to the property with the charges and the charges all answer to day to the charges filed against him in order to defeat his conditions of the strict attorney. It is said that mr. Blackburn has other charges filed against him in order to defeat his conditions of the strict attorney. It is said that mr. Blackburn has other charges filed against him in order to defeat his conditions of the strict attorney. It is said that mr. Blackburn has other charges filed against h Collector Albright with reference to conditions in Wilkes because it would reconditons in Wilkes because it would result in injury to the Republican party. FOR MONUMENT TO GEN. GREENS. The Senate library committee has dedided to report favorably the bil introduced by Senator Aldrich, appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a monument to General Greene at Guifford Court House. Senator Overman was asked to draw up the report and submit it to the Senate. enate. Marshal J. M. Millikan i shere in the Marsau J. M. Millkan I shere in the interest of District Attorney Holton, whose early confirmation he is urging. He saw Senator Overman to-day.

Lawrence Pulliam, Jr., is here. He saw members of the delegation about his father's application for pardon which has not been acted upon by the President.

Judge Boyd is here. \$15,000 FIRE AT PINEVILLE.

Blaze That Started in the Carolina Drug Store at 12.30 O'Clock Last Night Destroyed Almost Half of the Business Section of the Charlotte Firemen Start for

A fire that started at 12.30 o'clock last night destroyed nearly half of the business section of Pineville, caus \$15,000. The stores burned were: The Carolina Drug Store, Miss Tolly Funk's millinery establishment, and dry goods store, and the store of Manson & Company, general mer-

chants. The fire started in the Carolina Drug Store. Its origin is not known. The blaze was well under way before flames it was discovered, and the spread rapidly, being fanned by lively breeze. The fire fighting fa-clities of the town of Pineville are frame stores of Miss Funk and Mai son & Company were doomed. The next store on that side of the street pany, a two-story brick structure, and fire. Almost the entire male popula-

At 12.45 o'clock Chief of the Charlotte Fire Department W. S. Orr repreparatory to leaving, when he received another message stating that the fire was under control and that his services would not be needed.

A long distance telephone message

to The Observer at 1.45 o'clock stated that it was thought that the fire was under control, although there was still a possibility of the Morrow catching.

REVIVAL MEETINGS TO BEGIN. This to be the First Night of Protracted Preaching. To-night begins a series of meetings

in a number of the churches of the city

that the pastors and church workers trust will result in a real revival of religion that will reach to all parts of The services will be held in the va rious churches for one week or more and then several of the congregations will unite in the larger churches. At Tryon Street Methodist church the services will all be held in the main auditorium. Beginning with tomorrow there will be a noon service of twenty minutes and a night service beginning at 8 o'clock. The song service will begin at 7:45 and preach promptly at 8. The preaching will be done by the pastor, Rev. H. K. Boyer. This will be the first series of se

vices Mr. Boyer has held in this city.

of his congregation and strangers at

and he hopes to see a large attends

Mr. Amzi Biggers, of Sandy Ridge township, Union county, died Friday and was buried yesterday. He was si years old, an elder of Siler Presby-terian church, a well-to-do farmer aud an old soldier. He leaves several chil-dren. His last wife, who was a sister of Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Providence township, died several year ago. township, died several year ago. The funeral took place at church and the services were conducted by Dr. J. B. Mack.

During the war Mr. Biggers was member of Capt. Dixon's company.

Longworths North-Bound Via S ern Railway. Jacksonville, Fla., March 1.—Mr. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth pa through Jacksonville this morning which was shifted from the A Coast Line to the Southern, a within a half hour of the time's val. There was no crowd at t tion beyond that usually there t time of the day.