North Carolina is building more mills than any other Southern tate," remarked a well-known cotten mill machinery agent to an Obcan be done to keep pace with the letters of inquiry that are coming in ev-

ery day.
"For instance, the Catawba Mills, at Newton, are adding more machinery, so also are the Monroe Mills. The Iccmorelee Mill, at Monroe, is under con-struction and will be finished before many months. Two new mills are contemplated at Lumberton, and several at Roanoke Rapids. A new mill is being built at Raeford and one or more The are under way at Rockingham. month seidom passes but that some chronicled at Gastonia or Concord. Many of the smaller towns, such as Mt. Holly, Waxhaw, and the like, are either building or beginning to build

"Machinery men believe that the future has much in store for the sections adjacent to Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Gasonia, Rock Hill, S. and Spartanburg, S. C., owing to the remarkable power development which is in progress. It is believed that the coming decade is to be noted for the industrial development of this pledmont section of the Carolinas. No one recognizes the possibilities of this secing or making ready to send some of their very best men into this territory in order to look after the trade

"Charlotte is coming in for her ery agents. This is Southern head-quarters for the Whitin, Woonsocket, Kitson, and Westinghouse machine companies, represented by Mr. Stunrt W. Cramer: the Saco & Pettee Machine Company, represented by Mr. A. H. Washburn; Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, represented by Alexan- EDITOR W. F. MARSHALL TALKS. der & Garsed, and the Mason Ma-Works, represented by Mr. Edwin Howard.

THE GREAT MASS MEETING.

Invitations Issued to Men's Organizations The following invitations have been

The Churches of Charlotte

Fraternal and all Other Organizations of of Men in the City to the Greatest Mass Meeting of Men ever held in Charlotte

at the

First Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon, March twenty-fifth, half
past four o'clock
Rev. Martin D. Hardin, D. D., will deliver the address.

The following named organizations will be represented: The Brotherhood Railway Trainmen, the Order of McIvery, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical framens, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Independent No. 558, Iron Moulders' Union, National Association of Machinists, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Commercial Telegraphers.

DEATH OF MR. C. B. TRUMBO. Well - Known Clothing Salesman

Passes Away in New York. Mr. H. C. Long received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing death of Mr. Churles B. Trumbo. well-known clothing salesman of New York. Mr. Trumbo had been sick for some time and was operated on yes-terday in one of the large hospitals of that city. He did not raily from the operation and death resulted in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. Deceased was native of Charleston, S. C., where it is likely the remains will be carried

for interment The deceased had many friends in Churlotte and this section, who will regret to learn of his untimely death.

Feeding Cattle for the Market is Profitable.

Mr. A. Hellstern, of Richmond, Va., is a dealer in live stock and to a large extent supplies the butchers for the Richmond market. Mr. Hellstern was at Rock Hill a few days ago and bought there something over 100 head of cattle which had been fed on cot-ton seed meal and buils. He declared that the production of earth in the Southern States is constantly growing, both in respect to numbers and the quality of the cattle. In almost every town where there is an oil mill, there are people who now feed more or less cattle for the market. It is not only possible to make fair profit on the cattle but the resultant manure is a better fertilizer than any tha can be otherwise obtained

Yarborough & Bellinger to Incorpo-

Yarborough & Bellinger, dealers in junk and coal, have applied to Sec retary of State J. Bryan Grimes for a charter for the company, which will be re-organized as a corporation as soon as the papers are returned. The capital stock of the concern will be \$125,000 and the incorporators are Messrs. J. A. Yarborough, George H. Bellinger, D. R. Yarborough and J. A. The concern has been one of the most prosperous in the city and s now preparing to do business on a

Stockholders Pleased.

Mr. C. Valaer returned to the city yesterday from King's Mountain, where he attended the annual meet-ing of the stockholders of the Lulu Mill. The stockholders could The stockholders re-elected the board of directors, which in turn belocted the old officers. Mr. P. S.
lier is president of the company.
long the stockholders present were:
sers. Albert Carry and E. Partner,
of Washington. The mill was
and to be in a prosperous condi-

TORTURE BY SAVAGES.

ONLY A FIRE IN THE STOVE.

Department Makes Fine Run, but Discovers Nothing More Serious Than a Fire in the Stove.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Cliff. Bell observed a light in the rear of Rhyne Brothers' store, at No. 226 East Trade server reporter yesterday. "In addi- street, which acted very suspiciously. those already under way, sev- It flickered up, then died down, blazed eral are in contemplation and quite a large number are increasing their equipment. What is said of North Carolina may also be said of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. It seems that North Carolina is building more new mills but the others are increasing their was locked and barred. No response that the store of t more new mills but the others are in- which he had had the good fortune to creasing their capacity to a larger see before it had made its way in extent. The machinery men are reap- to the building proper. He hurried ining a rich harvest. The demands are to the adjoining the stable and forthunprecedentedly large and it is all that with turned in an alarm. The fire department responded at once, the engine, the trucks and the hose wagons thundered upon the scene as if an-ticipating a conflagration. Chief Ori with a light broke into the store and led the party back to the office.
"Where is the fire?" asked the chief,

of the apparently sleeping man who stretched himself in a half dazed fashion, when the door was thrown

"In the stove." was the frank answer that he gave the fire fighters. "You didn't think there was a fire here, did you?" he asked when he had recovered himself a little. "Well, I'll be swan.

The firemen in disgust betook themselves to the stamping horses outside, and returned to the station.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. S. SMITH. Interment to be Made at Milton This Afternoon-The Funeral Yesterday

Afternoon. The funeral of Mrs. Julia Susan Smith, widow of the late Major Thomas McGhee Smith, took place at the home on West Trade street yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The services tion better than the big machinery were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. R. How-manufacturers of the North. The erron, pastor of the First Presbyte-fact is very generally known that rian church. The remains were carmany of those big and the conducted by Rev. Dr. J. R. How-manufacturers of the conducted b many of these big concerns are send- ried to Milton last night and the interment will be made there this afternoon. The services at the grave will be conducted by Rev. Dr. E. E. Hard- made general agent with headquarters which they believe is soon to be de-ing, who during the war, was chapiain of Major Smith's regiment.

The pall-bearers at the funeral yesshare of the offices of these machin- terday afternoon were: Dr. J. F. Robertson, Capt. A. G. Brenizer, Prof. G. B. Hanna, Capt. A. J. Beall and Messrs. E. D. Latta, C. W. Tillett, John W. Zimmerman, T. W. Haw-John W. Zimmerman, T. W. Haw-take the position of superintendent of kins, Dr. R. J. Brevard and Archie agencies for a large Canadian Fire In-Graham.

No Developments in the Gastonia Squabble—Matter to be Brought Up at May Term of Court.

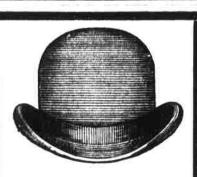
Mr. W. F. Marshall, the well-known editor of The Gastonia Gazette, speat

yesterday in the city.
"Your relations with the Gastonia aldermen, what of them?" asked an Observer reporter. "Nothing new," replied Mr. Mar-"The situation remains unshall.

changed. The grand jury did not re-turn any bill at the recent term of ourt. I assure you, however, that the proper papers will be issued before the next term of court, which convenes in Dallas in May. In the meantime evtrything remains in statu quo. There is no need of any haste and conse Each order is requested to murch to the Quently there are no developments."

DOCTORS ARE PUZZLED. The remarkable recovery of Kenneth

Order of Odd Fellows, Manufacturers' was induced to try Dr. King's New Dis-Order of Odd Fellows, Manufacturers Club, North State Club, Charlotte Arrillery, Hornet's Nest Riffes, Printing Pressmen's Union, Charlotte Typographical Union, Carpenters and Joingers, No. 1332, Carpenters and Joingers, No. 1332, Carpenters and Joingers, No. 1558, Iron Moulders' Union, Nation-



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companies of Columbia, S. C. Mr. Paschall resided here, having charge of the State agency of the Home Insurance Company, of New York. Later he went to surance Company. He has been se-cured to take charge of the Atlanta district for the E. G. Siebels combina-tion of companies. There is no better insurance expert in the South than Mr. and his many Charlotte friends will be rejoiced to hear of his very deserved promotion.

Millinery Opening of J. B. Ivey & Co. The spring millinery opening of Messrs. J. B. Ivey & Company takes Wednesday and Tuesday evening from 8 to 9:30 o'clock, a reception will be given in the store rooms at which Prof. L. DeGrasse Abbott and the Academy of Music Orchestra will perform.

Hon. E. Y. Webb passed through the city yesterday morning en route from Washington to Shelby.



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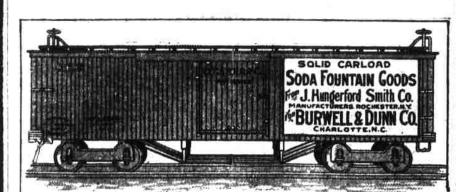
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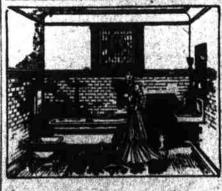
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