the gilded way, and followed the back Cons streets to Fox river. Again we have that remarkable contrast, that transfthat evolution from the sublime

Originally, Colon was on the Island of Mansanillo, but the Panama Railroad, which you must remember now belongs cle Sam, found it necessary to build a right of way and a roadbed scross the swamp that separated the island from the mainland. This stretch of swamp was known as Fox river, though why such a pretty animal should have its name attached to such a filthy place, I am at loss to know. No sooner had the roadbed been comandlords, you will say, or perchance,

neither here nor there. I ventured into one of these hovels. It had eight rooms, each about ten feet square, its pine boards stranger both to plane and paint. They wer accessible by a wavering porch built of pieces of boxes and other wooden refuse. The house was supported on pties driven into the vile-smelling swamp. Back of the hovel was an outhouse, used in common by the tenants, and the odors emanating therefrom were sickening. In the soft muck of the swamp a thousand land crabs were wriggling as if even they were disressed in such environment. Two or three little children balanced them-nelves on the edge of the unprotected porch to prevent falling headlong into the swamp. A stray dog looked in upon the scene, shook his head and wandered away. And yet these rooms are renting at the rate of \$10 silver per month, or \$40 gold per month for the entire miserable shack of eight rooms. Forty dollars gold per month will procure an excellent residence in any American city with the alluring attribute of "all modern improveattribute of "all modern improve-ments," and no such swamp as this within 2,000 miles. Another wave of that administrative hand would sweep ouse the negro tenants on the near-

With the smell of this place still clinging to my clothes (and it will cling to my memory for many, many in charge, Dr. Sumner Coolidge. He leaning back comfortably in a big arm chair in the administrative building, facing the coral-studded beach, where the Atlantic for centuries ed the sands with the silver tongues that break from its flowing tides. An ideal spot, and the health officer was most healthful. The sea breeze was refreshing after the heavily laden zephyrs from Fox river.

DR. COOLIDGE'S STATEMENT. Dr. Coolidge listened while I unfolded

my sad story. Then he smiled:
"An offensive odor is not necessarily
unhealthful," said he. "Of course, if
you or I had to live there," he continued, while the cold chills chased themselves up and down my back even at the thought, "we might, eventually lose our appetites, and in this way be why, they have been there ever since the Americans purchased the cagreater than in any other portion of Cristobal or Colon. Besides, these ne-groes are used to living in that man-Now, to be scientific, we must diag-

se this statement of Dr. Coolidge. There is something seriously wrong with it. In the first place, Dr. Coolidge is a sanitary expert, and he ought to know concerning the healthfulness or unhealthfulness of a vile-simpling swamp, filled with offal, decayed vegetation and tiny land crabs. However, to the bellef that Dr. Coolidge meant that the smells of Fox river were not unhealthful to those who lived a sufficient distance away. At Columbus Point, for instance, where is located the administration building and the homes of the government clerks.

saying that Fox river is an ideal resince site" I asked the health offi-

He admitted that the site was not

partment condemn the houses and ove the people to the hills?" I pered States government to continue to t of swamp land-tribute from the landlords of such hovels" Dr. Coolidge was silent a moment,

and then he advised me that I should see Col. Gorgas, who would be the only person "qualified to speak." Col. rgas is in Panama.

Continuing our diagnosis of that statement made by Dr. Coolidge, I am again inclined to the belief that the has been misinformed concernfig the sanitary conditions obtaining nished nearly 10,000 of the 17,000 laborers used in the canal work. These negroes are not "used to living in this manner at home?" There is not a square foot in all Jamaica so vile as is Fox river. The British government exercises a commendable sanitary sys-The Jamaican negroes are like children. They are used to being told what to do, and if told to keep clean they will keep clean, provided refresh-ed occasionally. On the isthmus they look to the United States for instructions and guidance. When they are put into filthy places and permitted to remain there they do not improve eir condition, but they are not con-nted, and they are constantly taking uining and complaining of physical regularities.

But no; Dr. Coolidge has said that stench, however vile, is not unhealthful. It must be so. But how much more enjoyable health would be with-

FOX RIVER SWAMP.

on, Panama, April 6.—Presto, ge; and the swamp at Fox river been drained. I have discovered erret for energising the canal Intimate that you intend to the American people concerning a things, and the trick is turned. If dredge that had been idle for

which has been denied repeatedly.

A DAINTY CORNER.

Returning to the question of sanitation, I made a visit to Cristobal. That portion of the town occupied by the officials of the canal commission and the railroad, resembles a dainty corner in some fanciful fairyland. It seems thardly real, Pretty little houses here and there, with dear little porches and hammecks and lounging chairs, and all the proverbial comforts of home. Of course, Cristobal is a delightful place—for them. However, I disregarded Consequently I desire to give the cred-

it for this extraordinary activity of Col. Gorgas and his subordinates. You did great work in three days, colonel, but why did you forget that swamp for nearly two years prior to March 23, 1996? I asked many of the employes of the sanitary department why the drainage had not been accomplished before, but they could not give me any reason. However, when it became apparent that the conditions of that swamp would be impartially and fearlessly laid before the American people, the magic wand was unsheathed, its wonders to perform. And even with the drainage, the conditions will pleted than the Shylock landlords ob-tained leases from the Panama Rall- The people will have to go to their road, and proceeded to build low houses on stilts or balance themselves rambling and rickety shacks out over on a narrow board walk. Why don't Gorgas? There is an old negro, Mr. how considerate and commendable of Desport, who has been living on one the Panama Railroad. But that is of those hills for forty-eight years, he told me, and now, with seventy-six years to his credit, he is as hale and as hearty as you please. The hills are

> NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH. Young Lady Becomes Entangled in aliving.

Machinery at Chester—Burglars Enter Store—Other News Notes.

Special to The Observer. Chester, S. C., April 25.—Miss Lucile McNinch, employed in the overall factory, was the victim of what might have been a serious accident to-day As it was she escaped with only a few bruises and the loss of her clothing. She became entangled in one of the machines and, before she could extricate herself, was drawn bodily into the machine. Fortunately, how-ever, Supt. Baker noticed the occurrence and threw the belt off the pulley just in the nick of time, thus the doubtedly saving the young lady's

The store of J. W. Wix, the clothler, was entered early yesterday morning by burglars. The marauders were evidently in search of money, as the cash drawer was opened and also efforts made to open the safe. The burglars evidently had a key to the building as they entered at the front door. They were probably frightened away before completing the job, as the door was left ajar. The Lantern newspaper office was also entered the same night, but the miscreants seemed to content themselves with inspecting the premises, as nothing, so far as discovered, was stolen. The coroner's jury in the case of

the dead infant found in a well near days ago, was unable to continue the worthy of consideration. investigation for lack of evidence. The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the child came to its death at the hands of parties unknown to it. Purity Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. was organized in this city last night by State Secretary Wilson. The council was organized with 25 members and the indications are that this popular order will have quite a large membership here in the near future.

Col. J. W. Reed, Mrs. Lily M. Douglas, Miss Maggie Holley and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Smith left yesterday for New Orleans to attend the veterans reunion.

BOND ISSUE CARRIES.

Mooresville Will Issue \$10,000 for Graded Schools - Personal and

Correspondence of The Observer.

the sum of \$10,000 for graded schools was held to-day and resulted in a majority of 42 for schools. There are 264 registered voters in the district, and 198 cast their votes for the measure. Some little interest was taken by opposing parties, but everything passed off pleasantly.

The Daughters of the Confederacy

are arranging for Decoration Day the 10th of May, and have secured Dr. J. H. Thornwell, of Fort Mill, S. C., as speaker for the occasion. Patsy, the fine bull dog of Deputy Sheriff J. M. Deaton, developed hydro-phobia Saturday night and bit a number of dogs in town and all through this vicinity. The mad dog is still at large. Quite a number have been put to death since Sunday morning.

The new train that is to be put on the western road will not be put on can be seen in the appendix of Lynext Sunday as stated several days ago, but will start about the 1st of June. It is very probable that Mr. now preserved in the Thwaite Library L. D. Parker, the clever and popular at Madison, Wisconsin. the Midland from conductor on Mooresville to Winston, will be transferred to the main line, with head- the Charleston library he will find quarters in Asheville or Columbia, that it has less than 260 lines while Captain Parker has been on the run

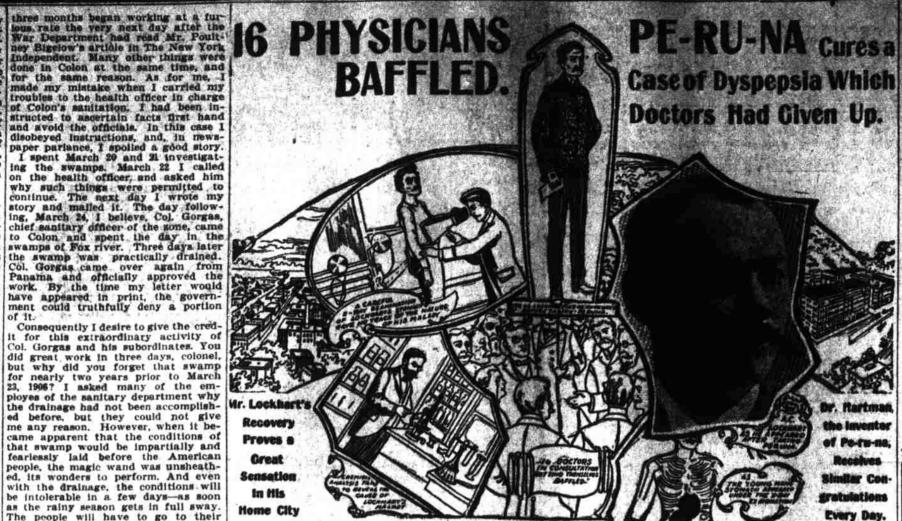
place his home. Mrs. Z. A. Morris, of Concord, has lenburg's Independence. returned to her home after a visit to her father, Mr. I. S. Henderson .- Mrs. Henderson L. Steele, of Charlotte, is the guest of her sisters, Mesdames H. N. Johnston and J. R. Houston.—Attorney Zeb. V. Turlington left thes morning for Greenville, S. C., on

whort business trip. RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Affairs of North Carolina Corundum Placed in Hands of G. N. Co. Pla Haigier.

orrespondence of The Observer. Asheville, April 24.—G. N. Haigler, of Hayesville, has been appointed reeiver for the North Carolina Corundrum Company, on order of Judge J, C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court. The application for a

Cut this out and take it to R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store and get a free sample of Chamberiain's Stomach and Liver Tableta. A family benespring tonic. A family beneto 35 cents. Tes or Tableta. R. pleasant is effect. They correct disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels.



ROCHESTER, Apr. 1-Immense interest has been aroused by Mr. A. C. Lockhart's remarkable recovery, and his own personal statement will cause tremendous interest in the remedy that saved his life. He states:

"I am nearing forty-four years of age, was born and raised in Rochester, N. Y. and have been unlucky enough to be among the poor and obliged to work for

"About fifteen years ago I com-menced to be alling, and called a phy-

pronounced my trouble species of dyspepsia, and asked me, after he had treated me about six months, to get a leave of absence from the establishment by which I was employed (all told about twenty-five years) and go into the country, where I would get a change of life and fresh air.

"I did so, and got temporary relief. I went back to work and was again taken with very distressing pains in my stomach. I seldom had a passage of the bowels without force.

"I consulted another physician, with no better results. My disease kept growing on me, until I had exhausted the ability of sixteen of Rochester's best physicians. Can tell their names

"The last physician recommended me to give up my work and go South, after he had practiced on me for one year. "They gave me a thorough examination with the X-Ray, with no results. They could not even determine what

"I do not, and never have taken any stock in patent medicines, but your tes-

"I told my wife I was going to try a bottle of the Peruna. The next time I went to the city. I purchased a bottle and before the bottle was half gone noticed a change for the better.

"I am now taking the fifth bottle and have not an ache or a pain any

"My bowels move regularly every day, and I have taken on eighteen pounds of flesh, my usual weight be-ing 148 pounds. "I was down, at one time, as low as one hundred and twenty-six pounds. "I have recom mended Perans to

great many, and they have recommended it very highly. "I have told several people who complained of that species of catarrh that if lie notice. they would purchase a bottle of Peruna and take it according to directions, and if when the bottle was gone they could

bottle of medicine. Lockhart, 97 Atkinson street, Roch-

ester, N. Y.

Will the Doctors Give Pe-ru-na the Credit?

A number of members of the medical profession who have been treating Mr Lockhart will be puzzled and surprised.

Mr. Lockhart had become so wellknown and his ailment had been the subject of so much speculation and experimentation that his restoration to health should create deep interest among the doctors who have had the opportu-

People prejudiced against proprietary medicines will no doubt belittle this cure as much as possible, but Mr. Lock-hart and his family and his neighbors believe that the statements recited herein have perfect foundation.

Peruna has been doing much good in relieving untold cases of catarrh and estarrhal diseases in the United States, as well as in other sections of the world.

A great many prominent men and women know by experience that Pe-runa has special virtues in relieving catarrhal affections of the stomach and digestive organs, but, of course, it does not happen every day that so desperate case as Mr. Lookhart's comes to pub-

Proof of Pe-ru-na's Merit.

The fact that he had tried so many physicians—the fact that he had spared n come to me and tell me candidly that come to me and tell me candidly that pains or expense—had been examined by experts—had been treated by specialists-had passed through all kinds of "I have so far had no complaints, but experimentation and manipulation and all first-class recommendations."-A. C. yet received no benefit-and then, after all this had happened, he quietly begins to take Peruna and finds prompt relief and permanent cure—these facts are much too important and startling to escape the notice of the ever-vigilant public press.

Magazine Writers and the People. Magazine writers who make a specialty of assaulting patent medicines are liable to shut their eyes against this kind of literature coming from the people. But, the people are always inclined to listen to practical proofs uttered by prac-Lowyville, mention of which was stock in patent medicines, but your tes-made in this correspondence a few timonials in the Rochester papers were nity of studying and prescribing in his who know but little of the great masses and their needs.

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MR. SALLEY MISTAKEN.

Copy of The Mecklenburg Censor Poem in the Charleston Library Not a Complete One.

To the Editor of The Observer: Tuesday's Observer contains an edi-

which Mr. Salley, of South Carolina, is quoted as saying, "Fortu-nately for the truth of history, a full copy of The Mecklenburg Censor poem, with explanatory notes made by a contemporary annotator, is in our wonderful Charleston library. Mooresville, April 24.—An election Here is where Mr. Salley drops into on the question of issuing bonds in error for the Charleston collection does not contain a full copy of The Censor, as we shall see below.

In 1858 Hon. David L. Swain, then president of the University of North Carolina, possessed the original Mecklenburg Censor in the handwriting of Adam Brevard, its author, and on March 18, 1858, when writing to Hon-George Bancroft, the historian, in regard to the Mecklenburg Declaration, Governor Swain remarks, "The poem to which I refer above bears date March 18, 1777, extends through 260 lines, and is of unquestionable autherticity. It opens as fallows:" Then Governor Swain quotes 17 lines of the poem, which conculde

First to withdraw from British trust, In Congress, they, the very first, Their independence did declare." A copy of Governor Swain's letter Draper's manuscript work upon the Mecklenburg Declaration

If Mr. Salley will count the lines of The Mecklenburg Censor filed in the original poem, in the possession of since the road first started about Governor Swain, did contain that eight years ago, and has made this number, showing that the annotator omitted the lines referring to Meck-

GEORGE W. GRAHAM.

DOING THEIR DUTY.

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Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 25 .- Mrs. T. W. Johnson, who lived with her family in the county, is missing from her home and her husband is naturally greatly concerned for her well being and safety. In relating the circurnstances of her disappearance he tells a most remarkable story. Johnson says that last night he and his wife retired at the usual hour and that during the night he was awakened from his sleep by the barking of yard dog. Supposing that some intruder or night marauder was stirring about in the yard he dressed himself and went into the yard but discovered nothing unusual. He then fell asleep and, so he says, had a re-markable dream. He was so impressed with the vividness and peculiarity

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Mrs. T. W. Johnston, of Spartanburg
County, Disappears Mysteriously—
No Clue as to Her Whereabouts.

Special to The Observer. he went to the homes of several neighbors in search of her but no one had seen or heard of Mrs. Johnson.
Mr. Johnson is inclined to the belief that, lurking somewhere in the mystery, is another man, whose influence over his wife was the origin of the mysterious disappearance of the woman. He advances no theory for the barking of the dog and the cause of the dream which were accompanying features of the story.

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