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6.—The French begin war against the Chickasaws and are de--British Generals Arnold and

1781.—British Generals Arnold and Philips took Wilmington, Va.

1781.—Spaniards took Pensaccia and all Florida.

1761.—Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, died. He was born in Philadelphia in 1738. and in 1776 he was a delegate to Congress from Bordentown, N. J. He was also judge of the Admiralty Court of Pennsylvania, and an author.

1794.—Charles Henry d'Estaing, a French admiral, gnillotined. He was also lieutenant general of the French armies before the breaking out of the Revolution; was the descendant of a noble

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1813.—The siege of Fort Meigs raised.
It had continued 13 days, and
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1829.—An spidemic of smallpox
breaks cut in New Orleans, La.

1832.—Israel Thorndike, a wealthy
Boston merchant, died. In 1818
he purchased the valuable library of Professor Eveling, of
Hamburg, Germany, 4,000, and
presented it to Harvard Uni-

-Caleb P. Bennett, Governor of Delaware, died, aged 78, was the last surviving officer of the Delaware regiment in the

Revolutionary army.

1837.—All the banks in the United States suspended specie payment during this year, which greatly embarrassed the government; the President called an army of the construction of the con extra session of Congress, which passed an act to issue \$10,000. 000 treasury notes as a measure of relief.

846.-Battle of Resaca de la Pal ma, Mexico. 1862.—The Confederates evacuated Pensacola and destroyed the na-

vy yard.

8.—Col. Jacobs, with Kentucky cavalry, attacked and routed a guerilla force near Horse Shee Bend, on the Cumberland river: killed a number, took eight prisoners and destroyed

1866.—After three days' hard fight-

1864.—After three days' hard fighting. Lee's forces retreated, leaving 3,000 killed and 10,000
wounded on the field, in possession of the Union army.

1861.—After the battle of Spottsylvanja Court House, Grant telegraphed to Lincoln that he
proposes "to fight it out on this
line, if it takes all summer."

1864.—The Union General Sedgeswick, killed in a skirmish preliminary to the battle of
Spottsylvania, Va.

1865.—Confederate General Forcest
disbanded his troops and advised
them to go home peaceably.

them to go home peaceably. President that a portion of the crew of the United States Arctic expedition, under Capt. Hall, which sailed from New York in August, 1871, in the ship Po-laria together with five Esqui-maux, arrived at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, being rescued from a floating ice flot, on which they had remained 197

1879.—Nashville convention of col-ored men adopted address favor-ing migration from the South. 1805.—Tornado struck Marquette. Kan.; 26 killed, 44 seriously in-fused; residence section de-molished entirely.

Recommends \$500,000 More.
Washingtop, May 5.—The President today transmitted to Congress a letter
from Secretary Taft recommending the
appropriation of an additional \$50,000 to
meet conditions at San Francisco. The
President's latter of transmittal to the
Senate and House follows:
"I herewith transmit a letter from the
Secretary of War in respect to the situation as to the army supplies at San Francisco.
This letter contains appendices
showing the supplies which have been
transmitted to San Francisco and their
cost and sets forth the necessity for an
additional appropriation of \$500,000, which
I recommend be made at once.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Wilmer Sanders, of Smithfield, pechi to The Observer.
Smithfield, May 8.—Wilmer, the bree-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. id 8. Sanders, died yesterday at 3 clock, of pneumonia, and was buried ere at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Vilmer was a bright little fellow and is smiles will be missed at home.

OLDSBORO GETS DEPOT ROYAL ARCH MASONS HERE

Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson Street, Raleigh, May 8.

Governor Glenn requests all milliat Charlotte for the celebration of May-20th and to be there by the 22nd, which is designated as Military Day. General Armfield is assigned to command the troops and the Governor's staff will be notified to attend. The Governor expresses a particular desire to see a large assemblage of the National Guard.

The State board of public buildings and grounds decides to have granolithic walkways faid in Capitol Square, wherever there are not brick walkways, the cost not to exceed \$6,000. Treasurer Lacy and Auditor Dixon are put in charge of the matter. It is also ordered that fireproof iron shutters be attached at once on the windows of the Hall of History. at Charlotte for the celebration of

History.

The Governor to-day pardoned a young white convict named Swayne-gim, of Henderson county, sentenced to five years for burning a church. He is in the last stages of consumption and left for him home this afternoon

was the descendant of a noble french family and commenced his career in the West Indies. He was twice taken prisoner by the English, and was vice admiral in the American Revolutionary war. In 1789 he was appointed a commander of the national guards and at the flevolution in France, became member of the assembly of flotables.

— Owing to the large emigration to American Ireland was said to have suffered a severe devaline in its linen trade.

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Bishop Edward Hondthaler, of the Moravian church, Salem, accepts an invitation to preach a sermon Sunday, June 17, before the State Teachers' Assembly and State Summer School at Raleigh.

Following the medical students of the State University Medical School here who are announced by the dean. Dr. Herbert Royster, to have successfully passed examination. Claude Oliver Abernethy, Chapel Hill; James Garrett Anderson, Paintfork; Arthur Brown English, Faust, Logan Elmore Farthing, Boone; Battle Applewhite Hocutt, Wakefield: Harry Murray Jones, Franklin; William Stone Joreans, Charles Baynes Wilkerson, Durham. The faculty banqueted these gentlemen this evening.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS. Opions were handed down to-day by the Supreme Court as follows: State vs. Summers, from Guilford, no State vs. Summers, from Guilford, ho error; 'Dickerson vs. Simmons, from Surry, new trial; Machine Company vs. Tobacco Company, from Forsyth, new trial; Rollin vs. Tobacco Com-pany, from Forsyth, error; Rankin vs. Michim, from Gaston, affirmed: Puett vs. Railway, from Caldwell, new trial; Martin vs. Houck, from Caldwell, af-firmed. State ex rel etc., vs. Gibbes. from Burke, defendants, appeal dock-eted and dismissed under rule 17. GOLDSBORO GETS UNION DEPOT

The corporation commission orders the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Atlantic & North Carolina Railways to build a union passenger station at Goldsboro and to file here in 30 days the plans. The location ordered for the union depot at Goldsboro is at the western end Walnut street, sever-at blocks from the present stopping place of the trains.

The corporation commissioners have returned from their visit, to Chadbourn, the principal shipping point for strawberries in the State. When they arrived at that point yesterday they found the trouble was over and that there were enough

A commission was issued to Charles D. Miller, of Goldsboro, as a member of the State board of pharmacy for a term of five years, he having been elected by the State Pharmaceutcial Association.

A charter is granted the Bank of Fleenboro; Rutherford county with \$5,200 capital stock, to do both a commercial and savings business. The McClamroch Mantel Company. of Greensboro, is authorized by the State to issue \$25,000 of cumulative \$ per cent. preferred stock.

UNORDAINED PREACHER LAW Methodist General Conference Ex-tends the Powers of This Class of Ministers—Committee Non-Concurs

of Conferences.

Birmingham, Ala., May 8.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, passed its first law to-day when it concurred in the main report of the revisals committee as amended, conferring powers on unordained preachers. Under the new law, preachers who have not been ordained may preach the gospel, celebrate the rite of matrimony, and in the absence of an elder or bishop, administer baptism, and in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop, control the appointment of all services to be held in the church in his charge, with the understanding that no permanent powers of ordination are conferred until the same shall be granted by the laying on of hands after he shall have met the disciplinary requirements.

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The committee on itinerary reported non-concurrence in a series of resolutions enlarging the function of the annual Conference and regulating the exercises of transfers by the bishop. The committee also non-concurred in memorials suggesting that authority be restored to the quarterly Conference to license local preachers. The Epworth League committee reported concurrence in certain changes suggested for the discipline. reported consurrence in certain changes suggested for the discipline.

A telegram of felicitation from J.

W. Berryman, of Truesdale, Mo., the only surviving member of the Conference of 1844, when the Northern and Southern Methodists divided, was read.

TWO SURPRISE WEDDINGS.

Greensboro Couples Take Their Friends by Surprise—One of the Couples Well-Known in Charlotte.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, May & Two surprise marriages took place here to-night. The first was that of Miss Tille Tatum, a student at the Presbyterian College at Charlotte last year, and Mr. Fred Sparger, formerly with the Armour Packing Company at Charlotte, but now with the Scott-Sparger Company here. The marriage took place at \$2.50 o'clook at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Tatum, Rev. P. J. Carraway performing the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

The other marriage was that of Mr. Emmet Caldeleugh, a prominent business mas of Greensbore, aged 20, and Miss Henrietta Godfrey, aged 20.

Well-Known Rabbit Among Earth-Quaker Victims.

POINTER-SANDERS.

May Are Acting Here-Committees
Appointed Last Night-The Frogramms for the Day.

The 38th convocation of the Grant
Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of
Nocth Carolina convened here last
hight, at 8:36 o'clock, in Masons
Temple, The grand officers are: Mr.
Lat. Willams, of Wilson, deputy and
acting grand high priest; James H.
Southgate, of Durham, as deputy
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On Appeals and Greivances: H.
Sternberger, G. E. Beard, of Southern
Pines, and H. A. Murrill.
On Charities and Dispensations: O.
W. Spencer; D. E. Allen, of Charlotte,
and J. E. Cameron, of Raleigh.
On Returns: U. M. Robinson, of
Wilmington; L. A. Dodsworth, of
Charlotte, and W. C. Mizzell, of Wind-

On Necrology: W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte; J. B. Griggs, of Elizabeth City, and J. T. Alderman, of Hender-On Jurisprudence: M. S. Willard, t Wilmington; J. K. Norficet, of Winston and William Anderson, of Char-

The next session will begin at 9:30 o'clock this morning. A number of delegates arrived last night and others will come to-day. Gen. James D. Glenn, grand high priest of the chapter, died some time ago and Mr. Lat Williams is acting as grand high priest.

The programme for to-day follows; 9:30 a. m.—Charlotte Command-ery will assemble, with Keesler's Cor-net Band, at the Masonic Temple, to scort the Grand Commandery to the First Presbyterian church, where the Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Grand Prelate, will deliver an address on Templarism.

8 p. m.—The Grand Commandery will meet in annual conclave in the

10 p. m.-Banquet, tendered Grand Chapter and Grand Command-ery by Charlotte Chapter No. 39 R. A. M., and Charlotte Commandery No.

PERSONAL

The Movement of a Number of People. Visite and Others Mr. W. C. Dowd is spending a few days in New York on business.
Mr. W. R. Bradford, of The Co-

lumbia State, is spending to-day in the city. Among the guests at the Buford ast evening were Messrs. H. A. and J. W. Shuford and G. E. Bisaner, of Hickory. Mr. A. R. Chisholm, of Sanford.

is spending to-day in the city.
Mr. P. S. Cox, of Newbern, was registered at the Central last night.
Messrs. William D. MacMillian and H. G. Smallbones, of Wilmington, were among the arrivals in the city last night. They are guests at the Buford.

Mr. J. F. Ford, of Reidsville, is in the city.
Mr. T. F. Connor, of Terrell, was among the guests at the Buford last night. Messrs. W. A. Hunt, R. J. Corbett

and D. W. Hardee, of Henderson, are visitors in the city.

Mr. A. Wall, of Cliffside, a.a. vsitor in the city.

Among the guests at the Central last night were Messra Allan Edwards and R. P. Rice, of Greensham.

AN ENJOYABLE RECITAL.

Given Last Evening by the Misses Ramsey at the Presbyterian Col-lege—The Last of the Graduating

The sixth and last of the beautiful

The sixth and last of the beautiful graduating recitals, which have been so much enjoyed at the Presbyterian College during the past few weeks, was given in the auditorium last night by Misses Nina Beall and Mary Ramsay, the former as organist and the latter, planist,

It would be difficult to surpass the ease and finish with which this recital was given. Miss Nina Beall Ramsay crented a favorable impression from the first which increased to enthusiasm before the final number was reached. The continual change of tone color showed a complete mastery of stop registration while her pedal technique was far above the average.

Miss Mary Ramsay, as pianist, interpreted the whole of her programme with ease, finished technique, and great intelligence of expression. The warm reception accorded Miss Nina Ramsay was equally enthusiastic in the case of her cousin, Miss Mary Ramsay.

Stirring Address by Canada's Fra-

history among the men who knew the market and made the most of it.

That Mule Pan talk is delightful. It does not pretend to scholarship or dogmatism, but it converges from various experiences and reading and it is hard to surprise. It interests those who induige in it so much that the typewriters are allowed to stand sometimes longer than The Old Man is presumed to know. This George Ade discussion, for instance, suggested comparisons of Nye, Billings, and others with him. Bill would have done that tour up to the queen's taste! Don't you remember his description of his entrance into the cathedral—was it Westminster?—where Victoria worshipped, leaning upon Victoria worshipped, leaning upon the arm of Alfred Edward; how he had on pantaloons made full above the knee and tight below, and from very large, gorgeous checked cloth; and how he fancied he heard a flutter of pleasure pass over the vast congregation! Bill would have covered the pyramids. One man said that Artemus Ward's dispatch to The the tomb of Shakespeare; it is a success," was worth all the Ade "New Pastures." More minds went to "In-nocents Abroad" than to any other book of funny travels. As to Josh he drew out of his own well where ever he went. When he got to be a lecturer he would write up the places he had been to. As one of the boys recalled, the two things that impressed his most in Maine were that there was more indigenous hair on the wo-man's heads in that State than in others, and that he met a man up there who was kin to him by mar-riage, they both having married fe-

Another point of agreement was that Bill Nye's judgment was the best of all as to the proper length best of all as to the proper length of such stunts, a column or less. The installments of Ade's recent stories were too long. The Sherlock Holmes stories were longer, but they are in a different class. Josh Billings was so brief that he hardly did more than give you an appetizer; so the present "Reflections of a Bachelor" and its imitators. Bugene Field-who, by the way, discovered Nye and got him a job on The Denver Tribune-was probably Nye's master in the matter of length, for Field ranged about a column. "Chicken stuff," as Red Buck calls it, is the public craving,—light, re-laxing things, along with the news and other serious matter; but not too much of it at a ration. And Nye was so careful with his absurdities that the pleased reader would not be displeased by going over his letter several times. It is hard to choose among the worthles of American humor; but if a vote were taken it would doubtless ascertain Nye's superior popularity; for, though Billings was the most quoted man of his time and Arismus Ward—whose lectures, unhappily, were ex tempore—was the wittlest, Nye is the best remembered.

"Do you fellows remember anything that Ward said?" asked a member of the Pen, generally.

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"I do," said another, who cast up his eyes and thought. "Was it in his famous Boston lecture that he said

his eyes and thought. "Was it in his famous Boston lecture that he said he once knew a man from New Zealand, who hadn't a tooth in his hoad, but who, in spite of this defect, could best any man playing a bass drum that he had ever known? Boston, you know," said this fellow, "was where he posted his hills:

'ARTEMUS WARD HAS LECTURED BEFORE CROWNED HEADS Ever thought of lecturing."

Another recalled Billings, essay on the gost, or some of the embers from his almanax. But each and every one had his treasure from Nye. How that tenderfoot had to skeep, lulled by the midnight twitter of the mountain lion; how the author had mistaken the hissing steam radiator in his bedroom for the breath of a burgiar and how he reached over to his reading table and took therefrom Mesars. Smith & Wesson's great work on How to Ventilate the Human Body; with what courtesy he treated the pugilist on the train, when the pugilist crushed the author's suitcase under a huge foot; the care with which he replied to young ladles' inquiries on points of stiquette; the pomp with which he rang is the editorial, if not majestical, we, users, and ours; how childlike were his confidences to the public; and scores of other things that made him the absurdest, most lovable sort of fellow. It is a standing pity that he is inimitable.

A recent periodical quotes Joseph

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