competition was observed for the pur-competition was observed for the pur-ter of securing suitable poem to be to music. However, none of the any poems submitted were considered the committee to possess sufficient with ago a poem found its way into a hands of the committee which was used on as being entitled to the hon-After publishing the song through the empire, all of the Bervian mu-mans have been called upon to compete r a musical setting, and a prize has an offered for the best composition offered for the best composition

A plan has been agitated for sometime past to have American debutants who have been studying in Paris, appear in bave been studying in Paris, appear in opers at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre, but not until recently did the scheme take definite shape. According to the present arrangement the theatre has take definite shape. According to the present arrangement the theatre has been engaged for two nights in the last part of the present month, and for an-other night in June, at which will be presented Mozart's "Don Juan." Gluck's "Orphee" and Donigett's "La Favorita." The cast of soloists will be made up en-tirely of American student singers, while the charms and musicians will be comthe chorus and musicians will be com-prised of the people regularly employed A number of prominent ladies, among which the American residents are conus, have lent their names and in nce as patronesses, and it seems that undertaking will prove successful.

Out of sympathy for fellow countrymen the American element in Paris refused to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, which had been elaborately planned for prior to the San Francisco catastrophy. The date has therefore been postponed. The presentation of Franklin's statue to the city of Paris was a part of the celebra-

Edward A. McDowell, whose composi-tions have delighted, enlightened and made better many a music lover through-out the world, and who has established a new standard for American music, is at the present time in a condition of complete physical helptesaness as well as mental collapse. In addition to this, he is in such financial straits as to become an object of charity. The Mendelsmohn he is in such financial straits as to become an object of charlis. The Mendelssohn Gies Club, of New York, has taken the initiative in creating a fund for the emi-ment composers relief, and should the appeal become general, it is certain that the musical fraternity throughout Ameri-ca will respond generously to the call.

The Cincinnatti May Festival, which consisted of six performances and ended early in the present month, was a com-plete success both financially as well as artistically. In addition to appearances by such distinguished artists as Sir Ed-COMward Elgar, Mme. Gadski, Janet Spencer, Herbert Witherspoon, Charles W. Clark, Corinne Rider-Kelsey, John Coats and Frank Van der Stucken, the chorus numbered over 350 voices and the orchestra consisted of 100 pieces. Notwithstanding the cost of the undertaking reached the \$0,000 mark, the receipts came to some thing over this amount, giving a profit to the association of a few thousand dol-

The coming week will be an eventful one in the history of North Carolina and more especially in the growth of Char-lotte. One of the most prominent fea-tures of the celebration will be the play-ing of several bands, not only on such as the post at the celebration bands and after an obstinate ba ing of several bands, not only on spe-cial occasions but on very special ones. However, as the musical events of the week will receive extended notice through the daily columns of The Observer, fur-ther notice is needless at the present

The familiar face of Wm. A. Peters was seen on Charlotte streets a few days ago. Suggestive, very.

DROWNINGS ON THE CONGAREE 1813 .- American frigate

River's Capacity for Swallowing Peo-ples Makes Some Superstitious-Latest Victim a Fisherman-Columbia Quiet After the Big Confederate Reunion.

Observer Bureau,

1209 Main Street. Columbia, S. C., May 19. The events of the past week have made some people superstitious about this Congaree river and its capacity for drowning people and losing their bodies. In less than a week three drownings have occurred, and two of eral days. The third drowning occurred late last night among a party of fishermen operating in a small pond on the Lexington side of the river about 14 miles below this city The name of the dead man could not be learned. This case will be handled by the Lexington coroner and It is difficult to get at the details of the affair. The dead man was a resident of the Sand Hill section of Lexington. The body of Wallace Mason, the Olympia Mill village man who fell overboard last Sunday while rocking a boat he was in, in tow of a naptha hunch, was found yesterday afternoon by a negro boatman, Charlie Williams body was found jammed in the fork of a tree lying in the river about miles below the point where Mr. Mason fell overboard. The body was in a frightfully decomposed state and was a grewsome sight as well as sick-eningly repulsive otherwise. Mrs. Wallace has removed to Charlotte since the drowning and the inquest is being suspended until answers can be had from her and from his brothor living at Grees, Greenville county. drowned at Denly's pond on the Richand side of the river about 12 miles below the city Tuesday, was recovered this morning. This body was also hadly decomposed. The inquest over this will likely be held to-morrow. The crowds are all gone from the reanton this morning. The fakirs' tents and booths are in piles ready and is an omen of a fine cotton crop. for shipment at the intersections of many who have been holding cotton. Main street. The extra incandescent are now turning it house. J. J. Meamps on Main street have been taken Murry & Son bought, this week in the down. The free dining room on Main Grover section, about 850 bales, paygreet and the gratis beer saloon un- ing 11 8-4 cents, which is the prer a shed across the way from the vailing price here, it having amounted dining room bear only faint signs of having been in such use. Perhaps a meore of old soldiers were this morn-ing sitting or lounging about the camp on the capitol grounds looking as sad |ers say the stand of cotton was never over the departed glory of the reunion better and during the beautiful dry as when they marched back from Ap-pomatox. The long canyas sign Mr. This week The J. Edgar Poag Pyles stretched through the trees just in the rear of the transfer station calling attention to his information bureau, drops and sags and curries incorporation at good prices. The inuch dust. The big flaring "gen-bidding was quite lively and many bidding was quite lively and many who wanted to buy went away disgainst the theatre building has been appointed, because there were not taken in. The voice of the speller is more lots to be sold. hushed and the band music and the Rev. Dr. Edgar Daniel, of Lewisrebel yeiling given place to the snap-py strains of the Gentry Brothers mow bands and, in place of the gray uniforms, is seen the tinasled capari-son of the circus folks. A faithfully deported store front here and there decorated store front here and there gregation while here. remains in gaia dress to remind the Bishop Horner, of Asheville, will remains in gala dress to remind the observer of how pathetically useless it is to spend valuable newspaper space urging merchants and others to make the decorating general. Even the sponsing is but a tender memory. But it has been a great reunion, not because all reunions held in Co-lumbia are great and successful, but nbia are great and successful, but cause all requirements of a reunion were met and the results were all that could be expected or desired.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

199.—Alonzo de Ojeda salled from cadiz on a western voyage of discovery, accompanied by Amerigo Vespucci. It is uncer-tain in what station Amerigo salled, but he appears to have had a chief share in directing ners. Correspondence of The Observer. the voyage, and on his return published an amusing account of the country they visited which, having a rapid circula-tion, he was supposed to be the discoverer, and it came gradually to be called by his name. 6.-Christopher Columbus, Pamlico county.

discoverer of the new world, died at Valladolid, Spain, aged about 70. He had devoted his whole life to the study and accomplishment of his grand enter-prise, and its complete success embittered the remainder of his days by exciting the perfidy and ingratitude of a base and treacherous nation.

21 .-- Cortez mustered his army in the great market place of Tezuation exercises, and the senior speak-ing, followed at night by the alumni to make a division of it. cuco, appoint commanders, assign to address and the reception. Many visitors are already here and each the station where they were to form their camps, in order to invest the city of Mexico. On others are coming by every train. Music is being furnished by the Spray this day this city was invested with 917 Spaniards and 75.000 Silver Cornet band of 20 players. The weather thus far has been delightful Indians, which were soon inand the exercises much enjoyed. Sun-day and Monday will see immense creased to 250,000. He had 86 crowds here if the weather continues horses, three large iron cannon and 15 smaller, of copper, 1,000 fair. arrows, the strength of this little army having doubled by the supplies from Spain and the An-The Spanish troops, in Several Contribute to Fund to Send proceeding to their posts, in commencing the siege, had sevpital. engagements with the To the Editor the The Observer: eral In attempting to Mexicans. In attempting to break the acqueduct of Chapol-I thank you for giving space to my appeal for a hospital fund for Miss Lillian Pace. The checks are coming tepec, to cut off the water from the city, a powerful resistance was made. At one assault, so thick was the shower of arrows, darts and stones, which were shot at them. that eight Span-

A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

iards were killed and more than 50 wounded, and they were with difficulty able to retreat to Tiacopan, where they encamped. 74.—British Parliament passed an \$1. act for transporting Americans

to England for trial. now in session in Birmingham, Ala., will present the appeal to the people convention at Charlotte, Meck-75 .--- Citizens of North Carolina, in of that city. lenburg county, declare selves independent of the British

Cornellus, May 19, 1906. Crown, organize a local govern-ment and begin preparations for Matthews News Notes.

tion.

a military defense. Special to The Observer. 1775 .- Articles of confederation and union agreed on by the Ameri-James Watts have the sympathy of can colonies.

many friends in the death of their 140 infant daughter. The interment took Americans, marching to relieve the post at The Cedars, in Cana-da, was attacked by 500 Indians Mr. Wade Carpenter has gone to and after an obstinate battle, the party surrendered. The In-Forest City on business. He will be absent about a month. dians having lost a chief and 21 Dr. Green Rea has moved to Mat-thews where he will practice medicine

warriors, massacred as many with Dr. Reed during the summer. prisoners. Miss Kate Grier came home from 1778 .--- Gen. Grant, with 7,000 Brit the Presbyterian College Wednesday. --Miss Lulu Williams left yesterday tsh, made an attempt to surprise LaFayette, then posted at Bar-ren Hill, Pa., with 2,500 men. for Charlotte, and to spend gala week in the Queen City.—Miss Maude

The latter escaped by a masterly Hoyle, daughter of Rev. M. H. Hoyle retreat. a expected home to-day. She taught Congress. in the Thomasville graded school the Capt. Smith. captured British brig. Jean, 10 guns, took out 40 past year and has been visiting in Lexington for the past week. She heard Madame Nordica at Salisbury tons of copper and sunk her. 1829 .- Gold discovered in Burke Thursday evening. county,

N. C.; quicksilver also Large Amount of Wood Burned.

found. orrespondence of The Observer. 1835 .- A convention of the Democratic party met at Baltimore, and nominated Martin Van Davidson, May 18 .- A fire broke out -day about noon on the farm of Mr. Buren for President. Rutledge Withers, two miles north-1836 .- In Mexico the Congress sus-

6.—In Mexico the Congress sus-pended the presidential au-thority of Santa Anna, while a about 175 cords of wood valued on prisoner in Texas; Gen. Barrathe ground at about \$200. The fire has not yet been extinguished but no Vice President, assume further trouble is anticipated executive functions, but dles shortly after. The Limit. 1848 .- A treaty of peace made with Boston Transcript. the Navajo Indians and the United States. Great preparation has been mak-1861.-Telegraphic dispatches ing in Mecklenburg, N. C., to celebrate this year its declaration of independa.11 over the North seized by order of the government ence, said to have been made May 20, -North Carolina secession ordi-1861. 1775, and now starts up a contention nance adopted. South Carolina that there never 1861 -Governor Magoffin proclaimed was any such declaration. This is the neutrality of Kentucky. likely to set the people of Mecklen-1862 .- The Seward-Lyons treaty burg-Swearin'. tween Great Britain and the United States for the suppres-Get the Real Thing. sion of the slave trade, ratified, .--J Howard, Jr., a Brooklyn, Cheap imitation Extract contains 1864. harmful ingredients. Ask your gro-N. Y., newspaper man, arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette, cer for Blue Ribbon Vanilla. Abso-lutely pure, goes twice as far as charged with the authorship of other kinds, and the "Blue Ribbon the famous "bogus proclamation" Flavor" is perfection. calling for troops. .-St. Patrick's Cathedral, New 1879. York, dedicated. -Minister John Barrett to 1905 Panama declared yellow fever problem on isthmus greater than that of administration or of engineering canal.

COMMENCEMENT AT WHITSETT. Mrs. Mary L. Betts, of Salisbury. Large Crowds in Attendance on Clos-ing Exercises—The Medal Wince of The Observer.

Correspondence of The Observer. Salisbury, May 18.—Mra. Mary L. Betta, one of the city's best known ladies, died this afternoon following a stroke of paralysis yesterday even-ing about 7:30. She had been in good health all the year and there was no warning whatever about the paralytic stroke. She was walking on the front porch and swooned, but before she fell to the steps managed to reach the ground, where she was picked up and Whitsett, May 18.—Commencement is now in progress at Whitselt Insti-tute and the crowds thus far have been very large. In the Athenian So-clety the prizes have been awarded as follows: Declamation to Walter Dixon, of Pitt county; improvement, In the Dialectic Society: Declamation, ground, where she was picked up and brought into the house. From the to H. M. Jacobs, of Camden county, to J. B. Ingle, of Guilford county; first she showed no signs of improve-ment and this afternoon died about 3:30. Mrs. Betts leaves, in her immeimprovement, to C. G. Carawan, of diste family, her two sons, Mesars, Paul and Clarence E. Betts, of this city, and Mr. L. E. Heilig, of Salis-bury, is a brother. Mr. C. G. Heilig, of Mt. Pleasant; Mr. George G. Hei-Saturday evening at 8 p. m., the class in elocution will give an enter-tainment followed by a reception to old students. Sunday morning at 11 a. m., Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Durham, lig. of Jonesboro, Illinois, and Mr. Lewis H. Heilig, of Concord, are also brothers. Mrs. S. H. Hearne, of Albewill preach the annual sermon, and at 3 p. m., Rev. William S. Clapp, of Philadelphia, will make the address before the Y. M. C. A. Monday is commencement day and will be taken marle, is a sister, as is Mrs. Grace C. Hall, of Magnolia, Miss. The funeral arrangements have not been made as up by the literary address, the gradyet.

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It is difficult to get an old man to ap-mediate jokes older than his own. It isn't so much what others say about on as the way they say it that hurts.

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orrespondence of The Observer. Shelby, May 18 .- Owing to the fine

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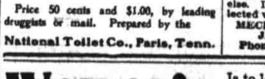
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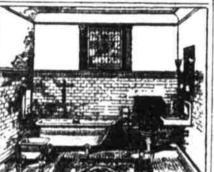




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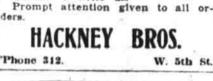
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