END CAME EARLY YESTERDAY

The Managing Editor of The Char-lotte Observer Answers the Final Summons at the Age of 32—The Story of a Young Man Who Climbed High on the Ladder of Success by Persistent, Personal Efforts—Beginning a Career as a Printer at the Age of 13 He Mounted Almost to the Topmost Round of the Ladder—A Master of Detail and a Slave to His Work.

Mr, J. C. Abernethy, managing editor of The Charlotte Observer, died at St. Joseph's Sanatorium, at Asheville, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The sad news, which arrived soon after the end came, was not a surprise to those who had, kept informed as to Mr. Abernethy's condition during the preceding 48 hours. The final summons was expected at any moment.

For two years or more Mr. Abernethy had not been well. He had to quit his work for ten weeks and rest and recuperate 12 months ago. One early in August, while at his home on East First street, he had a hemorrhage from the throat, which gave his friends the first warning of his serious condition. - It was then realized that tuberculosis had begun its relentless attack.

So soon as Mr. Abernethy was able Dr. James Sawyer, a specialist. A thorough examination revealed the facts that both lungs were affected and it would require some time to tell Announcement of the Death of Mr. whether or not anything could be done toward prolonging or saving Mr. Abernethy's life. But all hope was dispelled last Thursday, by a telegram, saying that Mr. Abernethy had had another hemorrhage, and that his condition was critical. Mrs. Abernethy, who had gone to Shelby. bed-side of her dying husband Friday night, Miss Sara Kelley, a sister, and Mr. Jonn R. Ross, of The Observer office, accompanied her and when the final semmons came they were there to cheer and comfort.

BIRTH AND PARENTAGE. James Campbell Abernethy was born in Newton 32 years ago last He was the oldest child of January. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Abernethy. school days, which were short, were spent at private schools and at Cataw-At the age of 13 years he began to learn the printer's trade, in the composing room of The Newton Enterprise. From Newton he came to Charlotte, where he worked for the old Charlotte Chronicle, for about a year, after which time he returned to Newton and pursued studies at college for ten months. Again, about 1892, he came back to Charlotte and took a position as compositor with The Charlotte Observer, which name The Chronicle had as-sumed. He was continuously connected with The Observer until his death. Step by step he had climbed the ladost to the topmost round. When the proprietors of The Observer decided to put in line-type machines they sent Mr. Abernethy North to learn to manipulate them and he proved an apt pupil. He had mustered his trade, as hand compositor, and the type-setting machine was a promotion. He soon became an expert operator.

HIS RAPID PROMOTION.

In 1898 he was promoted to a desk on the staff of The Observer. For a time he served as telegraph editor, When the and later, as news editor. growth of the paper justified a managing editor he was given the position. Day by day, for a decade or more, he had mastered the newspaper work bit by bit, until he knew every detail from the press room to the editorial sanctum. His ability dld not rest in fine writing but in the mastery of the little things that give ear-marks to The Observer. knew when the reporters were handing up good copy; when the devil was doing his duty; when the compositors turning out good proof; the foreman was showing good taste and good judgment in making up his forms; when the pressman was doing his work well; when the press was at its best, or when the mails made or missed the trains. Every detail was his care. He was in the front office, In the city editor's room, in the chief's sanctum, in his little den, in the composing room, and in the press room every night. If news had not arrived he was nervous, restless and almost disagreeable until the wires began to tell the tale in a continuous News, live, readable news, was what he liked to see. The thing that gave him greatest pleasure was a bright, spicy paper, full of the livest sort of matter. Every column in The Observer had his personal attention. The stories and the editorials that he wrote will not be put in book form, but the system and the push that he gave The Observer force will live as long as the paper is in existence. His energy was felt in every department. His hours, his days, his weeks and his months were spent in The Observ-er building. He was so devoted to his work that he was afraid to be away from M. His best efforts were spent on the paper. While others were busily engaged in writing bril-liant stories to give them story and liant stories to give them glory and fame, Mr. Abernethy strove to have every line and every paragraph appear well.

A FORCEFUL WRITER.

As an editorial writer Mr. Aber-nethy was forceful, fearless and fair. nethy was forceful, fearless and fair.
He wrote many of the editorials that
appeared in The Observer from day
to day on general topics. He read a
great deal and was well-informed on
current matters. His pen was facile
and at times scathing.

Being diffident he did not mix much
with the multitude but always manifested an interest in the doings of the people. He liked to be one of a great throng but never could be conspicuous. He was modest, but his eye die Creek church. was ever accurate and ever busy. During his connection with The Observer he' made several extended trips. Traveling was his favorite pastime. His associates in The Observer office will miss him every hour of the day. Everybody sought his advice, for he knew every branch of the work, and was always willing to help the learners. He was industrious, efficient, and an everlasting toller.

MR. J. C. ABERNETHY DEAD map out his own course and work for himself. He labored well, and had his health remained good he

for himself. He isbored well, and had his health remained good he would have become one of the leading newspaper men of the South.

On the 14th of December, 1904, Mr. Abernethy was married to Miss Margaret Kelly, a daughter of the late Capt. S. A. Kelly. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Abernethy, of Newton; his widow, and a brother, Mr. W. R. Abernethy, of Morganton, and a sister, Miss Katherine Abernethy, of Newton. The Abernethys are from Gaston. They are good, sturdy people. Mrs. Abernethy, the mother of the decessed, was Miss Janie Campbell, a sister of Dr. J. R. Campbell, of Newton, and a daughter of Dr. Ogburn Campbell. Mr. Abernethy was a member of the

Mr. Abernethy was a member of the Presbyterian church, having joined it at Newton early in life.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. The remains of Mr. Abernethy, accompanied by his wife, her sister, Miss Sara Kelly, Mr. John R. Ross, of Charlotte, and Messrs W. R. of Charlotte, and Messrs W. R. Abernethy, of Morganton, and R. R. Williams, of Newton, arrived from Asheville last night and were carried to the Kelly residence on East First street. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence, No. 3 East First street, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, the First Baptist church. The pall-bearers are to be Messrs, R. R. Willams and J. B. Little, of Newton; W. A. Hildebrand, of Asheville, and H. E. C. Bryant, John R. Ross and John C. McNeill, of The Observer force.

daughter will arrive from Newton this three children but he appears to be a to travel he went to Asheville, where morning. They were at Asheville he could be under the treatment of yesterday and came as far as home last night.

SORROW AT NEWTON.

Abernethy Brings Sadness to Many in His Native Town. Special to The Observer.

Newton, Sept. 1.-Our town has been inexpressibly shocked and grieved at the death of Mr. J. C. Abernethy, news of which reached his Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Abernethy and guilt. was summoned. She arrived at the only daughter, Miss Catherine, left last night for Asheville in response to a telegram telling them of their son's critical condition. Words are inadequate to measure the love and esteem of our community for the noble young man, whose life has been cut off at such an early age and in the midst of such promising manhood. James Campbell Abernethy was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Abernethy, of Newton, and was about \$2 years old. He was born and raised in Newton. At an early age he entered The Enterprise office as a printer. Here, by his quiet, gentle manners and steady application to his duties, he won the love and esteem of those with whom he was thrown in contact. This same / love for the boy has watched with pride the development into sturdy manhood and the enlargement of those qualities first shown in early youth until he rose to the foremost ranks of newsaper men in North Carolina.

It is with saddened hearts and tearful eyes that the whispered words Abernethy is dead.' passed along our streets. His brief young life is ended, but he has passed into one of eternal rest and bliss. May a merciful Father support and comfort

An Expression of Sorrow.

The following telegram was work on The Observer:

of sorrow to that which all who have old home county, Randolph, and to meeting in New York. When seen ever been identified with The Observer increase the majority in every Re-

Mr. Howard A. Banks, for years an intense opposition cannot be explain-associate of Mr. Abernathy on The ed. There is not a better fellow in Observer staff, now on The Philadelphia Record:

perturbed spirit sleep well."

Eighth Expounds Principles of Democracy to Enthusiastic Audimost valuable pieces of property in the paid \$29,000 for it. It Democratic Candidate for Congress in go down. Special to The Observer.

Mooresville, Sept. 1e- Mr. R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesbore, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the eighth district, spoke yesterday af-termoon to a good crowd at Troutman's and afterwards drove through the country and spoke at a well-filled house here last night. Mr. Hackett is an excellent speaker and handled his subject well, so that the fundamental mental principles of Democracy, "with equal rights to all and special privileges to nore," could be understood by all. He spoke fully upon the protective tariff, which was made to protest our "infant industries." The steel trust, he said, is the biggest infant to wear swaddling clothes in this country and it sells common plow stocks in Africa for \$1.40 per dozen less than in the United States and in Asia for \$1.05 per dozen less than can be bought in our own country; that when we bought a hat we bought 50 per cent. for tariff and 50 per cent, for the hat. He produced an affidavit of W. W. McErwing who was led to his ruin in 1904 by illicit distilling upon the flattering promises held out by Blackburn.

He explained in detail the expendiures under the Democratic administration which went for the benefit of our public schools, our old soldiers and their widows, for our insane and the deaf and dumb and blind. Mr. Hackett left on early train this morning for Statesyille.

Mr. O. J. Bradley, who is with W. W. Rankin & Co., leaves Monday for the Northern markets. Mrs. Bradley also leaves Monday for Longford, to visit her mother, Mrs. J. H. Trout-

The remains of Mrs. Mary J. Field. who died at Hudson, in the 60th year of her age, Thursday, where brought here Thursday night and interred in the cemetery at Coddle Creek church

who is to be superintendent of the Mooresyttle graded school, was here Thursday engaging a house. He re-turned to Morganton Thursday night with his family and will keep house in residence near the Methodist

the work, and was always willing to help the learners. He was industrious, efficient, and an everlasting toller.

Mr. Abernethy was quiet, but determined. Early in life he began to church her to-morrow.

GEO. GENTLE ARRAIGNED

HIS TRIAL MAY BEGIN TUESDAY

White Man Alleged to Have Been Member of Mob Which Lynched Negroes at Salisbury Must Answer Serious Charge in Rowan Court—Technical Charge on Which He Will be Tried Not Yet Made Known—Mr. Zeb B. Sanders, Republican, of Albemarie, to Oppose Solicitor Hammer's Re-Election—Old Meroney Theatre Sold for \$29,000 to H., Clay Grubb—Salisbury News Notes.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Sept. 1.—George Gentle, one of the alleged lynchers of the Gillespies and Dillingham, was this afternoon arraigned in Superior Court, though the case will not start before Tuesday of next week or later. Upon what charge the investigation will proceed is not for a certainty known but it will probably be for a less offense than murder in the first degree. Gentle was represented in the arraignment by Pritchard Carlton, Esq., and Judge Ferguson appointed Mr. Carlton and A. H. Price to conduct the case. Solicitor Hammer will be assisted in the prosecution of L. H. Clement.

him and he is not able to employ Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Abernethy and counsel. He has a young wife and bit shy of aggressive friends. those who took part in the demonstration that night. They were great Some bitterness has been engendered on protecting "our women" but left and it is probable that the Republic their own at home. Some time ago Mr. Cariton received a well-written didates a close contest. anonymous letter from a Texas woman praising him for his defense of these men who were indicted for lynching the negroes. that they were the kind that chivalry resides in solely and every one Chesterfield and a knight. Gentle is above the average in looks and there relatives here about noon to-day. is a well-founded doubt as to his

Everyday yet there come from Northern journals requests for photographs, "more news," "sensational developments" and the rest. From the compliance with these requests, the public learns of our savagery and rates us so. But the mob that lynched those negroes no more personifies the citizenship of this community than to the slum inhabitants of New York typify that city's best people. bills

The solicitor has drawn new for the murderers now in the Charlotte jail and will have the prisoners here next week. They will be tried after the Gentle case is settled. fact that the recent term of court may be decided to have been without warrant has something to do with the move of caution upon the part of the solicitor.

SOLICITOR HAMMER'S OPPO-NENT.

There are some interesting things being talked in connection with the judicial convention of the Republicans here September 15th. Ex-Congressman Settle and Mr. Blackburn will speak and the name of Zeb B. Sanders, an attorney of Albemarle, will be hard pressed for the opposition to Mr. Hammer. Mr. Sanders will not allow the place to play the mendicant's role as Mr. Price did. but will accept with alacrity. Republicans are willing to wager money that eived last evening from G. H. Cilley, he will beat Solicitor Hammer. They of The Philadelphia Record, a former count upon Sanders to carry Stanly associate of Mr. Abernethy in the and Davidson, normally Democratic by 300 each, to reduce Rowan to 800 Please let me add my expression or less, to break even in Hammer's er must feel over the death of James publican county. In fact they ex-C. Abernethy." 400 in weight to be the only Dem-This tribute came last night from ocratic gain of the campaign. Their the world. He works harder than ia Record:
"After life's fitful fever may the within the past 20 years. He is a fighter, is after the lynchers and MR. HACKETT AT MOORESVILLE. The Democrats of this county are not foolish enough to let the majority

is at present being used by The Evening Post and has several business firms in it. Mr. Grubb will convert it into some valuable room but has not decided what that will be

Superintendent I. C. Griffin to-day announces that he will open the Salisbury public schools Monday morning instead of Wednesday. The change is made because there is no Labor Day celebration as was at first intended and the excuse for beginning day late no longer exists. The best faculty yet employed will run the school this year. It gains ex-Superintendent A. H. Jarratt of the Albomarle schools, and Professor Nelson Taylor, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have returned from their long bridal trip, the wedding having been celebrated in June. They will board with Mr. Taylor's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

The funeral services over Mrs. D. Atwell, who died last night, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Methodist church, of which she was a devoted member. Mrs. Atwell leaves two step-daugh-ters, Mrs. John L. Rendleman and Mrs. Theodore Atwell, of this two brothers, Messrs. Creed and John W. Bostian, and three sisters, Mrs. H. N. Woodson, Mrs. Mollie Clark and Mrs. J. H. Goodman; Mr. John Atwell, a step-son. Mrs. Atwell was greatly beloved woman.

TAXABLE PROPERTY INCREASE LARGE.

The city shows a great growth as effected in its taxable property just isted. The amount this year over listed. that of last is \$355,665. Inasmuch as here is a house finished every 24 hours, the growth is easily accounted This record has been maintained

or the past four years.

Mayor Boyden yesterday held his first court since his filness of ten days. He is yet weak. He tried Ernest Farrior, the Charlotte negro who was taken by the Salisbury police force after a fierce struggle. Although he is the worst sort of a bad nigger, Mr. Boyden reprimanded the officers who used the club for the reason that he thought they might have handled him without that force. He is a scrapper in Sallsbury and is the only man that Sheriff Julian has ever found it necessary to tap with a

weapon.
Mr. H. W. McAllister, who was hurt last night by a switch engine, is puthe Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium where he is being treated.

ROBESON PRIMARIES.

Col. N. A. McLican Unanimously Endorsed for Sensic by Lumberton Primary— Outlying Precincts Not Heard From and Strength of Other Candidates Not Known. Special to The Observer.

Lumberton, Sept. 1.—Township primaries were held throughout Robeson county to-day to name delegates to the Democratic county convention to be held here next Thursday. As the results of the country precincts are not obtainable it is impossible to know the strength of any candidate among the delegation. Lumberton township primary was spirited and hard fought from the opening. There were two factions and of the 12 delegates named seven represent one facion and five the other. Col. N. A. McLean was endorsed for the Senate unanimously but this was the only unanimity seen in the convention.

PERSON'S TICKET.

C. Humphries Nominated for the House by One-Eighth of a Vote Majority - Some Bitterness Engendered.

Special to The Observer.

Roxboro, Sept. 1 .- At the county Democratic convention here to-day the following ticket was nominated: tion of L. H. Clement.

Gentle says he is up against it. His people have not taken any interest in him and he is not able to employ

John S. Clayton. The nominations for the House, clerk and treasurer were hotly tested and Mr. Humphries had a marseems to be the fault and the fate of gin of only one-eighth of a vote over W. ex-Representative Some bitterness has been engendered cans will give some of these

ANSON'S SECOND PRIMARIES.

S. P. Martin Defeats R. J. Lowery for Sheriff and C. W. Thomas Defeats

Special to The Observer. Wadesboro, Sept. 1 .- In the second Democratic primary held in this ounty to-day S. P. Martin defeated R. J. Lowery for sheriff by 110 of our commerce, present and pros-majority and C. W. Thomas defeated pective, and the extent of our water-

D. M. Johnson by 288 majority. Mr. Martin is a citizen of Wades boro township and is one of progressive farmers in the county while Mr. Thomas is from Burnsville township; has only one arm, the left; is a school teacher by profession and most estimable gentleman.

Both defeated candidates are excellent ment but fate was against them. Lowery would have gone in as sheriff if T. S. Clark had not withdrawn from the race yesterday.

Pasquotank Democratic Convention. Special to The Observer.

Elizabeth City, Sept. 1 .- The Democratte county convention met at the court house at 3 p. m. to-day. A large representation of enthusastic Democrats were present, Mr. C. E. Thompson was elected chairman and Mr. H. Williams, secretary. The present incumbents for the various offices are nominated to succeed themselves. Mr J. B. Ehringhause, member of the bill a liberal appropriation definitely last State Legislature, was nominated for the House

THE SPEECH OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

nator Says Bryan's Address Should Thus be Considered part of last Congress which it is and Not as Any Part of a Democratic Platform.

Special to The Observer. Washington, Sept. 1 .- Senator Simmens passed through Washington to-day on his way home from the Bryan asked for his opinion on Bryan's speech, he said: "I believe I hold the same opinion that is entertained by perhaps 95 per cent, of the peo who should or who have read Mr. Bryan's speech and that is that, so far as it relates to government ownership of railroads, it should be viewed simply as the opinion of an but in Congress. I shall insist upon individual and not as the expression the expenditure of whatever sum may individual and not as the expression of a candidate for the presidency. I think the two positions should be separated and not conflicted."

He was asked whether or Bryan's reference to the trusts would not array that element against him, to which he replied: "So far as arraying the trusts against concerned, I do not think Mr. Bryan could do himself much injury in that respect, as they are opposed to him already. Taken as a whole I do not think Mr. Bryan's speech should be aken as the speech of a nominee for the presidency, nor as any part of a Democratic platform, but simply as that of an individual man."

CRAZY NEGRO DEFIES OFFICERS.

Armed With Shot-Gun, Fred Holla, Ensconsed in Dense Swamps Near Wilmington, Bids Definite to Law and Attempted Criminal Assault. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Sept. 1. — Deputy Sheriffs John W. Smith and W. H. Cox and Constable W. B. Savage are down on Federal Point, eight mil-s below Wilmington, attempting to arrest Fred Holla, an insane negro man, armed with a gun and an axe, who has taken to the dense swamps thereabouts, swearing violence against any and all who approach. The officers have been on the negro's track all the afternoon and late to-night had ef-

feeted no capture. Yesterday afternoon an effort was made to capture the negro but he syaded the officers and attempted a oriminal assault upon a colored woman in the community. The white as well as the negro population in the sparsely settled country are malarmed over the negro's being much large and are giving the officers every assistance.

ENJOIN SOUTHERNER PASTOR.

Ohio Lutheran Congregation Gets Court Process to Avoid Hearing Southern Views Presented From

Wooster, O., Sept. 1 .- The board of rustees of the Lutheran church at Reedsburg, Wayne county, to-day se-cured an injunction from Judge Samsel B. Eason to restrain the Rev. John Booher from occupying the pulpit of the church on Sunday.
... Mr. Booher is a Southerner and his

to him and he says he will occupy the pulpit to-morrow even though he should have to force his way in. Three Killed by Lightning Troy, Ala., Sept. 1.—Newton Graves, a carpenter, and his two sons, John and Bacom Graves, were killed by lightning yesterday while at work.

FOR BETTER WATERWAYS WHAT NEXT CONGRESS MAY DO

General Opinion Prevails Among Representatives and Senators That Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill Will Provide for Expenditure of Not Less than \$50,000,000—Senator Simports and Housesentatives or Simmons and Representatives Page, Patterson and Thomas Tell of North Carolina's Needs in This Line, and Say They Hope to Ac-complish Great Things for the State's Rivers and Harbors.

BY W. W. PRICE.

Washington, Sept. 1 .- There is little doubt that the next session of Congress will pass a river and harbor bill of no mean proportions and, in the opinion of many Representatives and Senators, it will provide for an appropriation of not less than \$50,000,000, perhaps more. Realizing the great interest that is taken in the question of river and harbor development throughout the United States, The Observer's correspondent recently ators from North Carolina asking their views on the matter. The fol-lowing are some of the replies so far received:

SENATOR SIMMONS' LETTER.

"I am in receipt of your valued favor of recent date asking for views as to what should be expected and demanded for North Carolina rivers and harbors in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill which it s expected that Congress will pass at the next session. As you doubtless know, I am now a member of the Senate committee on commerce. to which is referred all bills making appropriations for rivers and harbors. a member of that committee shall, of course, do my utmost to secure needed and liberal appropriations for all our rivers and harbors having claim to recognition.

our coast and of our extensive sound navigation as well as the great number of navigable streams in the State, North Carolina has a right to expect in every river and harbor bill liberal treatment. In recent years the amounts appropriated for North Carolina rivers and harbors have been greatly increased, but they are still very much less than the importance pective, and the extent of our waterways entitle us to expect and demand. Speaking in general terms, I shall, as a member of the committee on commerce, co-operate with the members of Congress from this State to secure what is thought to be necessary for the conservation and development of the rivers and harbors in their respective districts. I shall labor earnestly to secure the adoption of the project to connect the Norfolk harbor with Beaufort harbor by canaling the intervening rivers and sounds. lino and Virginia are interested in Masonic honors. construction of this waterway, but it will be of great value to the whole country not only from a commercial but from a military stand-It will require several lions of dollars to construct this great work and I hope to be able with the assistance of my colleagues from this State and from other States which have shown an interest in it, to secure in the next river and harbor

committing the government to this undertaking. thought will be sufficient to secure a governing depth of 20 feet across the bar of this harbor. I am advised that, with comparatively small expenditure, 25 or 30 feet of water may be secured and I shall do my utmost to have the next river and harbor bill provide the necessary preliminary step to the adoption of contemplating this larger depth.

"Of course, everybody admits the necessity of continuing the work of deepning the Cape Fear river from the mouth to Wilmington. The appropriations which have already been made for this purpose evidence this consensus of opinion not only at home be necessary to secure the best pos-sible depth of water to Wilmington.

"Another matter of great portance in this connection is project for the canalization of the Cape Fear between Wilmington and Fayetteville. Through the efforts of him is Senator Pritchard and myself several years ago, a provision was inserted in the rivers and harbors bill committing the government to this project, which will cost over \$3,000 and making an appropriation of \$50,-000 to inaugurate the work.

> "Senator Overman, Representative Patterson and myself secured further recognition of this great undertaking in the last rivers and harbors bill. It will be our effort to obtain through the next bill such appropriation as may be necessary to push the to as speedy a completion as

possible. "Shortly after I was elected to the Senate, upon my suggestion, the North Carolina delegation organized and agreed upon a plan of co-operation for the purpose of securing for North Carolina rivers and harbors more just and liberal recognition. The better recognition which terests have received from the com-mittees of Congress since then is in part due to the concert of action which has resulted from this organization and I think this concert of action had much to do with the prospective selection of Mr. Small as committee of the House and the se lection of myself as a member of the committee on commerce of the Sen-

"For the first time in many years, when the next rivers and harbors hill comes up in Congress, North Carolins will have a representative upon these committees in both houses of Con-MR. PAGE'S POSITION.

"I have yours of the 5th asking that I furnish you with my hopes of an appropriation from the rivers and harbors committee for my, district. Not having a navigable stream in my

district my personal interest in the appropriation bill amounts to nothing. My interest as a representative of the State is very keen and I hope to see a bill from this committee pass the next House that will inaugurate an irland waterway and make such im-provement in the Beautort harbor as may be necessary and cuch improve-ment to the Cape Fear as has been asked by the Representative of that district. I shall unhesitatingly give my vote and personal influence for the passage of an appropriation bill from this committee."

MR. PATTERSON'S LETTER. "Replying to your esteemed favor, will say that in the next rivers and harbors bill I hope to be able to get a good appropriation for the improvement of the upper Cape Fear river. The location for the dams has been FREEMAN JONES TO HANG.

Judge Moore, in Durham Superio Court, Fixes November 2d as Dat for Execution of Negro Convicted of First-Degree Burglary. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Sept. 1 .- Late this afternoon Judge Moore passed the senence of the law on Freeman Jones, colored, convicted of burglary in the first degree by the jury which re-turned a verdict last night. He is sentenced to hang November 2, be-tween the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. His counsel first asked for a trial, which was denied. motion was made for arrest of judgment on the ground that one of the grand jurors that found bill against this defendant was drunk. The counsel was too late; that this matter ought to have come up before this late stage of the proceedings. Then notice of appeal to the Supreme Court was given. In praying

for sentence of the court the solicitor said he would not interfere one way or the other; that he had developed the fact and it was for the people of this community and the Governor to decide as to the fate of this man. If the people think the capital penalty is necessary then he will hang. If not, then a proper appeal to the bucket shop laws and call on all Governor will save him. In passing the sentence of death Judge Moore expressed much the same sentiment. The truth of the matter is that, while the evidence is against the prisoner, there is a sentiment that he was so much under the influence of whiskey that he should not die.

WORK OF AN ASSASSIN.

While Working on His Books in weeks. Store at Rocky Mount—Deed May CHAN Have Been Done by Tramp. Special to The Observer.

"By reason of the great length of this morning Mr. A. P. Hyman, a highly esteemed citizen who has lived 60 seniors last term. A number of here for a number of years, was shot changes in the faculty and corps of at Rocky Mount by an party. Mr. Hyman recently accepted Thomas Nelson succeeds Renry M. bookkeeper for Matposition as thews & Weeks, at Rocky Mount, and was in the store working on his books when some one fired through the vindow, killing him almost instantly, the ball striking him in the breast, A policeman, in passing the store, heard a noise therein and proceeded to investigate He found Mr. Hyman in the agonies of death and unconscious.

Just a few minutes before, the policeman heard a shot fired from the direction of a passing freight train and the supposition is that a tramp fired the fatal shot, as there were a strutocr in entomology, resuming the number of them on the cars. Hyman, who was a prominent Mason, Richardson becomes will be buried here to-morrow with mathematics. Dr.

TO HOLD FIVE MILLION GALLONS Asheville Water Commission Lets structor in English. J. C. Temple he-

Contract for Construction of Big Reserve Reservoir on Mountain

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Sept. 1.-The water commission of Asheville, composed of Mayor Barnard, Aldermen Randolph. Stikeleather, Lapinsky City Engineer Lee. warded to the Faragher Engineering "There is no reason why Beautor harbor cannot be made one of the best harbors on the coast. An appropriation was made at the latter propriation was made at the latter The contract price was \$44,462. The to Postmaster Willis Briggs was made at the latter takes charge to more than the latter takes the latter tak contract is let upon the approval of plans and specifications by City Engineer Lee, of Asheville, and Engineer Ludiow, of Spartanburg. The reservoir will be of re-enforced concrete construction, and will be of damage to the public roads and the latter takes energy to more than the contract of the specific contract on the mountain side east the contract of the cont contract is let upon the approval of and the latter takes charge to-mor-plans and specifications by City row. His commission is dated August located on the mountain side east of the city. It will hold sufficient water to supply Asheville for days, should a break occur in the gravity pipe line, which brings the city's supply of water from the intake,

> section. Florida Lumber Man Accused by Al-

leged Peon. Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 1 .- John P. Lynch, a prominent lumber manufacturer, was arrested here to-day by United States officers, charged with peonage. He was taken to Jacksonville, where he will be arraigned before a United States commissioner. The plaintiff, an Italian, claimed that, with four companions, he had been held in bondage by Lynch's agent or manager and not permitted to leave the place.

Estill Delegates Won't Grace Hoke

Smith's Triumph. Augusta, Ga., Sept. 1.-The name of Col. J. H. Estill, of county, will not be presented to the the State, the 40 directors covering gubernatorial convention that meets as many points. Commissioner Young in Macon Tuesday. The delegates says the business of State chartered appointed by Col. Estill from Chatthey will not attend the convention.

North Carolinians in Paris. Special to The Observer.

Paris, Sept. 1 .- Mr. James Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., registered at the office of European edition of The New York Herald, 49 Rue de l'Opera, to day.

selected, some of the sites purchased and the titles to others are being perfected so that they can be purchased. I also hope to be able to get a good appropriation for the lower Cape Fear to carry on the project of giving two more feet of water from Wilmington to Southport,

"In addition to the above I have rood reason to expect an appropriation for Shallotte river and for Lumber river. A good appro-priation for Lumber river would not only open up a new waterway and thus reduce freight, but would add immensely to the value of the lands in the territory through the river passes, but give better drainage.
"Mr. Burton has promised me that

he will visit my district some time during this fall and I trust that, after seeing the situation, I can secure stronger aid from him than ever be-

WHAT MR. THOMAS SAYS.

"I hope to secure for my congressional district at the next session of sional district at the next session of Congress. Increased appropriations for Beaufort harbor and all its tributary waters, including Bogus sound and Cone sound, also New river and Bogue and New river thiers, also New and Trent rivers, the Northeast and Black rivers, also for White Oak river a survey and appropriation. In fact, either an increased appropriation or a survey for all the rivers, harbors and tributary streams of my district. I think we should have a much larger river and harbor, bill than heretofore. I do not know of any appropriations I have heretofore pushed in which I have not been successful." MR. BRIGGS POSTMASTER

CHOOSES BUTLER AS ASSISTANT

First Act of Mr. Willis G. Briggs on Assuming Raleigh Postmasterable is to Appoint Hester F. Butler: Brother of Ex-Senntor Marion Butler, as Assistant—Cotton Grover Condemn Cheatham and Endorse Moore—Many Changes in A. & M. Faculty — Dixie Pire Insurance Company Largest Concern of Kine in South—School Book Prices Reduced Somewhat—News Note of State Capital. State Capital.

Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson Street,

Willis G. Briggs, who to-night b came Raleigh's postmaster, appoints Lester F. Butler, a brother of ex-Senator Marion Butler, assistant postmaster. Butler was a prominent aspirant for the postmastership. The cotton growers of this county declare for 11 cents as the minimum price for cotton, demand the remova of Secretary Cheatham as secretary of the Southern Cotton Associa urge the election of President Charles Moore, of the North Carolina association, as his successor, denoun

futures, congratulate

gambling in

stringent laws in other counties. Grand Secretary Woedell, of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, says there are now 202 lodges and four applications are on file for charters, these being from Robesonville, Gracounty; Suite, in Cherokee; Mountain, in Buncombe, and ham Black Mountain, in Rhodhiss, in Gaston. Woodell has just returned from the A. P. Hyman Shot to Death mountains, where he spent three

Georgia and South Carolina on anti-

States in the South to enact similar

CHANGES IN A. & M. FACULTY. There will be about 45 members of the senior class at the Agricultural Tarboro, Sept. 1.—About 2 o'clock & Mechanical College next term, which begins next week. There were unknown officers in the college have been made. Wilson as professor of textile industry; B. Moore Parker becomes assistant professor in this department. C. M. Conner succeeds Charles W. Burkett as professor of agriculture. Lieutenant Wilson G. Heaton is succeeded as commandant and professor of military science by J. S. E. Young, United States army. Robert E. Lee Yates becomes professor of mathematics and a new department is created. Assistant Professor C. K. McClelland withdraws and the vacancy is not filled. Frnklin Sherman becomes work which he did in 1904. J. B. Instructor Holland, 5 structor in chemistry. Vaughan succeeds Alfred Amant as instructor in drawing. P. Bonn succeeds R. F. Mason as incomes professor in chemistry. H. N. Steed becomes instructor in textile industry. B. S. Skinner is transferred from the office of steward to that of farm superintendent, J. O. Loftin becoming steward. Miss Elsie Stockard. daughter of Prof. Henry Jerome Stockard, succeeds Miss this afternoon Sherman as librarian. Miss Jessamine Higgs becomes clerk and sten-

To-day at the postoffice the trans-

much work will be necessary to put these in shape again. All the public roads in the vicinity of Raleigh are deteriorating very much and need attention greatly. Ruleigh city tax this year is one

miles away in the Black Mountain per cent, and the officials think it will be reduced next year to 95 cents on the dollar. It is now as low as any place in the State.

Year before last the city received from the dispensary \$24,000 and last year \$26,181. This year the receipts will probably be a little larger, as they have so proven to be the first half year.

BIGGEST IN THE SOUTH. Commissioner of Insurance Young says that next Monday the Dixle Fire Insurance Company, of Greensboro, will file its papers. Its \$5,000,000 capital and \$250,000 surplus has all been paid up. It is the biggest com-pany in the South. J. B. Blades, of Newbern, is its president and J. P. Cobb. of Greensboro, secretary, Its Chatham stockholders are scattered all over ham, which county he carried in the be as long as it is done in the proper recent primary, have decided that way, which he says is now the case Commissioner Young says there will be a very good meeting of the policy-holders of the Mutual Life and Naw

> here in the morning and return home in the afternoon. Adjutant General Robertson is to come here in October and will then make Raleigh his home. His offiin the capitol has been completely re-

York Life here September 12th, It

will be held so that they can come

fitted. Large numbers of laborers are ing through here from the far Sou to work on the Raleigh & Pamil Sound Railway. Three thousand will soon be at work there, the order having been given to push it with all rapidity. Next season trains will run over this line from Raleigh to Beau-fort, as well as to Newbern and to

Washington and thence to Norfolk.

Last evening the State text becommission announced the cor prices of text books, the list b a long one and the prices being a little under those for the past five years. It will be noticed that the commission shows large numbers of Southern-made books.

Burglars are doing some very daring work here and constants to the little work here.

work here and are entering dy almost every night.

Southern Steel Company Incre Gasden, Ala., Sept. 1.—The ors of the Southern Steel Co met here to-day and increased capital stock of that corporation : \$16,000,000 to \$25,000,000, by the suance of \$5,000,000 of common i and \$4,000,000 preferred #