#### DR. MERCER RESIGNS. TO REORGANIZE MILLS

# NO STOP AT DESSEMER CITY.

a Majority of the Creditors Southern Mills Meet at Bes-City and Hear Report From --Statement Read Shows

The statement, as read, show-

ing a committee to make a detailed condition of the inquiry into the and to formulate a reorganization plan, the report to be presented at another meeting of the creditors

meeting that Mr. Ceasar Cone, the public present temporary receiver, be made ermanent receiver if no adjustment of the mill's affairs can be made without such action. The mill is al-ready in operation and will be continued under the management of Mr. Manufacturing Company at Concord. the entire building run up two stories

Cotton Mills met, the creditors of open a first-class shoe stor the Whetstone and Vermont Mills building at an early date. held meetings and put their interests in the hands of a committee, with instructions similar to the reorganiza-tion committee appointed for the church on the plot where their hurch is now situated. Southern Cotton Mills

A number of the creditors who had inspected the mills stated that they are all in good physical condition. The opinion prevails that with a reorganization and proper management all claims can be paid.

### MAY BE REBUILT.

Stockholders of Statesville Flour Mills Will Hold Meeting to Decide Course of Action-Heavy Blow to Owners. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 18 .- The burning of the large plant of the Statesville Flour Mills Wednesday was a calamity for Statesville capitalists and business men. The insurance on the property will cover two-thirds of the oss, but the fact that the mills will be out of business this year when such great preparations had been made by the directors is very distress. ing indeed. Mr. F. A. Sherrill, the secretary and treasurer of the mill and one of the most popular and successful business men we have, will probably feel the loss most keenly. Special to The Observer. having spent much of his time work- Statesville, Jan. 18.--A ing in the interest of the mill. In the mill and who will feel the loss.

or of Washinston, N. Lin burch Accepts Call 10 ount-Other Washington ectal to The Observer.

 In Accordance With Announced in termion a Majority of the Creditors of the Sundary is the Creditors of the Sundar the present financial situation of the The store on Market street former-iy occupied by Messrs, D. Hill & Son went on top of the burning tank and lowered a rone to the unformation is being thoroughly, overhauled, and lowered a rope to the unfortunate need a net indebtedness of about \$270,- repaired, preparatory to the opening gro. The amount to be asked for is

D. Robinson, of this city, who died

on the noon A. C. L. train to-day

AWAIT SUPERIOR COURT.

yesterday for an assault with a dead-

A Marriage Saddened by Death.

Barium Springs, Wednesday at

Troutman, Jan. 18 .- At the rest-

married to Mr. DeWitt Cloaninger.

for a festive time and quite a number

of guests were present, but shortly af-

ter the veremony a telegram came an-

nouncing the sad death of Capt.

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Wooten was a brother-in-law

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books at \$321,000. Resolutions were passed appoint-Resolutions were passed appointnumber of other notels in this State, The new factory of the Virginia-Hotel Louise, of this city, has recent- Carolina Chemical Company in East ly installed eight white lady waiters Durham has been completed, or about in its dining room. So far this plan so and the superintendent of the has worked very satisfactorily, meetbe called later. It was the expressed sense of the Mr. Springs but that of the traveling of the plant. It is expected that op-

erations will begin the latter part of Work was commenced yesterday next week. Others who are to work morning tearing down the old front in the fertilizer plant are expected to of the store occupied by Messrs. W. arrive here this week. This plant has H. Ellsworth & Company and the old cost about \$150,000 and is completed Savings & Trust Company building with the exception of a few minor deon Main street. An attractive press- tails. The work on this factory was one, who is also operating the Odell ed brick front will be placed, and started last spring.

Late Wednesday afternoon T. OTHER MILLS' CREDITORS MEET. intsead of one, as formerly. It is Booth was caught in a machine while After the creditors of the Southern rumored that Mr. R. A. Knight will at work in the Carrington Lumber open a first-class shoe store in this Company's plant, and was painfully hurt. He was at work at a sash ma-The members of the colored Zion chine when his right arm was caught ohurch of this city are contemplating and the bones were laid bare from the elbow to the hand and two bones in the hand cut. The wound was immediately dressed, but it may yet be

ANOTHER DAMAGE SUFT.

There will be a missionary institute held in the Methodist courch of necessary to amputate the hand. The Peal Estate & Exchange Comthis city February 13th and 14th. The institute will embrace the entire pany has elected officers for the enand all the suing year. A report submitted Washingon district, showed that the company made a net preachers of this district are expected to be present. They will be enearning of 25 per cent. A dividend of eight per cent, was declared and by the diftertained while here ferent members of the congregation. there was left to the undivided profits a total of \$3,629.63. The remains of the late Mrs. Henry

in Williamston yesterday arrived here ANSON COURT IN SESSION.

and the funeral was conducted im- Judge Council Docs Good Work at adge Council Docs Good Work at Wadesboro—Thomas Wheeler Gcts Special to The Observer. mediately after by Rev. A. P. Tyer. The interment was in Oakdale Ceme-10 Ycars in Penitentiary for Larceny.

Special to The Observer.

Mr. W. S. Bunn, of Rocky Mount, has accepted a position with Messrs. Wadesboro, Jan. 18. -- Criminal Small & McLean, attorneys, as stecourt is in session here this week and of the defendant company are now are receiving quite a number of unfortunates. It was expected that Judge Justice would be here and hold Arthur Brown and Gus Sloop, Iredell the court, but instead Judge W. B. Negrocs, Jailed for Shooting Ne-Council is presiding. In the lan-guage of one attendant here to-day, gro Between the Eyes-Other Of-"If Justice did not come, we are 100. The allegations of the plain-having justice all the same." The tiff are sensational in that they charge Statesville, Jan. 18.—Arthur Brown and Gus Sloop, both negroes, were him and admire his way of clearly pany's officers, men of high standing addition to the board of directors, brought to Statesville a few days ago understanding each case before passaddition to the board of directors, brought to Statesville a rew days as understanding each case before pass-whose names were recently printed in by Deputy Sheriff Deaton, of Moores-ing final sentence. So far, not a resentations, attempt to cheat and de-case has been tried in which the party who had large amounts of money in perfor Court. Last September the perfor company with an row with an two men engaged in a row with an- found guilty, so the juries are also is insolvent and that it was insolvent the mill and who will feel the loss, two men conserved Byers, who lives The sympathy of the community has other negro named Byers, who lives gone out to these people. In south Iredell, and Sloop shot The same is true of the grand jury, the plaintiff was induced to become

As soon as the insurance adjusters overy dangerous wound. The men then skipped the county and have been at large up to a few days ago, about two hours and was listened to humber which was heavily encumbered to be been at large up to a few days ago, about two hours and was listened to humber which was heavily encumbered to be been at large up to a few days ago, about two hours and was listened to humber which was heavily encumbered to be been at large up to a few days ago. taken. It is probable that the mill when they returned to the county and with unusual interest. He put much and in which, the plaintiff alleges, taken. It is probable that the mill when they better to the they begin to be the they begin they begin the they begin they begin the they begin the they begin they be Volls sent them to fall in default was especially eloquent and it means all of one note of \$1,035 save \$150. Mr. assault and Brown with carrying munity to hear such a charge from pay the second note for \$1,100. The Ryers nethe court. The judge created some concealed weapons. gro, who was shot, is now totally excitement when he said that if he bind as a result of the wound be-bind as a result of the wound be-tween his eyes. Jule Owens, a white man, is also in jail awaiting court. He was brought in by Deputy Sheriff Houston and is charged with being drunk and discription of the man of the ma called for. As showing his honor's attitude to-ward platol "toters," the prices for this crime have ranged from \$10 to \$50 and the cost in each case. Quite a number of such cases have come up. Hank Lee, allas Allen Lee a nerro disorderly and shooting at random. Jim Johnson and Ernest Morgan, two negroes employed at the stable of the Iredell Livery Company, fought Wednesday night and Morgan gave \$25 bond in the mayor's court

# CELEMENTION TO-DAY.

a to Observe Future of Lansford, Negro Killed in Oll Explosion, Sues Standard Oll— Chemical Company's Factory Done. pecial (a The Observer,

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attend in a body, but will, as far as possible, attend in the uniform of the Confederacy. This programme is as follows:

Prayer by Rev. G. T. Adams; hymn, "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest." Dr. Edwin Mims, of Trinity College, will deliver an ad-dress on "The Private Life of General Robert E. Lee." After this address General Lee's last order will be read by Thomas M. Stephens.

The orator for the occasion will be Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville. The favorite hymn of General Lee will then be rendered, this being "How Firm a Foundation." This hymn was rendered at the funerals of General Lee, General Stonewall Jackson and President Jefferson Davis. The next feature of the programme will be a recitation by Mrs. W. W. Card, who will recite, "The Old Drum Corps of This will be followed by an old-'61.'

time Southern song, "I am Going Back to Dixle." A memorial ode to General Lee.

system of turpentine orcharding, as recommended by the United States written by Mrs. J. F. Cain for this oc-Department of Agriculture and which has been adopted with so much succasion, will then be read. "My Old Kentucky Home" will be rendered by cess by operators further South, notthe choir and then will follow a reciably in Florida, is being introduced in this territory by Brooks & Taylor, a Wilmington firm, who have received tation: "The Blue and the Grey." Then after the rendering of "Auld Lang owne," benediction will be prothree car loads of the earthenware nounced by Rev. J. S. Dunn, chaplain of the R. F. Webb Camp of Confedercups and tin gutters as prescribed by the expert whose name the process ate veterans. bears. Nearly all of this first shipment of the Herty cups was taken

# LUMBERMEN UNDER BOND.

are opening up this year large bodies Dr. J. E. Hawthorne, of Asheville, of virgin timber. The Herty system Charges Fry-Buchanan Lumber it is claimed, not only increases the Company With Fraud-Says Comquality and yield of turpentine, but preserves the tree and owners of virany Was Insolvent When He Was gin forests in Brunswick county with the advent of the railroad and the Asheville, Jan. 18 .- Dr. J. E. Hawpossibilities of timper deals have re-

fused to allow their pines to be worked except by the Herty process. thorne, a lumberman of Asheville, has caused to be issued against the Fry-The nineteenth annual meeting of Buchanan Lumber Company arrest and bail proceedings and the officers the Carolina Insurance Company, of court is in session here this week and the chain gang and the penitentiary out on \$700 bond each, awaiting the the offices of the company on Prinsess street. E. S. Martin, Esq., pre-sided, and M. S. Willard, secretary trial of the case in the Superior Court of Buncombe county. The matter has to do with the signing of two and treasurer of .ae company, kept a record of the proceedings. certain notes by Dr. J. E. Hawthorne in favor of the defendant lumber comwas a large representation of stock and the reports submitted pany. The amount invovled is \$2,-100. The allegations of the plainshowed great progress during year. All the company's funds are invested in North Carolina and New Hanover county bonds and on proved real estate in Wilmington, all cash deposits being carried with local banks, putting it without the pale of insurance legislation at this session of the General Assembly. The assets of the company have increased since its As soon as the insurance adjusters Byers between the eyes, inflicting a true bills being found against each surety under false representations;

\$109,983.03, and the net surplus has grown to \$19,701.45. In addition to this there is a reserve fund of \$21,-Mr. M. S. Willard, secretary and treasurer. The irectors are: R. R. Bellamy, I. J. Sternberger, H. C.

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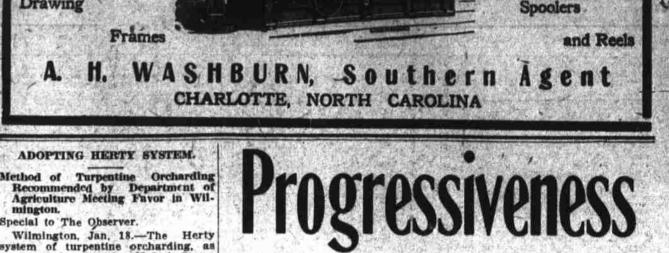
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# PROFITS \$18,951.32.

#### ly weapon. The weapon used was a Report of President of Greensboro Loan & Trust Company Shows Good heavy stick. Johnson is not dangerusly hurt. Year-Law and Order League Shows Good Year.

Special to The Observer

Greensboro, Jan. 17 .- At the annumeeting of the Greensboro Loan & Trust Company yesterday the old officers were elected as follows: J. W. Fry. president, J. S. Cox, vice president; W. E. Allen, secretary-treas-urer, J. Addison Hodgin, manager of the savings department. The old savings department. board of directors was re-elected The report of the president showed that total assets amounted to \$1.380.-355.61. The net profits for the past year were \$18,951.32 The usual dividend was declared and a resolution of thanks to the management passed

A meeting of the teamsters of the city was held last night and an organization perfected J K t'urtis wast elected president and () D. Boycott, The purpose is to fix a unlsecretary. form schedule of rates

League has passed resolutions favoring the Littlefield bill to prevent the shipment of whiskey into prohibition territory and a committee to urge its enactment has been appointed. It was found at the meeting that prohibition is very satisfactory to the league and the only serious hindrance is the shipment of whiskey from out-

# OFFICERS RAID DISTILLERY.

## Blockade Plant Destroyed and 300 Gallons Beer Seized in Yadkin-Homicide in Virginia.

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Winston-Salem, Jan. 18 - Revenue officers to-day seized and destroyed a blockade distillery and about 300 gallons of beer near Baltimore. Yad-kin county. The still has a capacity of 100 gallons and was being operated at full speed. When the officers arrived they found stight men in charge, three of whom were arrested. but later released, the officers being convinced that the men were only visitors to the plant.

From parties arriving here this afternoon on the Norfolk & Western train from Roanoke, it was learned that a homicide was committed this morning near Rocky Mount, Virginia, A man named Stanley shot and kill-ed a man named Foster. The two were farmers, and it is reported that had feeling had existed between them for some time.

Can Prove Alibi.

Charleston Post. A wild man is reported as being at large in Darlington. Senator Tillman can prove an alibi by The Con-

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Hank Lee, allas Allen Lee, a negro who fired a number of tenant houses in Ansonville township recently, was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

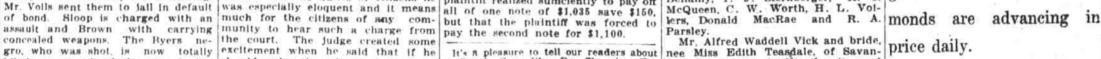
Thomas Wheeler, a young white nan, who claims to be from Philadelphia, and who pleaded guilty to dence of Mr. W. M. Dayvault, at breaking into four stores at Morven last year, got 10 years in the penio'clock his daughter, Miss Mary, was tentiary. Nine negroes and white man have been sentenced to Extensive preparations had been made the roads, their terms varying from a few months to two pears,

#### Pittsboro Mills Not Affected. Special to The Observer.

Charles B. Wooten at Columbia. Capt. Pittsboro, Jan. 18 .- The failure of 05 the Odell Mills at Concord does not the bride and Mrs. Wooten was there affect the J. M. Odell Manufacturing to attend the marriage of her sister. 'ompany's mills on Haw River, five The scene of festivity was at once miles north of Pittsboro. These changed to one of pitlable sadness, aptain Wooten had often visited mills are under the management of Captain W. L. London, are in good here and was especially well liked. financial standing and are making These mills make yarns and money.

began to take

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