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tension. Mr. Preston, while continuing less private views as the same, will prob-ably not feel inclined to oppose it.

stood by them they will be fully respon-sive to the by far larger mass of the citizenship of the new community which

It is desired to create.

I am therefore constrained to advisory to have in mind in your efforts the larger territory of two and one-half miles rather than the smaller limits of two miles, as suggested by some of our Representatives. I advise this, if for no other reason than that the wild forms Representatives. I advise this, if for no other reason, than that the only formal expressions in regard to this matter, by both official and semi-official bodies, have been in favor of the two and one-half mile limit, and, in addition, I verily believe that nine-tenths of the citzens within the processed multiplicative beautiful. within the proposed municipality heartily favor the greater extension. Still further, I venture the assertion that not one hundred citizens would at the ballot box cast a vote against the two and one-half hundred citizens would at the ballot box cast a vote against the two and one-half mile proposition and in favor of the two mile extension. And, as I understand the situation, nearly all of those who were at first opposed to any extension now desire the two and one-half mile limit in preference to any less, but desire the township lines more than all other plans. Personally. I have no interest in this matter except as a citizen and an official who loves his city, desiring the present confined limits to have justice. My original idea of extension was to include the township, by boroughs, etc. But this I gave up freely the moment the committee of ten, appointed from the committee of one hundred, made its report. I thought then, and still believe, that it is best for all of us to bow our wills to that report, especially so since the aldermen on two separate occasions sanctioned that report. Surely out of a supposed population of forty thusand citizens in the proposed city, a few hundred should acquiesce, and go hand in hand with the large majority.

In this proposed extension I have felt and still feel that the main question was one of equitable tax assessment and that this could and would be almost guaranteed by providing a board of tax assessors sufficiently large in number and representive in character so as to safeguard all interests, having an especial care for the unimproved, non-productive values as well as for the importance of the

ratios as well as for the importance of the interests.

I fully recognize the importance of the nanufacturing interests to our community, knowing that in a large measure our properity is bused on their success and that we owe them much consideration and should see that their interests are properly cared for. This should be done not only in justice to those now with us, but also to encourage other manufacturing enterprises to be established in our community.

turing enterprises to be established in our community.

I feel most keenly on this subject of extension, and of the involved question of taxistion, and I trust you will pardon the length of this letter and permit me to state with some detail my views on this tax matter. In my opinon, our small city has been for many years hearing an improper number of obligations, and that the proposed extension will, in a small way, help us to overcome the diadyantage the city has surfered by reason of its efforts in behalf of the county and township, which have been so unselfishly made in the past. True, it was sittended to help our city, and no doubt did in a measure, but it was accompanied by sacrifices much greater than any corresponding benefits. I refer

The committee appointed by Mayor S. S. McNinch.

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N. H. N. PHARR, W. C. DOWD, W. A. GRIER, E. R. PRESTON.

MAYOR M'NINCH REVIEWS THE MATTER.

Mayor McNinch addressed the following interessing communication to the committee:

To the Honorable Members of the Greater Charlotte Charter Extension Committee:

To the Honorable Members of the Greater Charlotte Charter Extension of our city limits. This letter was written in response to my request for definite information, believing that it is necessary so that you can shape your action intelligently. Since their letter was written I have conferred with these gentlemen, our Representatives, and am indulging the hope that they may yet give their consistinct what they ask, namely, the two and one-half mile extension believing that its the mechanic properties of the proposed by them they will be fully responsive to the by far larger mass of the city contends and suppose the tax rate, when the propose the properties of the contends of the cont city schools, only eighty cents per hundred or a fraction over one-third. That tax rate supplies the sum of \$83,431.84, Which sum will not pay the interest on city and water bonds and run the police, fire and health department, to say nothing of all the other necessities and demands which arise in eyer increasing number in our progressive and prosper-

ous community.

When this administration took charge of the city we were confronted with a certain debt which must be made, not counting any payments for the water department, of at least \$50,000 per year. counting any payments for the water department, of at least \$50,000 per year. This neither includes interest on water bonds, which has not been entirely paid by that department, nor the money which has been necessary for that department to be provided additional by the aldermen. If we had out off all the street lights and light for the public buildings, also street work, such as coment paving, macadam, repairs, etc.; all insurance on and repairs to buildings, etc.; all charittes for the sick and indigent; settlements of law subt, etc., not only the city, but the suburban limits would be stagnated. All this might have been done and still we could not have paid a single city official his salary as required by law for any department no matter what service rendered or how recessary. More still, the appropriation which is compelled by law for Carnegie Library, colored library, park and tree commission, rents for stable, gun sheds, etc., could not have possibly been met exceed by debt. That suburban element which is not willing to pay the small tax terminal for the continued advancement. which is not willing to pay the small tax premium for the continued advancement and progressive conditions has not quite realized the situation.

Sincerely, B. S. M'NINCH.

Southern Bell Officials Here.

Among the visitors in the city yesrday and last night were Messrs. W. Gentry and J. Epps Brown, vice president and general manager, respectively, of the Southern Bell Telc-

Cigar and News Stand Let. The United Cigar Stores Company as leased the cigar and news stand privileges in the new Selwyn Hotel. The deal was consummated yesterday. The deal was consummated yesterday. A full line of all grades of tobacco will be carried, including the finest varieties of cigarettes and cigars. The news stand will not be neglected and will include the leading periodicals and journals from all sections of the country. The stand will open with the hotel, the first of next month.

Ginners' Report Issued.

The market dropped about 15 points yesterday afternoon when the government ginners' report came out with a total of 12,167,000 ginned up to the 16th of this month. The corresponding report last year gave 2, 989,000 bales and two years ago gave 12,700,000 bales. The report issued yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock was expected.



Harry K. Thaw, Who Was Placed on Trial Yesterday for the Murder of Stanford White.

BRIEFS.

Few Minor Happenings in and About the City.

—The Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Works has moved from No. 10 South Church street to No. 17 South Poplar street.

-The Mutual Building and Loan Association will mature its 32nd series, of stock the middle of next month. Approximately \$50,000 will be distributed in cash. -Mr. James L. DeLaney yesterday

ot at No. 1002 East avenue. The onsideration was \$1,400. -The organ and choral recital at the Second Presbyterian church to-night will begin promtply at 8:30, 18

A silver collection will be taken. -Her many friends will regreat to learn that Miss Lucy Henderson is seriously ill. She has been re-moved to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment.

-Reserved seats for "Our New Minister," which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Monday night, will go on sale at Jordan's tomorrow morning. -The Thompson Orphanage Guild

will meet in the vestry room of St. Peter's Episcopal church this morning at 11 o'clock. All the ladies who have Odeon tickets for sale will please report. -Rev. Plato T. Durham, pastor

of the Trinity Methodist church, is booked to deliver an address before

some Transfers of City, Suburban and Properties—The Prices

Mr. Thomas H. Rosich has purchased two houses and lets on East Fifth street extension from Mr. C. O. Brown, paying \$1,700 for them.

Mr. A. Morris McDonald yesterday sold a lot on East Fifth street extension to Mr. C. O. Brown for \$400. Mr. W. A. Powell has purchased, for \$325, a tract containing 10 acres

of land in Paw Creek township from Mr. Sam P. Powell. . Mr. Houston J. Brown, of Davidson, has purchased three small tracts of land in Deweese township from Mr.

W. S. Warsham. The tracts contain 36, 23 and 14 acres, respectively, and the price paid for them was \$740. Mr. George F. Steele sold 70 acres of land in Malland Creek township to Mr. John R. Pharr, receiving \$630 for

Mr. W. P. Beam has sold a house and lot on East Fifth street extension to Mr. C. O. Brown for \$1,200. Mr. J. A. Yarbrough yesterday pur-chased through J. E. Murphy & Co. six houses and lots fronting on Poplar street and the railroad, from Mr. Baxter Ross. The consideration was \$3.500.

Mr. Joe R., Brice, of 'Atlanta, Ga., vesterday purchased through J. E. Murphy & Co. a lot on South Mc-Dowell street from Mr. Walter Daidson, paying \$200 for it.

Thomasville News Notes

spectively, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Gentry stated to an Observer reporter last night that his visit to Charlotte at this time was of no particular significance. He expressed himself, however, as highly pleased with the Charlotte district, adding that he and Mr. Brown had found that they could stop over between trains, and hence their visit.

Cigar and News Stand Let.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

Name day: Timothy. Sun rises at 7:08; sets at 4:52.
1781.—The British garrison at Georgetown, S. C. surprised and taken by General Lee.

797 .- At a dinner complimentary to Charles J. Fox, the chairman, the Duke of Norfolk gave as a toast: "Our sovereign's health, the majesty of the people." for which offense he lost all his of-

sold to Mr. V. S. Hunter a house and 1804 .- Congress refused to consider a on sugar, holding that it was unwise to agitate the tariff question

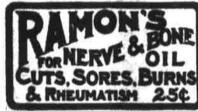
12.—Daniel McDonald died Canajoharie, aged 102. He was a native of Ireland, born in the reign of Queen Anne, and had seen four monarchs on the English throne. He took an early and active part in the revolutionary war, and was possessed of a most remarkable degree of activity, both of body and mind, until the morning he expired.

26 .- It was claimed that the treaty with the Creek Indians last year was procured by illegal means: conflict between the Federal and State governments reopened, and the relations between Clovernor Troup and General Gaines grew warlike. A new treaty was obtained satisfactory to the Indians, by which they relinquished nearly all their land in Georgia. Governor Troup maintained an agitation throughout the year.

1829 .- An Indian war broke out in Arkansas. United States troops ordered to the frontier to protec: the settlers. 834.—William Donnison, an officer of the revolution, died. He was

adjutant and inspector of the Massachusetts militla under Governor Hancock in 1788, which office he held until 1813. play's last engagement in New York. 1854.—The American ship Oneida left Shanghai, China, with 250,-000 pounds of tea, consigned to New York.

1894.—The Democratic income tax. later declared unconstitutional. reported favorably to the House at Washington. Bourke Cockran voting with the Republicans coughs,



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and of cours I am glad Baby liked the Teddy Bear. I can see her hugging it now. That Bear can't hug. By the way, I notice that colds and grip and croup and Pneumonia are around age i. Do not forget to get a bottle of Gowan's Preumonia Cure, if you are out of it. The boys on the load all sing its praises. It is certainly having a big sale. It does the work and you can set a bottle for 25 cents of a big nottle for \$1. There is also a fifty cent size. Be sure to have some on band.

JOHN.

Amusements

Coming Attractions at the Academy

Friday—"The Free Lance."
Jan. 28th—"Our New Minister."
Jan. 29th—"Checkers."
Jan. 30th—"The laing of Tramps.

The management of the Academy announces an extraordinarily attrac-tive event for Friday. A new comic opera by John Philip Sousa is always a matter of interest to the American public, so when we are promised the best and most stirring composition that has ever been evolved by the American "March King" that much hackneyed expression in theatrical parlance "a notable event" it is apt to be justified upon the occasion of the appearance of the Sousa Opera Company in the military comic opera "The Free Lance," which will be presented by Klaw & Erlanger with Joseph Cawthorn as the stellar feature of the original cast, which numbers seventy-five and which includes besides that inimitable comedian such well-known favorites as Nella Bergen, Jeanette Lowrie, Albert Hart, George Tallman, George Schiller, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

The book and lyrics of "The Free Lance" is by Harry B. Smith and is said to be the best that has evolved from his pen since his great success with "Robin Hood." "The Free Lance" is described as being a real comic opera, packed full of dashing and melodious music far above the average of what is heard upon the comic opera stage to-day, and livened with entertaining comedy situations with entertaining comed, and extremely funny dialogue and complications, presenting to the eye beautiful pictures of scenic seitings with entertaining comedy situations and extremely funny dialogue and

"OUR NEW MINISTER." There isn't much to tell about the average country town that Denman is especially gotten out to Thompson and Geo. W. Ryer haven't told in their Hardscrabble comedy. "Our New Minister," which Charlotte sees for the first time on Monday. proposed reduction of the duty Jan. 28. The authors make the town church the scene of their main action, but the springs of human influence they reveal in their story are equally as pertinent to communities that never had a church. Though brimming common to a country town, the play-rights manage to steal into the conover with comic phases of incident sciousness of the auditor a wish for a broader Christianity than prevails in J. N. McCausland & Co. most small communities and settlements. In this play the old pastor is of the old blue-law disciplinary school. The new minister is less severe, more humane, a man more with the help he would extend falls with-out the pale of what narrow tradition says is the circumscribed circle of the duties of a pastor.

"CHECKERS" COMING. "Checkers," the much-written and talked of racing play, is booked for an engagement at the Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 29. "Checkers" is now entering upon its fourth war and its delay in getting here before has been due to the greatness of its popularity enabling it to confine itself a comparatively small radius in the East and so save raffroad fares. The management and the company producing the play, together with the production, are substantially the same in every respect as seen during the

"Checkers" is described as a rattling A SAFE MEDICINE FOR CHILD-

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one of those rare plays which pleases
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in his first season to the veteran approaching his last. No one should
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"THE KING OF TRAMPS."

"THE KING OF TRAMPS." Many new and novel features are promised in the Yankee Doodle comedy. "The King of Tramps." which will be at the Academy next Wednesday. The company is headed by a well-known comedian, who is supported by a cast of well-known players. Including the little singer and ers, including the little singer and dancer, Clyde Long, who has been es pecially engaged to introduce his latest and most novel specialty, "The Scarecrow," so familiar to the little folks who have read of the wonderful adventures of the "Tin Woodman" and "The Scarecrow" in the beautiful story book of "The Wizard of Oz." "The Scarecrow Dance" as done by Mr. Long is pronounced by press and public as being in a class by itself.

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