LAS ENTER INDORSEMENT.

said an Observer man to Mr. J. B. Spence, a well-known young sublican lawyer of the city, yester-

ce of this county has indorsed Mr. W. Smith for postmaster. squeiched or are you running?" am running," said Mr. Spence, as he drew a petition, bearing the names of many leading business men of the city, "as you will see from

There is not a bit of doubt but that the Republican factions of this county are facing each other with shining teeth and quivering lips. Mr. Spence and his friends are after the scalp of Mr. Smith

se who keep informed on political affairs will recall that this same J. B. Spence was about the only outspoken friend that Chairman Adams, of the Republican State executive mmittee, had here in his contest with Blackburn. After a certain stage in that famous fight Spence retired in disgust and remained in statuo He is a quiet, peaceful who makes strong friends wherever he goes. In his effort to get the postoffice he will have the support of many of the best people of the city, Mr. Smith also has friends. His petition is signed by prominent busi-

It is believed here that Chairman Adams will do what he can for Mr. Spence, for it is known that he is not especially stuck on the local organiza-

The indorsement of Mr. Smith by the executive committee of the county caused considerable comment yesterday and some merriment.

Did the Republicans of the Mecklenburg machine do Postmaster Smith a kindness or not, when they met yesterday and indorsed him?"

an observant politician. That is one of the more recent problems of the age," said a news-

paper man.
"It struck me that way. If my memory serves me correctly, Chairman Spencer B. Adams did not have but one friend in this county when he was being followed so closely by the late E. Spencer Blackburn. Now, I want to know if he is expected to urge the President to re-appoint Mr. Smith for the reason that the local machine Republicans have recommended him? Do you recall the struggle here between the Adamsites and the Blackburnites before the last Republican State convention? you do, you will wonder where the Adamites were. "I know that they were not in evi-

dence," said the reporter. You are right about that; that is why I do not see through the indorsement of Mr. Smith by the executive committee. It is said in certain circles tant Adams likes Smith and that Smith coughs every time the State committee calls. The postmas er had

All this is true, but such is life in the Republican party here. I saw was packed.

for postmaster and several fellows, the night the barn was destroyed. here and elsewhere, would like to be installed in that good, soft berth at the United States mint. They tell me that Col. W. S. Pearson, of Morganton, would like to have Col. Pope's You know I have often wondered why the State committee did not import a lot of mountain Republicans into Mecklenburg."

## A BIG MORTGAGE FILED.

Seaboard Files Certified Copy of \$18,-900,000, Mortgage With the Clerk of Court for Mecklenburg County.

An \$18,000,000 mortgage was filed in the office of Clerk of Court J. A.
Russell yesterday, the Seaboard Air
Line Railway Company being the Plans for Brown & Co.'s Apartment mortgagor and the Morton Trust Company and James I. Burke, trustse, the mortgagee. The registration fee amounted to \$33.

sue of \$18,000,000 worth of five per Eighth street. Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, as the instrument itself reads "all College, the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company now owned or hereafter to be constructed or acquired in the States Virginia, North Carolina, South

### SKATING RACE FRIDAY.

To Decide the Championship of Charotto-Two Purses for the Winners.

More than ordinary interest is being manifested in the skating race at the park Friday night. The contest two weeks ago was not regarded by the several contestants as conclusive a professional entering and winning the mile heat. The race Friday night will be limited to residents of Greater Charlotte and will be for the championship. Disinterested and competent judges will be provided with stop-watches in order that the exact time of the mile heat may be secured. An entrance fee of \$1 will be charged each contestant, all of which will go to swell the purse of \$10 offered by the management of the rink. Twothirds of the money will go to the rinner of the race and the remainder to the one finishing second.

Lenoir to Have Water-Works. Mr. J. M. Bernhardt, a well-to-do business man of Lenoir, one of North Carolina's most industrious and provisitor yesterday. He was a guest of the Selwyn Hotel. In talking about the growth of his town he said: "We are preparing to vote on \$80,-000 worth of bonds for water-works and street improvements. The bill street improvements. The bill

is before the Legislature now."
"Where would you bring your water from, Mr. Bernhardt?" was asked mountain stream, eight miles

away, by gravity."

Lenoir has electric lights and with such a water system as it could have be stiended to, will be ready to sub-without much trouble and at verly mit his final report. Mr. Hall stated it would be a most delightful little city.

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IN THE CITY COURT.

In the recorder's court yesterday

and found wanting. Judgment was J. E. Murphy & Co. continued in his case, provided he walk in the paths of righteousness

Will Cansler, a negro, was before the recorder in two cases. He was The Republican executive commit- false pretense, and Tena Ross, who brought the charge, was saddled with lots on the costs in the sum of \$2,75. Cans. \$1,300. ler was found guilty of being a vagrant and fined \$50. He appealed and his bond was fixed at \$100, in default of which he went to jail.

W. L. Elliott, white, was found guilty of being intoxicated beyond the imit of the law and taxed \$10 and

the costs. Fred Ledford, white, for an offense of similar nature, was made to pay a \$10 fine to placate the offended law. John Reaves, white, contributed \$14.35 to the city treasury, the same consisting of a fine of \$10 and the incidental expenses of his trial for

Thus yesterday the mill of the gods did grind.

### LENT BEGINS TO-DAY.

Special Services Commemorative of Ashe, Wednesday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church This Morning and Night.

The Lenten season, which is one of such profound significance to the religious world, or to part of it at least, begins to-day with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The ocdate, a fact occasioned by the correlated one of an earlier Easter.

In observance of the occasion there will be special and appropriate services to-day at St. Peter's Episcopal church. At 11 a. m. the morning prayer, litany, penitential office and ante-communion and sermon will be celebrated. To-night at 8 p. m. celebrated. evening prayer and sermon will make up the service.

Special services will be held at the Episcopal and Catholic churches throughout the Lenten season, which extends over a period of 40 week-days and six Sundays. These will be announced from time to time.

Pythian Big Day Next Tuesday. Pythian Rally Day will be held in Charlotte Tuesday, the 19th of this month. All of the Pythian lodges in this district will be represented, between 50 and 60 visitors being expect-Two sessions will be held, one in the afternoon in Pythian castle hall, at the corner of South Tryon and West Fourth streets, and the other in the Masonic hall in the Pledmont The evening's meeting building. promise to be unusually interesting. A picked team will exemplify third degree work, after which a banquet will be given to the visitors.

A Negro Suspected of Burning Bar. Mr. Vick Bailes, of Pineville, was in the city yesterday. It will be re-He stated, yestseveral nights ago. terday, that his loss amounts to about \$2,000 without any insurance. It is now believed that a negro by the name of Will Foster, who had

one member of the committee, stand- had some trouble with a brother of ing on the sidewalk, a far off, looking Mr. Bailes, last fall, set the fire. Fosthrough the window, yesterday, afraid ter was seen leaving that section of to go in, through for that the meetvarious threats. Some think that he J. B. Spence is still in the race caught a train and went to Salisbury

John Asbury on the Beat Again. Patrolman John Asbury is back on his beat. He looks as hale and as hearty as ever and is the happplest man in town. He will be a good boy the remainder of his natural life. His friends are delighted to see him clad in his uniform, promenading the

streets again. "Where have you been?" asked an bserver reporter of Mr. Asbury yes-

"Ground-hogging," was the reply "Ground-hogging?" "Yes, I came out some time ago, saw my shadow and went back

Houses.

Mr. Leonard L. Hunter, architect, has put the finishing touches on the plans for the two-story flats, which The mortgage provides for the is- Brown & Company will erect on The buildings will cent. 30-year gold bonds due Febru- cost \$25,000 and will combine roomary 1st, 1937, all of which are for the iness with attractiveness of appearpurpose of defraying the cost of im- ange. The new apartments, of which proving and equipping the Seaboard there will be eight, will be furnished Air Line Railway lines in the several in an up-to-date and comfortable Southern States. The security of the way. The buildings will be of brick mortgage is the entire system of the and be located on the northeast side of Eighth street, between Tryon and

Tar Heel Naval Cadets Fall to Pass. The Charlotte friends of Mr. Herron Sloan, of Davidson, will regret to learn that he was unsuccessful in Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Flori- the recent semi-annual examinations at Annapolis and hence, together with two other Tar Heel fourth-class Messrs. Charles C. Julian, of Thomasville, and Jay L. Kerley, of West Durham, will have to resign The Baltimore Sun, of the 10th in stant, contained the announcements of the failure of 35 cadets to pass thes examinations.

American Schooner Ashore.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 12.-The American schooner Agnes Manning, Captain Shepperd, bound from Key West to Fernandina, went ashore in sight of St. John's bars early this morning and is lying in a dangerous condition. The yessel was first sighted by Captain Broward, of the tug Three Friends, who came to this city for hawsers and returned to the scene, hoping to pull the schooner off

More Cotton This Year Than Last. The cotton receipts on the local market to date amount to 14,483 The receipts last year were 13.231 bales or 1,252 less than the number already received here this season to date. This is a very creditable showing, in view of the fact that at one time, during the early part of the fall, the receipts were 3,000 bales behind those last season

The prices as a rule have been good Bankrupt Will About Pay Out.

Mr. H. S. Hall, of the General Fire Extinguisher Company, who was appointed some time ago receiver of the defunct Carolina Plumbing Company, has practically finished his work and as soon as a few small matters may to an Observer reportetr yesterday that the bankrupt firm would likely pay out in full.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

A Number of Small Sales Were Made Two lots on McDowell street be-

onging to Mr. Walter, Davidson, Bave een sold by him to Miss M. Louise Murphy. The sale was made through

Brown & Co. yesterday sold to Dr. E. R. Russell a lot on West Sixth by Jeans although R. H. Je street. The price was \$1,950. Mr. W. H. C. Barclay has bought

from Brown & Co. two houses and lots on Bell alley, the price paid being

Mr. O. L. Ballard has sold a house and lot on East Fifth street to Mr. W. F. Masten. The consideration was \$2,800 and J. E. Murphy & Co. made

Mr. G. H. Bellinger has purchased from the Southern Real Estate, Loan & Trust Company a lot between Try-on and College streets on the Seaboard railroad. The consideration was \$5,000 and the deal was made

through J. E. Murphy & Co.
Mr. R. D. Mooney has sold to
Messrs. L. C. and W. A. Brattain a
town lot in Davidson township, adjoining the lands of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and those of the Southern Railway Company. price was \$1,300. Mr. Osmond Barber, of Lancaster

Howie a tract of land in Providence township for \$800. Mr. D. Baxter Henderson sold a lot

county, S. C., has sold to Mr. W. C.

Pope for \$850. A lot in the third ward belonging to Mr. W. L. Pope has become the property of Thomas H. Lomax, the

price paid being \$340.

Death of Mr. William S. Owens. William S. Owens, aged 22 years, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of his parents. No. 205 West Trade street, after a long illness. Mr. Owens had been confined to his bed for three months, having contracted tuberculosis while in the United States navy a year ago.

The deceased is survived by prother who is at present in the navy, Rufus Owens, and by his parents, Mr. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the home, on

West Trade street, and the interment

will be at Elmwood Land Brings \$2,000 an Acre.

Mr. A Hirsch, of Chicago, has purhased from the Wadsworth and Pegram estate, through the J E. Murphy Company, eight acres of land lying on the Southern between Brevard street and the railroad north of the city. The purchase price was \$16,000 or \$2,000 per acre.

It is understood that a very large manufacturing plant will shortly be erected on this property. While no details can yet be given of the nature of the enterprise, it will be a credit to Greater Charlotte and to

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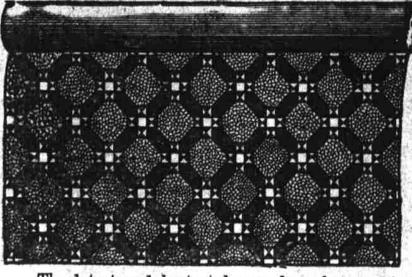
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