Speech by Mr. E. D. Smith, Relative to Establishment of Cooperative Cutton Warehouse—Speaks at Court

It was an exceedingly small audience which greeted Mr. E. D. Smith to Charlotte to present to the farmers of Mecklenburg county in particular. and to the business men, bankers and others interested in the prosperity of the farmers in general, the proposes and the seaffold he turned to the sheriff and sition to establish in Charlotte a cot- asked to be allowed to pray. ton warehouse under the auspices of prayed aloud for five minutes. Rev. the Southern Cotton Association, to S. C. Hatcher then offered a prayer, be owned by the cotton growers. In his speech last night Mr. Smith dis-fell six feet to the end of the rope. cussed the situation of the cotton There was a rebound, a snap of the grower of the South past and present. rope and the condemned man struck He showed the adsolute necessity of the hard floor beneath. The crowd organization to accomplish anything was horror-stricken. Hill got up and in the way of bettering the conditions asked that the straps be removed of the Southern farmer. Too long, from about his legs, that he might he said, has the Northern speculator walk up the steps to the death trap. trampled at will upon the helpless This was done, and another rope ad-cotton grower, who has borne all the justed about his neck. Hill was toll of producing the staple at a price asked if the first attempt at hanging which barely permits subsistence, and had hurt much, and replied that it upon which in turn the speculator had not. Without ceremony, the reaps a rich profit.

It covered the situation adequately, time he lay unconscious, and in 15 dealt with it carnestly and understand- minutes the physician pronounced ingly and the discriminating English him dead. which it was delivered.

North Carolina Division of the Cotton place, burning Grubb alive. Association, asked for some expression of opinion from those present on the proposed enterprise. Mayor Mc-Ninch responded first. He expressed said he knew Charlotte well enough not to be discouraged by this. He expressed approbation of the movement of the farmers. A number of others responded in similar vein. It was moved and carried that a committee of business men he appointed to report on the proposition outlined at some subsequent meeting. This comregret at the small attendance, but

Though he came to Charlotte yesterday he was called back to Concord on business and will be unable to speak to-day.

The warehouse plan, as outlined by Mr. Smith, is a cooperative affair, Mr. Pierce.
"What was the understanding among the "What was the "What wa county president has charge of the cotton deposited, issues receipts, uses the cotton as collateral, or acts as the agent of the association in any capacity open to the agent of a corporation which meets with the pleasure of the county association. In short it is designed that the middleman's profit shall go to the cotton growers themselves. Mr. Smith hopes that in a short time every county in the State will be organized

COLONIAL CONCERT GIVEN.

Young Ladies of Presbyterian College tumes and the Concert a Success.

Singing Maidens." abundance of electric lights.

The vocal duet of Misses Ramsay North Carolina, and Abernethy was indeed a tale of bringing forth much applause. The take charge of the property. "quarrell" by the two wicked sisters, Misses Harding and Cranford, with Miss Rozzelle, was one of the features bright and attractive Miss Margaret piled with. Morris' interpretation of the Lizst Rhapsodie was worthy of special mention, being rendered in a most The "Hondo," on organ and plane, by Misses liamsay and McIntosh, was greatly enjoyed "Annie Laurie" by Misses Wade, Ramsay, McIntosh, and Cranford was Bill to Investigate Discrimination heartily encored. The two musical solos, the one from "Freischatz" by Must Miss McIntosh and the other "A Song tion of Spring" by Mos Wads were gemy an in the of that fine work while Sousa's "Two President to Biepping Horns" made a very low-me tariffs to be finale to this delightful entertainment

JOE WINCHESTER WINS \$10. He Out Skated the Field and Got the Prize.

The one mile skate for the champlonship of Charlotte, and the \$10 prize, took place at the park promptly at 9 45 ast might Cod Petiers had quite a hard time getting the racers to start together. After four folse happen during the face occurred to small party of cabin passengers. Mr. Carl Zirbex He had two falls, the second one causing him to abandon the race when nearly a lap ahead. Prank Johnson and Eghert Hunter, A Few Minor Happenings in and also quit early in the game, and left the field clear for Joe Winchester, who fought it out to the bifter end, lot at 401 East Sixth street. and finished in the order named. Col. Peters is determined to have

He says that he has the great Levele ample providen for white and colored foreman. slack wire artist, engaged for next patrons week. Levelo will appear every evenaffices on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 3-30, for the ladies and children.

A New Auto Company. The Raleigh Times of Thursday

had the following news item: A charter was granted to-day to the Charlotte Motor Car Company at Charlotte. The company has an au- Store last evening, taxing the seating therized capital stock of \$10,000, but capacity of the house to the limit. will begin business with \$2000, the chares to be \$50 each. Incorporators are: A. Burwell, Jr., 56 shares; J. H. Phelps, two shares, and R. S. Hutchinson, two. The object of the company is to buy and self automobiles, confuct a repair shop and keep a warese for the storing of machinery."

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DEATH ROPE SNAPPED TWICE. SEEK MADDEN'S "DISBARMENL" GIFT TO UNIVERSITY VIRGINIA. vo Negroes Executed at Parmville, Va., the Second Dying Only After Two Ropes Had Parted With His Weight.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—Jesse Ruffin, aims William Ruffin, and Massie Hill, alian Massie Jackson.

trap was sprung the second time. The audience which heard Mr. The rope broke again, sending Hill Smith was charmed with his speech, heavily to the floor beneath. This

in which it was expressed comported On June 5, 1906, Hill and Ruffin well with the eloquent manner in shot and mortally wounded John Grubb, the aged storekeeper and At the close of the meeting last postmaster of Tuggles, and, after night President C. C. Moore, of the robbing the premises, set fire to the

OIL OFFICIAL ON STAND.

Vice President of Waters-Pierce Co. Principal Witness in Bailey Case

port on the proposition outlined at some subsequent meeting. This committee will be appointed to-day.

There will be another meeting to-day at 1 o'clock at the county court house at which Mr. Smith will speak. This will probably be a large meeting, as the farmers from the country will be able to attend.

Mr. J. P. Allison, of Concord, was scheduled to speak at both meetings.

Mr. Finlay stated that he was made president when the company was reorganized in February, 1960. He remained president until May, 1901, when Mr. Pierce again became president. The witness did not know anything about the report that Pierce had been restored to the presidency by the Standard Oil Company because of so-called political influence exercised by him in Texas.

Questioned as to a \$1.500 voucher marked "Henry and Stribbling, account of Texas cases." Mr. Finlay admitted approving the voucher.

reving the voucher.

As to a telegram bearing the notation "sight drawn by J. W. Balley," he said the writing was his, but he could find no record of the transaction in his files. He tild of several visits Mr. Balley paid the offices of the company in 1900 to see

"What was the understanding amons the officials and higher employes of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company as to the rower, or influence by which the containt's troubles in Texas were overcome and the company permitted to continue in Texas" asked Mr. Cocke. "I do not know other than that Judge Johnson and Mr Plerse came to Texas and made a satisfactory settlement," replied the witnesss.

MR. D. H. BLAIR RECEIVER.

Winston-Salem Man Will Settle Affairs in Andrews Bankruptcy Case -Argument in District Court. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. Give Splendid Entertainment-Cos- Judge Boyd, in the United States District Court here to-day, counsel The colonial concert, which has argued a motion to dismiss a rebeen looked forward to so long, was straining order in the ecase of Archer given in the Presbyterian College last G. Olmstead, et al., vs. R. L. Wila large audience by "Ye liams, et al. The order and motion the conferees in Congress, abolish aidens." These three-score were discussed at length by ex-Judge the Oriental schools and again admit young ladies, garbed in quaint cos-tumes of "ye olden days" with pow- of Morganton, for the defendants, dered hair and strange manners, were and Messrs, J. T. Perkins and W. A. strikingly beautiful. The stage was Erwin, of Morganton, for the surance that if the bill is not passed decorated with potted plants and an plaintiffs. The contest is over a at this session of Congress an extra large tract of timber land in western

Mr. D. H. Blair, of Winston-"true love and simple faith" and ren- Salem, has been appointed by Major with fine expression Misses Alexander to be receiver for Mr. E. Wade and McIntosh sang an old time M Andrews, who yesterday filed a favorate, "I know a bank" and their voluntary petition in bankruptcy fine, clear voices blended perfectly, Mr Blair arrived here to-day to

Two Negroes Hanged in Kentucky. Barbourville, Ky., Feb. 15 .- Justice of the evening. The orchestral num- Fitzgerald, a negro, was executed bers, played by Mrs. Fisher, the Misses, here to-day for the murder of Mrs. Stewart and Carr on the violins, and Robert Broughton, in August last. Miss Nurenberger on the drum, with Fitzgerald's request that the black cap plane accompaniment, were especially be not put over his face was com-

> Eddyville, Ky., Feb. 15 -- Ben Huffaker, a negro, was hanged here today. Huffaker, while a convict in the penitentiary here, murdered B. Shirley, a fellow convict.

Against American Tobacco.

Washington, Feb. in Representative Most f Marshmil, introduced a resolu-tion in the House to day providing for the discrimination Dr Fisher's "Soldier Musick" on the marinst American tobacco in foreign big organ, was a mosterly presentation markets though what is called the of that fine work while Sousse's "Toeveteni, and er on the goods of which discriminate against

> Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 15 .- Gov. ernor Comer to-day approved the bill reducing passenger railroad rates in Alabama from three cents to two and one-half cents, and the law goes into effect in 60 days.

100 Marines Sail for Cuba. Newbort News, Va., Feb. 15 .- The starts they were off in a bunch. The army fransport Sumner sailed to-day only accident of any consequence to for Cuba, taking 100 marines and a

About the City.

-Mrs. Anna Oppenhelm and Mr. The Star, Col. Will A. Peter's new moving picture show, will open on some extra sitractions at the park | East Trade street to-day. There is

-Miss Louise Bradley and Miss ing at 9:20 and give special perform- Dorcas Holland, of the Little-Long derical force, will give up their work to-day to become eashiers at the news and cigar stands of Dr. Ike Hirshberg at the Central and Buford Hotels,

> The Columbia Graphophope Concert. A packed house greeted the management of the "Golden Harp" Music The sudience was an attentive one and seemed to thoroughly enjoy every number on the programme. was varied and attractive. The Charlotte Music Company have done much to popularize the Graphophone, Charlotte, having given many of these free concerts" from time to time.

Adopts Resolution Declaring Third Assistant Postmaster General In-efficient to Hold Office.

St. Paul, Feb. 15,-The Minnesote Editorial Association to-day passed several resolutions, among them beat the Academy of Music last night, both negroes, were hange din Prince several resolutions, among them be-Edward county jail at Farmville to-ing one in which the association day. Ruffin was hanged first, and pledged itself to work for the "dis-with him to the end. Mr. Smith came ing one in which the association barment" of Third Assistant Post-master General Madden, "who had proved himself inefficient to hold of-

> The resolution with reference to Mr. Madden also provides all evidence as to Madden's inability be collected and submitted to President Rooseveit, that if he sees fit, the Third Assist-ant may be removed. The resolu-tions also say that the association will do everything in its power to fight the second-class postage bill now pending in Congress and "to confer with our Senators and Representatives to have them fight the measure.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- Mr. Madden was shown the dispatch from St. Paul calling for his "disbarment" and declaring he had proved inefficient in

"I suppose," said he, "that the advocates of the resolution want my official head. Just why, I do not know, unless it is because I have advocated the placing of all printed matter in one class and the charging of a specific rate for its transmission through the mails. It is extremely difficult to administer the law respectjng such matter as it now stands and do absolute justice to the government and everybody else. My own belief is that it would be much better simply to classify all such matter as 'printed' and let the fact that it is 'printed' determine its classification and the rate at which it may be transmitted through the mails."

MEMBERS OF "BLACK HAND."

Eighteen Italians Captured Near Pittston, Pa., Held on Various Charges -Constabulary Guarding Homes

Near Scene of Arrests. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 15 .- Eighteen of the 23 Italians captured at Brownton, near Pittston yesterday, were to-day held on the several charges which have been preferred against them. The hearing was held in the corridors of the county prison at which time there was unfolded a tale of robbery, attempted murder, and general terrorism that proved astounding to those unfamiliar with the actions of the "Black Hand" element in the upper end of this coun-Witnesses gave evidence that the order had a membership of more than was the desire of the company to give 500, with branches at Buffalo, Rochester, New York City, Scranton, Wilkesbarre and a half dozen other

The State constabulary is maintaining a constant guard about the homes of some of the families near Brownton to prevent them from being intimidated or spirited away.

MAY CALL AN EXTRA SESSION.

President and Secretary Root Assure Frisco Delegation That This Will be Done if the Immigration Bill is Not Passed.

Washington, Feb. 15.-The San Francisco school controversy, growing will, immediately after the passage of the immigration bill as reported by Japanese children into the white schools. The President and Secretary Root gave the San Franciscans assession will be akilled Immediately after the adjournment on March 4.

FUNERAL IS INTERRUPTED.

Autopsy to be Held Upon Body of Woman Said to be Principal Owner of the Barrios Diamond Co.'s Business.

New York, Feb. 15 .- The funeral of Mrs. Minerva Mann, said by the police to be the principal owner of the Barrios Diamond Company's bustness, was interrupted to-night upon the order of the coroner and a representative of the district attorney's office Mrs. Mann, who was 55 years of age, and lived in West 69th street, died Monday. Relatives later alleged that money and valuables aggregating \$15,000 in value, which had been left by Mrs. Mann were in custody of others than the rightful heirs. The coroner ordered an autopsy to be made upon the body to-morrow.

BIG CARPET CO. EMBARRASSED.

Philadelphia Concern Suffers Because of Tentative Subscribers to Stock Falling to Pay for It. Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Counsel for

the James Dunlap Carpet Company, which operates large mills in this ity, announced to-day that the company is temporarily embarrassed. It was stated that in round figures the habilities are \$600,000, and that it is xpected the assets will be largely in xires of that sum. The reasons for the embarrassment, counsel said, are he failure of tentative subscribers to the company's stock to pay for it and the fact that James Dunlap, the president of the company, "had run up against the jute trust."

This was pay day at the mills and the company met its obligations to its

Reported Riot Not so Serious. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 15 .- The Vaughn Construction Company to-day received a report from their railroad camp near Thaxton, Va., where a race war Joe Ponella, and F. A. Martin, Jr. H. Oppenheim bought the house and was reported last night, snowing that the trouble was not nearly so serious as at first thought. The extent of the shooting, it was said, was the wounding of a white laborer by a The head of the firm left Rosnoke with a new foreman and carried along some detectives. The officers will remain at the camp for some days as a precautionary measure.

Body of Senboard's President In-

terred at Baltimore. Baltimore, Feb. 15 .- The body of Alfred Walter, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, who died last Tuesday in New York, was last Tuesday in New York, was brought to Baltimore to-day and interred in Greenmount Cemetery. A party of Mr. Walter's friends were waiting at the union station. With were several of the dethe body ceased's relatives.

Wife Killed by Husband. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 15,-A spe-

cial from Cliesa, says: John McEnnis shot and killed his In Part It May.

Louisville Courier-Juornal.

"The girl-wife has a mobile face," says one of the reporters. That may account for the dissimilarity of the 66,587 published photographs.

Some account has and silied his wife to-day, and although he claims it was an accident, he was remanded to jail without ball. He says when he laid a parior rifle on a trunk it was accidentally discharged, killing the woman instantly.

meion.—Biotroy of Exprengment in Presentis.
Chariotteveille, Va., Feb. 18.—John Armstrong Chanler, brother of Lieut. Governor Chapler, of New York, has admitted to record in the Albemaric country clerity edites a deed conveying in his "Merry Millie" estate, near Coh-ham, containing 400 acres. to the University of Vigitine, to secure a home for such redired professors cot the University as the board of Visitions may designate. In the preamble of the University as the board of Visitions and seed and the second country clerity of the second country clerity clerity of the second country clerity cl Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 15.-John

for the first of the Explosion, Children Fatally Injured—Husband Had Placed Three Sticks of the Explosive in Oven to Thaw.

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Zeller, the wife of John Zeller, of Annville, near here, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at her home to-day and to for the control of dynamite at her home to-day and to for the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home to dynamite at her home to-day and the control of dynamite at her home Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Zeller, the wife of John Zeller, of Annville, near here, was instantly killed by an explos-ion of dynamite at her home to-day and school children in that city, has been settled. The basis of the agreement reached at the White House conference to-day is that Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board will, immediately after the passage of neglecting to tell his wife that the dyna-The explosion must have been terrific

as the fiesh was torn from Mrs. Zeller's body in several places and two great holes were blown in her side and back.

AUTO CRASHES · INTO BRIDGE. One Man Killed and Another Se-

verely Hurt. Wellsboro, Pa., Feb. 15.—Hiram Pick-ering, of Tioga, was killed and Dr. S. P. ering, of Tioga, was killed and Dr. S. P. Hakes was severely hurt to-day in an automobile accident on a bridge over the Elkhorn creek Pickering and Dr. Hakes, who is president of the Orange National Bank, at Tioga, were making a sharp turn in the road to take the approach to the bridge, when an axle on the motor car broke. The machine crashed into the bridge rail. Pickering was thrown over the abutment and fell on his head. He died without regaining consciousness Dr. Hakes escaped with

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was thrown over the abutment and fell on his head. He died without regalning on his head. He died without regalning consciousness Dr. Hakes escaped with several contusions.

Mrs. Bradley Indicked for Murder in the First Degree.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Annie Bradley to-day was indicted for murder in the first degree for the shooting of former Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah, at the Raleigh Hotel, in this city, on the 8th of last December, causing his death on December 13. Mrs. Bradley probably will be arraigned under the indictment some time next week. Her trial will not take place for perhaps two months. She is in the district jail.

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THE ELEVATOR BOY.

og been dolne to-day?" The night watchman, who had a was addressing the elevator hop.

but a night watchman would ever ask a question like anything been doing to-day? The night watchman, who had just come in, was addressing the elevator how.

"Nobody but a night watchman would ever ask a question like that," answered the boy. "Why don't you oil the wheels in your think machine and think a little?" continued the boy. "This shop, including the Dilworth shop and foundry, has close on to two hundred of the best mechanics in the Piedmant. There are pattern makers, moulders, blacksmiths, machinists, to say nothing of elevator boys, apprentices and night watchmen. These have all been putting in full time to-day—that is, all except the night watchmen. The wheels have been turning all day and yet you walk in here and ask if anything's been doing to-day. Why, man alive are you asleep and dreaming before you get on duty,—"Shut up right now," said the watchman, apprity. "I want was

"Shut up right now," said the watchman, angrity. "I want you boys to stop talking of my sleeping on duty."

"There you are again," said the boy, "I never said you elept en duty. In fact, I never suspected that you sleep on duty, because I know what you sleep on. You sleep on a pile of shavings in the pattern shen."

"Shut up now," said the watchman.

"But you wanted to know if anything was doing."

"Then why don't you tell me?" continued the watchman.

"Well, if you'll just wake up for three minutes I'll try to give you plans and specifications of what we've been doing this day. We've handled a big Coriss engine breakdown. The fragments came in here early this morning and it's a rush job. I hauled up some good big pieces and the superintendent of the mill came with the job and he's a fussy man. Said 420 folks was put idle and could get no wages till this job was finished. I expect they'll be working on it to-night—that will interfere with your slumbers, won't it?"

"I don't slumber at night," broke in the watchman.

"So you don't, I forgot that," said the boy. Then he went on. "We shipped out four reels, a lot of cotton seed oil repair stuff, twenty or thirty pulleys, a waste cleaning machine for a mill up North, some dobbies to a mill in Philadelphia, and a whole lot of stuff besides."

"Here's your bed room floor," said the boy, as the elevator reached the third.

The watchman got off and as he walked away he said, "I believe you are going to be a worse boy than Billy was."

The boy smiled and reversed the elevator to go back down.

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