ht that I de anny of any pare sich binds men and prohibits pation in government ac ir convictions. It is the nny to which a young man man can be subject. As a I protest against any system ion that permits the young mariotte to be oppressed by insue, whether that issue be on or the election of Re-

iterance from the lips of well, delivered with all the h his firmness of conviction age could impart to it, he keynote of the senti-the men in mass meeting I in the Academy of Music It was in every sense a gathering of men with conand courage to speak and them. The entire first floor ditorium was filled and the were not unoccupied. Ladies he occasion with their pres-The occasion was the last Let's reason about it.' tes of mass meetings of the "There can be no a Men's Municipal League. NE SPEECHES MADE BY

THOUGHTFUL MEN.

e meeting was spicy and interest-from start to finish. Speeches und Messrs, Armistead Burwell, ag to end. There were no icy. truisms spoken, no appeals to icy. Do not misunderstand me. dice, but every speech was the man goes before me in my respect for of a man who has thought and men of that calling. My father was ng what he thinks. The interest one of them. But I do say that that is e audience is reflected in the fact at the close of the meeting it man I object to." rcely diminished perceptibly The Woodmand band dised inspiring music before the

END TO EXERCISE RIGHTS. T. C. Guthrie opened the meetexpressing his pride at being upon to preside over a meeting interests of an organization hoped to accomplish much for ew city. "It has come to pass," id, "that the men in Mecklencounty and the men in Charwho have the right to a say so ernmental affairs, have got to ingly. pal League was formed to fur- government organized to handle the

sung blood into the city ment and take it out of the ru to which it had fallen. We won, Our ayor took charge actively and many the advantages we enjoy to-day are he result of the reforms he wrought The great objection then was the probem of the races. Turn which way one might the tyranny of the paramount

ssue stared one in the face. Others have come and gone since then. We have had the paramountcy of free silver, where men were told that if they did not bow to that they were outside the pale. I denounce any such tyranny. We have got rid of the negro, the prohibition question and all the others. Let us lay aside factional strife and blckering and work together to make the Queen City the Queen City of the South in fact as well as in name .In the past we have had an army whose banner proclaimed, 'I am right and you are an immoral fool.' Let us rewhile every man in the audi-listened carefully and applauded this inscription, 'You may be right.

"There can be no true progress if abuse and suspicion are to abide with us always. And let me say this: I deny the right any one, even though they be ministers of the Gospel who come down out e ftheir pulpit, to suggest made by Chairman T. C. Guth- that some men, whom this people have seen filt to nominate, will not Tompkins, Rev. George Page, enfore the prohibition law which A. McRae and Crawford D. they must solemnly swear to enforce. enfore the prohibition law which Not a speech there was (Cheers) simply because they do not a did not quiver with life from approve of that law as a public pol-

MR. TOMPKINS SPEAKS.

No speech was better received than the one which followed, by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, who was introduced as one whom many had desired should be the new city's first mayor. He said:

MR. TOMPKINS' ADDRESS. "It has come to be a serious question whether the municipal form of

government most in vogue in America is an average good one. There are political economists who think that it is a very bad one. There are numerous cases where American cities have gone into bankruptcy and have had chance to exercise that right. to give up altogether the ordinary rd this movement as one of American form of municipal governost important that has origi- ment in order to get on their feet in this city in the nine years again. Memphis once went broke, been a citizen of it. (Cheers). and the first step towards reconstrucws that the people intend to tion of the finances and government ise their right to participate in of the city was, a new and special stairs, to name the candidates kind of government. The city of avor, to consider and study the Memphis was abolished and the taxmunicipal situation and to vote ing district of Shelby county was re-

The Business Men's established in its place. The special al League was formed to fur-method and a means by such opinions may be ex-(Cheers). useless to cry us down with of negro, or liquor, because thing of the past. We can-such of the city of Mobile also got method and a means by taxing district of Shelby county made such opinions may be ex- a success of the work of reconstruct-

I if we could have had a pr ssional mayor in charge of the afand responsible for results to he city

A DIFFERENCE IN MEN.

"Nothing could be further from my urpose than to make any imputation gainst the personality of any of our oards of aldermen for the last five ears. Men who are individually capable and individually in all respects honest and honorable, nevertheless, may colectively make an inefficient interests.

"I concur with what Judge Burvell has said and I concur also in the the ministers of the city getting downinto the political arena. Temporal

government is not a function, of Himself laid down the rule about keeping separated the things that are Christ's and the things that are Caesar's. If the concern of the ministers is prohibition and prohibition won't live in the hands of good government treif candidates put out by the Business Men's Municipal League ticket are put forward for the municipal interest

and with special reference not only to their individual capacities and honesty, and also with reference to

their independent situation in being free to work for the city and nothing but the city. Many of the opposing candidates may be better men /indi-vidually, but the old organization has not seemed to be co-operative one for the city's interest, and the results of having no pavements, no adequate water-works, and other deficiencies, would seem to justify the apprehenboard as a body would lead to further

lation grows. "I want to repeat, that nothing I say shall be construed to be a personal criticism against any of the gentlemen of the old board or any others who may be running in opposition to the ticket of the Business Men's Municipal League. Put on men who have other than the obligation to run the city as a business proposition."

A MINISTER HEARD FROM.

as of the tutional a and avoided at least ten years itical corruption. The man who buys a tote cannot go uncriticized any more han the man who sells his vote. Both n law and morals are guilty of wrong

WHAT THE LEAGUE STANDS FOR. "The Municipal League stands for purity in politics, It says that the high-er the plane upon which you can pitch your political battles the better will be the people who participate; the bet-ter the people who participate the better the people who participate the bet-ter will be the officers. Just as water board, because many of the members may place a particular interest or a particular cause or cult ahead of the ordinary material welfare of the city. The whole board is made incapable of the direction of the city. The whole board is made incapable of the control of the city. The whole board is made incapable of the city. The whole board is made incapable of the city. The whole board is made incapable of the city. co-operating for the interests of the on the Municipal League ticket for city because of these members who alderman in Ward 3, announced are led by special causes and pecial publicly a few days ago that he would give \$500 for the conviction of any

personfor the purchase of or sale of a vote in the present election and reverance with which he spoke, about that if convinced that he was elected by bought votes he would resign the office. Inspire every office seeker and every voter with such high purposes Christs' ministry and Christian civ-ilization has advanced in proportion as religion and government have been separated and kept apart. The Master our people.

"In religion and morals the progress of the world is onward and upward. So flet it be in politics. Let us climb year by year to higher political ground, Let Charlotte, the birth place of then it ought not to live. I have no American independence, be a place concern but that under good govern- where our best men seek and are ment prohibition will take care of chosen to office. Let them be men tself. I am of opinion that all the broad enough to enforce the law as written whether it embodies or opposes their personal views.

ARRAIGNS FINANCIAL MAN-AGEMENT.

"Politics," declared Mr. Crawford D. Bennett, "means or is supposed to mean, pertaining to the State or the people. ' Of jate it has had a mora restricted meaning. Tricks have been resorted to to further special objects. There should be no immunity from investigation into public financies. I was asked to talk on the future of the city to-night, but I can't get much of a grasp on the future. I am going to sion that the continuance of the old tell you some things I have discovered about our finances. I find that confusion in the city's finances and six years ago Charlotte, then an infurther deficiency in the improve-ment of the municipality as the popu-house, with graded schools, with a

city hall, with street cars, with pure water, with policemen, with a recorder, and with a mayor, owed \$400,-000. I find that we are to-day, six years later, with no improvements on our streets except some dirt that we have to sprinkle water on in summer to keep from blowing away, with not

Washington, April 13 .- The Navy epartment to-day received from mmander Doyle, of the United ates gunboat Chicago, which is in acific Waters off Central America, an important dispatch relative to plans for a conference between Pres-ident Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and Fig-uera, of Salvador, looking to the set-tlement of the Nicaragua-Honduras-Salvador war. The dispatch was sent to the State Department and there followed a conference, between Asfollowed a conference between Assistant Secretary Bacon and Ministe Corea, of Nicaragua. Commander Doyle stated that General Sierra, of Honduran provisional governthe ment, whch was set up by Honduras revolutionists after the defeat and flight of President Bonilla as the result of his several engagements with the Nicaraguan forces, is to be com-

mandant of Anapala. The conference between Presidents Zelaya and Figurea will take place at Amapala, or on board a United States. gunboat to be anchored at Amapala. The fact that a Honduran general, who was one of the candidates of the revolutionists for the presidency against Bonilla, is to be in command at Amapala during the conference is regarded here as at least a partial recognition of the provisional government set up after the rout of the Honduran forces. If this proves to be true a settlement of the dispute, it believed, will be easily accomplished at the coming conference. When the Doyle dispatch was sent Amapala had not fully completed its surrender. There were Salvadorean troops in Amapala and in regard to these it has been agreed that they should be permitted to embark for La Union, Salvador, taking with them

all officers, private property and side arms. The fact that there were Salvadorean troops there makes it impossible for Salvador to disguise further the fact that this country was an ally of Honduras and actually at war with Nicaragua. It was said further that arrangements are now being made for the election of a constitutional President in Honduras.

SHIPPERS' DESPATCH COMPANY.

A New Organization Which Will Begin Business May 1st.

Mr. W. G. Crutchfield, the agent of the Southern Railroad at Greensboro, was in Charlotte yesterday. He has resigned his present position, his resignation to take effect May 1st, when he will take the management of a new organization, the Cotton Goods Shippers' Despatch, which will begin with that date. It is composed of a large not got any other strings tied to them a single new building. Instead of the number of the manufacturers and good pure water, there has been es- shippers of the State and its business tablished over on the west of town a will be to trace and handle cotton miserable little water station not big gods shipments in and out and to look enough to run the Highland Park Mill after other traffic matter. A member

A Card of Thanks.

We desire to express to the members

of the city fire department and to any

others who may have helped, our sin

cere appreciation and thanks for sav-

ing our home at 321 East Avenue

yesterday afternoon when the large

A Card to the Public.

Apropos of the Fire.

Commissioner Yerkes Resigns.

Snow at Nashville, Tenn,

Ohio Fruit Crop Damaged.

from farmers in central Ohio are that

the fruit crop has been badly damaged

by the cold weather of last night. To-

day it snowed and a freeze to-night is

Severe Frost at Wichita, Kan.

Wichita, Kan., April 13 .- Small and

large fruit and gardens in Kansas

were injured last night by frost. It is

Mrs. W. H. Howse, of New York, is spending several days in the city with friends.

believed the loss will be heavy.

predicted.

Columbus, O., April 133 .- Reports

Nashville, Tenn., April 13 .- Snow

To the Editor of The Observer:

MISSES HOLTON.

W. S. ORR, Chief.

A TAX PAYER.

Finger was burned.

To the Pulley-holders and Agents of the Equila-Life immunce has passed through another. The volume at business in 1906 was diminished this, much has been accomplished that is enco The total assets of the Society on January 1

176,214.84, and on January 1, 1904, aggregated \$434.55

The payments to policy-nolders during 1900 were Of this sum \$7,289,734.91 was paid in divides holders.

In 1904 the policy-holders received 70.4 per cent. dollar disbursed by the Society to 29.6 per cent. used and taxes; in 1905 they received 74.65 per cent. to paid out for all other purposes; and in 1906 out of e disbursements 80 per cent, went to policy-holders, w per cent was expended for the conduct of the busine a reduction of about one-third in the expense of admi total disbursements. Still further improvement along be the endeavor.

The ratio of expense to premium income was 24.43 1904 and 22.60 per cent. in 1905; this was reduced to cent. in 1906, a decrease in ratio of 20.8 per cent. from 1 per cent. from 1905.

The ratio of the Society's total expenses to its total in 19.2 per cent. in 1904 and 17.38 per cent. in 1905; this was to 14:48 per cent. in 1906, a saving of 25.4 per cent. fr and 16.7 per cent. better than 1905.

The Soclety loaned during 1906 to its policy-holders, policies \$17,969,165.76. The loans made on Real Estate amounted to \$14,542,412.50. On Bonds in which the S legally invest it loaned \$13,350,000, the market value of the being at all times 20 per cent, in excess of the loans.

The income of the Society from its interest and \$1,909,373.39 greater in 1906 than in 1905. The average interest yielded by the Society's investments which an 3.90 per cent. In 1904, was 4.03 per cent. in 1995 and 4.26 in 1906, This increase in income from investments has complished without the sacrifice of a single point of safet

THE EQUITABLE SOCIETY HAS NEVER, SINCE ISTENCE, BEEN IN BETTER FINANCIAL CONDITION AT THE PRESENT TIME. ITS ASSETS WERE NEVER SECURELY INVESTED. With a surplus, including amount awaiting apportionment upon deferred dividend policies, 720,332.74, policy-holders and prospective patrons of the can be absolutely assured of its impregnable financial st make every contract good.

Messrs, Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants, fied the Society's statement of receipts and disbursements year 1906 and have certified the financial condition of th as of December 31, 1906. A copy of their report will be upon request to any one interested.

The Society is complying squarely with the spirit and t of the new insurance laws of the State of New York, and the insuring public the new standard policies prescribed laws, safeguarded by unquestioned security and backed termination on the part of its Directors and Officers to so the Equitable Life Assurance Society that it will continue mend itself to present policy-holders and command the patr insurance buyers.

PAUL MORTON,

Pres

Information concerning the New York State standard gladly furnished on application.

halted the people in this campaign. should elect the subordinate city. "After the destruction of the city of to that effect? Why not leave ermen you elect to perform the ns with which you have legally ed them

DGE BURWELL SPEAKS.

"I trust," he said, "that spoken by me or by any of hers who shall speak to-night prosperity or the true s of the new city which is

situation to-night is somecullar. I was interested in ness in a business way. g the extension of the city and member of the committee drafted the provisions and prethem to the board of aldertherefore declined the honor ting to you, thinking that I do little good in this time. I consider a crisis in the life city. Later I felt it to be my come here to speak in bethe new city which I helped I am here not to stir up ut to quell it. I am here beis free people to advocate the ercise of our judgment; to say come when the people should go to the polls for whom they think best for the guarding and the adof the interests of the people

ars ago I was a member of ago I was a member of band whose members or a dispensary. I am a prohito this extent: I believe in enforcement of every law statute book. Rigid, at any far as the arraignment of for trial is concerned. ter as I do the frailty of hu-I cannot advocate rigid on of law.

IBITION NOT AN ISSUE. I do not think that prohibi-

into this campaign. In I do not believe that d can be induced to sign for an election on the whispeople have too much le in Charlotte have had of strife. Besides, I know as that in no possible way can on question come before of aldermen.

tempt, too, has been made personal issue in this camdecide upon a candiby his intention or his on to vote for Shannonorder. I am a Shannon-I have said it in private it in public, that I believe it recorder has rendered

No Pure Drug Cough Cure be needed, if all Cough to Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure en for 20 years. The Na-now requires that if any into a cough mixture, it ed on the label or package. Son mothers, and others, on having Dr. Shoop's No poison marks on Dr. -and none in the medicine. y law be on the label. And safe, but it is said to be know it begt, a truly re-

with a cry of liquor into tangles of finances and governthat question is not an issue ment confusion which made it necessary for the people to abolish the city in their wisdom have of Mobile and re-establish in its place question. Again, the the Port of Mobile under a special n of the election of subordinate form of government different from

seemed hopelessly people surrendered their city charter an destablished a new form of government under five commissioners. One commissioner was put in charge re Burwell was the first speaker of each department, and the chairman of the board of commissioners,

> dermen and none of the usual connecessary to attend to the city's busi-GALVESTON'S EXPERIENCE

government by a special, "City commission has been phenominally you

successful in Galveston. Galveston is now in better shape than she ever was men. The plan of a small commismanager of the department of a city has produced results which have not only been gratifying and successful in Galveston, but surprising to all the people who know about it. The newspapers tell that many other cities in Texas and the Southwest generally, have either adopted the Galveston commission plan of handling a city in a business way, or are considering the adoption of the plan. We all know

that corruption and incompetence are far more common in American cities ducting the government of American ing natio municipalities. In Germany the bus- by the iness of running a city is a profession. It requires a course of special education and training to qualify a man lot even to begin the business of undertaking city government, just as in this country it requires a special course of education and training to qualify a man to begin the practice of law or

the practice of medicine. There, young man when he feels himself and run the affairs of the city.

GOOD LEAD TO FOLLOW.

"The deficiency in our American system lies largely in the fact that the voting population don't sufficiently upon some other qualification that of business capacity to handle the city's business. I am inclined to the opinion that it might be a very good thing for Charlotte to follow the lead of Gal-veston and abolish the board of alder-men altogether and re-establish in its place a commission to run the city, and of having the very few commis-sioners selected for their capability to attend to the business of the city and nothing else. Pending such a change,

DANGERS OF PNEUMONIA. cold at this time if neglected is lin to cause pneumonia which is so ofter 1 and even when the patient has re

20 years. I stand here without a collar around my neck or a string tied to me. I labored to drive the saloons from Charlotte and if the question was up again I would work night and day to has been injected into this the ordinary American municipal keep them out. But I cannot concede n. If it was desired that the form. Mobile is to-day a prosperous the right of any man or any set of men to impugn my motives in this case. Yet I differ with those who think Galveston by flood, the municipality ministers should confine themselvs to seemed hopelessly bankrupt. The things religious If they are to be enthings religious. If they are to be en-

trusted with the morals of the community they should have the right to fight evil, whether it be political or moral. "I believe it is time that a new set

corresponding with the mayor of the of men took charge of the governcity, supervised and correlated the ment. Another thing I believe is that o aught to interfere with the work of all. There is no board of al- office-holders are the servants of the people and not their masters. Go to comitants of an American municipal the water-works department and ask government, excepting in so far as is the man in charge a question if you want to know whether he's your servant or your master, You'll find you don't amount to much. Did you ever try to get hold of the poll books when were on the other side? I have.' Mr. Page took a few falls out of the 4C's before he stopped. He rose under a mayor and a board of alder- to inquire whether the company had to pay anything for the use of the sion, each member being a working streets. Nobody knew. He thought not and expressed his opinion that the

company ought to have to pay something out of its earnings every year to pay for the maintenance of streets. MR. MCRAE SPEAKS.

Mr. John A. McRae spoke next. He said, among other things: MR. MCRAE'S ADDRESS.

"Years ago the doctrine of the divine light of kings held almost universal sway But step by step the docthan in those of Europe. Europeans trine of representative government has are always amazed at the cost of con- gained ground until to-day the leadhs of earth have governments beople. This tage in political n has been reached by strugevolutio gle and bloodshed. The free man's bala priceless heritage, won by centhries of conflict between the great arth upon one hand and the wea unon the other. The right of surffrage a one great plane upon which all stand equal. With an incorruptible cittenship, the millionaire's ballot is not more potent than the man's who earns qualified, applies for the mayoralty more potent than the man's who earns of a small town. If he gets the place his bread in the sweet of his face. Repof the citizens of Charlotte and makes a success of handling the resentative government is yet an exbusiness of the town well, some large periment and the degree of its ultier town makes him an offer. This may mate success depends upon the purity tion during the next two go on in the case of any one individu- of the ballot. It is a fact, as a rule, al man until he may be invited by the that there is less system and business city of Berlin to be its chief executive in government than in any other field of endeavor. This condition is in a

measure due to a perversion of the ballot. The most patriotic citizens but men of scant means often refuse to offer themselves for office against selfconsider the importance of electing seeking competitors with pockets stuf-business men to the positions in the fed with money to buy the offices. City government, rather than popular Again the wealthiest, ablest, most hon-men, or men who are soliciting votes est citizens in the community are de-upon some other qualification that of feated by the tricks of political manip-

seg for political corruption: but it

And yet now much do we owe now We owe the nice comfortable little fortune of \$600,000, in addition to the \$400,000 we then owed, when this crowd went into office. And I say that first class qualifications for work of those in charge have done one or two this class. He has been agent of the things-they have been incompetent Southern in turn at Salisbury, Charor wonderfully careless of other peo-ple's money. What has been done his railroad standing is of the best. ple's money. with all of it? What answer do we get when we ask for an itemized patch should be highly servicable to statement? The sum spent staggers those who become interested in it. the human intellect. It is \$30 for every man, woman and child, black and white, who was in the city before To the city fire Department: the limits were extended. To-day the per capita wealth of the entire Unit-

ed States is only \$30!" THE MATTER OF A BEARD.

We are told," continued Mr. Ben-"by a gentleman who has renett, cently returned from a trip over the great ocean, that beardless boys are lumber yard of Messrs. Asbury & attempting to butt in, and that we had better tarry until we have sprout-ed more hair, before we dare to take a part in the government of the city of

which we are citizens. Says this, too, To the public: while the breezes of Britannia are yet If In behalf of the members of the blowing through his whiskers,

hair is to be the judge of merit a hog fire department I desire to express te could put the best of us to shame, those who so kindly assisted at the while for beard a billy goat would fire yestrday afternoon our sincere apbear off first prize every time. If age preciation for valuable help rendered, is the determining factor. Methuse- without which a much greater proplah ought to have been the gratest erty loss might have been sustained. man the world has ever seen. But if Methuselah had any other accomu-lishment, besides that of growing old,

I never heard of it. PLEADS FOR A HIGH PLANE.

The writer would like to know "I am not so optimistic as those why it is that a private citizen or call who hope to see all factional strife quelled. But the object of the league member of the fire department, had to take charge of keeping back the crowd at the fire yesterday when we are supposed to have a police depart-ment with an efficient chief. as I see it is to place the manage-ment of the city on a higher plane; not to let it be in the hands of a few men who sit behind closed doors and select the men who are to be the officers of the city. But to leave the matter to the free choice of the whole Washington, April 13 .-- John W. people. I believe that by this meth-Yerkes, commissionef or internal revod a high class of candidates can be enue, has resigned and his resignation brought out. We want no oracle in our city. Let us cease our thinking has been accepted by the President. by proxy and make our fight against He leaves the service of the governthe existence of any clique to dictate ment to enter the practice of law, His

to us in defiance of our inalienable successor has not been named. rights.' At the close of Mr. Bennett's warm peech Chairman Guthrie made a final appeal for work in behalf of the has been falling here for several ticket and the meeting closed. The hours. The thermometer registers at the freezing point. Advices from band burst forth ito joyous music and the crowd filed out with animated southern Kentucky and north Ala-Had it not been for the fire bama indicate that early fruit has which distracted the attention of the town the andience would have been been killed by the snow and cold. even larger.

New Moving Picture Show.

The Edisonia, a new moving picture show, was opened yesterday in the store room formerly occupied by the Charlotte Furnishing & Decorating Company. The Edisonia is the property of Mr. J. F. Snyder, who formerly lived in Charlotte, but who, for the past five years, has resided in Birmingham. The new place is nicely fit-ted up and was well patronized yes-terday, its opening day.

Mr. A. P. Craddock in the City.

Mr. A. P. Craddock in the Cuy. Mr. A. P. Craddock, vice president of the Craddock-Terry Shoe Com-pany, of Lynchburg, Va., is spending a few days in the city at the Selwyn. Mr. Craddock's firm was the first to start the manufacture of shoes on a large scale in the South and to-day the two large factories are turning out any friends in the city who slways

CULTIVATO RIDING Mr. Crutchfield has been in the railroad business 22 years and has Buckeye & Planet Ju The Cotton Goods Shippers' Des

We have a large stock of these Cultivators and wholesale trade will make some very low Write us and we will make it interesting to y

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