County Commission Matter in Hand.

headway as to make impossible the selvation of anything but one horse and a mule. There was nothing else to do when they were taken from the stables but to stand by and watch the flames lick the structure and its contents and reduce them to ashes.

The burning of Mr. Ferris' stables makes the seventeenth fire which is believed to have been of incendiary origin in the limits of this county within the past twelve months. A careful reflection upon this fact is startling in the amount of loss which the farmers of Mecklenburg have been occasioned. It is safely estimated that the loss, including stock, barns, feed-stuff and vehicles amounts to no less than \$40,000, and hardly any of this was replaced by insurance money. The loss in didions Change Our Obligations to amounts to no less than \$40,000, and hardly any of this was replaced by insurance money. The loss in barns alone is said to be as much as \$18,000, all the stables averaging over \$1,000 in the cost of construction.

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just about one year ago when the harvesting was done and the barns were filled with the gatherings from the fields, although a number were burned in the spring. A remark-able incident in connection with the situation is the fact that a majority of the barns that have suffered were all comparatively new and large, and belonged to farmers of more or less prominence. They were in most instances at about the same hour of the night—between 11 o'clock THURSDAY AFTERNOON. and midnight.

FARMERS MUCH ALARMED. To say that the farmers throughout the entire county are alarmed is an expression entirely too mild to by J. convey properly their deeling over the situation. They are aroused to in North such a pitch of excitement as to Master. cause sleepless nights and constant fear of being a victim to the alleg-ed fire-bugs who are responsible for the epidemic of burnings. Many are the nights that they lie tossing upon their beds, fearful that moment they may look out to see their stables in a mass of flames. This state of feeling existed a year ago as decidedly as at the pres-ent, but through the summer when there were no fires, the farmers were led to believe that it was all over and there was nothing more to chairman. Devotional exercises by fear. But the situation within the Rev. John A. Smith. ten days has reached a state similar to that of twelve months ago, and even exceeds it in intensity. Inquiries are being made as to the right course to pursue to get at the right party. Address—The Return to Sab-bath Observer.

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But the right party. Address C. E. A., care The Observer.

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South Carolina of two years. The great them made their adieus accompanied instrumentative genius of the made their adieus accompanied by the good wishes of the famous b the breadth Mecklenburg of who is not willing to join hands and add something of his resources to any amount necessary to apprehend cause of so many fires.

WANT SOMETHING DONE. The anxiety which is being experienced is of itself an occasion for immediate work on the part of the people and the officers take a hand in the situation. single portion of the county is exfrom the dread which epidemic has caused. Unlike the burnings last fall, those within the past two weeks have not been confined to any locality, but have apparently swept from one corner to Last fall Steele Creek and Rerryhill were the centres of the field within which the fires occurred, but not so now. Long Creek. Morning Star and other townships have been the scenes of will be dismissed in view of the fact fires equal to any that occurred last that Mr. Percy C. Fonville was acquit-

That something must be done right now is the feeling and conclusion which has been reached by the sion: patriotic citizens of Mecklenburg, and oven those who have not been and even those who have not been Q. Houston of Davidson; W. G. Ford, victims of the flames, are desirous of Lodo; John Powell, of Poplar of doing all they can to find out the Grove; R. T. Honeycutt, of Gold Hill cause, both for their own sakes and M. W. Strawn, of Negro Head; C the sake of their neighbors who Z. Hoyle, of Hull's X-Roads; T. C. have been less fortunate. The general opinion prevailing at present is penter, of Crouse; W. P. Myers, of the country commissions. that the county commissioners should give the investigation over-sight and expend as much money as is essential in geting at the facts. It is argued that this board, being the county's guardians, owes the citizens a duty in expending enough money to give them such protection as is needed.

THE GENERAL BELIEF. appears now that the board will take the matter in hand, and while its treasury is not flushed just mow, the people will not complain if the commissioners put as much as \$5,000 into the investigation which is needed. It may require only a small amount, but the people want the burnings stopped, if it takes a large sum. It's worth a good deal to them, they declare, to lie down on their beds at night and rest without dread of awaking to find themselves the victims of such terrible catastrophes as have been suffered. Just how the matter will be investigated cannot now be stated. There is so little evidence that the burnings are the work of incendiaries that it that the burnings are the work of incendiaries that it may be a matter of difficulty to get at the bottom of the matter. There exists no doubt the origin, everybody believing that they are incendiarly, but all this has never been reduced to a finer point than mere suspicion, and this is all that can be worked upon as a basis at the start. It is generally considered, however, that a thorough investigation, by the proper persons, exercising proper judgment would reveal facts and substantiate the grounds for the suspicion which is now universally feit.

Triangle; R. A. Ratahford, South comes interested in a conversation, she partakes of it in a spirited way and a great metamorphosis takes place—the wondrous beauty of her soul sines out of her eyes and so beautifies her features that the hearton, of Gastonia: Avery Towery of Hodges; Thomas Gelson, of Norwood; Rufus Hill, of Ansonville; W. R. Spurrier, of Spurriers; J. K. Eaves, policyille.

New Company Chartered.

The McElroy Fruit Company is Charlotte's latest chartered institution it has a capital stock of \$20,000 and it has a capital stock of \$20,000 and it has a medicine of known reliability, one that is now universally feit.

LOSSES IN STRELE CREEK. prominent citizen from Steele J. C. Crowell. A prominent citizen from Steele Creek who spent yesterday in the city declared that, in his opinion, the farmers of his community had suffered a loss of about \$18,000 on account of the fires. Last winter and spring the barns of Mesars Frank Edwin, W. B. Choate, John Smith and Mesdames Brown Grier, J. H. Saddler, and Knox, were burned, with a total of 22 horses and mules. Mr. Choate was the heaviest loser of any whose harns have been fired. He lost two good horses and five mules, and his barn was about the fine in the county.

SABBATH CONVENTION.

regramme For Mentine Made Ou and Contains a List of Good Speak-ers—Second North Carolina Conven-

John Ferris, is large, farmer in Steele Creek, at an early hour yesterday mirning has added intensity to the alarm which is felt throughout Meckienburg county just now over so many burnings. Mr. Ferris lost three mules and several bales of cotton, besides some roughness and corn. His barn was comparatively new and the loss on it alone would be considerable. His entire loss was probably more than \$1,580. The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock and had guined such headway as to make impossible the salvation of anything but one horse.

7:50-Address of welcome by E. T.

Rose, D. D., Laurinburg, 11—(2) Of "Christian Character," by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D.,

11:15—(3) Of "Christian Conduct," by hev, J. J. Hall, D. D., Fayetteville, 11:30—(4) Of "Material Prosperi-ty," by Rev. Sanders N. Guignard,

2:30-Rev. Plato Durham, chairman. Devotional exercises by Rev. Francis M. Osborne.

2:45—Address—"Law Enforcement" by J. W. Bailey, Esq., Raleigh. 3:10—Address—"The Sabbath Cause in North Carolina," by Rev. W. H. Mc-

3:35—The offering. 3:40—Address—"Person Responsi-bility for Sabbath Observance in My Town. City or Community," by Dr. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh.

4:05—Address—"Sabbata Observ-ance an Element in True Education." by Henry Louis Smith, LL. D., Davidson College. 4:35-Reports of committees.

THURSDAY EVENING. 7:30-Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D. 7:45-"A Face-to-Face Talk on the

Ham Lunsford, D. D., Asheville.

FEDERAL JURORS DRAWN.

Clerk Cowles, of Statesville, Yesterday in the City Preparing a List of Jurymen For the December

Term of the Federal Court. Col. H. C. Cowles, clerk of Federal Court, spent yesterday in the city and with the aid of Mr. C. L. Hunter, drew jurymen for the next term of the court which convenes in the government building December 9th. the jurors to be present December The only case of especial in-10th. terest to Charlotte people is that against Mr. C. Boyce Bell, who is charged with complicity in the defalcation of Franc H. Jones, former teller of the Charlotte National Bank. It is generally presumed that the case will be dismissed in view of the fact ted at the recent term of Federal Court in Greensboro. The following named jurors were drawn for the ses-

H. G. Hotchkiss, of Altan; Dr. E. penter, of Crouse; W. P. Myers, of Charlotte; C. F. Humphries, of Shelby; G. W. Rushing, of Faulkes; A. D. Warllok, of Knob Creek; A. G. Gant, of Bessemer; William Roberts, of Shelby; John X. Nantz, of Stanly; A. Monroe Brown, Concord; S. A. Fincher, of Waterleo; I. N. Biggerstaff, Forest City: Tate Shelton, of Sardis; T. T. Ballinger, of Tryon; Monroe Mo-Daniel of Forest City; Grant McFarland, Duncan; L. A. Biles, of New London; Frank Daniels, of Rutherfordton; C. F. Bennett, of Peachland M. M. Tucker, of Mount Pleasant; M. A. Poole, of Waco; F. P. Munday, of Denver; G. W. Moniteth, of Trio; J. L. Baber, of Shelby; G. Lee Bean, of Cherryville; J. A. Newton, of Casar Duffie Hemphill, of Otter Creek Pinkney Dockery, colored, of Morven; M. L. Clemmer, of Bostle; Crawford Biggers, of Newells; J. F. Lally, of endowed by nature with a great Rest; H. C. Severs, of Charlotte; Sam-amount of beauty, and the cares and uel B. Smith, of Mathews: Thomas sore trials of her early career have M. Alexander, of Charlotte; H. K. not passed her by without leaving Corn, of Dimsdale; Robert Nixon, their traces, but when the singer beginning in the comes interested in a conversation,

its leading stockholders are Mesers W. E. McElroy, William Anderson and

GREAT SCHUDIANN HRINE CONTRACTO SINCER DELIGHTS

spellbound until long after the last sound had died away. She made one experience the religious mysticism of Rossi, the romantic grandeur of the fanciful Schubert, the powerful imag-ination of the great "Richard" and the caprices and sentimentality of "Brahm's" gypsies. Then again she makes one light-hearted when she sings the dainty and beautiful little pieces of bric-a-brac like "Danza," by Chadwick, and "Love in a Cottage," b Ganz.

SINGER FORGETS HER SUR-ROUNDINGS.

The singer entirely forgets her surroundings, while she is on the stage, she is completely wrapt up in her art. Those are moments of supreme ecstacy, of entire isolation from the outer world-in which the woman is longer master of herself, in which the artist approaches nearer to her ideal, which she longs with such passionate yearnings to reach, that the outer world, her own self, and the impression made upon her auditors are quite forgotten.

Madame Schumann-Heink's voice is better now than it was at any stage of her career. The tremendous volume, the great tonal quality, the wonderful, indefinable, human timbre, the artistic tone formation, the clear diction, everything is there yet as it was twenty years ago, only in a great improved state.

The great coleratura aria from "Il Prophete" was magnificently sung. The passages and cadenzas clear and p_arly, the trills like the trills of a bird if not more perfect, and then again the powerful attack, the eternal curses which "Fides" conjures upon the hear of her unfortunate son Jhann. Madame Schumann's phrasing, her piano, crescendo, forte and diminuendo effects are immense, She and the great Lili Lehmann are probably the only ones known, who realize what a morendo is. She lets her tones linger ever and ever softer until they compltely die out. Ah there is "Festspiele" at Bayreuth in July and they compltely die out. Ah there is "Festspiele" at Bayreuth in July and they compltely die out. Ah there is "Festspiele" at Bayreuth in July and dress the subscriptions for an afternoon paper. Wanted—Lady canvasser to solicit subscriptions for an afternoon paper. Liberal terms to the right party. Address C. E. A., care The Observer. gloriously rendered, one might only The melancholy pletely enraptured the audience. The Schumann-Heink is an interesting and singer speaks to one with her whole animated talker as well as a glorious beautous and glorious soul, and singer, and the memory of this intermakes one's heart ache with her aches view will long remain with the two and again makes one glad with her Observer reporters who called on her.

THE ACCOMPANIST IS FIRST RATE The accompanist, Mrs. Katherine Holfman, is excellent. She has a fluent technique and a wonderful touch, while she does not lack in power, if same is required. In usage cards and spades. Accompanying is a great art in itself—the loosing of deliver an address that will in all one's personality and the divining of probability be one of the best heard the feelings and the very thoughts of at the association in a long time. the soloist-and Mrs. Holfman is one of the few who have accomplished force and has been heard in Charthis, one of the elect by the grace of lotte on a previous occasion.

From a musical standpoint the concert was, of course, a grand success, the world's student federation at Tokio. such as Charlotte only witnesses every He also visited association centres in leap year, from a financial standpoint. China and will bring a personal mes One might say, however, that Mr. C. L. Boynton, the local associaif Charlotteans do not wake soon from tion's representative at Shanghal. slumber-there will not be any more will be of interest. A cordial invitareal artists to be found who will brave from is extended to all men to attend the South, for the sake of the few are especially invited, which go to hear them. Art has to look for bread the same as everything and everybody else in this wide, wide world. It is hoped that the general financial distress which has spread, recently all over the country, is the cause of the spectacle of last night a Schumann-Heink with but a half house and that next time it will be better.

AS A WOMAN AND SINGER. Soon after the arrival of Madame Schumann-Heink early yesterday morning two Observer reporters called on her in the Selwyn Hotel. They were at once ushered into her apartments, where they were cordially wel-comed by herself and husband. The conversation was mostly carried on in German to the great distress of one of the reporters, who found it rather difficult at times to follow its strain. Schumann-Heink was not Madame

Be as careful as you can you will occa-sionally take cold, and when you do, get a medicine of known reliability, one that has an established reputation and that is has an astablished reputation and that is certain to effect a quick cure. Such a medicine is Chambertain's Cough Remedy. It has gained a world-wide reputation by its remarkable cures of this most common allment, and can atways be depended upon. It acts on nature's planterlieves the lungs, and expectoration opens the accretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. During the many years in which it has been in general use we have yet to learn of a single case of cold or attack of the grip having resulted in pneumonia when this remedy was used, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy contains no opium at other parcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an

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culously low malary of 300 marks a munth. I had just accured a divorce from my first husband. Mr. Heink, and had to support my four little children all by myself. It was this, the hardest period in my life, constantly oppressed by financial troubles and but a lukewarm reception by the audiences in the theatre. Then came the day when I appeared as 'Fides' in Meyerbeer's 'Il Prophete,' and from there dates my upward career. My success as 'Fides' was overwhelming, the people went wild, and I was recalled and recalled. The next day when I went to the market hall (I had no servants and was obliged to do the housework myself) I stopped at the tent of a butcher to buy my daily ration of meat. The woman who attended to the business instantly recognized me and threw her arms in the Ovalion Accorded Her.—An Interciting Interview With the Distinguished Visitor.—Tells of an Incident
After Her First Great Success.

The greatest musical event of the
Season was Madame SchumannHeink's recital at the Academy of Mualc last night. The programme comprised every imaginable species of
a composition open to a singer, celeraturn arian as the famous "Fides" aria,
dramatic and light little humorous
songs. It seems like a secrilege to
express in words what the effect
was. Words are such poor medium
of expression when one's heart is full
to overflowing. It is difficult to say
what was rendered best, for Madame
Schumann-Heink is as great an oraforio and operatic singer as she is
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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The reporter then questioned the singer about the great contraltos of the day, and the general tendency of this category to screw up their veices and attempt soprano roles, and she

answered: 'I have heard of and noticed that some contraitos try to abandon the them, but such a proceeding will tell on their voices in a short time. It is easy for a well-trained contralto who knows how to use her voice, to sing occasional high notes, but that is altogether a different thing than the singing of an outright soprano role.'

The reporter stated that it had been claimed that most of the alto parts in operas are old women and character parts, and the singer exclaimed "Why, it is just in such character roles where I have made my greatest and most glorious successes. singer does not appear on the stage to show her beautiful figure and fine features, on the contrary, she is absolutely oblivious of those things, and only lives in her part and her art. I know of instances where I played for several months the part of a blind old grandmother in a revolutionary play named 'Andre Chenier.' My three sons were supposed to have perished in the revolution and my daughter had committed suicide on account of her husband's death. All that I had left was my little 14-year-old grandson whom I had to lead to the altar where he was to be sacrificed for the cause of the revolution. I had really only about 12 measures to sing in a low and monotonous voice and still I completely captured my hearers and moved them to tears, always play-

ing to packed houses." TOUR ARRANGED FOR NEXT

YEAR. Madame Schumann-Heink spoke of the tour she had planned for next year. She will appear in the

AT THE Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY. Mr. Colton, of New York, Will Deliver

an Address, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Young Men's Christian Association of pedals she could give many of our Mr. C. E. Colton, of New York, official- S. C. lately hear so-called plano virtuosi ly connected with the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., will

Mr. Colton is a young man of great recently returned from the Far East, where he attended the convention of ah, but that is a horse of another sage to the Charlotte association from

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ferred by law, issued an amendment described as Amendment No. 2 to the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing the inspection, disinfection, certification, treatment, handling, and method and manner of delivery and shipment of live stock which is the subject of inter-State commerce (B. A. I. Order No. 143). This amendment modifies Regulations 13 and 14 relative to the prevention of the spread of spienetic tever in cattle, and will become effective November 15th, 1967. Notice is also given that the Secretary of Agriculture has, under authority conferred by law, issued an amendment described as Amendment No. 5 to Rule 1 Revision 2, to prevent the spread of spienetic fever in cattle (H. A. DID YOU EVER TRY writing an advertisement? Mrs. Joe Person is offering \$25 for the best "ad" for her Remedy.

NOTICE NO. 13-U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., November 2d, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has, under authority contary of Agriculture has, under authority contary of Agriculture. of Agriculture has, under authority con-

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Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided

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