treaking Dam Sends Flood of Mnd Upon Miners Engaged in Mid-Valley Colliery, Near Mount Carmel. Pa.—Rescuers Work All Day Long to Reach the Victims and Are Encouraged at Last by Sounds of Digging From the Inside—Becared That a Majority of the Encouraged Men. Are Alive—Loved Ones Who Linger at Mouth of Mine Are Reassured.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight miners were imprisoned in the Mid-Valley Colliery near Mount Car-mel this morning by the breaking of a dam of water which had formed drift which caused a rush of mud into a gangway where the men were at work. All day long a party of one vote, killed the railroad bill on of rescuers endeavored to reach the a motion to continue. This means

the air is good.

Among the men entombed are mud when the dam broke.

SALARY FOR ASSEMBLYMEN.

The men have been employed in No. 4 drift of the east side gangway driving a heading to the surface. The heavy rains and thaw of the last few days had caused a great dam of water to accumulate in No. 4 drift and the 26 breast of No. 4 drift and the pressure became so, heavy that it regular session, instead of a per diem. This, he contended, would be incentive of mud flowed into the gangway to work hard and finish the session in twenty or thirty days, and thus save the men were at work. It filled it for a distance of about 350 treet and it will be necessary to dig through this great barrier of mud to Much time was spent in arguing a Much time was spent in arguing a Much time was spent in arguing a Meaburg of the cast side gangway to do with in the design for such an early date.

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Mr. J. Sanford Patterson has been increase the pay of future members of the surface of the surfac through this great barrier of mud to get at the workmen from this direction. Three different rescuing par-ties have been put to work in an enbeen put to work at the point where the entombed men were to have driven the heading to the surface from the gangway in which they are now imprisoned. It is believed that the last named gang will be the first to reach the entombed men and it is hoped to be able to get them out or give them food and drink by tomorrow morning.

WORK OF RESCUE. The work of rescue is under the direction of Mine Inspector James A. O'Donnell, of the fourteenth district, assisted by Inspector B. I. Evans, of the fifteenth district. O'Donnell has the fifteenth district. O'Donnell has General Sessions, which tender to the ling machine invented and manufactures of 100 men working under day will not determine the case of the tured by two North Carolinians and him and they are taking turns in State against Mrs. Ethel W. Blair, now being installed in Washington is regular relays of two hours' work who was convicted of manufactured by two North Carolinians and now being installed in Washington is one of the most unique slot devices

great rush of mud when the dam stand as it is.

lies of entombed men. LOVED ONES REASSURED.

During the day women and children were gathered about the mine, having rushed there from their homes at the first alarm of the disaster. They could not be prevailed upon to go home, but insisted upon remain-ing about the mouth of the slope. After the rapping was heard from the entombed men these fearstricken ones were greatly reassured and many of them returned to their homes, while others built big bonfires with the intention of camping out during the night. The miners Henry Lyles and Henry Dawkins, about the colliery were formed into John Graham and Tom Todd, all for out during the night. The miners in the afternoon a squad constabulary appeared on the scene and performed excellent service keeping the crowd back. .

VALUATION OF RAILROADS.

Preparing Important Opinion Ask-ed For by Senate Committee.

Washington, Feb. 17 .-- In respons o a request of the Senate committee on inter-State commerce, the in-ter-State commerce commission is preparing a letter setting forth its opinion of legislation providing for valuation of railroads. This legislation was proposed by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin. It is the desire of the Senate committee to ascertain whether the inter-State commerce commission believes the measure ought to be enacted into

retical viewpoint, but from the point the captain there were eight men of view of practical railroad men and aboard. It will consider the time the cost to the government of making it.

It is plain, of course, that the enactment of such legislation will have

an Important bearing upon the work season eight days, it is estimated, of the umission in the considerar should have been sufficient for the tion of complaints of the unreasonness and injustice of rates charged by railroads to shippers. It is assumed that the valuation, if made n accordance with the LaFollette not merely of their commercial values.

One Would-Be Rapist Shot; Posse Pursues the Other. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 17 .- A special to and probably fatally injured, and another is being pursued by a sheriff's posse and will probably be lynched if caught, as the result of an attempt assault upon Mrs-Matthew Howard, three miles from Statesboro. Mrs. Howard escaped by running out of the linear and the disease. loward escaped by running out of the

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 17.—Only a perfunctory ballot for United States Senator was taken to-day on account of the death of Representative Mc-

ENTOMBED IN A COAL MINE THE RATE LAW IS KILLED AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TWENTY-EIGHT BURIED ALIVE REDUCTION TO BE VOLUNTARY. EARLY HEARING ON PARK BILL.

By the Narrow Margin of One Vote the Bill to Refuce Passenger Rates in South Carolina is Lost in the Senate—This Means a Voluntary Reduction—Circuits Created—Bill Passed in Senate Which Calls For a Salary of \$200 a Session to Members of the General Assembly instead of Per Diem—The Ethel Blair Case Postponed—Solicitor Determined That It Shall Go to Supreme Court to Pass on New Trial—Personal Privilege Again.

Observer Bureau,

Observer Bureau, 1422 Main Street, Columbia, Feb. 17. The Senate to-night, by a majority

Much time was spent in arguing a joint resolution in the Senate looking ler than the 15th of February. to amending the constitution so as to

special dispensary election in Union passed the Senate to-day and was afterwards enrolled.

There was another personal privi-lege statement in the Senats to-day.

anent the dispensary winding-up com-mission and Attorney W. F. Stevenson, over the irrepressible Clark purchase. Senator Johnson was the speaker. BLAIR CASE TO SUPREME COURT.

The spring term of the Court of General Sessions, which convened to-

have the case to the Supreme Court, as he gathered around the mouth of the is not satisfied with the grounds upon slope and have announced their in- which the new trial was granted. He of remaining during the en- would have sent the case to this court fami- before now but it was impossione to get the festimony ready owing to the great amount of work that has to be done in this circuit. Mrs. Blair came to the city Saturday to stand trial. She is under \$2,000 bond.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS. Three opinions in criminal cases from Newberry were handed down in the Supreme Court' to-day in which the point was raised whether a rural free delivery mail carrier and a magistrate are qualified under the constitutional exemptions to serve as grand or petit jurors. The cases are against becomes an advertising device. temporary police force, but later minor offenses. The Supreme Court chine, which has been in use in foroverrules the point in all three cases, affirming the verdict of the lower court, holding that neither the magistrate nor the carrier was disqualified, but that the magistrate should not the German. but that the magistrate should not en wide—literally a vest pocket edi-have been allowed to sit as petit juror tion of the German. upon a case which he had himself sent to the upper court,

In the case of the State against John T. Owens, given ten years in John T. Owens, given ten wirder of S. W. Thornley, an opinion was filed affiring the finding of the lower court.

The Saluda case of W. I. Henderson and Alfred Free, who got ten and a a half years and fifteen years, respec-tively, for the killing of M. M. Morse, is also affirmed.

Fears For the Safety of an American Bark.

Ga., Feb. bark Baltimore, Captain Noah David-The commission's letter will constitute a pretty thorough consideration of the subject of the valuation of railroads, not only from a theo-

The Baltimore sailed from Balticessary to make a valuation and more with a carge of coal on Decem-articularly the cost to the govern- ber 21st for Savannah. She met a storm and was forced to seek shelter in Hampton Roads. sea again on January 22d. At this voyage to Savannah, so that the ap-prehension of those interested may readily be understood.

Engineer William Davis, one of the men suffering from yellow fever on Pursues the Other.

vannah, Ga., Feb. 17.—A special to Savannah Press from Statesboro ary says that one negro was about the steamer Crispin in Galveston roads, three miles from the city, died early to-day. Third Officer Prichary says that one negro was about the steamer Crispin in Galveston roads, three miles from the city, died early to-day.

ase when the negroes appeared and recreams as they followed ker bught assistance. J., D. Smith, a wagon of twice, then tied him in a wagon of took him to the Statesboro Juli.

Attempt to Wreck Train Frustrated.

Americus, Ga., Feb. 17.—An attempt was made here this afternoon to wreck the northbound Central train. A cross-tie was placed in Muckaies creek trestle at the end of a sharp. creek trestle at the end of a sharp curve. The train had slowed down and the engine struck the tie at reduced speed, without being derailed. Grafton, W. Va. Feb. 17.—Judge duced speed, without being derailed. The chief of police went with a posse to the scene and arrested John Hodges, a discharged section hand. Hodges, a discharged section hand. Hodges denied placing the tie but is the Circuit Court beach for eight years and has served two terms in the State Legislature.

West Virginia Jurist Dead.

Grafton, W. Va. Feb. 17.—Judge made that the trouble was more grave than expected, and that the intestines were involved.

An operation was performed to-day, aged 65 years. He was on nounced that, though hope was felt years and has served two terms in the State Legislature.

Through Efforts of Congressman Webb the House Judiciary Committee Will Grant a Hearing on the Legal Aspects of the Appaiachian Forest Reserve Project—A Bill Introduced Yesterday in the House Calling For Daily Reports on Cotton Ginned—A College to Be Asked For the Croatan Indians of Robeson County—Stamp-Vending Machine of Tar Heels a Unique Device—Large Number to Be Installed in Washington—Many Vagrant Negroes in the City.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Feb. 17.

Among the men entombed are a number of experienced miners and it venting the formation of any more number of experienced miners and it venting the formation of any more is believed that it will be possible to effect the rescue of all the men unless some of them should have met death some of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of their during the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of the pelitioner that these men should be employed for twelve hours in the performance of their during the performance of rolled for ratification provides for two attorneys come to Washington and ar- quest of the petitioner for an exten-Seven of the number are Americans. The men have been employed

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one force is digging away the great bench, but debate was adjourned unbank of mud which fills the gang-way, another gang is engaged in Griving a heading from an adjoining rollment of electors throughout the gangway, while a third force has been put to work at the point where the entombed men were to have the entombed men were to have from the gangway in which share from the gangway in which share from the gangway in which share adjourned unbank of mud which fills the gang-th to the debate was adjourned unbank of mud which fills the gang-th the underwent an operation for appendicitis early this morning, but when the incision had been made it was found that the trouble was months hence than it is at present and that the real desire in the case is along the force the political game. I've had enough of it."

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Representative Godwin will intro Representative Godwin will intro-duce a bill to-morrow asking for \$10,-000 for a college for the Croatan In-dians of Robeson county.

Jury Out 46 Hours and Cannot Agree
—Suit Brought by Ecrentric Mil-lionaire's Son to Break His Will on dians of Robeson county.

UNIQUE SLOT MACHINE. The Briggs-Williams stamp-vending machine invented and manufachas determined to take nity to show before a committee of the Postoffice Department devices, and about 25 machines have been exwith their little machine, which has caused some sort of sensation among other inventors and manufacturers. Through the efforts of Senator Overman the Tar Heels were given an opportunity to show their device, but there being no appropriation for a government machine the North Car-olinians' device was not entered in the contest but will be placed in half a hundred or more places in Wash-

The Briggs-Williams machine sells or delivers stamps from a continu-

The only other machine that attracts interest is the German

Messrs. Briggs and Williams will manufacture their machine and tribute it over the country. T who have examined it believe will bring fortune and fame to its owners.

Mr. Briggs invented the cigarette machine that bears his name. He is a mechanical genius Mr. Williams is a well-to-do business man of a prominent North Carolina family.

There is an epidemic of crime her and the Washington police force does not seem able to cope with it. The capital city is full of trifling, loafing negroes. Representative Webb. of negroes. Representative Webb. of North Carolina, as previously men-offered a bill which tioned, has offered a bill which strikes at the root of the evil. There is no vagrancy law in the district and Mr. Webb's bill provides one.

BANNER IN WATAUGA JAIL.

A Lynching Was Threatened, But the Danger is Thought to Be Over Now. pecial to The Observer.

Lenoir, Feb. 17.-Luther Banner merchant of Banner Elk. in Water ga county, who last Tuesday, it is alleged, shot Jown in cold blood Mr. A. H. Cline, a prominent lumbermanas the latter was passing his store, is now in Boone jail, having been captured at Carey's Flats, a small village in the northwestern part of Caldwell county. Excitement was high at one time, but reliable information to-night says that there is mation to-night says that there is very little danger of Banner being lynched. He has many friends in his community and is a man of influence. He yesterday employed Mr. M. N. Harshaw, of this place, as counsel.

Michigan Central Train Wrecked; One Will Die.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 17 .- Fiv sons were injured, one probably fa-tally, when a Michigan Central pas-senger train, running 25 miles an hour, crashed into and telescoped a New York Central yard engine at Black Rock, late last night.

James Barry, of Buffalo, engineer of the yard engine, who sustained a

probably will die.

THE EXTENSION REFUSED.

Petition of Georgia, Southern & Flor-ida For Further Grace in Re the Nine-Hour Law is Turned Down by the Inter-State Commerce Com-

Washington, Feb. 17 .- A petition recently was filed by the Georgia, Southern & Florida Railroad Company with the inter-State commerce commission, requesting that the time of putting into effect the so-called mine-hour law be extended from March 4th next to such time as the commission might determine, so far as the petitioner was concerned. The complaint alleged that the Georgia, Southern & Florida Company had a large number of stations along its line at which telegraph operators were employed, but that their Juties were of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men and shortly after 6 o'clock to-night they were given encouragement by sounds of digging from the inside. Later a shot was also heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own bill to amend the law for the formation of new counties. It was feared that the men bill to amend the law for the formation of new counties. It was feared that the men bill to amend the law for the formation of new counties. It was feared the inaugurated the 15th of combined with those of a station combined with those of a station of their time was not consumed in sending or receiving train orders. It was maintained by the company that the railrospect of the combined service rendered by the company that the pressure and also giving assurance that the near is good. Representative Webb has kept after agent or freight agent and that all The Senate killed Senator Raysor's he has the promise of free mail deliving the formation of new countles. It was feared the to inaugurated the 15th of the bill would have the effect of prethe bill would have the effect of preventing the formation of any more
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The work in the performance of the palachian Park bill will be taken up
by the judiciary committee of the
House and a hearing will be granted

The inter-State commerce commission to-day, in an opinion rendered sion. In the course of his opinion Chairman Knapp said:

"There is no allegation that the company is unable to obtain an addi-September and discontinued not earlitional telegraphers are not needed ier than the 15th of February. Senator Latimer, of South Carolina. fore, the company ought not to be reis very ill at Providence Hospital here. He underwent an operation for Chairman Knapp says it is not even age the political game. I've had

Congress and the arguments presented

SNELL WILL CASE MISTRIAL.

the Ground That the Old Man Was Insane Over Women. Clinton, III. Feb. 17 -The fury in

the Snell \$2,000,000 will case this afternoon was discharged without agreeing on a verdict. The jury stood regular relays of two hours work and four hours work and four hours rest.

The noise of men working with picks inside gave the rescuers great the majority of the men entombed the majority of the men entombed and it is believed that the majority of the men entombed the majority of the men entombed and it must first be settled whether the verdict shall go back to the Circuit that enough to have escaped the case whall go back to the Circuit the middle of last October instance of mud when the day the middle of last October in the case whall go back to the Circuit the middle of last October instance of the public. Since the middle of last October in the case whall go back to the Circuit the case whall go back to the Circuit the case whall go back to the Circuit the will and four against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the wording of the will and four against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the wording of the will and four against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the wording of the age. Some time last fall Postman against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the against. The jury was out 46 hours. The case cannot be feared to the case will be ca ton Bank. It has been rife with "Snell letters," written by women and and about 25 machines have been exhibited. Messrs. W. C. Briggs, of Willing to pay lavishly for being lov-willing to pay lavishly for being loved and for being told so in affection-affective for Fayetteville. Were late in arriving ately worded epistles in which appeals young girls to the old man who was for money mingled with expressions Among the letters of endearment. were some from the wife of a clergyman, who not only expressed her own love, but told Snell that her daugh ter, 16 years old, would love him he would send her money. Letters from the girl herself, bearing out the promises of the mothers, were intro-duced at the trial of the suit to break

When-Colonel Snell died in 1907, he left an estate of \$2,000,000. To his son Richard he left only an annuity of \$50 per year. To a grandniece, Mabelle Snell McNarmara, left property valued at \$25,000 and an annuity of \$1,000 per year. The rest of his property he left in trust, interest to be added each year to the principal, until twenty years after the leath of his youngest grandchild, then

but 5 years of age. Richard Snell sought to break father's will on the ground that the old man was insane about women.

NEW COUNTY OF LEE.

New Officers Qualified and Took Charge Yesterday—No Special Ex-ercises Mark the Event, But a Large Crowd Assembles. Special to The Observer.

Sanford, Feb. 17.- Pursuant to the statute creating Lee county as amended by the special session of the General Assembly the officers quali-fied and assumed charge of the county affairs to-day. The board of commissioners was organized by electing J. J. Edwards, of Lemon Springs, chairman. Senator A. F. Seawell was chosen county attorney and Dr. J. P. Monroe, health officer. No special exercises marked the event, but a considerable crowd from all parts of ular minister has ever labored in the county assembled at the Mc- Greensboro, preached to his former getting out piling, etc.

Keithen Building to be present at the congregation at the First Presbyteribirth of the new county, the State's

ninety-eighth. Womble, commissioners.

SENATOR LATIMER VERY ILL.

Following an Operation For a Serious Trouble He Lies in Washington Hospital in a Critical Condition— Slight Hope For His Recovery.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Following an operation for a twist of the bowouth Carolina, for five terms a mem her of the House of Representatives and since 1903 a member of the Senate, is lying in a critical condi-tion to-night at the Providence Hos-

old, had not been feeling well for a week. At midnight Saturday he was suddenly taken worse and was re-moved at once to the hospital for an

GLENN WOULD NOT TALK FUNERAL OF MR. BRUNER WAR CLOUDS OVER RUSSIA THE GREENSBORO MAN SILENT STATE DEPARTMENT CLOSED. CLASH WITH TURKEY POSSIBLE.

Mr. Tyre Glenn, Whose Name Has High Officials Are Pall-Bearers at the Been Mentioned in Connection With the Republican Fight in the State, Eschews Politics—Has Had Enough of It, He Declares—Tai's Speech in This State Was What Cooked His Dough—He Would Probably Put Democrats in as Officials Are Pall-Bearers at the Bier of Man Who Had Done So Much For His Commonwealth—Rev. Mr. Morton Pays Deceased a Fine Tribute For His Work For Church and State—Dr. Alexander Sprunt Declines Call of Presbyte-rians—Third District Appeals to Be rians—Third District Appeals to Be ing is On.

Observer Bureau, The Bevill Building, Greensboro, Feb. 17.

After reading the story of the Republican revolt in North Carolina, reprinted in this morning's Observer from The Washington Post, which mentions the name of Mr. Tyre Glenn as one of the leaders in the fight that of politics, for he had hoped to get an interview that would cause some people to "sit up and take notice." Mr. Glenn said he gave out no ment yesterday that he had become interview in Washington and knew a member of Christ church. An exnothing whatever of the story until he read it in The Post. He did not deny the truthfulness of any state-ment contained in the story, but was positive in asserting that his visit to Washington had nothing to do with politics. "I was returning home from a business trip and merely stopped off in Washington on a visic Congressman, and of course I could not have discussed with him the detalls of any fight in the Republican ranks. No, I am not in politics this year and do not expect to take any part in any fight for or against any faction. I am busy attending

big Secretary of War gave his fellow party men in this State in a speech delivered in Greensboro on the eve of the last Republican State convention. A life-long Republican has expressed the matter in this language: "We invited Mr. Taft to come to Greensboro and make us a speech, expecting him to 'pour oil on the troubled waters,' as it were, and solidify the warring factions in our ranks. We sent a committee of distinguished Republicans-gentlemen of character, influence and standing -to Washington to escort the Secretary to Greensboro. Well, what happened? After riding, talking and eating with these gentlemen for nine hours. Mr. Taft gained such an impression of the Republican party in North Carolina that he told us the

best thing that could happen to the party would be to fill all the offices Democrats. Now, wasn't that handing out encouragement in great to be enthusiastic for a man who, if toured the great Northwest elected President, would doubtless ter and illustrated North consider North Carolina Republicans unfit to hold Federal offices." Referring to the special in Satur- tion work. day's Observer relative to Mr. Locke Craig's strength in Guilford, a strong Democratic gubernatorial nomination says the Asheville candidate will the county with Mr. Kitchin than is now generally supposed. He added

should carry the county.

The wish may have been father to the thought, but it is not to be de- struction Joyner returned Saturday may friends in Greensboro least two former county chairmen that Mr. Kitchin is without substanfound in this county. He is especially strong with the country people, with a large number of whom he enjoys the privilege of a personal quaintance. The country people in Guilford, however, are taking very little interest in politics. During the past six weeks The Observer correspondent has talked with representative farmers from every section of the county, and in almost every in-stance he found the farmers more interested in the tobacco market or the public roads than in politics. fact, the Guilford farmers are talking about their public schools much

more than about politics. Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith, of Louis ville, Ky., than whom no more popular minister has ever labored in Greensboro, preached to his former an church yesterday morning The church was filled to evening.

Statesville, March 2d.

Taken Up by Supreme Court To-Day—Important New Enterprises Given Charters Yesterday—Baptist University For Women to Celebrate Because of Large Enrollment—Re-publicans to Have Negroes on Their

Observer Bureau. The Holleman Building,

Raleigh, Feb. 17. First Presbyterian church, of which he had long been a member, having joined upon his arrival in Raleigh nearly 25 years ago and in which he had continued his membership, there having been an error in the stateecutive order was made this morning that all the departments be clos-ed at 1 o'clock as a mark of respect to Mr. Bruner, who in so many ways had done his duty towards his State. had done his duty towards his
The Agricultural Department was
closed all day. All the State officials
and every one connected with the
Agricultural Department attended
the funeral and several clergymen
the funeral and several clergymen hostilities between Russia and Turkey, which have permeated all strata on the platform. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Morton, pastor of the Presbyterian churcn at Tarboro, assisted by Rev. Milton Barber, rector of Christ Episcopal church. The services had a marked course of which a tribute was paid Mr. Bruner for his Church work and that done for his State and people. The twenty honorary pall-bearers in-cluded the high State officers here. the Governor being out of the city. The burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, a quartette from the choir of the First Presbyterian church singing and Rev. Mr. Morton pronouncthe benediction.

MUCH SYMPATHY SHOWN. the house yesterday and to-day tiers. shown to the full how much the people here appreciated and loved Mr. Bruner. Messages of condolence came from various parts of the State. Members of the family ar-Mr. Bruner's sisters and Mr. John A Boyden and Mr. Bruner's father. Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Wilson came from Washington to be many plans for his work had health speedy termination of the Au come back to him. He was to have toured the great Northwest this win-Carolina from the mountains to the sea, and he would have spent the spring and WILL EVENLY DIVIDE GUILFOAD summer in Europe doing immigra-

Charters are granted the Chowan Motor Company, of Murfreesboro, supporter of that gentleman for the capital stock \$25,000, to build and operate gasoline boats, engines, etc.; Hunters' Club. Inc., of Wilmington, J. E. Taylor and others, to maintain a club room in that place; the Southern now generally supposed. He added Construction Company, of Ruther-that, while it is now impossible to esiron work, \$25,000, John C. Mills, of timate with any degree of accuracy the strengt hof any candidate, he Rutherfordton; R. W. Curtis, of Burlington, and others being the stockbe surprised if Craig State Superintendent of Public In

nied that the Buncombe man has night from Duplin county, where he may friends in Greensboro and spoke in a very old church at Bear throughout the county. The present Marsh to a good audience. The peo-Democratic county chairman and at ple of that school district voted for local tax Saturday. He next goes to are numbered among the Craig sup- Trinity College and will deliver one of porters here. But this does not mean the lectures in the course this season. It is learned from the city school tial support in Guilford. Many of superintendent that the Raleigh his most ardent admirers are to be schools will be open for the full term. Money will be secured for this pur pose, Some fear has been expressed that the term might be shortened.

DR. SPRUNT DECLINES CALL. To-day the special committee of the had to return to Fayetteville and go congregation of the First Presbyteri- by Wilmington. No one was hurt. an church received, to its great gret, a letter from Dr. Alexander Special to The Observer.
Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C., declining Favority Parkers the call to the pastorate of the church here. He says that after careful consideration he thinks it best to remain at Charleston.

of material has been placed there over the line to Wilmington, Bennettsand there were large contracts for ville and Columbia. Trains are held

The oaths were administered by W.

S. Weatherspoon, Esq. The officers are as follows: T. M. Campbell, clerk of Superior Court; T. M. Cross, register of deeds; B. C. Pearce, treasurer; J. C. Watson, sheriff; Dr. H. B.
Hoyle, coroner; W. T. Temple, surveyor; J. J. Edwards, John R. Jones, J. Fletcher Jones, J. L. Godfrey, J. F.
Womble, commissioners.

The church was filled to overflowing at both services.

The price of a plain drunk is now hands this year, if whispers which are the engro members of their party rather heavily on their party rat there would have ruled against those Judge Boyd to-day signed an order who were thus freezing out the black placing the Barber Buggy Company, of man. This year it is hinted the neallsbury, in involuntary bankruptcy, gro who can vote is coming forward J. J. Stewart, of Salisbury, is named and saying that he eight to be given as temporary receiver. The matter is a voice in affairs. This sort of thing returnable before Judge Boyd, at will make the approaching campaign The State Council of the Jr. O. U. course, there are only a few thousand A. M., which convenes in Winston-negro voters, but yet they represent The State Council of the 3r. O. U.

A. M., which convenes in WinstonSalem to-morrow, will be invited to
meet in Greensboro next year. It is
hoped to make Greensboro the permanent meeting place of the State body.

The Greensboro postoffice has been
designated as the distributing office of
postal cards and stamped envelopes in
North Carolinax At least two car loads
of these supplies will be kept on hand
at all times.

Mr. W. A. Dimette, who went to
Charlotte a short time ago to take a
position with the Commercial National Bank.

Martin L. Newby, a colored attorney, was arrested late this afternoon
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The Turkish Army Reserve is Being Hurried to the Frontier—Russian Military Authorities Call For Horses—Alarmists Reports Perme-ate Every Strata of Russian Society and the Duma Will Be Called Upon to Prepare For the Nation's De-fense—Ambassadors of Five of the Leading Powers Consider Turkey's Preparations Only a Gizantic Bluff.

Tiflis, Feb. 17.—Reports have been received here from Armenia that all the Redifs, or Turkish army reserve, in Van, Mush and the other villayets of Asia Minor, have been called to the colors and are proceeding rapidly to The funeral of Secretary Thomas the frontier. At the same time a league EK. Bruner, of the board of agricul- of all the Turkish revolutionary parture, and whose death occurred yes- ties is increasing the revolutionary for was held this afternoon from the lation to protect the population to protest in every way possible against the warlike plans of the Sultan. The league holds that war would be especially disastrous at the present time, as there is a famine in Asia Minor.

At Tiflis the apprehension of hostillties has not abated. The Russian military authorities have ordered that all horses in the Caucasus suitable for military purposes be registered. The doctors of Tiflis held a meeting re-cently and volunteered their services

of Russian society, have assumed the proportions of a veritable war scare, to which the sensational press is de-

voting its biggest head lines. services had a marked reature, this being a sermon of a very striking conservative politicians. M. Guchkoff, ma, announced his intention to-night of raising at the next meeting of the commission of national defense the question of the nation's readiness for This, he believes, is of the most vital importance in view of the news from the Caucasus and all parts of Europe. He also proposes to interpellate the minister of communications on the ability of the railroads, particularly in the Caucasus and Transcaucasia to transport troops quickly to There was a great many callers the southern and southwestern fron-

and Mrs. Bruner and her boys were WANTS SERIOUS PREPARATION. The Duma, according to M. Guchkoff, will be guilty of criminal negligence if it permits the country again to be drawn into war for which it is on the morning train, includ- wholly unprepared. The surest means to avoid a rupture, he said, is serious

preparation for any eventuality.

The ambassadors of five of tae leading powers, when interviewed topresent. Mr. Wilson having preceed- day, considered hostilities as being al-ed Mr. Bruner as secretary to the most out of the question. Their opin-board of agriculture. Several mem- ion is that the Turkish mobilization bers of the board were also present. in Asia Minor and the warlike prepa-it is going to be very hard for the rations in Russia are parts in the "gi-department to fill Mr. Bruner's place gantic game of bluff," which neither and to get a man who knows nearly side will be able to carry to a finish so much of North Carolina, and ev- on account of lack of sinews of war. erybody feels this. Mr. Bruner had But they cherish no illusions over the sian difficulties in the Balkans. THE BARON DEFENDED.

Diplomats friendly to Austria deavor to acquit Baron von Achrenthal, the Austrian foreign minister, of the responsibility of disrupting the European concert. They said to-day that the prospect of carrying through the proposed judicial reforms in Macedonia had vanished into thin air before the Austrian railway scheme was proposed. The possibility that Turkey with Russia's encouragement, might find means of evading her quasi-promise of the construction of the line is admitted; but the general opinion is that in this case Baron von Achrenthal would have no alternative but to resign.

Coast Line Freight Train Wrecked and Track Torn Up. Special to The Observer.

Hope Mills, Feb. 17 .- This afternoon about 4:30 o'clock second 29, on Atlantic Coast Line southboun through freight train, jumped the track about a half mile south of Hope Mills. The wreck occurred in an entirely new place. The caboose was left standing on the high treatle which crosses Big Rockfish creek. The cars just after passing over the treatle made a complete pile. Traffic is possibly blocked for several hours. No. 89, the Florida passenger train, had to return to Favesteville and so through freight train.

Another Account.

Fayetteville, Feb. 17.-An extra A C. L. coal train was wrecked this afternoon near Big Rockfish creek, eight miles from Fayetteville; two hundred yards of track were torn up. No one here seems to know when and 450 tons of coal scattered everywork will be resumed on the big where. Nine cars are wrecked. The bridge of the Norfolk & Southern passenger train, No. 89, to Tampa Rallway at Edenton. A great supply up at this point. No one was hurt.

The white Republicans reem, in a three miles from here Saturday, was way, to have the negro members of brought in covered with mud. No one

the city, not far from the Shaw versity, and the negro deaf mute and blind institution.

THE 400 MARK PASSED

To-morrow moraling in the chapel of the Baptist University for Worn there will be a celebration in ho a little more interesting than usual. Of of the passing of the 400 mark in the course, there are only a few thousand student enrollment. The success of negro voters, but yet they represent something and they can put up a pretty large shout upon occasion, though