\$43,959,245.40

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, Feb. 21.—'Squire Henry N.

McWhirier, who is unquestionably
the greatest living authority on the
life and times of Andrew Jackson,
has expressed himself as utterly disgusted with the latest phase of South
Carolina's attitude in regard to Jackson's place of birth. "I see," said the
'squire, "that some fellow in South
Carolina has brought a bill in the
Legislature to appropriate \$500 for a egislature to appropriate \$500 for a nonument to mark where Jackson was born in that State! Well, South Carolina must have lots of money to Carolina must have lots of money to throw away if she wants to spend faced.

Special to The Observer.

I know what I am talking about when it comes to Andrew Jackson. My greatgrandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mc-Whirter, and her particular Irlend, Miss Sarah Little, were at McKemey's house when the chap was born. My grandfather told us all about it, and he ought to know, for he knew Jack-

The 'squire was asked to give his interpretation of the well-known fact that Jackson addressed the people of South Carolina, in the famous "Nullification Proclamation" of 1832, as "Fellow-citizens of my native State."

WAS ONLY PALAVERING. "Oh, I know all about that. It doesn't amount to shucks. Jackson was a great one for palavering folks, my grandfather used to say, and sometimes he'd cuss and palaver them in the same breath, just as he of going down there and spanking 'em. He was getting old, then, and wasn't as spry as he used to be; I understand he had the rheumatiz right smart and was some becky in the lungs at that time. You know he did live in South Carolina as long as he could stand it, which wasn't long, and he thought the best way to bring those follows.

occasions to the effect that he was a native of South Carolina, 'squire?"

so yet, for the matter of that), and I understand they were up there in Washington bothering around the President all the time. Why, if he'd read that proclamation from the back door of the White House, it would have reached the control of the White House, it would have reached the ears of as many South Carolinians as it did when it was read in South Carolina. Mind, I don't admit he ever said it outside of the proclamation, but if he did it was only another case of palavering; you can rely on that." The sole purpose of this interview

with 'Squire McWhirter was to put an end now, henceforth, and forever to South Carolina's preposterous claim. If any one should ask why this was not done long ago, it is sufthis was not done long ago, it is sufficient to reply that the 'squire never, until this occasion, thought South Carolina's claim worth a single minute's serious consideration. It was only the bill for the erection of a monument, lately presented in the Legislature of that State, that broke down the barriers of his long and contemptuous silence, and induced him to give the exact facts as they fell from his grandfather's lips, when retail price somewhat lower, being \$1 story of the great Andrew Jackson birth and childhood. Nor were there lacking entrancing tales of the adlacking entrancing tales of the adlacking entrancing tales and grandfather.

when as boys they hunted together over the hills of the Waxhaws.

If 'Squire McWhirter's ipse dixit dossn't settle this business for South Carolina, further discussion is useless. North Carolina, in the event of further argument of the formulation of the settle this business for South Carolina, further discussion is useless. North Carolina, in the event of further argument of the party of the further argument of the party of the settle this business for South Carolina, further discussion is useless. nate argument with a Scotchman, in tending, and at present the prospects which the latter could not be got to are all in talk.

A few words more to show, if it be at all necessary, the 'squire's high position in matters of antiquarian lore. It is stated, on the indubitable authority of Mr. Tom Ashcraft, that 'Squire MoWhirter is so great a devotee of the ancient and venerable, and so carefully keeps and cherishes. votee of the ancient and venerable, and so carefully keeps and cherishes everything he owns, that they last much longer with him than they possibly could, with any one else. The very wooden peg which keeps his barn doors closed was whittled out by himself more than forty years ago. He has to-day two mules whose ages are respectively 23 and 25 years, and they look and act like youngsiers. But most important of all in the 'squire's regard is his pet cat, Zollicoffer called "Coffee" for short, aged 15 years and as lively as a mink. Indeed, it is on record that Coffee once played the part of a mink, and Mr. Tom Asheraft got the story from the 'squire blimself. A certain mink had been committing such depredations on the 'squire's chickens that a box trap was set one night to catch the

MR. M'WHIRTER SPEAKS and he dropped the bag as one as tonied. The imprisoned animal rate

TINALE TO JACKSON DISPUTE

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Monroe, Feb. 21.—'Squire Henry N. McWhirter, who is unquestionably the greatest living authority on the life and times of Andrew Jackson, has expressed himself as utterly disgusted with the latest phase of South

AFFAIRS AT ASHEVILLE.

Man Convicted of Bigamy Granted Time in Which to Ask For Par-don—A Woman Palufully Burned While Trying to Make Fire With Kerosene—Joe Lance's Bond Re-

sea all his life, and many a time the Governor for a pardon. This they went hunting together. That leniency on the part of the court they went hunting together. That leniency on the part of the court McKemey house was in North Carolina, about five miles from my was due to facts presented which house, and the old foundation stones went to show that Strickland is an are there yet; 'there's an iron plate there that tells all about it. But I don't care so much about that as I don't care so much about that as I do about what my grandfather said, for he had the whole thing in his head. Those South Carolina fellows ed that after he married wife No. 1 ed that after he married wife No. 1 must be the contrariest lot in all cre-nest be the contrariest lot in all cre-nest be the contrariest lot in all cre-he learned on reliable information ation. What difference would it that her first husband was living and make 4f they put up fifty monu-that under the law he (Strickland) ments? Monuments ain't going to stand, with me or anyone else that has a grain of sense against the word of a man like my grandfather, who had all the facts in his own head.

Not by a jugful."

Was never legally her husband. He left her and after coming to Asheville married. At the trial it was never proven whether the first husband was dead or alive, although band was dead or alive, although circumstantial evidence tending to prove each was introduced. The jury convicted and Strickland was sentenced to 18 months. He appealed and pending the appeal went to South Carolina to work. The Supreme Court recently confirmed the decision of the lower court and Strickland's attorneys wrote him that he would have to serve the time. Strickland replied asking whether he should go to Raleigh, and present himself at the penitentiary or come them in the same breath, just as he did those South Carolina fellows in the proclamation. He called them fellow-citizens just to palaver them for a bed of sickness and yester-into doing what he wanted them to wouldn't have the trouble for judgment. Many Asheville peo-down there and spanking ple acquainted with the facts have interested themselves in Strickland's behalf and will aid him in attempt-

ing to secure a pardon.

Mrs. Hammond, a resident of Hill-side street, this city, was painfully burned yesterday morning while at-tempting to start a fire with kerosene oil. Mrs. Hammond, with a those folks around, who think everybody of importance was born in shoulders, had poured oil on some their State, was to tell them that he was born there, too. Old Andrew match and applying it to the fuel, knew a thing or two about politics, I the blaze flared up, igniting her reckon." hair. Realizing her danger Mrs. "How about the statements Jack-son is alleged to have made on other gown and threw it over her head to smother the flame. In this she was successful but not until practically all her hair had burned off and she

derstood that a Charlotte firm, for which Lance worked at the time of the tragedy at Euena Vista, when Alma Green was killed by a random a responsible position in the office shot from Lance's pistol, will help of the superintendent of the Brookto make the bond.
One of the flercest blizzards that

has visited Asheville in more than ten years prevailed here yesterday morning. The wind blew a gale while the snow at times was ing. The cold was intense.

VARIETY OF NEWBERN NEWS.

Fish and Oysters Rather Scarce Now

fell from his grandfather's lips, when that venerable man would sit by the hearth on winter evenings, relating to his grandchildren the fascinating story of the great Andrew Jackson's birth and childhood. Nor were there pects are good for a rare treat to closed the incident those who love the old tunes and en-

Thus far no arrangements bave been further argument on the part of her sister State, would simply be in the Eastern Carolina League. The same position as was an Englishman called meeting for Monday night fall-after a particularly long and obsti-

to realize enough to partly pay their

Tom Ashcraft got the story from the aguire himself. A certain mink had been committing such depredations on the squire's chickens that a box trap was set one night to catch the depredator. The next morning 'Squire McWhirter found that the trap was occupied, and in order to keep the mink from escaping he got a hag, put it over the door of the trap and forced the animal into it. The next question was how to kill the animal most expeditiously. 'Squire McWhirter finalty resolved it by grasping the has firmly, raising it aloft, and bringing it down on the ground with tremendous force. As soon as the bag struck the ground, a loud meow reached the 'squire's sense of hearing.

Special to The conserver.

Salisbury, Feb. 21.—W. B. Smoot chairman of the Anti-Saloon League of this city, stated to-day that the prohibition campaign will be started in Howan county in a few days and that a warm campaign will be carried on until the election comes of in May. He has secured several advocate prohibition. among them Governor Glenn and Judge J. C. Pritchard. Mr. Smoot thinks a county lesgue will be organized and a warm fight put up throughout the county. The farmers are deeply interested in the election, more so than the citimens of Salisbury. Both sides are claiming Rowan county.

Have You Used Clinchfield Coal?

Military School to Be an Institution of Importance—Business Houses Consolidate—Preparing to Erect Tuberculosis Hospital.

pecial to The Observer. Fayetteville, Feb. 21.—Professors S. M. Reed and J. M. McFall, of San Antonia, Tex., who will open a mili-tary school here next fall, write Secretary Rose, of the chamber of commerce: "We want the people of Fayetteville to feel that the school

is theirs, and we propose to give them a school of which they may justly be proud. With the interest and support of the business men of Fayetteville, it will be easy to obain government supervision in our military department, and thus secure to Fayetteville an institution of nadonal importance. Humphrey Bros., a retail grocery

drm, has made an assignment, with liabilities of about \$2,000 and assets of about \$1,000. Bad collections is given as the cause of the trouble. The Martin-McKethan Company, of this city, heretofore doing a wholesale grain and feed business, dpital \$25,000, will consolidate with cently organized with authorized capital of \$50,000. The officers of the new company are: A. A. Mc-Kethan, president; J. L. Gainey, vice president, and J. U. McKethan, secretary and treasurer. This company will do a wholesale grocery, grain and naval stores business, and for the present will occupy the stand herstofore used by the Martin-Mc-Kethan Company, the old C. F. & Y. V. station, until their handsome new

A number of young ladies of the city have organized an athletic club. They will practice physical culture est to their meetings. They organ-ized with twenty members, and start off under very favorable auspices. The following officers were elected: Miss Sallie Tomlinson, president; Miss Bessie Smith, secretary; Miss

building on Gillesple street is fin

Mary Gorham, treasurer.

A force of hands is at Montrose Heights, in the western part of this county, the site recently purchased by the State for the location of a tuberculosis hospital, and the grounds are now being put in order for the erection of the The institution will be on the colony plan, with a number of cottages clustered around the main or executive building.

WOOD ALCOHOL IN LIQUOR.

Several Deaths Caused by the Dead-ly Poison—Proposed Boxing Match Causes a Furor.

orrespondence of The Observer. Fayetteville, Feb. 20.—A recent Jeath in this city is alleged to have peen caused by the drinking of whiskey adulterated with wood alcohol, the latter being a deadly poison. The circumstance recalls the fact that a citizen of a neighboring town died recently from the effects of wood alchol drinking, and that some time ago a man from Manchester died in his wagon in Fayetteville from the same cause. In this connection the physician who attended the latest victim stated to-day that it was a well-known fact that much of the so-called corn whiskey sold here is strongly adulterated with wood alcohol, which can be bought much cheaper than the meanest corn whis-

"I don't believe he did. But if he fid, it must have been when there was a lot of South Carolinians hanging around, while he was President. Those fellow-citizens' of their State could hold down a political job (they think to you was not to the fide to the fi bond of Joe Lance from \$10,000 to the youngest son of the late Col. \$7,000 and it is believed that bail, John Huske Anderson, formerly a in this sum, can be made. It is unresident of this city. His death was

tyn Rapid Transit Company.

The advertising of a "scientific boxing match" to take place last night at the armory of the Independent Light Infantry caused a "tempest in a teapot" though the match did not take place. The city authorities had been requested to preyent it, but refused to interfere. Solicitor Sinclair then took a hand, instructing Sheriff Watson to stop the affair, if it was attempted. Accordingly the sheriff, with a second solid—Negro Nearly Periaham it was known that the sheriff had been instructed to prevent the match, quite a crowd sppeared at Newbern, Feb. 21.—The supply of the armory, expecting to see a clash and oysters has been quite small between the city and the State authorities. No such situation devel-oped, however, and the sheriff had undisputed possession of the field.

PYTHIANS HAVE BANQUET.

Burke Lodge Celebrates Forty-Fifth Anniversary—Party of Caldwell Citizens Move to Far West, Correspondence of The Observer.

Morganton, Feb. 20.—Burke Lodge No. 64, Knights of Pythias, celebrated the forty-lifth anniversary of the founding of the order last night with a banquet in the lodge root which the latter could not be got to admit the most palpable facts. "Well," finally said the Englishman, "will you admit that 2 and 2 are 47" F"I'll admit naething," the Scotchman replied, "but I'll argie the matter wi' ye."

NERSED IN ANTIQUARIAN LORE.

A few words more to show, if it be at all necessary, the 'squire's high position in matters of antiquarian position in matters of antiquarian provement bonds were sold to Otia & It is stated on the industrial tending, and at present the prospects are all present the prospects with a banquet in the lodge rooms. Chancellor Commander P. B. Parks was master of ceremonies. Mr. J. H. Pearson introduced A. A. Whitener, Esq., of Hickory, the speaker of the weather for several weeks has given a great many colds and srip, but the evening, who spoke in a masterly way on the principles of the order and Pythianism in general. Other numbers on the programme were a solo by Miss Mary Sims and one by Robert Orgood, of Boston.

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL

Health is Worth Saving, and Son Charlotte People Know How Save It.

Charlotte People Know How to Save It.

Many Charlotte people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys, when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a wast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor to remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is the statement of a Charlotte citizen who has reclaimed good health by the use of this remedy.

H. H. Hudson, miner, of 417 E. 15th street, Charlotte, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store, did a wonderful amount of good for my back, which had been troubling me for a long time past. It ached so hadly that often I was unable to work. Doan's Kidney Pills cured it all and I have not had a backsche since using them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the Pame—Doan's—and take no other.

NEWS OF UPPER CAPE FEAR, for the occasion. A light collation

was served and more than a hundred
tion people partook of the hospitality of
uses
the lodge.

Mr. John W. Martin has bought
out the interests of the other stockholders in the Morganton Bottling
Works and is now the sole proprie Works and is now the sole proprie-tor of this thriving business. A party of nine people from Cald-well county left here a few nights ago for Hay, Wash., where most of them will reside. In the party was J. V. McCall, of Lenoir, former clerk of the court for Caldwell an prominent man in his section. goes on a prospecting tour and will probably locate in that State. Morganton has been favored with two heavy snows in the past two weeks, the snowfall for this time amounting to thirteen inches. Messrs. Jim McGimsey and Raiph

Kibler are off this week taking in the sights, secrets and shows of New Three men were arrested here a few days ago as suspects in the Granite Falls bank robbery, but as there was no incriminating evidence

ound on their person they were re-

leased. They proved to be strolling painters looking for work. TOOK ANOTHER'S WIFE.

Prisoner at Goldsboro Worse Than the Officers Thought-A Veneer

ecial to The Observer

Goldsboro, Feb. 21.-It will be re embered that an account of murderous assault on Engineer Outlaw was given by your correspondent some weeks ago. The man who com-mitted the assault gave his name as Huey, and since that time he has been in jail while his wife has been an object of charity. Some days ago a man giving his name as A. T. Hawkins arrived in the city from Dover and claimed to be the lawful husband of the so-called Mrs. Huey. Hawkins claims that his wife left him several weeks ago and be heard nothing from her until a few days ago. He does not want her to go back to him, but wants to be here at court in order to give an account of his experience with Huey. It seems now that Huey is much worse man than people thought and the court no doubt will deal with

At a meeting of the Wayne county Republican executive committee, held in this city Wednesday, resolutions were adopted endorsing President Roosevelt, the work of Chairman Adams, and declaring in favor of Taft for President. The county convention will meet March 12th for the purpose of electing delegates to the district and State conventions.

A series of meetings has been in progress at the Friends' church since last Sunday. Much interest has been shown in the services. The solo singng of Rev. Mr. Reece, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hubberd, in the meeting, has been quite an enjoyable feature,

Machinery is arriving and being ad-justed for the Utility Manufacturing ompany, a newly-organized company for the town. Its output will be ve-neering, and it will make a specialty of light-weight shipping packages.

TO HAVE A STATE JOURNAL. Junior Order Takes Action With This End in View—An Act of National Council Not I4ked.

Correspondence of The Observer Winston-Salem, Feb. 20.—At the closing session of the seventeenth annual convention of the State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics to-day. it was practically decided to estab-lish a State organ with Mr. Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, formerly editor of The, American, the national organ published in Raleigh, in charge of the editorial management. The mat-ter is left in the hands of the State council board, composed of the offi-cers, and the board will decide whether the idea is feasible or not. If it finds that it is wise to establish a State organ, it will select an editor and manager for the publication. Mr. Smith was editor of The American until a few days ago, when the national board elected Mr. W. Fairon, of Raleigh, as editor of the publication. The selection of Mr. Faison in place of Mr. Smith, who gave eminent sot'sfaction, without any apparent cause, did not set well with the members of the State Coun-

A resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a funeral bone-fit department independent of the national funeral benefit association but it was decided not to take any steps to perfect sifeh an organization until the next session. The council voted to increase the salary of the Councillor from \$150 to \$250 annually and to reimburse him for all expenses incurred. It was also decided to add \$100 to the salary of the past councillor's salary for the past year. The new officers were in-stalled by Deputy National Council-for W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh.

Malaria Makes Pale, Sickly Children. The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTE-LESS CHILL TONIC drives out ma-laria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

To the Policy-Holders The Mutual Life Insurance Company OF NEW YORK.

The work accomplished by the Company in 1907, under the new conditions, in respect of benefits dispensed to policyholders and in the futherance of their best interests, has been especially satisfactory.

The Company paid directly to policyholders and their beneficiaries in death claims, endowments, dividends, annuities and surrender values......

It added to the net reserves held in trust for policyholders. . . 16,368,679.39 Total benefits from sources named..... \$60,327,924.79

The total benefits above named exceeded premiums received by \$3,176,883.08 The amount paid DIRECTLY TO POLICYHOLDERS during the year was 77 per cent. of the amounts received from them.

Total received from policyholders..... 57,151,041.71

The total amount paid to policyholders, plus the increase in the net reserve held for them, was over 105 per cent. of the amounts received from them.

Increasing Dividends

The amount appropriated for dividends to be paid in 1908 is....\$8,311,002.02 This sum greatly exceeds the largest amount ever before paid in dividends in a single year by any company. The annual dividends to be paid in 1908 show a ratio of increase over those of 1907 such as can be approximated by no other company. The Mutual Life is the only company which has increased its dividend scale three years in succession—1906, 1907, 1908. Increasing dividends are possible because of increasing earnings and decreasing expenses.

In Gains For Policyholders the Company Remains in the Front Rank

Its gross earnings from interest and rentals for 1907 were.... Its gains from loading, mortality, surrenders and annuities were

The total earnings and gains were....... \$31,864,394.38 This is over 56 per cent. of the entire premium income, a remarkable showing rarely, if ever, equaled by any other company.

In Economy of Management the Company Stands Pre-eminent

The Financial Condition of the Company is Superb

Its investments are of the highest class-unimpeached and unimpeachable. In a year of extraordinary financial depression, not a share of stock owned by the Company failed to pay its regular dividend, and on \$222,927,-910.60 of bonds (book value) there was not a dollar of interest in default at the close of business on the 31st of last December. With asssets exceeding its legal liabilities by over \$57,000,000, even by the abnormally low market quotations of December 31, 1907,-an excess greater by many millions than is held by any similar organization anywhere,—the Mutual Life, the Oldest Company in America, is also justly designated the Strongest in the World.

Balance Sheet December 31, 1907.

ASSETS 52,022,021.33 11,805,000.00 Collateral Loans. Bonds and Stocks, Market Value Dec. 31, 1907.... 260,026,493.51 6,487,545.88 4,685,477.99 Premiums in course of collection... Interest and rentals, due and ac-

3,999,487.10 crued.. Admitted Assets... ... \$494,177,021.03

LIABILITIES 5,532,879.66 Premiums and interest paid in advance ...
Dividends payable in 1908.....
Miscellaneous liabilities......
Held for future dividends..... 1,828,360.34 8,311,002.02 879,267.56 57,530,769.45

Total Linbilities.. \$494,177,021.03

NOTE-The admitted assets would be given greater by \$15,989.158.97 were the bonds taken on the Company's basis of amortized book value; or \$13,211,349.94 were the securities stated by the average market value (13 month rule), recommended by many commissioners at the Louisville meeting.

HARRIS R. WILLCOX, Manager

406-411 Trust Building, Charlotte. the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York Home Office, 34 Nassau Street.

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need attention, and should have the gently curative assistance of that well-known woman's medicine, Cardui, if you wish to become thoroughly healthy. The ingredients of which Cardui is composed

have a specific influence over the womanly organs and build up the womanly strength. They are purely vegetable, perfectly harmless,

and act in a scientific manner on woman's vital energies, giving strength and renewed life-force. Mrs. Annie Hamilton, of Stetsonville, Wis.

writes: "As a result of long-continued womanly troubles, I could not sleep, eat, or stand on my feet,

without suffering most terrible distress. The doctor said I was in a critical condition and going down hill. I could not work and kept getting worse all the time. At last, I took Cardui and in two days time I was a different woman. Now I eat good, work good and feel better than I ever did before, in all my life."

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