### THE IDEA CONSTITUTIONAL FOREST RESERVATION ASSURED

The Advocates of the Appalachian-White Mountain Forest Reserve Measure Gain a Great Victory Be-fore the House Judiciary Commit-tee—Representative Webb Gots the Credit For Much of It—Govern-ment Cannot Acquire Lands Solely, But Can Purchase Forest Reserves That Have a Direct Connection With the Improvement and Nava-gability of Rivers—Changes to Be Made in the Original Bill.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT,

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, April 22. The advocates of the Appalachian-White Mountain bill gained a great victory before the House judiciary committee to-day and Representative Webb, who arrived here from Norta Carolina this morning deserves much of the credit for it. Mr. Webb has

held all along that the committee would gay that a bill that provides for the protection of navigable streams will be within the bounds of the constitution. This is all that the friends of the park movement could Chairman Jenkins was out-In talking of the result to-night,

Mr. Webb said:
"We have won in the judiciary committee a great victory for the Appalachian reserve idea. The com-mittee has decided by a practically unanimous vote, that while the government cann t acquire lands for forest reserves solely, yet the government can purchase all lands and forest rethat have a direct and substantial connection with the conserv ation and improvement of the navigability of rivers navigable in whole is all that the Appalachian

serve advocates could ask or do ask. and those I have talked with since our committee acted are jubilant. "Experts and even practical men agree that forests on the watershed of navigable streams conserve and improve navigation of streams below and hence the whole Appalachian region can be purchased by the government as a forest reserve to conserve preserve the navigable streams

all along the Atlantic seaboard. The present bills before the agricultural committee do not set out the in Cuba after entry as compared with object for acquiring the lands in fat cattle ready for the market. This, question and therefore are not constitutional on their face; but a new the interest of the Cuban grazers. bill will be drawn stating the object The Florida people desire that the of the purchase of the reserves to be tariff should be according to the acthe conservation and preservation of the conservation and preservation of the cartile, and in this, navigable streams and will be offered in the agricultural committee as a rian League of Cuba, which has pesubstitute for the present bills and no titioned Governor Magoon to the same constitutional objection can then be

CAN ACQUIRE FOREST RESERVES

House Committee on Judiciary Holds is Constitutional For the National Government to Acquire Land For Forest Reserves When it is an Aid to Navigation—Action Opens the Way For the Framing of Another Bill.

Washington, April 22.-That it is onstitutional for the national government to acquire land in the States for orest reserves when it can be shown that such acquisition is an aid to navigation was to-day declared by the House committee on judiciary. The adoption of a resolution to this effect followed a vote holding unconstitutional the bill providing for the creation of the White Mountain and Appalachian reservation in the absence of the required information concerning the effect of the proposed reservation on the navigability of streams which are fed by the waters within its boundaries.

Following is the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the committee for the guidance of the

"Resolved. That the committee is of the opinion that the Federal government has no power to acquire lands within a State, solely for forest reserves; but under its constitutional power over navigation the Federal government may appropriate money for the purchase of lands and forest reserves in a State, provided it is made clearly to appear that such lands and forest reserves have a direct and substantial connection with the conservation and improvement of the navigability of a river actually navigable in whole or in part; and provided that any appropriation made therefor is limited to that pur-

"Resolved, That the bills referred to in the resolutions of the House are not confined to such last mentioned purposes and are therefore unconstitutional."

This action of the judiciary committee opens the way for the friends of the Appalachian project to frame a new bill within the constitutional limitations outlined. If such a bill were introduced, it would likely be referred to the committee on rivers and harbors for determination of the physical question of whether forest ands and forest reserves are or can become conservers of stream supply -in other words whether the acquisition of such lands can be held to be in aid of navigability.

# PYTHIAN AFFAIRS.

Limestone Lodge Holds a Profitable Session at Gaffney, S. C.—Gaffney Manufacturing Company Resume

scial to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., April 22.—Limestone odge K. of P. held an interesting session last night at Castle Hall in Gaffney. A large delegation came amplified third degree. The exercises were most impressive, and after the was finished refreshments were served, and all were delighted with a most flourishing condition, and bids has a good following here and doubt-fair to become the banner lodge of the less his visit will add to his strength. Seq., and Coi. Jones J. Darby left for Winnsboro this morning where they to to attend the district convention, hich convenes with that lodge to-

J. N. Nesbitt, Dr. J. T. Darwin Dr. J. N. Nesbitt, Dr. J. T. Darwin and Mr. Lawson Spake received yesterday from Kentucky three fine horses which Mr. Spake and Dr. Darwin purchased some weeks ago in Lexpany of this city. The price paid was ingion. They are all three magnificent specimens of the equine race, and attracted a great deal of interest when they were exhibited on the streets pesterday.

The Gaffney Manufacturing Compa-ny, which closed down Wednesday for repairs, resumed operations yesterday, and is again running on full time.

TRUCK MOVING FORWARD.

One Hundred Carloads Handled Yes-terday From the Wilmington Trucking Belt—Republican Pri-maries Friday. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, April 22,—One hundred solid car loads of strawberries were handled from the trucking beit yesterday through the junction office at South Rocky Mount, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Buffalo having received the bulk of the consignments. More than a hun-dred cars are being loaded in the beit for shipment to-day and the report from Rocky Mount to-morrow is ex-pected to show almost a record-break-er in volume of traffic. Chadbourn is the centre of the industry just at present and hundreds of representatives of the produce commission houses of the country are now there looking after the shipments.

Governor Glenn arrived in the city ast evening from Clinton and leaves to-morrow morning on an early train for Clarkton, where the citizens of Bladen have prepared for a big pro-hibition rally in his honor. To-night the Governor spoke here from an im-provised speaker's stand at Sixth and Market streets. The Chief Executive was called upon last night and to-day by many of his friends and admirers. The Republican primaries will be held in this county Friday. On Sat-urday the congressional convention of the sixth district will meet here. Robert W. Davis, Esq., of Southport, will probably be the nominee. He has the unanimous endorsement of his county, Brunswick.

### THE TARIFF ON CATTLE.

Florida Senator and Representative Call on Secretary Tatt With a View to Securing a Modification of the Cuban Tariff on Cattle.

April 22.—Senator Washington. Taliaferro and Representative Spark-man, of Florida, called on Secretary Taft to-day with a committee repre senting the cattle exporters of Flori-da, with a view to securing a modification of the Cuban tariff on cattle so as to give them in practice the advantage of the 40 per cent. differ-ential in favor of American cattle provided for in the reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

at present it was urged the Cuban tariff is based upon the number of head of cattle and as to whether the cattle are classed as lean or fat, theory being to provide a low tariff on cattle which require to be gazed of course, it was represented, is in

Secretary Taft advised Governor Magoon of the views of the Florida people and advised them that the ultimate decision was with him.

### CHURCH CALLS A PASTOR.

Rev. R. A. McFarland Tendered Pulpit of Scotland Neck Baptist Church
—New Road Machine Purchased. Special to The Observer.

Scotland Neck, April 22.-The Baptist church of this place which has been without a pastor since February 15th, the time of Rev. G. T. Lumpkin's resignation, last Sunday tendered a unanimous call to Rev. R. A. McFarland, now a student in the Southern Theological . Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mr. McFarland preached in the church here two weeks ago and greatly pleased the people. It is thought that he will

accept the call. The graded schools observed holiday Friday and there were pleasures for the children in the way of Easter egg hunts, picnics, parties,

and the like. The Townships of Scotland Neck. Palmyra and Roseworth have purchased a road machine and six mules and have a force of hands at work on the public roads and they have made some good improvements on the roads. There is a purpose here the roads. with the cotton farmers to hold down the acreage in cotton this season, and to plant more feed crops.

## SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Lancaster County Farmer a Load of Buckshot in His Left Side and May Not Live—Shooting Oc-curred on Spot Where the Victim Shot Another Man Some Time Ago. By Bell Telephone to The Observer.

bush this afternoon about 3 o'clock by some person unknown. A charge of buckshot entered Simms' left side, ear the heart, and it is not probable

that he will recover. The tragedy is shrouded in mystery. The shooting occurred within a few yards of the spot where, a short time ago Simms shot and killed J. Hampton Stogner. He was tried for the killing at the last term of court and a mistrial resulted. Simms heard the explosion of the gun but says he saw no one. Dr. Elliott, of this town, was summon-

ed to attend him. Simms is a well-to-do farmer, living about 3 miles from Lancaster, and the tragedy occurred near his place.

## Mr. Craig Makes a Good Speech Mount Gllead,

Mount Gilead, April 22 .- Mr. Locke Craig. Democratic candidate for the nomination for the office of Governor, spoke here Monday. Notwithstanding the busy season and general indifference toward political matters just at this time, he had a good audience Spartanburg and gave the for this town and community, and he third degree. The exercises was given the closest attention. He made a good speech and a favorable impression on his audience which, and all were delighted with however, contained a number of Horne and Kitchin admirers. He

## High Point Bonds Bring a Pre-

Fire at Daytona, Fla.

Daytona, Fla., April 22.—The electric light plant, for plant and Manager Sanches's residence were destroyed by fire this morning, causing a loss of \$95,000. The electric light plant was insured for \$25,000.

ent is Made That Presi dent Roosevelt Will Veto the Naval Appropriation Bill Unless Provision is Made For the Two Battleships Appropriation Bill Unless Provision is Made For the Two Battleships Which Are Authorized in That Measure—Such Legislation Bears All the Earmarks of Legislative Legerdermain, Intended to Make Ridiculous His Campaign For the Greater Navy—Mr. Hale Will Propose the Appropriation of \$7,000. pose the Appropriation of \$7,000,-000 For These Ships—President Has Not Ceased His Fight For Four

Washington, April 22.-President Roosevelt will veto the naval appro-priation bill should the Senate, as did the House, fall to make any appropriation for the two battleships which are authorized in that measure. The prompt announcement of this fact to Senate leaders to-day is regarded responsible for the announcement by Mr. Hale that he should propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 towards the construction of these

A "PAPER" PROVISION.

The President stated his position on this point with equal emphasis and suddenness to-day, upon learning that the bill, as passed by the House, was simply a "paper" provision for naval increase. Authorization of the ships was made, but no money carried to make the provision effective. Such legislation as this, the President made known to his numerous congressional callers, was a travesty as to effectiveness, as well as bearing all the ear marks of legislative legerdermain, in-tended to make ridiculous his cam-

paign for the greater navy.

That the President's quick and vigorous action is to be effective is evidenced by the action of Chairman Hale, of the Senate naval committee, in announcing at the proper time he will propose the \$7,000,000 amendment. As to his threat of veto, the President made it plain that should the wisdom of Congress result in the passage of a bill providing for no naval increase whatever, he would have no ground on which to veto the measure. Any attempt at what he regards as a travesty on legislation by authorizing but not appropriating for ships, he declares he will defeat by the finest fleet in the world and that er of veto.

HAS NOT CEASED FIGHTING. There is not the slightest indication that the President has ceased his fight for four new battleships, according to the evidence of Senators who talked with him to-day. Senators who are Hale. "But you will find just as with the President in his fight on this we have found that the expense of a proposition admit to-night that a great navy only begins when you careful survey of their strength in the have built the ships." Senate gives but a vote of 26 in that body in favor of the President's na- amounts of money carried in the bill val programme for four ships.

Significance as attached to this poll understood to have quit the fight for programme that had the President's with the vigor he has evidenced, his desire in this direction might have

## MR. C. H. COWLES NOMINATED.

Republican Eighth District Convention, Which Met Yesterday at Tay-lorsville, Names Him For Congress -Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn Much in Evidence as the Proxy For Watauga—State Chairman Adams and President Roosevelt Endorsed by the Convention.

pecial to The Observer.

Taylorsville, April 22.-The Rethe eighth district met here to-day. Charles H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, chairman of the executive committee, named Mr. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, for temporary chairman, O. F. Pou of Taylorsville, and L. Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro, secretaries. The roll of the counties was called and all were represented by delegations except Wautauga and Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, of Greensboro, presented proxies for this county and acted as delegate for Watagua.

A motion to dispense with the committee on credentials was made and carried. A motion was made to make the temporary organization perman-ent. Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn Lancaster, S. C., April 22.—J. B. ent. Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn simms, a farmer, was shot from ammade a motion to elect H. M. Wellborn, of Ashe county, chairman, met with no second, as did other motions by the same gentleman. The temporary organization was then made permanent and proceeded to business,

Some of the delegates wanted to nominate a candidate for Congress before the delegates to the national convention were nominated. Mr. H. M. abuse of Governor Glenn and the last tention turned from it." Legislature.

for Congress carried. J. R. Hender-about." He does not think the son, of Ashe county, placed the name appropriation bill was the of S. G. Parson, of Ashe, before the place in which to provide for a regi-convention. A delegate from Cabar-rus, placed in nomination H. S. Wil-Mr. Foraker, commenting on the brooks, of Wilkes, placed the name of to have 250,000 men under arms.

Charles H. Cowles in nomination, Before taking up the sections restantly and Iredeli counties seconded ing to battleships the bill was the nomination of Cowles. . H. W. aside until to-morrow. Wellborn seconded the nomination of was as follows: Cowles, 78; Parsons, 45; Williams, 17. The chairman declared Cowles the nominee of the

convention. Charles H. Cowles and L. C. Wag-

oner were elected delegates to the na-tional convention in Chicago.

James R. Henderson, of Ashe, was named for presidential elector. Res-olutions were adopted endorsing Pres-High Point, April 22.—The. \$60,000 5 per cent., thirty-year bonds were to-day awarded by the board of aidermen of the city of High Point.

Before the convention adjourned, State Chairman S. B. Adams was sent for just after Mr. Cowles had accepted the nomination. He came and made a short speech.

Among the prominent Republicans E. Spencer Blackburn, George H. Brown and Col. W. S. Pearson. The convention was large and orderly, well-behaved and a good looking set

UNLESS SHIPS ARE ORDERED WARREN CRITICISES MEASURE

Senator Hale Explains Why an Appropriation For Two New Battle-ships and Marines Was Not Placed in the Naval Bill—House Voted It Down on the Ground That It Would Not Be Needed Until Next December and the Senate Did Not Put It in Because No Estimate of the Amount That Could Be Exper Had Been Received From the Department-Repairs on Great Vessels Begin as Soon as They Are Set Afloat—Our Fleet the Finest in the

Washington, April 22.-When the consideration of the naval appropriation was resumed in the Senate today Mr. Hale referring to a publication "in a New York paper," which he said announced war outside and inside the Senate explained why an appropriation for the two new battleships and submarines had not been placed in the bill either in the House or the Senate. The House, he said, voted the appropriation down on the ground that it would not be needed until next December and the Senate committee had not put it in the bill because no estimate of the amount that could be expended had been received from the department, Since the bill was reported, he said, the estimates amounting to \$7,000,000 had been received and he would add that amount as an amendment to the bill thus increasing to that extent the already heavy appropriations for the navy.

"I say this," added Mr. Hale, "in order that Senators and newspaper men and all others may possess their souls in peace."

Answering an inquiry by Mr. Clay. Senator Hale said it was necessary to begin to repair the great vessels of the navy almost as soon as they are set afloat. "When repairs reach the original cost," he added, "it is discovered a vessel is obsolete."

OUR SHIPS THE BEST. Mr. Hale said he had recently talked to Sir William White, formerly head of the British admiralty, who had stated that the United States had the excellency of our navy is due to the fact that we have waited to build ships while Great Britain had spent hundreds of millions of dollars upon

ships that have become obsolete, "The ships you have are the best of their kind," he told me, said Mr. Mr. Clay criticised the

for repairs to vessels. Mr. Warren criticised the naval of the Senate in that it is said to bill so far as it provides for an inshow a loss to the President of some crease in the may and the marine of his heretofore staunchest support- corps, saying that when the increase ers in that body. Senator Lodge is for the army was proposed it was placed in a separate bill and brought the full naval programme advocated into the Fenate early in the session by the President, and to have given so that full discussion on it could be his reasons personally to the Presi-dent for so doing. The loss of the marks of Senator Hale in the Senate influence of the Massachusetts Sen- in which the Senator from Maine commented on a newspaper article statthe weakness shown by the poll, as ing that the policy of the Secretary it is believed by those favoring the of War has been to increase the regular army to 125,000 men. Mr. Warsenatorial supporters entered the fight ren said there seemed to be a feeling of resentment toward every proposition to enlarge the army and since the speech of Senator Hale of Maine there had been widespread comment

> crease in the enlisted force which it was proposed to pass in a minute. "That is because we keep adding ships," suggested Mr. Hale. "But the army is enlarged because we keep adding countries," retorted

on the extravagance of appropria-

tions for that branch of the service.

Now, he said, the navy bill was before

the Senate with provisions for an in-

Mr. Warren. "We have not added any lately, publican congressional convention of thank God," retorted the Senator from Maine.

### TAFTS STATEMENT Mr. Hale added that he did

have the army so much in mind as he had the navy when he spoke against an increased military establishment. He said he was then preparing to oppose four new battleships. Mr. Warren then had read at the desk a statement by Secretary Taft disclaiming that he was authority for the newspaper statement that he a plan for the standing army of 125,-000, and a letter from General Bell. chief of staff, declaring that he never "heard of such a thing and never thought of doubling the army."

Mr. Foraker interposed to speech of Secretary Taft delivered at Columbus, O., April 3, 1908, concerning the enlargement of the army printed in The Record and a part of it read from the Vice President's desk. Senator Warren with some feeling said it looked to him that in order to get four, eight, or 10 battleships for the navy the "water must be black-Wellborn, of Ashe, made a speech of ened around the army and public atwhen another bill is brought in, it A motion to nominate a candidate should be "one we know something or Congress carried. J. R. Hender-about." He does not think the naval

rus, placed in nomination H. S. Williams, Iredell county yielded to the Columbus, O., speech of Secretary County of Wilkes. Hon. E. Spencer Taft said that speech indicated that Blackburn , of Greenstoro, delegate the idea of the Secretary was to have for Watauga, made a long speech of legislation to enable the country in thanks until he was hoarse and the the next 10 years, through the reserve convention tired. Mr. James A. Hol- forces as well as the regular army. Before taking up the sections relat-

# of Ashe. The first ballot watangs to Send a Solid Delegation follows: Cowles, 78; Parsons,

Special to The Observer. Lenoir, April 22 .- A long distance telephone message from Boone this afternoon says the Democratic county convention, which was held there ruary 18th it was returned to South
Monday, voted unanimously to send Carolina and placed on duty in the
Cortelyou Speaks to Business Men's
third military district (W. S. Walka solid delegation for Mr. Locke Craige to the State convention. The convention also instructed for Congressman R. N. Hackett.

The convention was harmonious

Knox Speaks in New York. New York, April 22.—Philander C. Knox, Senator from Pennsylvania, and ex-Attorney General of the United States, addressed the Civic Forum in Carnegie Hall to-night. A crowded auditorium listened with interest to his scholarly address on "The People, the Railroads and the National Authority."

PRESIDENT WILL VETO BILL NAVAL BILL IS DISCUSSED DEATH OF BISHOP CAPERS END FOLLOWS A LONG ILLNESS.

> Protestant Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina Passes Away at Co-lumbia, S. C., After an Illness of Many Months—Deceased Was 70 Years Old and Had Presided Over the Diocese of South Carolina For the Past 15 Years—Was Secretary of State For South Carolina and a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army-The Funeral to Be Held Friday Afternoon-A Sketch of His

Columbia, S. C., April 22.-Bishop Ellison Capers, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, died at his home in this city at 2:30 p. m. to-day.

Bishop Capers had been in feeble health for many months and for several days had been sinking gradualy. This morning his physicians an-nounced that he could not survive the day.

Bishop Capers was 70 years of age and had presided over the Diocese for the past 15 years. He had been Secretary of State of South Carolina. brigadier general in the Confederate army and held other positions of rank and influence that had made him one of the best known South. He was the father of John G. Capers, Commissioner of Internal Revenue and national Republican committeeman for South Carolina. The funeral will be held from Trinity church, this city, Friday at noon. Confederate veterans, visiting bishops and many clergy will act as escort of honor. Telegrams of condolence come from all parts of the South. Bishop Capers literally fell asleep.

His expiring hours were free from pain. SKETCH OF BISHOP CAPERS.

Brig. Gen. Ellison Capers, a de scendant of an English family which settled in South Carolina among the earliest colonists, was born in Charleston October 14th, 1837. His father, grandfather and several generations function to-day was the annual banof the name, belonged to the parishes of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, in Charleston county, in the territory originally called Berkeley county. His mother was of Irish extraction, her father, William McGill, having settled in Kershaw county, upon coming from Ireland.

Ellison, was a soldier of the revolution, a lieutenant in the Second South Carolina Regiment, and after the fall of Charleston in 1780, one of Marion's captains in his famous partisan brigades, in which his only brother, G. ers and reception of many friends Sinclair Capers, held the same rank. Several thrilling incidents in the career of these two gallant partisen captains are related by Judge James, of South Carolina, in his life of Marion. They were both planters.

William Capers, father of Ellison, was born on his father's plantation. "Bullhead," in St. Thomas parish, about 20 miles north of Charleston, January 25, 1790. He was graduated at the South Carolina College in Columbia, entered the Methodist minis-He was elected and consecrated a Mr. Bryan said: bishop in the Methodist Episcopal "I hav Church, South, in 1845, and died at be right. his home in Anderson, S. C., January ciety is interested in the welfare of GRADUATED IN NOVEMBER, 1857.

Ellison Capers, the fourth son of his marriage with Susan McGill, was Itary Academy in November, 1857. matics and belle letters in his alma cured." mater. In 1857 he married Charlotte Rebecca, fourth daughter Gendren and Katherine Couturier Palmer, of Cherry Grove plantation, St. John, Berkeley, S. C. of this year he was appointed assistant professor of mathematics in the South wards he attended the banquet of ton, with the rank of second lieuten-

The active state of affairs in Charleston during the summer and ka, and Miss Grace Bryan will leave fall of 1860 roused the military spirit the family at Harrisburg., Pa., to of the people, and the First Regiment return to school in Roaneke, Va. of Rifles was organized in Charleston, of which Lieutenant Capers was unanimously elected major. He served with his regiment at Castle Pinckney, and on Morris, Sullivan's, James and John's islands. His regiment also constituted a part of the army under Beauregard during the attack on Fort Sumter. He continued to serve in the vicinity of Charleston until November, when he resigned the rank of lieutenant colonel, to which he had been promoted, in order that he might

enter the Confederate service. PATRIOTIC IN SPIRIT. Satisfied that the terrible struggle was before his people, he resigned his professorship at the military academy and united with Col. Clement H. Stevens, of Charleston, in enlisting a regiment for the war. The regiment was mustered into the Confederate service as the Twenty-fourth South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, April 1st, 1862, with Clement H. Stevens as colonel, Ellison Capers lieutenant colonel, and H. J. Hammond major. On the 4th of April he was ordered to Coles island and on the 25th of May was transferred to James island. June 3d Companies A, B, D and E, and the Charleston battalion, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Capers, opened the James Island campaign.
In this engagement Colonel Capers led the attack, and for his courageous and skilful management of this affair

At the battle of Secessionville, the the regiment was on James island until December 15th, 1862, when it was ordered to North Carolina to the relief of Wilmington, and stationed at the railroad crossing of Northeast river, on Island Ford road. On Feb. er's). Lieut, Col. Capers, with part between Combahee and Ashepoo

Charleston being threatened with attack, the regiment was ordered back attack, the regiment was ordered back to Secessionville April 5th, 1863. On May 6th it left South Carolina for Jackson, Miss., being assigned to Gist's brigade and eight days later, while commanding the regiment in the battle at Jackson, Lieut. Capt. Capers was wounded. About the last of August Gist's brigade was sent to General Resear. It participated in the battle of the point at which it machinery will be made.

tles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and in the former Colonel Ca pers was again wounded. During the winter at Dawson, in January, 1864, Colonel Stevens was prome brigadier general and placed in charge of the brigade formerly commanded by Gen. Claudius C. Wilson. while leading this brigade that Gen-eral Stevens received his mortal wound at Peachtree creek, July 20th, 1864. Lieut. Col. Capers was promoted to the colonelcy of the Twentyfourth, which he led through the At lanta and Tennessee campaigns until the battle of Franklin, where he was wounded and General Gist was killed. On March 1st, 1865, on the recommendation of Generals Johnston, Hardee and Cheatham, he was commissioned brigadier general and assigned to the command of Gist's brigade.

ENTERS MINISTRY IN 1867. lected Secretary of State of South Carolina, in December, 1865. In 1867 voters. It is said that the liquor elehe entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. for 20 years rector of Christ church, are given for the failure of both pro-Greenville, S. C., for one year at Selma, Ala., and for six years at Trinity Columbia. In 1889 the degree of doctor of divinity was confer- six-months instead of nine-months red on him by the University of South Carolina. On May 5th, 1893, he was elected bishop coadjutor by the Diecesan oCnvention of South Carolina on the first ballot; and on July 20th, 1893, was consecrated to this sacred

### BRYAN LEAVES FOR HOME.

After a Week of Speech-Making the Nebraskan Leaves To-Day Fo Home in Lincoln—Delivers Address to Newspaper Men—Spends a Busy Day in Consultation With Political

New York, April 22.-The three days' visit of William J. Bryan to this city came to a close to-night with an quet of The Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' Aswhere he was the principal guest of the evening and delivered a speech and was cheered by 800 editors and William Capers, the grandfather of publishers and their guests.

While Mr. Bryan did not rise until late this morning the remaining portion of the day was busily employed in consultations with political leadafternoon he conferred with Colonel Henry Watterson, Congressman James, of Kentucky; Daniel J. Campau, Democratic national committeeman from Michigan; ex-Mayor Josiah Quincy, of Boston, and State Senator A. McNeill, of Connecticut. delegation representing the local bricklayers' union called upon him later and presented him with a set of resolutions praising his efforts in try in 1808, and devoted his life and behalf of organized labor. In thankbrilliant talents to his sacred calling. ing the committee for the resolutions

society and the things that the boring man is asking for are to my mind so just that they should be al-I have never attempted to array class against class although it graduated at the South Carolina Mil- has been stated that I have attempted to do so. I have so labored to bring The next year he was a resident grad- all classes into harmony and only by uate and assistant professor in mathe- securing justice can peace be se-

Mr. Bryan hurried immediately afof John ter the dinner to the law school of New York University in Washington Square, where he made an address and In the fall then he spoke at a meeting of the ed assistant Business Men's Civic Club. After-Carolina Military Academy at Charles- The Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' Associa-He and his family will depart tion. from the city to-morrow for Nebras

## FORMER PREMIER DEAD.

r Henry Campbill-Bannerman Passes Away at His Official Resi-dence in London—Had Been Unconscious For Two or Three Days. London, April 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, former British Premier, died at 9:15 o'clock this morning at his official residence in Downing street. The end was peace-

In the death chamber when the ex-Premier breathed his last were his niece, Mrs. Campbell, who had acted as Sir Henry's host since the death of Lady Campbell-Bannerman, a little more than a year age; Dr. Burnet, who was Mr. Campbell-Bannerman's personal physician and who had been in constant attendance during his long illness, and Sir Henry's butler.

The ex-Premier had been un-

conscious most of the time during the last two or three days and his sinking was gradual. A few hours before his death telegrams were dispatched to King Edward, who, with Queen Alexandra, is visiting the Danish royal family at Copenhagen, the Prince of Wales and the Cabinet

ministers. completed this evening. There will be a funeral service in Westminster Abbey at noon on April 27th, attended by representatives of King and skilful management of this affair Edward and Queen Alexandra, he was commended in general orders, diplomatists and members of Parlia-At the battle of Secessionville, the ment, etc., and the final interment ment, etc., and the final interment will occur at Meigle, Perthshire, beard Colonel Capers was praised in orders. He was next detailed to comon the following day. mand of a battery of siege guns at Messages of sympathy, were ar-Clark's House. Except at Pocotaligo riving all day from every part of

Auburn, N. Y., April 22 .- The prinof his regiment and other commands, cipal guest at the annual dinner of was detached to command the district the Auburn Business Men's Association in Music Hall to-night George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury, The subject of his ad-dress was: "Some Aspects of Public

THE RESULT DISAPPOINTS FAILURE OF WAKE ELECTIONS

Opposition of Liquor Men and Dissatisfaction With City Government
Given as Reasons For the Defeat
of Both Propositions—Supreme
Court Opinions Handed Bown—
Insurance Commissioner Cancels
the License of a Virginia Concers
— Philadelphia Life Insurance
Company Licensed to Do Business
in the State—Little Doing Folitically in Eastern North Carolina,
All the Candidates Having Followers.

Observer Bureau The Holleman Building Raleigh, April 22.

The result of the dual election here yesterday on the issue of road box and for an increased tax for public schools was a surprise to a good After the war General Capers was people. Both propositions falling is the main because of the stay-at-he ment was sharply against the school He was tax proposition. All sorts of reasons positions, dissatisfaction with the city government being one of these. It is currently said that the failure means

The Insurance Commissioner has cancelled the license of the Security Life Insurance Company of America. It is chartered by Virginia but has headquarters at Chicago. The action is taken because it refused to deposit securities under the reciprocal law. The Girard Fire & Marine-Insur-ance Company of Philadelphia is admitted to do business in this State. LITTLE DOING POLITICALLY.

Your correspondent while in the astern section heard remarkably little talk about politics, in fact not enough to be of value in making any estimate. Craig, Kitchin, and Horne men were all found. Horne seems to have more strength than was expectenergetic finish. Mr. Bryan's last ed. It was remarked that the returns of convention are now coming in principally from the Craig counties but that later on the Kitchin counties will be heard from. Here at Raleigh sociation at the Waldorf-Astoria, it was remarked to-day by a veteran politician that politics was getting hot. This may be true in other sections of the State also, but certainly not in the east.

A charter is granted the K. Howard Hamilton Furniture Co. of Winston-Salem, the amount of capital stock

being \$25,000. Everything seems to be getting ready for the resumption of work on the great trestle of the Norfolk & who called upon him. During the Southern Railway across Albermarie Sound. Part of the trestle has been built on each side and great quantities of material have been on hand since work was stopped last October. It seems to be expected that the work will begin in May and that me other improvements will be made.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS. The Supreme Court to-day rendered the following decisions: Fowle vs. A. C. L. Railway, from Beaufort, new trial; Staton vs. A. C. L. Railway, from Edgecombe, partial new trial; Bank of Benson vs. Jones, from Johnston, no error; Corporation Commis-"I have done what I thought to sion vs. Hart-Ward Hardware Com-Watson vs. Proximity Mfg. Co., from Wake, defendant's appeal affirmed; Southern Audit Company vs. zie, from Robeson, error: Thompson vs. S. A.L. Railway, from Anson, appeal dismissed; Smith vs. N. C. Rail-road, from Alamance, error; Cherry vs. Williams, from Guilford, modified and affirmed; Briggs vs. Traction Company, from Durham, new trial; Etchison vs. McGuide, from Davie, appeal dismissed: Kyles vs. Southern Railway, from Iredell, error; Witty va. Barham, from Rockingham, no error; Wall-Huske Company vs. Southern Railway Company, from Forsyth, error in both appeals; Ford vs. Peddi-cord, from Forsyth, affirmed per curiam; Temple vs. Southern Railway, from Forsyth, affirmed per curiam; Sparger vs. Southern Railway, from Surry, affirmed per curiam.

Appeals from the thirteenth dis-

trict will be called April 18th as follows by the Supreme Court: State Cline; Collection Agency V. Southern Railway; Chamberlain V. Trog-don; Bank V. Hosiery Mills; Realty Company V. Corpening; Furniture Company V. Express Company; Hen-derson V. Eller; Bank V. Hotel Com-pany; Morrow V. Southern Railway Company; Scale Company V. Luns-ford; Taylor V. Astley; Stewart V. Lowder Mills; Foster V. Southern Lowder Mills; Foster V. Southern Raifway; Call V. Robinsett; Harris Lumber Company; Shake Lumber Company; Church V.

# SIGMA ALPHA MEETING.

Officers Elected at Annual Session at Winston-Salem—Vain Attempt to Rob Postoffice at Rural Hall.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, April 22.—The biof the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity adjourned this afternoon. The time and place of the next meet will be selected by the newly-elected officers who are: President, Alfred L. Cox, University of North Carolina, of Raieigh; vice president, W. R. Johnson, V. M. I., of Crescent, Va.; secretary and treasurer, T. McN. Simpson, University of Virginia. Spartanburg, The meeting is said to have been the most successful ever held in the prov-

An attemp to rob the posts Rural Hall, a small station about 12 miles north of here, was made last night. The robbers gained entrance to the postoffice, but the explosion failed to open the safe, consequently no money was secured. There is no clue to the identity of the guilty parties.

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With a Proposition.

New York, April 22—There was a
sudden hitch reported to-day in the
suit of Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt for divorce. Mrs. Cornelius Vandebilt, Sr., mother of Alfred Vanderbilt, is said to have intervened with
a new plan for reconciliation which
has temporarily halted the proceedings. A confidentila agent of Vanderbilt's personal attorneys is said to
be en route now to lay the mother's
proposal before the young husband.
The elder woman is said to have won
her daughter-in-law's approval of her her daughter-in-law's approval of

Rev. Bithel Leggett, of Wir ecial to The Observer