Atlanta, Ga., May 8 .- One million and a quarter is the loss conservatively esimated to-night on a fire which started at 3:30 o'clock this morning and which swept two blocks of Atlanta business property.

To-night the fire is under control with ruined buildings in the district bounded by Forsyth, Nelson, Madison and Hunter streets. Late to-day the police and fire departments dynamited what was left of the ragged walls. To-night half of Atlanta's fire fighting force is playing water into a dozen rased structures.

How the fire started is a mystery. How the fire started is a mystery. It was discovered in the building occupied by the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, bakery. From there it ran its way in all directions until it struck the Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, and gutted that. During the early morning nours every one in the Terminal Hotel and in numerous other smaller hotels in the district had warning. There was no lass of life and no injuries.

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One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsyth, Mitcheil and Nelson streets and Madison avenus, and in which were located the Schiessinger-Meyer Company, Branch B of the city postoffice, the Liquid Carbonic Company, a branch of Central Trust and Banking Company, and many smaller concerns.

The fire was discovered in the elevator shaft of the Schiessinger Building and is supposed to have originated from crossed wires running to the meter which operated the elevator. By the time the firemen had arrived By the time the firemen had arrived the flames had broken through the roof of this building, and owing to a light water pressure it was impossible light water pressure it was impossible to check their progress. In a short time this structure was completely gutted and the fire was eating its way through to Station'B of the Alanta fice, where mails received from the terminal station, just across the square, are distributed.

HOTELS BURNED. The employees of the postoffice, however, by quick work managed to save all the mall and most of the equipment. Jumping across Mitchell street the flames made short work of the Terminal Hotel, the Terminal Annex. Child's Cafe and Hotel, and Child's Annex, at which point the firemen succeeded in checking the onslaught on the north side of Mitchell street. on the north side of Mitchell street. On the south side, however, the flames continued to sweep everything in their path until Forsyth street was reached, gutting the buildings occupied by Mc-Clure's Ten-Cent Store, the branch bank of the Central Banking and Trust Company, the Paragon Suspender Company, Moon Shoe Store, and the Liquid Carbonic Company. The Schleszinger Building extended balf a block on Nelson street and from half a block on Nelson street and from it the flames soon jumped to numerous small storehouses on Forsyth street, destroying the places occupied by Alverson Bros', Grocery Company, the Binders Frame Manufacturing company, and the Walker Cooley Fur niture Company. A strong west wind fanned the flames and scattered burning embers over the whole business ection of the city and threatening for time to cause even greater loss. The firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls, but no injuries of a serious nature are re-

ported.

The guests from the hotels and rooming houses in the burned section rooming houses in the burned section room of their efocceeded in saving most of their effects, having been warned in time to remove their trunks, which were piled on the plaza in the front of the ter-minal station, from which point their owners and many early risers watch ed the progress of the fire.

LITTLE GIRL IS OUTRAGED.

An Unknown White Man Commits
Heinous Crime at Langley, S. C.,
and Makes Good His Escape—Vietim But 9 Years of Age and Her
Condition is Very Serious.* Observer Bureau, 200 Skyscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., May 8.

Columbia, S. C., May 8.

A special to the bureau from Langdey says that that community is in a state of intense excitement over a criminal assault this afternoon upon 6-year-old Lula May Leopard, a prominent farmer's daughter, living about two miles from Langley, by an unknown white man, who has made his escape. The surrounding country is being scoured by heavily armed citizens, but though the search will likely be kept up all night there seems little hope of capturing the brute. The little girl was found in a badly wounded condition, and her condition to-night is critical, though she was able to tell how the man finding her out in the road near home enticed her half a mile further and committed the horrible outrage upon her. Her description of the criminal, however, did not lead to suspicion of any known person, and the criminal is likely well out of dauger of capture by this time.

MOTION TO REMOVE DENIED.

ason Commissioners Charged th Malfensance to Be Tried in Au-at—Grand Jury Brings Present-ent Against Board of Education,

HOUSE SUMMARY.

The officers and calleted men of the army yesterday won their fight for increased pay when the House of Representatives after a debate of two hours agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill. An appropriation of \$7,000,000 was made for the purpose, \$6,000,000 of which will go to the enlisted men. Nine hundred and forty-two officers on the retired list will also benefit by the increase. Under suspension of the rules bills were passed placing the Porto Rican regiment of infantry on a permanent basis and authorizing additional aids to navigation in the light house establishment.

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in which it was presented from the conference committee it carries an aggregate appropriation of \$95,382,-246. The principal item of increase is \$7,000,000 for additional pay for officers and enlisted men of the army. With the various changes made in conference, the bill represents a total increase of \$3,263,151 over the amount

authorized by the Hou HAY OPPOSES INCREASE. Chairman Hull explained that the total number of soldiers in the re-tired list was 942, and that the inerease to them would approximate \$200,000. It was made necessary by reason of the law that grants retired officers three-fourth the pay of

officers of similar grade on the active The proposed increase in pay of officers was strenuously opposed by Mr. Hay, of Virginia, who said that Congress almost every year had increas-ed it by making additional allowances for commutation of quarters, fuel and light. He predicted that in five years the government would have to appropriate not less than \$25,600,000 as the result of the increase, as much, he said, as the whole army was cost-ing at the beginning of the Spanish

The xarious expenses to which an officer is subjected by reason of changes in station were discussed at length, the weight of the arguments being that they should be taken into account when the question of pay is considered.

TAWNEY CRITICISES BILL. Mr. Tawney, of Mignesota, chairtions, opposed the increase, eriticised Mr. Hull for having, trary to the sentiment of the House," agreed to the item of \$1,000,000 for maneuvres and the increased pay of officers. He pleaded with the House not to agree to the conference report Mr. Tawney declared that Congress should not provide for expenditures of money not in the Treasury.

The report was further opposed by Mesers. Slayden, of Texas, and Fitz-gerald, of New York, and favored by Mesers. Cockran and Sulzer, of New York; Landis, of Indiana, and Par-ker, of New Jersey.

The report was agreed to, 139 to 92, which has the effect of sending the bill to the President for signature. Of the \$7,000,000 for increased pay, the enlisted men will receive approx imately \$5,000,000.

WORK OF CONFERENCE.

Attack Upon Polygamy, Report of Missionary Work and Request of Bishop Thoburn For Retirement the Chief Features of the Metho-dist General Conference.

Baltimore, May 8.—An attack upon polygamy by a woman delegate, the report of the missionary work of the Church in Southern Asia and the request of Missionary Bishop J. M. Thoburn for retirement from active service were the chief features of today's meeting of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference here. Bishop James W. Bashford, of Shanghai, China, delivered an eloquent address on China.

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A delegate from the far West created a stir just before adjournment by denouncing some literatures which had been distributed among the dele-

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The offending matter proved to be advertisements of whiskey contained in a pamphiet issued as a souvenir of the Jamestown Exposition and setting forth the life and resources of Maryland and the trade and industries of Baltimore. The books were stamped with the compliments of a leading business man of this city who was formerly a Methodist preacher.

Among the resolutions introduced to-day and referred to committees was one by Rev. W. M. Batch, of the Nebraska Conference, asking the bishops to appoint a commission of nine members to consider the relation of the Church to the social problem.

Another resolution provided for the continuance of the joint commission on federation for another quadrenium.

Negro Marderer Hanged.

Lawrenceville. Va. May 5.—Henry Campbell, colored, was hanged here to-day for the murder of Elia Hudson, a negro woman, inst January. John Hudson, half brother of the walls of the wall previously had been given a life.

resident Roosevelt Informander That He is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Will Do as He Pleases—Letters Are in Defense of His Course in Discharging the Ne-gro Soldiers at Brownsville and the Banishment of Colonel Stewart to an Abandoned Post—Letters Have Created Intense Feeling in the Senate and May Precipitate Conference of Republican Mem-bers—May Be Made Public.

SENATE SUMMARY.

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But little progress was made in the Senate yesterday on the agricultural appropriation bill, the session being devoted to a discussion upon the principle of forest reserves and the administration of that service. Senator Teller concluded his remarks in opposition to a lump sum appropriation of \$500.000 for the further development of the forest reserve systems. Senator Nelson, of Minnesdu, and Senator Dolliver, of Iows, spoke in support of the reserve service.

Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee on pensions, called the attention of the Senate to a deadlock among the conferences on the pension appropriation bill on the Senate amendment requiring a continuance of the present system of having the pension agents logated through 18 pension agents logated throughout the country instead of through a single agent in this city. Many Senators expressed the desire that the conference should insist on the Senate amendment.

A resolution was introduced by Sen-

May 10th as "mothers' day" and suggesting that all Senators and officials
and employes of the Senate should
wear a white flower in honor of their
mothers on that day.

The Senate at 5:40 o'clock adjourned until to-day at 11 o'clock for the further consideration of the agricui-

Washington, May 8.—Three members of the United States Senate have received letters from President Rossevelt within the last few days declaring his supremacy, as commander-in-chief, in all matters referring to the control of the army and navy. The letters have created intense feeling in the Senate, and it is not unlikely that they will precipitate a conference of Republican members. The letters in every case are in defense of his course in discharging without honor the negro soldiers he believed to be guilty of shooting up the Town of Browns-ville, Tex., and his action in banish-ing Col. William. F. Stewart to an abandoned military post in a desert section of Arizona. ASSERTS HIS RIGHTS.

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The third letter came to-day to Senator Stewart, of Vermont. A few days ago during the debate on the Brownsville case Senator Stewart asked a question indicating that he had doubt as to the wisdom of extending to the President the power of passing on the innocence or guilt of ex-soldiers applying for reinstatement in view of the fact that it appeared the President still beit appeared the President still be-lieves all of the negroes to have and look the field en guilty of complicity in the af-ity. The Senator received from the fray. The Senator received from the President to-day a letter bearing on both the Colonel Stewart, and the Brownsville cases. Attached to the communication were letters to Senators Rayner and William Alden Smith, the one to Mr. Rayner asserting chiefly the President's right as commander-in-chief to deal with an officer in such manner as he pleased, while the one to Mr. Smith was confined to the Brownsville af-fair and reiterated the President's belief that he had dealt with the case

belief that he had dealt with the case as conditions demanded.

The President went farther still in his letter to Senator Stewart. He declared that Senator Stewart, from the question he asked in the debate, appeared to be proceeding under a misapprehension of the duties of the President of the United States in connection with the army and navy. connection with the army and navy. He quoted the law as he understood it, and denied that he was under any obligation to give to the discharged negro soldiers or to Colonel Stewart any court of inquiry. Several paragraphs were devoted to a discussion of Colonel Stewart's case and the faults which have put him in disrepute in army circles. After this discussion the President wrote that in every community there is found maudin sympathy with murderers and the Thaw case in New York is cited by him as an example.

WILL HOLD CAUCUS? None of the Senators who have received letters from the White House have decided whether they will make them public. All have been asked to do so. Senator Smith, gether as they are by the cohesive of Michigan, declined on the ground that it would be improper, and Sena-John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, and A. Johnson, of Minnesota, and Sena-John A. John B. Sena-John B. Sena-J that it would be improper, and Senator Rayner is preparing to use the
letter in a speech which he will
make to the Senate denouncing the
action of the President in banishing
Colonel Stewart to Fort Grant, Ariz.

Senator Stewart showed to several
of his colleagues the letter he received, but thus far has made no
disposition of it. Several Senators
said to-day that he letters would
have the effect of complicating the
situation in regard to legislation in
the interest of the innocent members
of the battalion of negroes discharged on account of the Brownsville affray. There are two bills before the Senate looking to that end.
It is generally believed that the Republican Senators will hold a caucus
for the discussion of the entire question, including the President's letters,
early next week.

John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, an
idol of the people of the Northwest."

The letter continues, urging the
nomination of Johnson as the most
avallable man—and arguing that the
nomination of Bryan has been made
impossible by the hostility of Democrats in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware.
Rhode Island and Maine and the inevitable opposition in the West.

ORPHANAGE SITE SELECTED.

Dwire Farm, West of Winston-Salem,
is Where New Methodist Orphanage
Will Be Built.

Winston-Salem, May 8.—The orphanage committee of the Western
North Carolina Conference of the
Methodist Church met here this afternoon to select a site for the institution and to outline plans for the erec-

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., May S.—
Benjamin McAbee, a young white
man, was convicted in the
Court of General Sessions today of murder and was recommended to the marcy of the court. He
shot and killed John Fowler, a man
who lived in the house with him, in
March. He claimed that Fowler was
intimate with his wife. McAbee's attorneys have given notice of a motion
for a new trial.

TWO BLOCKS SWEPT AWAY ADDITIONAL PAY FOR ARMY ROOSEVELT IS COMMANDER SPEAKERS ARE INVITED MAINE'S DEAD HONORED DIOCESAN MEETING ENDS WAS DROWNED IN GEORGIA SERVES NOTICE ON SENATORS FOR STATE BANKERS' MEETING SHAFT UNVEILED AT SALISBURY TO CONVENE IN RALEIGH AGAIN L. B. MEYERS LOSES HIS LIFE

Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Alles and Congressman Crawford, Member of House Committee on Banking and Currency, to Address Tar Heel Money Lenders at Morehead City—Buckeye Democratis Believe That With Harmon Heading the Ticket They Can Carry Ohio This Year—Alabama Will Have Big Primary Fight as to Instruction For Bryan or Johnson For President.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, May 8.

will be reported in a day or two.

In the bill authorizing aids to navigation provision was made for a lantern post light, at a cost not to exceed \$500, at the mouth of Lower line exercises and entered into the spirit of a momentous occasion—ap-Broad creek, North Carolina. spirit of a momentous occasion—ap-Mr. H. M. Victor, of Charlotte, was plauding earnestly and sincerely this ere to-day.

HOPE FOR OHIO.

The Democrats of Ohlo believe that The Democrats of Ohlo believe that they will carry the State this year with former United States Attorney General Harmon heading their ticket. It has been frequently said here that 4f. Harmon would run his party might win. It has also been claimed that no other man would stand a ghost of a show of being elected. This seems strange doctrine when the Democrats of the country would not accept Harmon as country would not accept Harmon as a candidate for the presidency because of the fact that he belonged to ex-President Cleveland's Cabinet. Here we have the Democrats of the nation saying. "Nay, Pauline, you are tainted with the odor of Cleveland," while the Ohioens, most of whom are wild about Bryan, say, "Come on, Brother Harmon, you are the proper medicine for Taft, Foraker, Dick and their allies." This is an instance in which truth is stranger than fiction.

Harmon may carry Ohio. There is serious trouble between the Republican factions in the Buckeye State. The Germans, something like 100,000 of them, are mad with the Republicans on account of some local liquor

PRIMARY FIGHT IN ALABAMA The most interesting fight of all the olitical contests now on is the one in Alabama, where the people will vote for their choice for the Democratic presidential candidate in primaries to be held on the 18th. The majority rules and Johnson and Bryan are in the running. At the very an are in the running. At the very last moment the Johnson men put the name of Governor Johnson on the ticket and began a vigorous campaign in his behalf. A club of more than 300 voters has been organized with Mr. A. G. Smith, of Birmingham, as the president. Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. M. Cunningham, Mr. O. Kyle, Mr. Frank S. Moody and Mr. A. G. Smith are in the race for delegates-at-large against four Bryan men. In a circular letter issued to the voters of the State the Johnson men say: "The announced intention men say: "The announced intention of the Republican party to force a reduction of the representation of the Southern States at the next Congress,

the urgent necessity that Alabama shall be left in position to demand the share of appropriations for her internal and waterway improvements justified by their extent and the prob-ability that another disastrous defeat will jeopardize the existence of the Democratic party in the nation, dis-close a crisis which must be courageously met by the rank and file of party. There is no one in the United States who comes nearer uniting all Democratic factions than any leader can, at the same time, overwhelm any candidate that may be brought forward by the Republicans, bound together as they are by the 'cohesive power of public plunder,' than Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesots, an idol of the people of the Northwest."

The letter continues, urging the most

North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church met here this afternoon to select a site for the institution and to outline plans for the erection of the buildings at the earliest possible moment. The George F. Dwire farm, just west of the city, containing 165 acres, was accepted over the Mickey and R. J. Reynolds farma which were also considered. The price agreed upon is \$100 an acre. The tract of land is a beautiful one and the selection is considered a good one. The main building will cost between \$13,000 and \$25,000. This and the superintendent's home will be erected first and then other buildings will be put up later.

The members of the special committee here to-day were Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, of Greensboro, ex-officio chairman; S. L. Rogers, of Franklin; J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte; Walter Thompson, of Concord.

Pensacola, Fla., May 8.—A cable from Secretary of War Tatt from Colon to Mayor Goodman, of this city, in reply to an invitation for him to return to the States via Pensacola states that as his presence in Washington is needed at once he will take the shortest route, landing at Charleston, S. C., about May 2016.

Beautiful Monument of Gray Granite
Dedicated to the Heroes Who Gave
Up Their Lives For the Union in
Sallsbury Prison—Impressive Exercises in the National Cemetery—
Representatives of the Pine Tree
State Given a Cordini Welcome and
Hospitably Entertained by Salisbury's People—Only One Discordant
Note—Details of an Interesting
Programme and a Description of
the Monument—Sidelights on a
Notable Occasion.

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Special to The Observer. Observer Bureau,
Congress Hall Hotel.
Washington, May 8.

Measrs W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, and W. T. Old, of Elizabeth City, both representing the North Carolina Bankers' Association, are here securing speakers for the annual meeting during the civil war.

Bankers' Association, are here securing speakers for the annual meeting of the bankers to be held in Morehead City in the early summer. Representative Crawford, who is a member of the House committee on banking and currency, and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Milton E. Alies, now connected with one of the Washington banks, were invited and will accept.

The appointments of Wheeler Martin as district collector and W. S. Pearson, assayer of the Charlotte mint, will be reported in a day or two.

June 10 and 11 Salisbury prign during the civil war.

Throughout the exercises there was a tender note of sympathy for the heroic dead who lie in the trenches of this beautiful city of the dead, and every speaker voiced in words inspired by deep-founded patriotism ribute as eloquent as if it had been delivered upon those who fell in the thickest of the fray. That they had serificed their lives in prison was but the fortune of war, and their sacrifice was as glorious, for "The fittest place where man can die Is where he dies for man."

Full five thousand people, most of

tribute of a great State to the met who died that the Union might live.

Crowded into the speakers' stand were the men and women who had

And over yonder, hard by the trenches stood the "thin gray line," with tear-dimmed eyes.

It was a scene never to be forgotten by those privileged to witness it.

Never was this hallowed spot more beautiful, with its carpet of green, shaded by the sorrowful willows, dotted with its thousands of head-stones, mute tribute to those wrapped in eternal slumber, for here—

On fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And glory guards with solemn round The bivouse of the dead. PARADE TO THE CEMETERY.

The formal ceremonies of the day

occupied seats in the band stand and when the exercises began at 2 o'clock there was not standing room as far as the eye could see from this post of vantage. Hon. Thomas G. Libby, State councillor, acted as master of ceremonies and, following a prayer by Hon. W. Scott Libby, introduced cretary of State J. Bryan Grimes who was present as the personal rep-Secretary Grimes apologized for the important engagements kept him away. Then in rather an unusual address of considerable length he extended the greetings of the State of North Carolina to the visitors from the Pine Tree State. To be candid the Pine Tree State. To be candid Mr. Grimes' remarks sounded the only discordant note of an occasion, that, though naturally delicate, yet —be it said to the credit of those who had to do with it—was harmonious throughout. He dwelt upon the part North Carolina played in the civil war, contrasted with invidious comparison military prisons North and South, and laid unpleasant emphasis upon subjects that it were better not to revive.

In happy contrast was the response on behalf of the State of Maine by Hen. Thurston S. Burns, of West-brook, Me., and this felicitous strain, apoken with an earnestness and en-thusiasm that betrayed the sincerity-underlying it, was re-echoed and em-phasized by Mayor Boyden, in extend-ing a welcome to the City of Salisbury and in the response by Hon, Leroy F. Pike, of Cornish, Me. Mayor Boyden never made a happier speech in his life and it was applauded to the echo. He voiced the welcome of all Salis-bury when he said:

MAYOR BOYDEN'S REMARKS.

Woman's Auxiliary Will Establish a Church With Money Raised Last Year For Missions—Junior Order to Keep a Mill School Open For a Month—Mr. Kerr Issues Statement as to Gubernatorial Vote—Counties That Hold Primaries To-Day—Cruiser North Carolina Has Gone Into Commission—Presentation of Silver Service Can Hardly Be at Into Commission—Presentation of Silver Service Can Hardly Be at Cape Lookout—Sawmills Run Again—News of State Capital.

Observer Bureau. The Holleman Building. Raleigh, May 8.

Church of the Good Shepherd here came to an end. There was a busi-ness session this morning and the special order, following this, was the rewas read by Rev. Mr. Berkley. At noon there was a prayer for missions. The evening service was largely dewoted to addresses on the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, the speakers being Rev. Robert Bruce Owens, Thadeus A. Cheatham and Francis M. Os-borne. Each evening during the ses-swimming in a small lake near the sion there have been special services picnic grounds. Soon after going at St. Ambrose colored church, and into the water, Mr. Meyers complained the eermon there this evening was preached by Rev. Henry D. DeLaney. This church, by the way, has a school, he must get out, at the same time

which it decided to give to a new misary of Bishop Cheshire was increased cover. Revs. I. McK. Pittinger, Julian Ingle and A. B. Hunter and Mesers. Richard H. Battle and Richard H. Lewis were elected standing commit-tee. Rector Barber, of Christ church, cead the report of the state of the Church, but this is very incomplete, many parishes having failed to send in reports. Those made show prosperity, however.

A telegram from Macon to-night stated that Mr. Willingham, Mr. John H. Meyers and the private secretary of the deceased left Macon to-night for Winston-Salem with the remains and William Watts, of Auburn.

county, county, made an anti-prohibition noon. The remains will be kept in the speech at the court house to-day.

The Junior Order United American Mr. J. N. Davis, on Spring street. Sun-The Junior Order United American Mr. J. N. Davis, on Spring street Sun-Mechanics decides to keep the Pilot day morning they will be carried Mills public school open, another through the country to Eno church, month WILL SEND CONTESTING DELE. will take place in the afternoon. The

GATION. It is predicted that there will be a arge delegation present at the arge delegation present at the arge delegation present at the arge delegates at large. A well informed delegates at large. A well informed ents the deceased is survived by three ents

nomination for Governor, to-day gave in charge of one of the largest "In my statement given out on Fri-day, April 24th, I said that I thought con, Ga. His territory included a that the primaries to be held the following day would place Mr. Craig's Florida a small portion of Alabama vote around the 100 majority. The read a portion of South Carolina. turns from the primaries on the 25th placed Mr. Craig's vote in the neight.

J. Reynolds Company to-night from the wholesale grocers of Macon exportant that the primaries to be held pressing their sympathy of the unon May 2d would place Mr. Craig's timely death of Mr. Meyers. on May 2d would place Mr. Craig's vote around the 170 mark. The pri-maries held Saturday, the 2d, developed the fact that Mr. Craig had abo 173 votes. To-morrow primaries will be held in seven countles and a county convention in one county, as follows. Primaries in Cabarrus, Caldwell, Henderson, Chatham, Orange, Granville and Yadkin. In Rowan county the convention will be held. These counties have a total vote in the State con-vention of 73. It will be noted that of alderment this afternoon con-Granville, are in Mr. Kitchin's district.
One of the countles, Henderson, is in Mr. Craig's district. Mr. Kitchin will probably receive from six to eight votes more from to-morrow's primaries than Mr. Craig, and when the returns are in Mr. Craig's vote may not pass the 200 majority."

At the commencement exercises of Mr. P. G. Walton, superintendent of

Informed of the conviction of an in-cendiary named Earnhardt, in Rowan county, for burning a barn.

The Fayetteville Auditorium Company is authorized to increase its capital stock to \$40,000.

State Veterinarian Tall Butter in Greensboro this afternoon.

MAYOR BOYDEY'S REMARKS.

I extend to you most cordial greetings and offer you, ladies and gentisment, the fullest freedom of this city. The fullest freedom of the city, and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and in the court of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the city of which I, a Confederate voteran, an chief occurred and the second of the common republic.

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While in Swimming Yesterday in a Lake Near Macon, Ga., a Winston-salem Man Goes Down and, Though a Friend Nearly Loses His Life in the Attempt, Cannot Be Rescued—Was Traveling Representative of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and Had Charge of an Important Territory—Remains on Way to This State and Will Be Interred in Yadkin County—Deceased Was a Young Man. a Young Man.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, May 8 .- Mr. Luther B. Meyers, division salesman for To-day the ninety-second annual the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Com-convention of the Protestant Episcopal pany, with headquarters at Macoil. Diocese of North Carolina held in the Ga., was drowned in a lake near Ma-Ga., was drowned in a lake near Macon to-day, while he and three others were in swimming.

It seems from the advices received port of the Woman's Auxiliary, which here to-night that Mr. Meyers went The convention meets here again moving toward the bank. Mr. Willingham looked up and noticed that mext year at Christ church. Mr. He hastened to the rescue of his treasurer of the convention. Woman's service. In attempting to reach the convention of the convention of the convention of the convention. sion, St. Gabriel's, at Selma. The sal- it was feared that he would not re-

A search for the body of Mr. Meyers was begun immediately and in abtwo hours it was brought to the sur-face. It was turned over to an undertaker and prepared for burial

this would arrive here to-morrow after-Yadkin county, where the intermest funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. A.

Brown, of this city. cans on account of some local liquor legislation, and the negroes, about 50,000 of them, are at outs with President Roosevelt and his man Tast. There is hope.

Representative Leake, of New Jersey; Representative Lenehan, of Maryland, all leading Democrats in their respective States, say that delegates to Denver should be permitted to pick the man after they go there and look the field over.

The formal ceremonies of the day of the National gates are named. The new movement is well backed and managed. Many believe that whoever wins at Chicago they cannot afford to turn down the territory which was in charge of the cemetery. The parade was headed by the Forest Hill Band and the Rowan Riffes, and then came a deforment of Confederate veterans on foot and the ladies and gentlemen of the Maine party and the speakers of the day in carriages.

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J. P. Kerr, State manager for Mr.

Locke Craig in his candidacy for the nomination for Governor, to day and three years later was placed. most important sales divisions of

GUILFORD DOCTORS DINED.

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At the commencement exercises of Shaw University, colored, here there were 110 graduates, representing ten States and four of the islands in the West Indies.

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Mr. P. G. Waiton, superintendent of the Danville division of the Southern Railway, returned this afternoon from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of railroad men to consider the conviction of the conviction o dispatching trains. No definite action