FOOK STORY REACHES PARE

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pectal to The Observer. Asheville, May 13.—The alleged vis-fation of "spooks" at the county jall ere resulting in great fright to the infortunate immates of the jall, has seen noted abroad and this week heriff Hunter received a card from lady, written in Switzerland, rela-ted to the prisoners being "haunted y shosts." The author of the card cets information and addressing the ard "To the Honourable Sheriff" of the County Prison at Asheville, North arolina, U. S. A.," says: "Dear Sir.—I read in one of the aris papers that the vounty prison

Paris papers that the county prison at Asheville, North Carolina, has been hausted by ghosts, frightening the prisoners in such manner that they be trasferred to another pris-Would you now kindly answer a few lines in order to jet me by a few w if this be true or only idle talk As I myself believe in the Bible I therefore know that bad spirits trouble some times human creatures, but still I should like to now the truth about it by a person that can be believed in every respect. In answering me, Sir, you would greatly oblige.

"Yours very truly, "MARIE METHAN."

While it is true that the prisoners at the county jall have been badly frightened at times during recent weeks it has not become necessary remove them to another prison. It is believed that Jallor Mitchell this week solved the "mystery" when he iscovered that the moon and a locust tree were responsible for the "visi-tations" by casting fantastic figures on the windows of the jail. Leastwise this is the explanation of the 'mystery" and the prisonersthem at least-have accepted this solution and their terror is gone.

Charles L. Pack, of Cleveland, O., son of the late George W. Pack, who a liberally donated to Asheville a number of valuable pieces of land and the Vance monument, to-day made a deed transferring to Mayor John A. Campbell and J. G. Merrimon, as trustees, for the Mission Hospital, the Flower Mission and the Henrietta Home, his interest in a long sewer line on Montford and Cumberland ave-nues. . Under the terms of the transthe proceeds from the rental of this sewer are to go to the three charitable institutions. The city about eight years ago leased from Mr. Pack lines agreeing to pay \$240 a year rental for the period of twenty years with the privilege of purchasing at any time for \$4,000. If the city buys the sewer (and it is probable that it will), the \$4,000 is to be divided equally between the hospital, Flower Mission and the Henrietta Home, the latter institution is the control of the Y. W. C. A. is under

MINISTER WAS ROBBED.

But He Got His Money Back From the Man Whom He Suspected of Robbing Him.

scial to The Observer.

Point, May 13 .--- It was High General Conference of the M. E. learned here yesterday that the Rev. Mr. Swain, of the M. P. Conference, had been robbed while here recently, the only colored bishop, made his re-Mr. Swain came up on the Asheboro port of the work of the Church in Aftrain to make connection with the rica, especially in Liberia. A commisnoon train and while getting on No. sion was appointed to consider means people of increasing the salaries of the pas-36 there was a crowd of people of in around the depot and he noticed at tors. the time that two or three men were pushing him very closely and which promises to develop when the passed by the House. very unnecessarily, as he thought, question of a unification of the New The important increases As soon as he got on the train he his pocketbook. He was satisfied that these men had got it. by the introduction of a motion by B. for the purchase of a site for a new He immediately looked them up on L. Paine, of Nebraska, calling for a building in this city for the departgive his money back. ed to be very much insulted and the past 12 years.

indignant, but Mr. Swain was per-sistent in his demands, telling them that th

A SCANDALOUS CITY JAIL.

Mayor of Columbia Discovers an Out-regeous Condition of Affairs, Un-sanitary in the Extreme-Scandal No. 1 in New County Option Dispen-sary System.

Observer Bureau, 200 Skyseraper Building, Columbia, S. C., May 13.

Having heard disquieting rumors as to the city jall and stockade being in an unsanitary condition. Mayor Reamer and several members of the council this afternoon made a person-al inspection and discovered a scandalous and outrageous condition of affairs. They found the place dark, filthy and unsanitary in the extreme, a source of imminent danger-in fact, to every inmate and to residents in the neighborhood. Disease of mali-

an any time, and once out would like-ly result in a high mortality record before the proper remedial measures could be taken.

The council will at once be asked to appropriate \$1,000 to remedy condi-tions. The inspection of police head-quarters also revealed unsatisfactory conditions.

Scandal No. 1 in the new county option dispensary system was registered in 'an order, which is not appealable, from Governor Ansel remov ing Messrs J. L. Bass and J. M. Parker from the Williamsburg county dispensary board for violation of aw in making purchases. These are the men the Governor recently summoned before him to show cause why they should not be removed for the charges preferred against them. They were given a careful hearing, at which they were represented by

iftorneys. a careful and painstaking After consideration of the evidence and af-fidavits in the case the Governor today announced his decision in the matter, although the order is dated May 12th. He finds the two men guilty of violating the law in three particulars-authorizing their clerk to order out goods, making an award for goods without a fresh bid, not purchasing from the lowest bidder on

one occasion. A number of those desiring to compete for the second lieutenant's commission in the regular army to be awarded by competitive examination from National Guard of the State is not members of the militia. They are indicating in their applications an tion. ernest desire to get into the militia, now that a good fat job is in sight But General Boyd will not allow any of these to enter the contest. He is glad that the order making this award confines the applicants to members of the militia of not less than two years' service.

REPORTS OF BISHOPS.

Flurry About Book Concerns Develops in Methodist Conference-Effort to Have Method of Electing Presiding Elders Made.

Baltimore, May 13 .- Bishop Earl Cranston, resident bishop of Washington, read his report on the union of the various churches in Japan as the Methodist Church of Japan at the

portant Increases in the Bill. Washington, May 13.—The sundry to the Senate to-day. It carries \$118 .-

York and Western publishing houses bill are as follows: For public build-comes up for settlement was caused ings \$3,083,500, including \$3,000,000 train and demanded that they detailed account of the finances and ments of State, Justice and Commerce They pre-insulted and the past 12 years. for each of and Labor, revenue cutter service \$444,564 of which \$287,000 is for new

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SETTLE SPEAKS AT DURHAM.

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and, All Voters-Makes His Finest Points Upon Judge Pritchard-Great Fight on in Durham County. Special to The Observer. Durham, May 13.—The Academy of Music here to-night would not hold the audience, incomparably the greatest ever hearing a political speech, that met Hon. Thomas Settle in his stack upon the grahibition bill. Not a girl or a boy was present. Two thomsand voters sat under the fierce electric lights with coats off and yelled hoarsely when Settle pounded the bill with all of his blud-geon power and then appealed in geon power and then appealed in classic speech to the manhood of the men "To go home and vote so as to teach these men (the Legislature) that tMey shall respect your rights." Upon the rostrum sat Mayor Boy-

Upon the rostrum sai Mayor Boy-den, of Salisbury, manager of the anti-prohibilion campaign, who said it was the greatest audience he had seen this year. The theatre is a tre-mendous building and upon every available spot there were standing men who would not leave until the last word. This was undoubtedly a reliber to Settle more than his course For the above occasion Southern Railway will sell tickets Charlotte to Richmond, Va., and return at rate of tribute to Settle more than his cause, however, for when his comrade, De-Quincey Tulley, of New York, arose there was an exodus of one thousand \$11.30. Dates of sale May 18th and 19th; good returning to leave Rich-mond up to and including midnight of May 25th. Approximate low rates from other points. For further information, apply to

people. Besides, the Republicans came to hear their chieftain, who had been "dead," as he drawled it so sarcastically, of Judge Pritchard for ten years. ex-Congressman made his The

finest points upon Judge Pritchard and when he declaimed with marvelous force and eloquence, "You know and I know things in this district that place the burden upon him to prove that he was ever loyal to the nominees of the Republican party."

For accommodation of delegates attending the above occasion South-ern Railway has arranged to operate through sheeper Salisbury to Kin-ston, same to leave Salisbury on train No. 18 at 9:10 p. m. Monday, May 11th. Those desiring space on this car will please advise Mr. G. The Republicans cheered uncontrolla-bly as if they knew exactly what it meant Settle declared that he wishes the question could be lifted from the realm of emotions. He said he did A. Fisher, Ticket Agent, Salisbury, N. C., R. H. DeButts, Passenger and not object to that treatment of it if prohibitionists would acceed to the the antis in their other treatments of Ticket

"But I file no complaint against man if he is sincere," he said. any 'All I ask is that he go home and upon his bended knee ask his Creator if the prohibitionists have any more sincere in their desire to settle this question than been. We know that prohibition will not diminish the sale, the consumpthe manufacture, the perjury nor the crime of our land.

call our Creator to witness that we are as sincere as they are and much more practical." The crowd to-night supports the faith of Manager Bramham that he is

going to carry the county against prohibition. The writer has it direct from the ministers and prohibition-ists, those speaking to the people, that there is the greatest opposition to the measure and they fear the loss of the county. Both sides are

moving the earth, speaking every day OUISVILLE, KY.-Inter-States Cotton Seed Crushers' Association May 29th-21st, tickets to be sold May 17th, 18th, and night, with Sunday for good measure, so that in all North Carogood ling there is probably no county where such a fight is being waged. BIRMINGHAM, ALA .-- Account of Con

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL IN.

Church to-day. Bishop I. B. Scott, the only colored bishop, made his reate, Carries \$118,032.263-The Im-

ivil appropriation bill was reported 032,263, an increase of \$11,059,398 A flurry about the book concerns over the amount of the bill as it was

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Camp. For the above occusion the Sea-board has been selected as the of-ficial route of the Mecklenburg Camp and they invite all veterans, their wives and families to join them on this trip. They will leave Charlotte on the night of June 5th. The rates from Charlotte for the round trip will be \$8.95; tickets on sale June. 6th, 7th and 8th, good to return leaving Birmingham as late as mid-night June 20th. For further infor-mation regarding the trip, call on or address address

JAMES KER, JR., C. P. A. Seaboard, Charlotte, N. C.

Meeting of American Cotton Manu facturers, Richmond, Va., May 20th-21st.

any Agent Southern Railway,

R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

Meeting Grand Lodge Masons, Kin ston, N. C., May 12th-13th, 1908.

For accommodation of delegates

Agent, Greensboro, N. C.,

R. L. VERNON.

Traveling Passenger Agent, 11 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, N., C.

MEETING OF COTTON MANU-

For the above occasion the Southern Railway has arranged to operate extra sleeper, in addition to regular sleeper, to leave Charlotte at 7:15 p. m., May 19th, arriving at Richmond at 6:55 a. m. fol-lowing morning. All those desiring reservations will please advise in ad-vance. We have quite a number already booked for the special sleeper.

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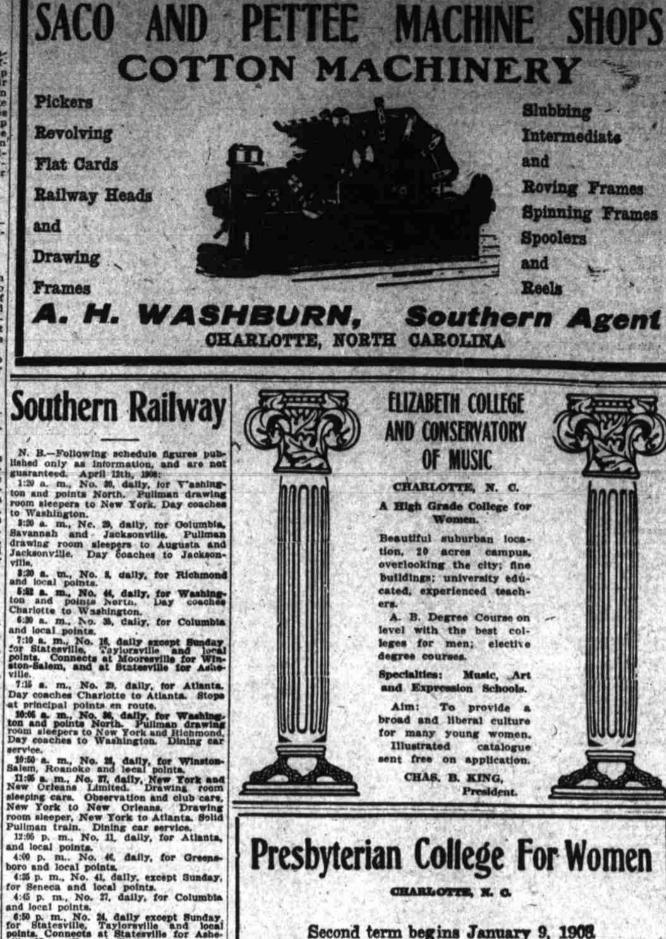
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MAY 19TH-21ST.

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IRMINGHAM, ALA.--Account of Con-federate Veterans' Reunion, June Sth, lith, tickets will be sold June Sth, and Sth, with final return limit June 20th, round trip rates, from Charlotte 88.99, Durham \$11.95, Maxton \$10.65, Raleigh \$12.05, Wadesboro \$9.60, Shelby \$8.39, Lincointon \$8.90, Weldon \$13.95, Wilmington \$12.50. Stop overs will be allowed at Athens, Atlanta, Cedar-town, and Boyden Springs, and low round trip side trips will be sold to various points of interest in the vicin-ity of Birmingham. and local points. 6:50 p. m., No. 24. daily except Sunday, for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points. Connects at Statesville for Ashe-ville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. 7:15 p. m., No. 12, daily, for Richmond and local points. Handles Pullman sleeper. Charlotte to Washington, and Char-

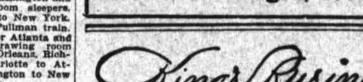
NATIONAL COL.-Account of Democratic National Convention July 7th, selling thates, raiss, stop over privileges will be announced later.

dates, raiss, stop over principle announced later.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.-Account of Democratic State Convention June Sth-Zith, selling dates and limits will be announced later. Excellent double daily service to Charlotte, leave Raleigh 3:10 a. m. 4:15 p. m. arrive Charlotte 9:50 a. m. and 11:30 p. m. If sufficient number to justify sleeper from Raleigh of June 23rd. Write undersigned for reservations.
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.-Account Southern Baptist Convention May 13th term R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

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Special rates to new pupils. Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. D., President.



he knew they got the money. The conversation was continued for some that it was believed by many that the tion; \$25,000 for the repair of "The time, all showing very much spirit; number should be decreased and that Hermitage," Tennessee, as recomand all at once, as if dropped from the sky. Mr. Swain's pocketbook fell to the floor of the car and one of the men indignantly called his attention to the fact that his pocket-book was then on the floor. As soon er depository. as Mr. Swain got what belonged to him the matter was dropped and no arrests were made. This is one time when the pickpockets met their

The plans for the new Lutheran church are ready and will be given to the contractors for bids. Work will commence this summer. The plans call for a very nice building. The main auditorium will seat 350 people

Prof. Charles Lee Raper, of th University of North Carolina, who has been spending several days here on account of the illness his of father, yesterday returned to his duties at Chapel Hill.

LEE COUNTY BONDS.

A Split Among the Commissioners as to Selling Them-Closing of Broad-way Normal Institute.

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Sanford, May 13.-The closing ex-ercises of the Broadway Normal Inatitute will be held on the 21st and 22d of May, Superintendent R. W. 22d of May. Superintendent R. W. Allen will deliver the literary ad-dress. This school under the efficient management of Prof. M. A. McLeod has educated nearry all teachers throughout this section of the coun-The number of young men and women in attendance there the past year is above two hundred and fifty.

The commissioners of Lee county are wanting to sell county bonds for the purpose of building a court house and jail. There is a great deal of opposition to this at the present-in fact, one of the commiss-oners is doing all he can legitimately to put off the matter, while the others have de-cided to sell bonds at once and start the building as soon as possible. Something interesting may grow out of the situation.

NEWS NOTES FROM BOONE.

Fatal Fall From Sugar Tree-New Hotel For Summer Guests-Turn-pike Company Declares 5 Per Cent, Dividend.

Special to The Observer.

Boone, May 15.-John S. Norris, of Meet Camp, fell from a sugar tree recently and fatally injured himself. thought that he became paralzed when he fell, as he fell on his

A fiddlers' convention is called for soone on the 22d.

Boone on the 12d. Mr. George Robbins, of Shuil's Mills, has just completed a hotel for the accommodation of summer guests. The new school building at Valle

The new school building at Valle Cruists will be built of concrete blocks. The cost will be \$8.000. Rev. E. F. Jones, after an absence of two years in the State of Wash-ingion, has returned to Zionville, where he will make his future home. The Boone and Hlowing Rock Turn-pike declarge an annual dividend of

5 per cent.

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run at a loss for some years past, nection with the Smithsonian Institumany believed that "the book-deposi- mended by President Roosevelt; for tory plan has long since passed its pe-riod of usefulness and necessity." He provements at Ellis Island and \$25,000 also stated that it was probable the for the new building at Boston; light body would be asked to start anoth- house service \$1.361.650, of which

These statements aroused Dr. provisions of the omnibus light house George P. Mains, of the New York book concern, who stated that the Senate office building, now under conbook concerns had not been run at a struction \$1,580,261 wich is to include loss. A motion to refer the matter to furnishings; barracks and quarters the committee on book concerns was for the artillery \$750,000; carried.

sey, made an ineffectual attempt to partment \$160,000 additional is appro-have passed by the Conference a reslution providing for the nomination the expenses of participation by of presiding elders by annual Confer- United States in the international inences. This matter is now before the vestigation of the opium evil, the fishcommittee on itinerancy, which will, eries convention between the United is expected, recommend that the States and Canada, the northeastern

Chicago. May 13.-Joseph Logan has filed suit for divorce in Cook County Circuit Court. He states that County Circuit Court. He states that he married Della Gillespie, of Win-ston-Salem, N. C., at Charlotte, N. C., in 1900, and that she left him in 1905, and is now at Winston-Salem.

Not Known in Twis City. cial to The Observer. Winston-Salem, May 12 .- Delia Gil-

And Build Up the System the Old Standard GROVE'S ived here years ago.

One Bond of Sympathy. Charleston News and Courier. The News and Courier will enthusi-astically support Mr. Bryan, if he be nominated, on the ground that he is not an Ogdenite.

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amount was stricken out of the army Rev. Dr. John Handley, of New Jer- appropriation bill. For the State De-



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American Cotton Manufacturers' As-

American Cotton Manufacturers' As-sociation, Richmond, Va., May 20th-21st, 1908.—Scaboard. The Scaboard will sell round trip tickets for the above occasion on May 18th and 19th, good to return May 18th Staff, for \$11.76 round trip. Special train Having' Charlotte May 18th \$:45 p. m. Reserve space in special sleepers. If you have not already done so. For further infor-mation, call on or address JAMES KER, JR. City Passonger Agent. Charlotte, N. C.

OT SPRINGS, ARK.—Account South-ern Baptist Convention May 13th to 20th, tickets will be sold May 10th, 11th and 12th, final return limit June 16th. Rate from Charlotte \$12 Through Pullmans will be pro-vided frint Ralcigh tr Hot Springs on May 12th, leaving Raleigh 4:15 p. m., arriving Hot Springs 7 a. m. Thurs-day 14th parties from Charlotte can get this train and sleeper at Monroe. For reservations address undersigned.

For reservations address undersigned. CHICAGO, ILL.-Account National Re-publican Convention, rates will be announced later, direct double daily service via Seaboard either via Atlanta or Washington, D. C. For further information regarding rates,

chedules, etc., apply to C. H. GATTIS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C. JAMES KER, JR., C. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

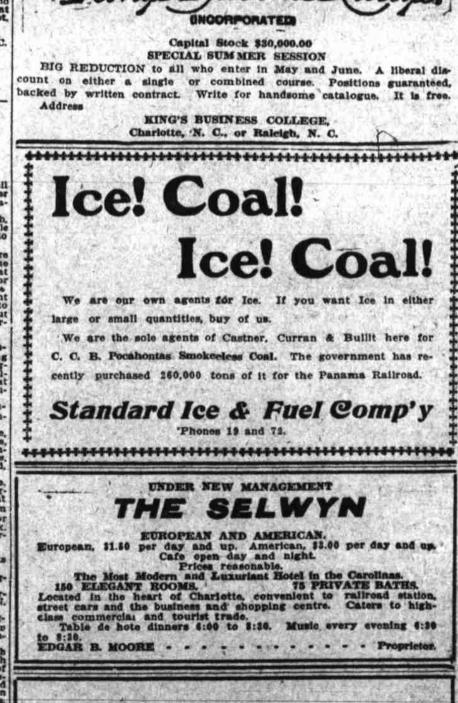
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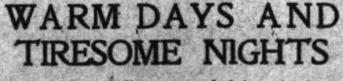


These arrivals and departures as well as the time and connection with other companies, are, given only as informa-tion and are not guaranteed. Direct line to the principal cities North, East, South and Southwest. Schedule taking effect April 12th, 1966, subject to change without notice.

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