Handsome and Popular Quinicitie of North Carolina Boys Among the Two Hundred Midsbipmen Turned Out Yesterday at the United States Naval Academy—Grandsou of Capt. John Wilkes Pinishes at the Top of His Class and Two Others Are in the First-Ronor List—Take Their First Official Cruise on the Big Cruiser North Carolina—General Porter Delivers the Diplomas—Sketches of the North Carolina sketches of the North

Special to The Observer. modern sailor must be military, how- when the explosion occurred. ever, without being warlike."-

After the farewell ball to-night tendered by the second class to the grad- rible and many of the injured were uates the cadets who are now passed fatally hurt, it is believed. Orders midshipmen left for their homes or the ships to which they have been assigned, and the under-class men will embark for the summer practice

FIVE TAR HEELS WINS HONORS. injured. The damage to the ship is Naval Academy has ever turned out, ly that the boller rooms of the ship and the same is true of the percentford, Conn.; William Cook Owen, of rendy been made to receive them. Bladen county and Robert S. Young, been considerably disabled by the ac-Jr., of Concord. Young Rankin gradnated third in this big class of two flagship, commanding the second dihundred, winning high and coveted vision of the Pacific fleet. The others honors. Holland stood eleventh in accompanying the Tennessee are the the class and Smith fifteenth. The first California, Washington, West Virgintwenty-five in the graduating class land, comprising the first division comare first honor men and have the manded by Admiral Dayton. choice of appointments and may gratter. Owen stood fifty-seventh in the o'clock. class and Young ninety-seventh. It class and Young ninety-seventh. It Los Angeles, Cal., June 5.—A restatement of Mr. Davant regarding is a handsome and popular quinette, port has just reached this city from the number of tons of coal that and one of which the Old North State San Pedro of an explosion on the stopped and that which went may well be proud. It is a pleasant Tennessee is coming into San Pedro coincidence that these young Tar Heels, with two years sea duty before them, take their first official cruise as

THEIR FIRST CRUISE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA. The big armored cruiser North of attraction at Annapolis, has taken sail early to-morrow morning on her

new armored cruiser North Carolina,

of them may be assigned to her for

their sea-duty period.

"shaking down" cruise. General Horace Porter delivered the address to the graduates and presented the diplomas in the presence of an immense audience. There were class cheers and songs ending 'Home, Sweet Home," and "Out of the Wilderness." The farewell ball held to-night in the immense new armory of the most brilliant ever given at Annapolis. The armory was thronged with handsome officers brilliant uniforms and pretty girls from all parts of the country. Among the North Carolinians at the ball of

June week have been: Midshipman Owen with Miss Slo cum, of Fayetteville, N. C.
Midshipman W. R. Smith, Jr., with Miss Marjorie Bartlett, of Annapolis. Midshipman Holland, with Miss Helen Smith, of Wilmington, Del. Midshipman Young, with Miss

Capt. John Wilkes, of Charlotte, N. C., was re-elected president of the Alumni Association. He is the oldest living graduate of the Naval Academy and is held in trigh esteem by officers and midshipmen alike.

N. C. SOCIETY DINNER. The North Carolina Society of Bal-timore gave its June dinner at the Carrollton Hotel to-night. President E. H. Norman was toastmaster. The speakers were: Allen S. Will, Dr. Henry E. Shepherd, A. S. Goldsborough, and Thomas G. Boggs.

A collision between two fast cars of the albertic relivent between Baltice

electric railway between Baltimore and Annapolis, in which several persons were killed and many woundcast a shadow over the brilliant with which the annual comwas brought to a close to-night. Dr. St. Clair Spruill, a North Carolinian, who is now one of Baltimore's eminent surgeons, was sent to the scene on a special car and had charge of the relief of the injured. Individual sketches of the North

Carolina midshipmen follow.

John Wilkes Rankin is the son of r. Augustus E. and Mrs. Agnes Wilkes Rankin, and grandson of Capt. John Wilkes, of Charlotte, the oldest living graduate of the United States Naval Academy and president of its alumni association. Young Rankin's great-grandfather was Rear Admiral Charles Wilkes, who commanded the Antarctic explorations of 1835-42. The Wilkes family has been closely identified with the navy for many years. The torpedo boat Wilkes, launched in New York in 1981, was hamed after Admiral Charles Wilkes and was christened by the admiral's great-granddaughter, Miss Harriet E. Rankin, sister of John Wilkes Pan.

Accident on the United States Cruiser
Tennessee Results in the Death of
Four and the Injury of Ten Others
—The Cruiser Was Just Entering
San Pedro Harbor—The Killed and
Injured All Connected With the
Fireroom Force—The Injured to Be
Taken to a Hospital in Los Angeles
—Particulars of the Accident Hard
to Obtain—The Dead and Injured
Reported by Wireless Telegraph
Station.

Los Angeles, June 5.-Four mer were killed and 10 injured on board Annapolis, Md., June 5 .- In the the armored cruiser Tennessee at sea presence of thousands of persons at 11 o'clock to-day when a boiler tube from all over the country the 200 broke, hurling fragments of iron members of the class of 1908 were about the engine room and filling it graduated from the United States with scalding steam. The accident Naval Academy to-day. The diplomas happened an hour after the cruiser were presented by General Horace Ponter, president of the board of visit-ors, who acted in place of Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, who was unable to be present. General Porter fragmentary news of the disaster has addressed the graduates. Speaking been received up to 7 o'clock this of the needs and necessities of the evening as the cruiser had not arrived real naval officar, he told them to at San Pedro. What meagre details learn so think logically and to reach have been learned were gleaned from accurate decisions. He said that men official wireless telegraphy despatches, must now be taught to fire bullets, transmitted from the squadron to the not to stop them. "We want duels wireless station at San Francisco. The now, not outcheries," he said. "The cruiser was steaming at full speed

MANY FATALLY HURT.

The force of the explosion was terwere flashed to Dr. W. A. Weldon, local marine surgeon at San Pedro, directing him to prepare for the caring of the injured sailors. According to the wireless despatches no officers were The class of 200 is the largest the not known at this time, but it is like-

The seamen will not be landed until age of North Carolinians—there were to-morrow morning, when they will five of them. The North Carolina be taken ashore at San Pedro and graduates are: John Wilkes Rankin, brought to the Marine Hospital at Los a native of Charlotte, now of Hart- Angeles, where arrangements have al-Several of the other cruisers of the Fayetteville; William R. Smith, Jr., of feet arrived at Long Beach, Reddono Weldon; Paul L. Holland, native of and other ports shead of the Tennessee Laurinburg, now of "Willis Creek, and it was evident that the ship had

The Tennessee is Admiral Sebree's

The Tennessee arrived and anchored ify their own desires as to. which inside the breakwater about two miles branch of the naval service they en- from the water front shortly after 7

Tennessee is coming into San Pedro small per cent, of it stop

A boiler tube on the cruiser Tennessee blew up, killing four and in-juring many others. The cruiser has just entered San Pedro harbor and full-fledged officers on the handsome the details are not yet available.

The Tennessee sailed from San
Francisco on May 17th, and since then queen of the navy. It is likely that all has been cruising in southern Callfornia waters, touching Santa Bar-

para, San Pedro and San Diego The latest information is that four men were killed and ten injured. injured will be brought to a hospital Carolina, which has been the centre in this city. The Tennessee is still of attraction at Annapolis, has taken about 37 miles outside San Pedro. her midshipmen on board and will The cruiser left Santa Barbara for

Los Angeles port this morning. DEAD AND INJURED. Following is a list of dead and in-jured received by the local wireless

GEORGE WOOD, water tender. EARL BOGGS, fireman, second

ADOLPH RHEINGOLD, machinist GEORGE MERK, fireman, first

Probably fatally injured: F. S. Field, fireman, second class E. N. Exantes, fireman, first class.
E. J. Burns, coal passer.
W. F. Burns, coal passer. J. J. Carroll, fireman, second class. T. P. Parsons, fireman, second class, slightly injured.

Two of the Injured Dead. Los Angeles, Cal., June 5 .- Two of the injured in the Tennessee accident have died since the ship arrived in port, making six dead in all.

GOVERNOR AT WASHINGTON.

He and General Macon Will Consult With Secretary Oliver as to En-campment at Beaufort—Will Also Arrange For Presentation of Silver

> Observer Bureau. Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, June 8.

Quartermaster General Macon, the North Carolina National Guard, joined Governor Glenn here to-night and to-morrow they have an engage-ment to meet Assistant Secretary of War Oliver, whom they will consult regarding arrangements for the en-campment of State troops at Beaufort. The Carolinians will ask for the construction of permanent mess halls and

warehouses at Beaufort.

The Governor will also call at the Navy Department to complete arrangements for the presentation of the silver service which is the gift of the State to the armored cruiser North the sliver service which is the gift of the State to the armored cruiser North Carolina. The Governor thinks the presentation should take place in Car-olina waters, though there is a strong sentiment in favor of Nortolk, Va, which would permit of a greater at-

tendance of Tar Heels. MISTRIAL SEEMS LIKELY.

and States and of its Jury Not Yet Able to Agree in the Case Rankin's Admiral anded the Special to The Observer.

I a closely a closely or many Wilkes, Soll, was seen will be everything points to a mistrial Judge Jones says he will keep the Jury to-day, at the noon hour and at this Judge Jones says he will keep the Jury together until an agreement is reached, if it takes till Monday.

Tharlotte, towed to was air and Sollector Robinson for the State and Stephan Meintyre for the defense. Bond in the Winess said that it was to keep and said that the result of this upon Winshing and Stephan Meintyre for the defense. Bond in the other cases was fixed at \$2,500 and \$2,000 for Mills and Bequest, respectively, and all witnesses were discharged that the was afraid of the South & Western road (proposed) on account of the effect it would have on coal rates. In response to a question the witness stated that there were only rare instances where he could call the rate unreasonably high on any road.

Asked by the counsel as to what he was employed to do for the railroad, the witness said that it was to keep an eye out for the welfare of the public. "Well," said Mr. Guthrie, "If this is your business, what has been the result of this upon Winsten Salem."

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DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE CASE This concluded the cross-examination of Mr. Cutherle and the cross-examination of the said that it was in this way that his road had contributed to the prosperity of this city and not by lowering freight rates for he saw no need for it in view of the rapid growth.

mission in This Suit Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, " June cross-examination of Mr. T. S. Da-Vant, vice president and general traf-fic manager of the Norfolk & Western Railway, was resumed upon the conof the rate hearing before Special Examiner George N. Brown, of the inter-State commerce comin the court house at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. T. C. Guth rie, of Charlotte, special attorney for the corporation commission, conduct-ed the cross-examination, continuing where he left off yesterday afternoon. Mr. Guthrie tried to get an admis-sion from the witness that the rate on Western freight to points in North Carolina were unreasonable and unjust in comparison with the rate that Virginia points, but the witness would explain the great difference in the rate per ton per mile by deciring, as the did yesterday, that these rates were established before the Norfolk & Western by strong competition of other lines, and that the road, therefore, had nothing the road, therefore, had nothing the Mr. Guthrie asked the witness if he considered the Winston-Salem divi-

considered the Winston-Salem division a part of the main line and he replied in the affirmative. This question was followed by another as why the local rate to Winston-Salem and intermediate points is not the same as to Hagerstown, Md., and intermediate points. Witness gave a long explanation, the gist of which was that competition controlled the

"What is your rate on coal Greensboro?" asked Mr. Guthrie. "The same that it is to this point, \$2.30 on steam and \$2.40 on domes-

"What does your road get out of the coal hauled to Greensho "We get \$1.12," replied Mr. Da-Vant.

"You make money hauling it for this amount?" asked Mr. Guthrie. The witness answered in the affirma-

"Now, Mr. Davant," said Mr. Guthrie, "don't you know that \$1.18 in the opinion of the company that more per ton on coal that stops here the rate was excessive it would be than on that carried through here to changed regardless of any so-or lied Greensboro is a little too much?" MAKES UP FOR LOSS TO SOUTH- could ignore the importance of ERN.

The witness did not consider it too much for the rates had to be averaged, in other words Winston-Salem must pay for what the Norfolk & Western loses to the Southern by shipping the coal to Greensboro. The the number of tons of coal that stopped and that which went to is averaged up and charged at 5:30 o'clock and another against Winston-Salem.

Mr. Guthrie brought out the fact that the first-class rate from West to Virginia points is 63 cents, which also applies to Linnit, on the Durham division, 48 miles below Lynchburg. "You haul freight to Lynchburg for 62 cents and to Linnit, 48 miles fur-

ther, for the same money?" asked

Mr. Guthrie. "Yes," answered the witness. In questioning further regarding the rate from Cincinnati to points on the Durham division, Mr. Guthrie brought out the fact that the rate to Durham on first-class freight is 93 cents. The distance is 627 miles, 63 miles further than Linnit, yet freight is hauled to Linnit for 62 cents and for the additional haul of 63 miles a charge of 31 cents is made. The witness was asked if there was any other part of his system where he collected for the last part of a 600mile haul a greater amount than on the Winston-Salem and Durham divi-

think so. "Mr. DaVant, do you as a fair-minded rate-maker, think that this is right and just?" asked Mr. Guthrie The witness again entered into a lengthy explanation about competi-

sions, and he replied that he did not

The first-class rate from Cincin-nati to Roanoke, Va., is 32 cents and the witness was asked if it paid the road to haul freight for this amount. He said that it was questionable to his mind as to whether they could make a profit on it.

"If that is so," said Mr. Guthrie, "why do you run that line at a loss to carry out your system of book-

VAST DIFFERENCE TO MER-CHANTS

The witness answered by asking Mr. Guthrie what difference it makes to Winston-Salem where the rate is divided. Mr. Guthrie answered question by stating that it allowed the Virginia merchants to get their products from the West at a much lower rate and could undersell the chants of this State by reason of it. The witness was still in the hands of Mr. Guthrie when the session ad-

journed for dinner at 12:30 o'clock. At the afternoon session the cross-examination of Mr. DaVant was con-tinued. In reply to a question of Mr. Guthrie Mr. DaVant stated that all the Norfolk & Western got from the first-class rate from Chicago Winston-Salem was 982-10 and to Charlotte, which is beyond Winston-Salem, his road got 576-10, and to Greensboro they got 616-10. He stated that the other classes of freight were in about the same proportion

AFRAID OF NEW ROAD. In response to a question the witness said that he was afraid of the South & Western road (proposed) on

WIN HONORS AT NAVAL ACADEMY DEADLY WORK OF BOILER TUBE HE IS EVASIVE IN ANSWERING. has the Norfolk & Western Railway

The witness called attention to the

tion of Mr. Guthrie, and the witness was turned over to Mr. Davis, who is counsel for the Virginia cities who are intervening in the case. In response to a question from that attor-ney, who by the way seemed to be laboring under a misapprehension as to the object sought by the North Carolina corporation commissioners, Mr. DaVant gave the natural competltive advantages of Norfolk and other Virginia cities over North Carolina cities, the principal competition being the water courses. Then he was called upon to give the competition in Winston-Salem and Durham. Winston-Salem the road has only the Southern Railway and there are the Southern, Seaboard and one or two short lines. In one of his questions to the witness Mr. Davis stated that Winston-Salem and Durham were asking for a lower rate to North Carolina than is given to Roanoke, notwithstanding the fact that the latter is a shorter haul. Mr. H. A. Foushee, counsel for the corporation commission, promptly entered a pro-test on the grounds that it was an incorrect statement of the case.

Mr. Davis asked the witness if would reduce the local rate to Win-ston-Salem if the other roads from Richmond, Va., entering this would not reduce their rate. The witness stated that it would be natural for roads out of Richmond and entering Winston-Salem to their rate to the same thing.

Mr. Clement Manly, counsel for the Winston-Salem board of trade, then

took charge of the witness. In response to a question Manly, Mr. DaVant stated that he doubted the claim of the complainants that a lower rate on coal would increase the consumption of coal in Winston and he did not think that manufacturers were kept away from here on account of the coal He stated that the diversity of manufacturing enterprises indicated that the coal rate was not a drawback to the progress of the Twin City. Mr. Manly asked if he considered the rate unreasonable and unjust, which the witness replied that to further that did not and stated zone. Asked by Mr. Manly if he Winston-Salem as a manufacturing town whose growth has been rapid from a small village to a large and industrious city, the witness stated the importance of Winston magnified by the question and read

figures showing that only about a twentieth of the freight handled on entire system was hauled Winston-Salem A NIGHT SESSION HELD. The afternoon was held to-night, this being held in the palm room of the Tinzendorf Manly continued

Hotel and convened at 8:30 o'clock, examination of Mr. DaVant. session lasted until a few minutes before 9 o'clock, when adjournment was taken until 9:30 o'clock to-mor-row, when Mr. DaVant will again be on the stand and will undergo the redirect examination.

One of the attorneys in the case stated to-night that the hearing would not be completed before Tues-day evening of next week, and it might take longer. The corporation commission will not introduce very much more evidence nor will board of trade, but several railroad men are to be examined for the defendants, which will require con-siderable time, as every inch ground is carefully gone over.

HITCHCOCK TO THE TOMBS.

The Second Trial of the Actor, Charges Preferred by Young Girls, Comes to Sudden Halt—Adjourn-ment Until Monday and the De-fendant Not Allowed to Give Bond.

New York, June 5.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, came to an abrupt halt in the Supreme Court shortly after the opening of the proceedings to-day. On request of Max Steuer, who had been retained to succeed Hitchcock's former counsel, in defending the comedian, on indictments growing out of charges preferred by young girls, Justice Goff granted an adjournment until Monday to allow the attorney to familiarize himself with the details of the case. The trial having technically begun and Hitchcock having been surrendered by his bondsmen, Justice Goff ordered him committed to the Tombs.

Hitchcock was much disappointed at being sent to prison and said he was prepared to furnish bail. Justice Goff, however, refused to accept ball and stated that Hitchcock must remain in custody during his trial. Un-less a writ for his release is secured from some other justice, which is not considered probable, he will have to remain in the Tombs until his trial is resumed on Monday next. Mr. Steuer's request for an adjournment had first been made earlier in the day. The attorney stated that he had just been called into the case to succeed John B. Stanchfield and had not had an opportunity to go over the testi-mony of a previous trial—the Flora Whiston case—which had resulted in Hitchcock's acquittal. After a consultation with Mr. Steuer and Assistant District Attorney Garvan, justice Goff granted an adjournment until Monday but declared that in the meantime the defendant stood committed to the Tombs prison without

always been his custom to take such action in cases of the kind. When a prisoner appeared for trial, he said, his ball was farfeited and he would continue it only with the consent of the district attorney. This could not be obtained in this case, he said.

Dynamite Claims Two Victims.

Talladega, Ala., June 5.—G. G. Hill, blast foreman for the Talladega Construction Company, and a negro laborer or were instantly killed at Zenn, 26 miles cast of here to-day, and another negro fatally injured by a premature explosion of a dynamite blast. It is said that the dynamite was placed in the bole while it was still hot from drilling, causing a premature explosion. Hill came here from Georgia and is survived by a widow and four children.

THEY WIN OUT IN TWO CONTESTS COAST LINE ROAD IS FINED.

publican National Committee Set-tics Contests From Alabama and Ar-kansas—Proceedings Would Have Been Devoid of Interest But For the Effort to Have Tart Men Prevented From Sitting in Judgment on the Contests—The Contests Yesterday Involved 24 Scats—Committee to Take Contests From Florida, Georgia and Kentucky, Involving 34 Seats, at To-Day's Sitting.

Chicago, June 5.—Without roll-calls the Republican national committee to-day decided the contests from Alabama and Arkansas, involving 24 Atlantic Coast Line Raliway was put seats in the Republican convention, in on trial on the charge of violating favor of the delegaces instructed for what is known as the "28-hour law," Secretary Taft. The victory for the this being a requirement by the govdivision being required to determine ernment as to the watering, etc., of collision was due to a confesion of the will of the committee. Concests stock in transit. It is charged that from Florida, Georgia and Kentucky in this case cattle on their way from will be heard to-morrow. Thirty-four the West were neglected in this reseats are affected. The proceedings to-day would have been devoid of interest had it not been sented the railway company. It pleadfor an effort to prevent Frank H. ed guilty to a technical violation

Hitchcock, the Taft manager, and of the charge and was fined \$100 and Arthur F. Statter, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Charles in judgment on the contests. These ror was granted. in judgment on the contests. These ror was granted. The road appeals men held proxies of the members of from the fine of \$4,900. the national committeemen from New Mexico, Alaska and North Dakota, respectively. Their entrance into the executive session of the national comb mittee provoked Joseph B. Kealing, United States attorney for the district of Indiana, manager for Vice President Fairbanks, and Representatives J. Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, who acts in a similar capacity for Senator Knox, to make vehement protests from the outside.

PROTESTS IN WRITING representatives of all the anti-Taft his work. forces, it was decided to reduce the protests to writing and have them presented to the committee before the contests were taken up. The protests were sent to W. F. Aldrich, formerly a member of Congress from Alabama, and one of the contesting delegates-atlarge from the Scott-Davidson anti-Taft delegation from that State. It recited the fact that Mr. Hichcock is directly interested in the management of one of the candidates directly involved in the case, and "therefore disqualified to sit in judgment" upon it. It also declared that Mr. Hitchcock voter in the Territory he claims to rep- has finished his spring campaign resent, and was not a regularly or Similar representations were made

Mr. Aldrich presented the protest to ed that he did not regard it proper that used they should be compelled to present to designate their choice.

their arguments to members who had an "interest" in the outcome. son faction. pears to me that he is interested in the oucome."

Mr. Scott is one of the delegates-ac-large elected by the Scott-Davidson faction which was supposed to be an-

LAID ON TABLE. Debate on the question was shut off

by A. M. Stevenson, the member from tion Colorado, who promptly moved to lay the protest on the table. The motion carried, Mr. Scott, of Alabama, being the only member who opposed it on a viva voce vote.

The Alabama contest, affecting the four delegates-at-large and the two delegates from each of the congressional districts, 22 in all, were then

The Alabama cases, by agreement of all parties concerned, were consolidated and therefore two hours were givwere involved and it is first in the list date of its own, always yields to that on a worthless piece of paper.

ARGUMENT FROM FACTIONS. The Scott-Davidson faction, being Battle, Col. John L. Bridgers, L. V. the first to file its contest, was given one and one-half hours to open, the Thompson faction following with two Donnell Gilliam, Thursday afternoon, hours, and the Scott-Davidson people at the session of Superior Court, closing in half an hour. The princi-Resolutions were adopted upon the pal arguments in the opening for the death of their late associate at the bar Scott-Davidson people were made by and were entered upon the court rec-Judge Ass E. Stratton, of Montgomery, ord. used almost all of the time allotted to his side for the opening, although Mr. Aldrich and J. H. Manning, postmaster at Alexander, spoke briefly. The latter charged that the Taft convention had been controlled by Federal office holders and directed from

The Taft forces, under the general direction of Ormsby McHarg, of Washington, D. C., were represented by O. D. Street, United States Attorney for the northern district of Alabama. The Arkansas contest involving the two delegates from the fifth congres-sional district was then taken up. Only half an hour was devoted to it, and the committee voted without a dissenting voice to seat the delegation instructed for Secretary Taft. The other delegation claimed to be for Taft's nomination also, but it was not

tee were present in person except 15, and 15 of these were represented by

Missing Mr. Byers Located in Saluda Special to The Observer.

FIVE CAROLINA GRADUATES FOUR KILLED ON A CRUISER ALL DAY WITH MR. DAVANT prosperity of Winston-Salem and Dur-

Without Roll-Calls or Division the Republican National Committee Scttics Contests From Alabama and Ar-Granted in Case For Violation of Safety Appliance Law—Big Shipment of Whiskey Condemned—Commissions to Military Officers Issued—Wake Primaries to Be Held To-Day—Proceedings of Board of Agriculture—Charter For Lanndry For Concess. For Concord—Applicants For High School Certificates Considered.

Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building.

Raleigh, June 5. In the Federal Court to-day the spect. Chief Counsel Elliott repre-

costs. In the vase against the Atlantic G. Phelps, of Washington, both as- Coast Line involving 49 violations of sistants to Mr. Hitchcock, from sitting the safety appliance law a writ of er-

> Edward Brooks, a negro of the gang which shot Deputy Marshal Reece, was sent to the Atlanta pen for two years. One hundred and thirty cases of whiskey shipped by the Casper Com-

pany of Roanoke, Va., were con-Another case before Judge Purnell to-day was that of an ex-letter car-rier, W. H. Dowd, colored, of Raleigh, who stands charged with withholding letters, it being claimed that he did not deliver these but took them back After a hurried conference between to the postoffice in order to lessen

> At the present term of this court there have been 19 sentences, of these 14 being to the penitentiary. Only the Confederate drum corps Raleigh Confederate veterans at the Birmingham reunion next week.

Commissions are issued to Clarence Latham, Lieut. R. P. Walker, juntor grade, and Ensign J. G. Norman, of the Plymouth division of navai militia.

State Auditor Dixon is receiving returns made by banks and the corpo-rations which report to him. The rations which report to him. It also declared that Mr. Hitchcock banks make a very good showing in-did not reside, and is not a qualified deed all over the State. The Auditor speech-making and delivered about 50 properly chosen national committee- addresses, mainly at school closings, man from that Territory.

Numbers of the candidates for State offices are here, the vote in regard to Mesers. Statter and Wake in the primaries to-morrow being of very particular interest to them. In this county the Australian ballot, the committee, and in connection stat- winch is a very large one in size, is and the voters make a mark

> FORMAL CONVENTION CALL. The following is the formal call for

D. Street, United States attorney for which was issued to-day:
the northern district of Alabama, and "Pursuant to a resolution duly the northern district of Alabama, and "Pursuant to a resolution duly largest in the history of the confer-the chief local counsel for the Thomp- adopted at a meeting of the State ence. Many prominent men and weinstructed for Taft, is Democratic executive committee held men from all over the United State "that Charles H. Scott, the member of in Raleigh March 11th, the delegates are taking part in the convention, the committee from Alabama, is sit-ting as a judge in this case, and it ap-called to meeting in convention at ray, of the student volunteer movenoon Wednesday, June 24th, at Charlotte for the purpose of making nom-inations for the various State offices to be filled this year; for the selection of delegates to the national Democratic convention at Denver; for the adoption of a State platform and for the transatcion of such other business as may be brought before the conven-H. G. CHATHAM.

"Chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee. "ALEX J. FEILD.

"Secretary." ONE YEAR FOR FORGERY.

Young Express Messenger Sent State Prison-Late Donnell Gilliam Eulogized. .

Special to The Observer. Tarboro, June 5.-Wilson R. Perry, the young express messenger of Auen to each side. It was regarded as burn who forged a check on the the most important of all the contests, Rocky Mount Bank Saturday, was because of the fact that 22 delegaces sentenced to one year in the State prison yesterday by Judge Cooke. of States that will be called in the Perry is 22 years of age and until ashamed to stand up for Christ onvention when nominations are be- recently was on duty between Wilmade. The candidate securing mington and Rocky Mount. He was the delegation from Alabama is sure released from the hospital in Wil-to be the first placed in nomination, mington Saturday and went direct to because the State having no candi- Rocky Mount, where he secured \$60 State presenting the candidate favor- was arrested while attempting to board a train for Petersburg.

Ex-Gov. T. J. Jarvis, Judge Jacob Bassett and C. C. Daniels eulogized the life of the late noted lawyer,

A Buncombe Man Held For Alleged "Farming" Out of His Niece For Illegitimate Purposes.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, June 5.—A white man named James Banks, 50 years of age, was brought here from the Reems Creek section of the county this evening and landed in jail on a serious charge. It is alloged that Banks has kept a girl 18 years of age, his nives by marriage, at his home and "farmod" her out to men for illegitimate that he held it for confidential purchase the section of the county that a bank was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county to men for illegitimate that he held it for confidential purchase the section of the county that he held it for confidential purchase the county that he held it for confidential purchase the county that he held it for confidential purchase the county that he held it for confidential purchase the county that a bank has been out on the county that a bank account which he had it for confidential purchase the county that a bank has been out on the county that a bank account which he had it for confidential purchase the county that a bank has account which he had been out on the county that a bank account kept by him at Dobbs Ferry was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county that a bank account kept by him at Dobbs Ferry was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county that a bank account kept by him at Dobbs Ferry was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county that a bank account kept by him at Dobbs Ferry was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county that a bank account kept by him at Dobbs Ferry was his personal account which he later stated was the property of the county that the county that he county that he county the county that he county the county that he county the county that he county the county that he county that he county the county that he county the county that he county the county that he c Asheville, June 5 .-- A white ed" her out to men for illegitimate

It is said that the unfortunate woman sickened of her life of shame
and fled: that the flatter was reported to the officers, who secured
what they considered sufficient evidence to warrant the issuance of a
warrant, and Banks is now in fail to
self before the grand Jury; second, await prelimnary hearing next Tues- self before the grand jury; seed that the indictment was defective

Watson, aged 10, was instantly killed in a ball game here to-day. White engaged in a game with a number of his friends a but slipped from the engaged in a game with a number of his friends a bat slipped from the hands of one of the boys who was attemping to hit the ball and struck young Watson over the heart, causing management of life insurance constitution as a pound with the said very like and very like

Accidentally Shot and May Not Live.

Special to The Observer.

Henderson, June 5.—Mr. Ed Hight, who accidentally shot himself this morning in his place of business, was removed to his home about 4 o'clock in an unconscious condition and but loud or long continued.

Hitle hope is entertained for his retwelless and public clamor, nor is it a justificial action."

COLLISION OF ELECTRIC CARS

Loaded With Visitors to the mencement Festivities at the United States Naval Academy Trolley Car on the Line Between Baltimore and Annapolis Crushes Into a Car He ed For Baltimore—The Accident Due to a Confusion of Orders— Brought About Through the Running of Extra Cars Over the Line During the Naval Academy Com-mencement Exercises—List of the Dead and Wounded.

Annapolis, Md., June 5 .- In a headon collision between two special cars of the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railroad Company shortly before 8 o'clock to-night, eight persons were killed outright and a score of others were seriously injured, some of them perhaps fatally. The several extra cars each way in connection with the commencement festivities at the Naval Academy.

The dead are: RICHARD NORTON, 25 years old, Baitimore

A. H. SCHULTZ, 40 years old, Bale timore. POLICE PATROLMAN SCHRIBER, 40 years old, employed by the railway company at Academy Junction AN UNIDENTIFIED WEITE WO-MAN, apparently about 25 years old,

said to be from Baltimore, and dressed in ball costume. ZACH O'NEAL, 25 years old, New York: motorman of one of the wrecked cars.

RUTH SLAUGHTER. 6 years old, daughter of General Traffic Manager William E. Slaughter, of the road. J. W. M'DANIEL,

GEORGE WHITE, Baltimore, BOTH CARS WRECKED.

The catastrophe occurred just beond Camp Parole, which is the first station after leaving this city. The wrecked cars were specials, one of them bound from Baltimore for Annapolis, the other running from here bound for Baltimore. The latter carried few passengers, while the other and Jacob S. Allen will represent the was well filled. The impact was terrific and both cars were wrecked, that bound for this city being thrown from the rails. As quickly as possible aid was sent from here and the dead and injured were brought to this city. Of the injured, General Traffic Manager William E. Slaughter, of the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Railroad, was in the worst condition and his death at any moment would not cause the physicians surprise.

CONFERENCE OF YOUNG WOMEN

Hundreds Gather at Asheville From All Over the South-Opening Ses-sion Last Evening, Miss Helen C. Barnes Making the Address.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, June 5.—Over 400 girls from all over the South are here already and many more will arrive tonight and to-morrow to attend the annual conference of the Young Wo-men's Christian Association, which men's Christian Association, "All I care to say in reply," said O. the State Democratic convention, opened at Kenilworth Inn to-night. The attendance promises to ment; Dr. W. W. White, of New York; Rev. Robert Wells Veach, of Rochester; Miss Ethel Cutler, secretary of the national board; Miss Annie D. Casier, executive secretary for Virginia and the Carolinas; Miss Helen C. Barnes, of New York, executive officer of the conference, and the

Misses Riggs, of Lawrence, Kansas, The conference was opened at 8 p. m., Miss Anna D. Casier presiding. Miss Helen C. Barnes made opening address, which was the chief feature, taking as her subject words of the Apostle Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus In a splendid address, she compared the two men, Paul, had social position, who was a man citizen, a scholar, an educated man, straightforward in above all a thinker; and Christ, who was a man of no social position, no wealth, no great crowd of friends and who died an ignoramus. She showed how much this statemen must have meant coming from such "We should not a a man as Paul. social life, school life or in any other place. The highest type of man is the one who stands up for Christ and you should stand up for him and live a part with him."

GILLETTE VERDICT REVERSED.

Sentence of Six Months Imposed of Former Vice President of Mutu Life Insurance Company Quasher by New York Supreme Court.

New York, June 5 .- The conviction of Dr. Walter R. Gillette, formerly vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, on the charge of perjury, and his sentence to months in the penitentiary, were aside and the indictment against him three grounds developed in the trial of Gillette, who was indicted in consequence of his testimony in the insurance investigation. surance investigation conducted

man Governor Hughes. that he held it for confidential poses of the company. Justice that it falled to set forth speci the object of the grand jury in