Lost and very much wanted at Mc-Langhlin's convict camp is Bob Alexander, a well-known negro of the section with a bad reputation. Lost also, and much desired, two valuable bloodhounds which were sent after the escaped convict yester-day morning shortly after his escape became known. Thus is expressed before the words an occurrence, laughin few words an occurrence, laugh-able and at the same time serious. situation deserves.

It is difficult to say where is to be

Everybody in Mecklenburg county with any knowledge of criminals has been in the local and county courts. Time after time he has been in the roads. He it has been sent to the roads. He it front is literally festooned with long than been sent to the roads. The it front is literally festooned with long than been sent to the roads. out to the roads was for running a Observer Building was alight gambling den.

about his leg beneath his trousers, and ambled away. A guard saw him leave, but was deceived by the

soon left the others behind. And that is the last that has been sights. suing party found where the tracks of the hounds and the negro mingled. It is believed that the man was overtaken by them, seized the dilemma manfully by both horns, made friends with the dogs and persuaded them to accompany him, sharing with him his fortunes, good or ill.

Last night the police station was telephoned from Howie's store, at 1102 on East avenue, to send officers Officers Hunter and J. D. there. Officers Hunter and J. D. Johnson answered the call. No Bob lexander was found. It was there that the story, so far as known, was Boulware, who was left to the home of Alexander's on North Graham street, says that he saw the man go in this home. This was visited by the officers, who found no trace of the The officers do not attach any too much credence to the state- structors. ment that Alexander had been there.

One is Will Byers, a chicken and the other John Barnett. alias Glenden.

DEATH OF IREDELL NATIVE.

Mr. James J. McNeely Passes Away at the Presbyterian Hospital After an Operation For Appendicitis.

After suffering for some time with a malignant form of appendicitis, and undergoing an operation at the Presbyterian Hospital which proved to be too late to check the ravages of the disease, which had already got in its fatal work, Mr. James J. McNeely, of Mooresville, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the hospital where he had been placed under treatment. The remains were taken last evening at 7 o'clock to Mooresville, where the funeral services will be conducted and interment made some time to-day.

Mr. McNeely was a brother of Mr. J. C. McNeely, and of Mrs. J. F. Jamison, of Charlotte, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McNeely. He was but 35 years of age, in the prime of manand manhood's activities. His is peculiarly sad and is fraught with much sadness to those who ranked him as a friend, and especially those who were bound to him by the closer ties of near kinship. A few years ago he married Miss Ada Creswell, of Mooresville, and she, together with two youns children, sur-vives. One of these is but 12 months of age and the other is two years and Three other sisters, Misses Julia and Martha McNeely, of Mooresville, and Mrs. Lothery, of Davidson. survive. Mr. Brant McNeely, of Mooresville, is a surviving brother.

Mr. McNeely was a loyal and de-voted member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a prominent and respected citizen of als community and from which he had suffered five years before, although given the best treatment and attention possible under the circumstances, complications developed which rendered

AUDITORIUM READY.

Close Yesterday Afternoon, The Auditorium will be open this afternoon from 5 o'clock till 10 o'clock to-night for the benefit of those who gallery, this being produced by the tion of mortgages. hundreds of Japanese lanterns strung along beneath the gallery floor.

and all day yesterday a force of young men perspiringly pulled and shoved show that approximately 4.000 homes the rows of seats across the floor, These had to be so placed as to bunch the delegates from the respective counties together so that they can confer and "politick" to their hearts' content. The spectators will be scated in the galleries, which constitute, metarhorically speaking, the grandstand ably the present growth of the city is and bleachers. The chairman will be due in large measure to the assistthe umpire at whom to hurl maledic-tions for unfavorable decisions, should izens to build and own comfortable anyone be so inclined.

The Polyersity Inn Purchased at Cost Installation of Officers Thursday The many University alumni resid-The many University alumni residing in this city and other sections of the State will be interested to learn that the institution has just purchased the University Inn from Mesers. George Stephens and Horace H. Williams, the consideration being \$19,000. The University Inn was purchased last year by these two gentlemen and was transferred to the Institution from which it gets its name in charge of Grand Master S. M. Ga. The installation ceremonies will be in charge of Grand Master S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro, All Masons of the city are urged to be present.

Local Concern Highly Praised. to secure this property but fore has been prevented for tuse or another. It will likeprofes has been prevented for ause or another. It will like-used at present for dormitories tudents and later the site will bly be used for other buildings.

AN ELECTRIC CITY.

liminative electricity, affording fair indication of what the city will look like during the night sessions of and register the will of the rank and file of the Democratic party. That is a long sentence, but no more than the

who fought a desperate fight a streamers of lights which wind and year ago with Jailer E. O. Johnston, coll their way upward to the tower while the former was a prisoner in in "serpentining beauty, round on Mecklenburg county jail. The round." Probably half a thousand or the Mecklenburg county jail. The round. Proudly The front of The last offense for which he was sent more are in this. The front of The last offense for which he was sent more are in this. The front of The night with colored shifting lights in Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock varying designs, one of which excut away the chains which bound welcome N. C. S. D. C." Then there about his ankles with a file, tied the pieces is the Shelor sign the Manual Control of the local control of th play, and that of the firemen around at the Fifth street station. Besides absence of the ball and chain, and persumed that he was a trusty. A negro. Wallace Davis, a few minutes later notified the superintendent that the prey had escaped. Superintendent Will McLaughlin, a guard or tendent Will McLaughlin, a guard or two and a negro trusty, Math Boultware, accompanied by two bloods. these last night there were signs by ware, accompanied by two blood-hounds, set out in pursuit. The ing. Even last night the streets were hounds, set out in pursuit. The ing. Even last night the streets were sleuths were hot on the trail and as bright as day and hundreds of people strolled up and down seeing the

SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS.

ourth Annual Session of the Pred-mont Summer School Opened Yes-terday at Davidson—Big Enroll-

ment Expected. Prof. Robert Jones Cochran, Major. J. G. Baird and Prof. J. A. Bivins, nembers of the faculty of the Piednont Summer School, left yesterday porning for Davidson College to atof the fourth summer session. school will last four weeks and intended primarily for the benefit of the teachers of Mecklenburg and adjoining counties, although many others from other sections of the Carolinas are expected.

The object of the school is to equip the teachers for the better performman and nothing that would indi-cate he had been there. His mother denied knowledge convincingly of his carefully prepared courses of study will be presented by competent in-structors. Lectures on the theory and practice of teaching will be given, other negroes escaped the but the chief effort of all will be de-before frem McLaughlin's voted to intimate class room work in the subjects taught in the common and high schools.

The faculty is an exceedingly able ne. It includes such instructors as Prof. T. P. Harrison, Dr. H. L. Smith, Prof. J. G. Baird, Prof. A. T. Allen, Prof. A. Currie, Prof. J. W. Taomp-son, Prof. J. A. Bivins, Mr. Karl Jansen, Prof. R. H. Lafferty, Mrs. F. L. Stevens and others.

A large enrollment is expected this session. Last summer the attendance reached high water mark, which, was approximately 400. An equally large enrollment is looked for this year.

VALUE OF PEANUT OIL.

Mr. L. B. Poole Compiles Some In-teresting Figures as to the Value of Peanut Oil.

Mr. L. B. Poole, of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, has been making some investigation of peanuts as an oil-producing proposition. Mr. Poole finds the following percentages and other data about peanuts: 2,000 pounds of peanuts washed: Hulls 29.23 per cent; meats 70.77 per

Water in meal 6.53 per cent; oil 25.40 per cent; ammonia 5.20 per cent.; protein 26.70 per cent.; water

in hulls 11.35 per cent. Whole seed: Water 7.94 per cent. oil 17.97 per cent; ammonia 3.68 per

Water free, whole seed: oil 19.51 per cent.; ammonia 4.00 per cent. 359.4 pounds oil 47.9 gallons; 73.6 per cent. ammonia; 981.3 per cent. 1-2 per cent. meal; 584.6 per cent. hulls, total 1,998.9.

The price of peanut oil is about

75 cents a gallon, but an oil can be made from the cotton seed that will very closely serve every purpose that peanut oil could serve. it would seem that no profitable buswhere his lot was cast. He was taken iness could be done in peanut oil in three weeks ago with appendicitis. Both the meal and the off from peanuts are very superior products, but cotton seed oil is very nearly as good. More vaule can ge gotten out of cotton seed oil than out of peanuts for oil making.

WILL PAY OUT SPLENDID SUM.

Hard and Systematic Work Brought Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association to Distribute Approximately \$100,000 Next Month.

The Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association, upon the mamay wish to indulge in a passing peep turity of its 39th series of stock, et it. ere the battle call is sounded and will pay to its shareholders about the struggle is begun. The decorative the middle of next month the handwork is now finished after much ar- some sum of approximately \$97,500, duous work. Among the prettiest of the major part being in cash while the the effects is one not visible from the remander will be for the cancella-An idea of the value of building

and loan associations to a community All the seating arrangements of the lower floor had to be entirely altered the charlotte's experience. The statistics of the three local associations have been either bought or through the instrumentality of the building and loan associations. Assuming that there is an average of five members to the family, there are 20,000 people, almost one-half the city's populaton, who are beneficiaries of these associations. homes.

The installation of officers of the

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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Ninth District Convention Meets Here To-Day to Re-Nominate Hon. E. Yates Webb-Other Congressional

Conventions. In addition to those who have already been named as delegates to the congressional convention which meets to-day to re-nominate Hon. E. Yates Webb from the ninth district, the following named were added yesterday: Messrs, J. H. Weddington, S. H. Hilton, C. C. Bates, J. W. Zimmerman, A. C. Hutchison, H. C. Irwin, P. S. McLaughlin, J. B. Hawkins, William Anderson and Joe Klouse from the city, and Messrs. W. S. Pharr, Walter Kirkpatrick and J. C. Reld from Sharon township.

The local committee on arrangements has announced the following meeting places for the committees of the various congressional districts. The time of the several meetings will be fixed by the committees themselves:

First-Assembly room, Southern Manufacturers' Club, South Tryon street. Second—Superior Court room, county court house, South Tryon

Third-Recorder's court room, city hall, North Tryon street. Fourth-Assembly room. Club, North Tryon street.

Fifth-Alderman's chamber, city hall, North Tryon street. Sixtn-Storeroom under Audito-Seventh-Elk's Hall, South Tryon

Eighth-Criminal Court county court house, South street.

Tenth-Reading room, Selwyn Hotel, West Trade street. Credential, platform and permanent erganization committees and any special sub-committees will meet in the city hall.

Sent Up on Three Charges,

A triple charge is on the docket of the solicitor, or will be, against Marie Murrell, colorc 1, whose disposition appears hardly so poetic as her name To be more specific, she is charged with retailing twice over and then to make her work complete, smashing Ernest Belk, colored, over the head with a wooden implement. It is said that Belk was a prospective purchaser, but the woman became enraged at him and let fly. Her bonds were \$100, \$100 Sam Clark was fined \$10 and costs on

charge of an affray. He appealed, giving a \$50 bond. Attention Veterans. An invitation is extended Mecklen-burg Camp, 382 Confederate Veterans,

by Colonel Peters' Stock Company, at

Latta Park, to attend a military play free on Wednesday night, the 24th inst.

All veterans will assemble at city hall

Commander.

promptly at 7:30 p. m., and go down in By order of W. M. SMITH,

H. D. DUCKWORTH,

Adjutant. Highway For Morally Stunted Tar

Danville, Va., Register. Congressman Small, of North Carolina, advocates a State highway from Virginia to South Carolina. This is presumably desired to enable thirsty North Carolinians to reach oases in Virginia and South Carolina.

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Miss Wilma Clark Succumbs to Ty-phoid Fever-Funeral This After-Miss Wilms Clark, the 18-year-old

DEATH OF YOUNG LADY.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Clark died at the home of her parents, No 707 North Davidson street, yesterday afternoon at 6:18 o'clock after an illness of two weeks. Some time ago Miss Clark was operated on for appendici-tis. She railled well and was on the road to recovery when she was taken with typhold fever, which, in her weakened condition, proved fatal, Miss Clark was a lovable young lady and had many friends in the city. She is survived by her father and mother, one sister, Mrs. C. N. Howell, and one brother, Mr. Clyde H. Clark. The funeral will take place at the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the service being in charge of Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of the Brevard Street Methodist church. The interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Hard Yarn Spinners To-Day. The Southern Hard Yarn Spinners Association will convene to-day at 1:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club. The purpose of this conference is to dis-cuss the subject of continued and further curtailment as has been practiced by the mills of the South for several months. Secretary T. W. Crews is looking for a good delegation and the meeting promises to be interesting as well as helpful.

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