By marketing the first bale of cotm of the season yesterday Mr. J.
Blakesey, of Providence, not only
ded to his record of many years, but
so established the name of producthe earliest bale in the history of
e county, so far as can at this time ascertained. Mr. Blakeney sold bale to Mr. W. A. Watson for cents. It weighed 411 pounds was a first-class grade of the

This makes the 25th year Mr. Blakeney has produced the first bale. twenty-four of these years had not a compatitor and ery season he made the record cossively. Last year, however, his ighbor, Mr. Lark Robinson, got neighbor, Mr. Lark Robinson, got ahead of him and sold the first bale home, especially by laundering or sewing.

Mr. Blakeney had enough to append sewing. Mr. Blakeney had enough cotton open at that time to make a bale, but was not as successful as Mr. Robinson in of Scripture. One afternoon a getting it picked and ready for the week we

plantation is sandy and brings about we be when we profess to follow a vapid growth of the staple. He is Him." a rapid growth of the staple. He is one of the foremost farmers of the

DEATH OF MISS WILKES.

A Well-Known Woman Passes Away at Winchester, Va.—The Funeral to Take Place at Washington.

Miss Jane Wilkes, for the summer She has been ill for two years. The body will be taken to Washington, where it will be interred to-morrow

Miss Wilkes was about 72 years old, and is survived by a brother, Major Edmund Wilkes, of Salt Lake City, and Miss Jane Wilkes, of Washington. visited here a number of times and had many friends in Charlotte. Just after the war Miss Wilkes lived with other members of her family at Shoals, where her grandfather owned an iron foundry. She was born in Washington, and has spent most of her life there. Miss Wilkes was a devoted member of and an industrious worker in the Episcopal

Mr. J. Frank Wilkes and sister, Mrs. R. L. Jones, left last night for Washington for the funeral.

MOST ALL OF THEM COMING. Big Delegations Expected to Come to Republican Convention Says The

eville Gazette-News. Asheville Gazette-News states that while Mr. Taft will not come to Charlotte "it is learned that in all probability Mr. Taft's running mate, Hon. James S. Sherman, of New York, will accept the invitation tendered him and make at least one speech in The Republicans are confident that Mr. Sherman will be the guest of honor at the State convenion and preparations are making for big delegations not only from western North Carolina but from other sec-

tions of the State. From Asheville and the extreme western counties," continues The Ga-sette-News, "the Republicans purpose going to Charlotte en masse. They are now making arrangements for three private Pullman cars, one from Hendersonville, one from Asheand one from Waynesville. is their purpose to maintain the Pullmans at Charlotte during the con-

To Organize at Groveton.

Plans are on foot formally to or-Groveton section. Several weeks ago Rev. William Duncan began preaching n the afternoon in the school house there and such a number of his accustomed hearers have expressed desire for permanent organization that this course is deemed wise. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synsome months ago purchased through three local members of the board of home missions a little for in Dilworth upon which to erect of home missions a beautiful a church, but this plan will not be pushed now, in view of the demands of the otner field.

Professor Reid Here.

Prof. E. L. Reid, of the chair of chemistry of Erskine College, Due West, B. C., is spending several days in the county with his brother, Mr. C. Reid, and also in the interest of the institution. Professor Reid states that the prospects for a large attendance at this college this fall are uncommonly bright, many young men and women going from this particular section. Owing to the growth in the attendance at the institution within the last year or so, it has been found necessary to erect larger dormitories and plans looking to such an expansion are on foot.

Rev. F. D. Jones to Take Vacation. Rev. Frank Dudley Jones, the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, will leave the latter part of this mouth for a vacation of two or three weeks. He will be away the last Sunday in August and the first and second of September. second date named his pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Eugene Caldwell, and the third by Rev. Alexander Martin, formerly pastor of the church, now of Rock Hill, S. C.

Jones will spend his vacation in the North and will preach on two Sundays in Albany, N. Y. During this time Mrs. Jones and two children Will visit her parents in Aiken, S. C.

Teachers For Matthews School.

At the conference of committeemen County Superintendent Cochran at Matthews Friday, teachers were elected for the new school as follows:
Mr. O. I. Hinson, a graduate of Trinier College, and a student at Peabody
Institute, principal; Miss Annie L.
Jennings, of Madisonville, Va., intermediate teacher; Miss Kate Neal, of
Mallard Creek townskip. Maliard Creek township, primary teacher, and Miss Willie Kirkpatrick, of Union Mills, music teacher. The school will open September 7th,

as will all of the some fifteen long term schools in the county.

Schools Open September 4th. city schools will begin the work September 5th regularly. the children are required to come Friday before, September 4in, ch is for assortment and classition. There will be no work done Mondey, which is Labor Day, and college for the children of the

Will Wed Virginia Bride.

THE CRITTENTON HOME.

ng Good Work as the Report Superintendent Will Show. Mrs. M. C. Carter, superintende

of the Florence Crittenton Industrial Home, has made out her annual re-port which reads: "For the year ending July, 1908: "We have cared for \$1 girls and 19 bables. Our present number is 11 girls and 8 bables. Some of our mber have gone to their homes.
"The health of the home has been exceptionally good

"Our expenses average \$150 "During the year the encouragements were many. By the generosity of the public through the churches and the aid of our garden we have been enabled to have comforts. The inmates are always willing to aid in

Scripture. One afternoon a ek we have school. These are among the many ways we broad-en our work. We believe and pray An Anson county colored farmer en our work. We believe and pray that the good advice and Christian sold on the Charlotte market last instruction thrown around our girls year, this being bought by Sanders, orr & Co., August 28th. Mr. Roblinson, however, made the record of that season for the county.

Mr. Blakeney's crop this year is unusually advanced. The soil of his unusually advanced.

The Crittenton Home is doing a worthy work. It was started as an experiment but it is now an estab-lished institution. Those persons lished institution. Those persons who have stood by the charitable enlished institution. terprise from the beginning deserve much credit for what they have Capt. John Wilkes, sister of the late have been given a helping hand and brought back to the straight and narwhere she had kone with control of the late have been given a helping hand and brought back to the straight and narwhere she had kone with control of the late.

A SUDDEN EMANCIPATION.

When Unknown Negro Saw Officer Approaching He Liberated Flock of Fowls and Fled.

When a negro man presented him self at the store of Mr. S. H. Holderby, at No. 632 South Church street, yesterday morning, and offered to him for sale a bunch of chickens, the suspicions of the storekeeper were

"Yes, I'll take 'em," he said to the "I'll pay you part now and the rest when you come with the oth-

No sooner said than done. negro and the chickens and Mr. Holderby and his money parted company and the negro left. Then the grocer got his telephone to working and notified the police station that if an officer were sent to his store right away there might be something doing. Officer House went in response to the call and secreted himself in a convenient place, and waited, and Sure enough soon the suspect hove in sight, his arms loaded and running over with feathery fowls. His ink-like face was alight with anticipations of the money he "was about to receive." Then he caught sight of the advancing officer. the four winds went eight fat chickens, to parts unknown went their one-time captor. Surprised and startled by their sudden, unexpected and unceremonious liberation, the hens made but fair use of their opportunities and most of them were later gathered in by swift-footed

The chase for the negro was unavailing. The earth seemed to have swallowed him up. Down at the police station is a coop inhabited by querulous chickens, pining to be claimed and carried home. Those whose henhouses have been visited of late may claim and own their prop-

Miss Mary O. Graham Resigns. Of interest to many will be the announcement that Miss Mary O. Graham has resigned her position as pri-mary teacher in the North graded school. Splendidly equipped by natural gifts and training, aided by an enthusiasm born of love for this branch of educative work and sympathy with its aims, Miss Graham has been one of the most competent as well as one of the most popular of Charlotte teachers. She will take a special course of study in Teachers' College, New York City, to prepare herself even more fully for primary work, in which she specializes. This is the highest institution of the sort in the United States, being associated with Columbia University. Miss Graham will be much missed in

Charlotte educational circles. Music at Second Church To-Day. The following programme of music has been arranged for the Sec-ond Presbyterian church to-day by Mr. H. J. Zehm, organist and choir director:

Morning Postlude, Allegro Maestro Evening . Prelude, Adagio

Woman Charged With Stealing Cloth-

The recorder contented himself yesterday morning with unraveling the tangled skeln of but two cases, or one double case. Minnie Yarbrough and Lillie Bell McElmore, both colfurnished the occasion, being the defendants. Each was charged with the theft of clothing from Miss Belle Carter. Minnie Yarbrough was held for court in the sum of \$40 and went to jail in default of bond. The other defendant was discharged.

Will Not Insure Live Stock.

At a meeting yesterday of the Mecklenburg Farmers' Insurance Company, it was decided by a small majority that the association could not afford to insure live stock. To discuss this matter was the first purpose of calling the meeting. A num-ber of the members expressed the belief that the association would profit by such insurance, but a majority was opposed to extending the field of operations this far.

At the Little-Long Stores.

Miss Etta Freeman, who has been on her vacation, has returned to her with the Little-Long Comfriends in the country. She will leave in a few days to visit in Savannah, Ga. Mr. Baxter T. McAlpine is spending his vacation with relatives at Gastonia, Mrs. R. D. Odom, who lives on South Church street, is visiting her daughter in Winston-Salem.

WHY JAMES LEE GOT WELL,
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How Board of Aldermen Feels To-ward the Further Laying of Bitu-lithic on the Streets.

The rather interesting statement is made by an official of the present administration that the city is able to take care of whatever amount of permanent street improvements the citizens ask for and agree to take care of themselves as a party by law to any such work. He declares that all the citizens have to do is to secure a petition with a majority of the abutting property holders on any street and present it to the board of aldermen. He expressed himself as wishing very heartily that the West Trade street land owners would agree to the laying of bitulithic on that avenue in order to allow a continuous stretch of the fine street from the Southern depot to the square. The city officials are eminently

pleased with the bitulithic and many of them want the work extended just as far as possible. It seems probable that more of it will be done.

Genuine Sorrow Over Judge Moore's Death.

The unexpected tidings of the death of Judge Fred D. Moore shocked his numerous friends in the city, most intimate of whom are members of the local legal fraternity Judge Moore was held in the highest esteem by the lawyers and was regarded as a man of eminent fair-ness and discretion on the bench. Added to his undoubted ability as a judge was a sweetness of temper and a steadiness of character that made him all the more lovable. His death has caused genuine sorrow in the hearts of those here who have known him at all intimately. It hasn't seen so many weeks since he presided over the courts of this county.

Street Wiring Begun. The work of wiring the streets for electric lighting during the coming Republican convention was started yesterday. The intention of those who have it in charge is to make this feature equal or superior to that during the Democratic convention. The decoration of the hall under the supervision of Mr. Warren Vines Half is progressing. The interior of the Auditorium will be brilliantly appareled and Mr. Hall will add a numper of unusual features to his work

To Preach Through Month of August. Rev. R. B. Miller, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of Butler, Pa., will fill the pulpit of the Sardis A. R. P. church during the remaining Sundays of August for his father, Rev. R. G. Miller, D. D., who has been forced to lay aside the active duties of the ministry on account of illness. He has not been able to preach since May and his physicians advise him to give up the work for the present with a view to permanent restoration to health.

Sunday School Convention.

A two days' session of a union Sunday school convention will be held at Providence church, beginning to-day. Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, one of the foremost Sunday school experts of the Southern Presbyterian Church, will be present to make several addresses. Others experienced in this line of religious activity will speak to the convention,

Dr. Orr Preaching in Virginia. Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, pastor of the East Avenue Tabernacle, is holding a protracted meeting at Timber Ridge, The meeting will last through this week. Dr. Orr will shortly re turn to the evangelistic field altogether, having spent the past fer weeks in the city with his family and looking over his own field.

Burned Negroes Will Survive. It was definitely stated yesterday the explosion of the "Rabbit's Foot" car at Shelby Friday would likely die as a result of their wounds. those brought here and placed in the Good Samaritan Hospital are getting along very well and the physicians are confident now that none of them were fatally burned.

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The Hot Wave To-Day. Charlotte is getting its share of the hot wave that is now covering this country. The temperature was 95 yesterday, and will be that to-day; that is seven degrees above normal. It was reported that Charlotte would be 102 to-day but Observer Bennett. of the local bureau, has had no such advice. In 1896 the thermometer

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