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PROVEMENTS FOR WILMING.

will be remembered doubtless some of our readers that as far back as 1877 we began the discussion of how Wilmington could be deand made more prosperous. We discussed manufactures as applied to our little city in several edi-We urged the necessity of a large, elegant river steamer to ply between here and Smithville. We pointed out the great advantage of having fine hotel accommodations at that place and all of the most improved bathing and other facilities at Bald Head. In subsequent articles we discussed Wilming-"Summer Resort," The cool breezes, the health record of Wilmington in Summer (and indeed by comparison all the year round), he bathing facilities at the Sounds a la llal Head, the opportunities for excursions to Smithville and the an, to Waccamaw Lake and other points, and by shell road to Wrightsville and the other seaside resorts,these all combined offered peculiar attractions and advantages to those in search of recreation, pleasure, health or rest.

We learn from one of our old and en nent citizens that it was the opinion of a distinguished practitioner of m dicine here years ago that people made a mistake; that they remained the winter and left in the Said our informant; "Such observation also, for the healpart of the year is the sumso it strikes us. We much rather remain here in June, July and August, than in Oc-November, December and There is much less damage if a person will keep out of the night air, avoid the sun as much as possible, and keep regular hours as to sleeping and eating.

Wilmington certainly needs other provements some of which we hinted at the other day. With proer enterprise and vim and will much can be accomplished in a few years. But if anything is done there must be beginning. Let us briefly note some needed improvements?

We ought to have a public park place for the women and hildren to wander in and for busiless men to gather at after the toils the day are over. If it is impose to have a square with fountains nd seats and walks, can we got have least a boulevarde ?

2. We need a fine river steamer or excursion and other purposes legant, commodious, fast.

3. We need a large and imposing . S. Custom House. Our commerce growing and will continue to grow the Government will do its duty regard to our river and give us depth of water we need.

We ought to have a fine, ma ost Office to cost at least \$200,000. Surely, Wilmington with its20,000 inhabitants is more entitled to such a ouilding than Raleigh with its six or even thousand, for it had no more when the new building there was begun. We believe that our people ought to take all of the necessary steps to insure the erection of such a Public building. It ought probably to be put farther from the river than the present rented building. Somewhere about Third or Fourth would the place, it strikes us, for in erectsuch a fine structure the Wilnington of A. D. 1900 must be had in mind with its 40,000 inhabitants. may be a little too far out at first, t Wilmington will soon extend and

around it.

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5. The chief business houses on Water street ought to move to Front. That ought to be given up mainly to business. The dry goods, clothing, hats, shoes, furniture and other houses can gradually move out to Second or move to Third. Rome was not built in a day. We do not suppose all this could happen in a day, or in a year, but let the start be made and gradually and surely the end in view will be accomplished. The tendency since Wilmington was a village has been for business to press North, and now that there are three railroads with their immense warehouses in the northern part of the city the tendency is still stronger in that direction.

6. We need a new and elegant and commodious hotel-one built in the latest, most convenient and attractive style, and with every appointment that belongs to the best hotels in the North. Erect such a hotel in the right place-where Wilmington will grow to in a few years-say between Chesnut and Walnut on Third street, and get the best hotel man possible in the whole country to run it, and a grand success awaits the enterprise. We have not the slightest doubt of it, and we are glad to see Mayor Hall taking such an active interest in this much needed scheme. Let us have a magnificent hotel or none, and for this reason: we have already enough of the other kind for ordinary purposes. But let us have larger ideas. Let no "pent up Wilmington contract our powers, but let the whole boundless continent be ours." Make Wilmington the great stopping point between the rich and populous North and

within two years to one of our leading physicians: "Why do not some of your gentlemen erect a large and fine hotel. We have been here a few days and we greatly prefer your climate to that of Florida. Give us the same accommodations that we find at Jacksonville and we will guarantee that your house will be full all winter." Said two other Northern men who were riding around the city with one of our merchants, as they went first to Kidder's Mill and then out to Parsley's Mill and Hilton: "We cannot see why Wilmington does not grow rapidly. We never saw such advantages. Your river is ample and you are in danger of no overflow. Your city lies high and dry and your drainage can be made perfect. If we had Wilmington in the North we would make it a great and prosperous town

Said some Northern gentlemen

Florida.

in a few years." See what Mr. Davis, a Bostonian, has done at Kittrell depot, on the Kaleigh & Gaston Railroad. It is in the woods-a little hamlet only. The once famous Spring has ceased to flow. There are no special attractions-not much society, not much chance to hunt, and none to fish. But the climate is mild compared with New England. Now what has this enterprising, go-ahead Bostonian at Kittrell done? He has for years been reaching out towards New England. He has made his hotel known, and last winter one hundred Northern guests filled his house. He had more applications than he could accommodate. Even now he is receiving letters engaging rooms for next winter. The advantages of Wilmington over Kittrell are a hundred-fold. Let us improve them. The first step is to get a grand hotel and have it kept in the best style, and then advertise it all through the North. Behold the lesson. Think over it.

Death of an Old Citizen. Mr. Meyer Bear, an old German resident of this city, died at his residence corner of Sixth and Chesnut streets, yesterday morning, after an illness of some two weeks' duration. Mr. Bear was born in Bavaria and came to this country about 1836. He moved to Wilmington in 1847, having been doing business for some four or five years previously in Granville county. He continued merchandizing until about eight years ago, when his three sons took charge of the business. Deceased was a quiet, unobtained merchandizing and was much respected. of the business. Deceased was a quiet, un-obtrusive citizen, and was much respected in the community of which he had so long been a member. He was 71 years old.

Southern Telegraph Company. We learn from an officer of the Company that the lines of the Southern Telegraph Company are now being put up from Danville in the direction of Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta. The poles are up be tween Norfolk and Weldon, and we are informed that the line will be completed to Wilmington during the coming summer. Just for variety's sake, the business men of Wilmington will be glad to have a little competition in the telegraph business.

OUR GRADED SCHOOLS. The Close of the Session—The Teachers

and the Normal Schools-Preparations for the Next Session, &c.

On last Monday the graded schools of our city closed for the summer vacation. We learn that the school committees of the two districts into which Wilmington is divided have already begun preparing for the next session, which commences on the first Monday in October.

The corps of teachers for the coming year is as follows:

M. C. S. Noble, General Principal. Hemmenway Graded School, white-M. O. Wallace, assistant principal; Mary R. Duguid, M. L. McLeod, Alice J. Yar-

borough. Peabody Graded School, colored-John A. Holt, assistant principal; James B. Duder, Susie B. Dudley, Annie H. Mallette, A. Therese Willis.

Union Graded School, white-M. E. Cook, assistant principal; Adelaide S. Meares, Maggie Jones.

Williston Graded School, colored-Mary W. Howe, assistant principal; Isabella L. Howe, Louisa G. Nixon, Emma F. Hooper, Maggie Whiteman.

These appointments are made thus early in order that the teachers, sure of employment, may have the opportunity of attending the State Normal School, with reference to special preparation for the next vear's work.

During the session just closed the Principal has not only taught in the class-rooms, but he has also devoted much time to bringing the teachers up to a high standard in the theory and practice of teaching, He has conducted thirty-two teachers' meetings-sixteen for white and sixteen for colored-and their good results are shown by the increased activity, zeal and enthusiasm on the part of the teachers in their class-rooms.

Never before have our citizens taken so great an interest in our public schools, as is shown by a record of more than 2,000 visits. The average daily attendance of pupils has been about 800. The outlook for next year is very encouraging, and quite a rush for seats is expected. The committee, from time to time, either as a body or individually, without notice to any one, visit and inspect the workings of the school, and in every way labor to have the teachers bring about the best results.

We understand that nearly all the teachers will go to the State Normal School, and after Prof. Noble gets through with the school at Newton he, with two of the teachers, will visit the Martha's Vineyard (Mass.) Teachers' Institute, remain there a month or six weeks, and then go to Boston and inspect the schools there.

Prof. Noble, in his management of our graded schools, has given universal satisfaction, and his thorough competency is sufficiently manifest in the rapid advancement and good order and discipline which have prevailed. The committee have understood and appreciated his efforts, and he has had the advantage of their undivided interest and cooperation throughout.

Another of the Alleged Conwayboro, S. C. Murderers Captured.

We gave the particulars in yesterday's STAR of the arrest of one William Hardy, (or Hardee), colored, charged with being a party to the murder of an aged white citizen of Conwayboro, S. C., and who, with three others, implicated in the same crime, broke jail in Conwayboro some months ago and had since been at large. We now have information to the effect that Sol. Hewett, another of the alleged murderers, was captured on Wednesday last at L. D. Galloway's place in Smithville Township, Brunswick county, near the mouth of Lockwood's Folly river, close to the occan, by Messrs. R. W. McKeithan, John White and Marion White, by whom, it is understood, Hewett was turned over to the authorities in South Carolina, in accordance with directions from Sheriff Taylor, of Brunswick. The name of one of the capturers of Wm. Hardy appeared in our last as Emanuel Hunt, when it should have been Emanuel Hart.

Since writing the above we have received a letter from Mr. Thomas Lewis in relation to the capture of the two men referred to, and the excitement resulting in the Shallotte and Lockwood's Folly neighborhood over the matter. The particulars, however, do not differ materially from those given

Funeral of Mr. VanOrsdell.

The remains of the late C. M. VanOrsdell were consigned to their last earthly resting place in Oakdale Cemetery yester day morning. The funeral services took T. M. Ambler; of St. Paul's Church, officiating. The procession to the church and thence to the Cemetery embraced the Masonic fraternity, consisting of members of Wilmington Commandery No. 1, in

their beautiful uniform; St. John's Lodge No. 1, of which deceased was a member; Wilmington Lodge No. 319; Concord Chap-ter No. 1, and Wilmington Council No. 4, together with a long line of carriages, con-taining relatives and friends of the deceased. The following were the pall-bearers: R. J. Jones, George M. Summerell, John D. Woody, James Alderman, M. M. Katz and

R. Greenberg.

Cotton Movement. The receipts of cotton for the week ending yesterday footed up 211 bales, as against 139 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing an increase of

The receipts for the crop year from Sept. 1st to date, foot up 126,144 bales, as against 135,772 bales for the corresponding period last year, showing a decrease of 9,628 bales.

METHODIST DISTRICT CON-FERENCE.

WHITEVILLE, May 24, 1883.—Quite a crowd of ladies and gentlemen left Wilmington yesterday afternoon on the 3.10 o'clock freight train, under the conductorship of Capt. Evans, who by his polite and gentlemanly manners made everything as pleasant as possible under the circumstances. The evening was cool and pleasant, vegetation green and refreshing to the even

Arriving at Whiteville at twenty-five minutes past six we were met by a committee who soon assigned us our homes, buggies and carriages being in readiness we were soon wending our way from the depot towards the village. Whiteville at this season of the year is attractive to the eye, beautiful foliage overhanging the streets, whilst the yards are filled with beautiful flowers. We are provided with elegant whilst the yards are filled with beautiful flowers. We are provided with elegant homes and each home gives us a hearty welcome. There bids fair to be a large attendance, and we anticipate an interesting session of Conference.

The Wilmington District Conference opened this morning at 9 o'clock, with Rev. R. O. Burton, Presiding Elder, in the chair, who conducted the services, reading the 30th chapter of Isaiah.

The Chairman then called for nomina.

The Chairman then called for nomina-tions for secretaries. Rev. J. B North was elected secretary, and Brother James W. King, assistant.

A communication from Rev Dr. Jones, President of Greensboro Female College, was received, announcing his inability to be present, but desiring the College interests to be presented to the Conference, and stating that the College is in a prosperous condition and as thoroughly Methodistic as ever in its teachings. ever in its teachings.

Brothers F. H. Wood and J. W. Pruitt,

clerical, and Brothers Moffitt and Culbreth, laymen, were appointed a committee on Public Worship.
On motion of W. M. Parker that the

chairman appoint a committee on the Cause of Missions, the chairman announced the following: W. M. Parker, F. H. Wood, K. K. Council, T. Page Ricaud and Dr. S. S. Satchwell, with request that the chair-

man report to-morrow morning.
On motion of Rev. F. H. Wood the bar of the Conference was established with request that members of the Conference sit within, also inviting visiting brothers Burkhead and Kindall to a seat in our body.

Reports from the different charges were taken. Rev. F. H. Wood, of Front Street M. E. Church, reported the spiritual condition of his church as good and the attendance upon the ordinances as superior. He had never known a church where the people attended so generally the communion services. The ordinance of baptism of children was attended to only reported the Christian Association connection with the church as a great means of help, having as the Association does, committees to distribute funds for the poor who were faithful in their discharge of duty, and who were greatly benefited in this means of grace. A committee also to visit the sick. In all this we are accomplishing a valuable work.

Sunday School well organized and displined, accomplishing in a large degree its surposes. We have a remarkable proportion of young men and women, so much so that strangers remark it. Our financial system is what is known as

The Conference Plan." Our collectors do their work well, and the pastor gets his pay through this effective system used. Al give and therefore the end is accomplished. Expect to repair interior of church at an early day and get a pipe organ. Records of Quarterly Conference well

The Chairman, Dr. Burton, remarked that he was pleased to hear this report and the interest taken for the poor. "Neglect your poor and your church will fall.' There ought, says he, to be a home for destitute women, those left in want, in con-sequence of the late war. It is a duty we owe them as Methodists.

Rev. Mr. Crisp moved a committee of hree on temperance, nominating Brothers Hull, Satchwell and Crais On motion of Mr. W. M. Parker it was

moved that the committee be raised to five and that Brother Crisp be made chairman, and the name of Brother Culbreth be added, Brother Ricaud, of the Fifth Street Church of Wilmington, made a fine re-

port in regard to his charge, showing a good spiritual condition, and that they were as he thought the banner charge in regard to keeping up the old landmarks. Dr. Burkhead was introduced to the Conference and expressed his pleasure at being with us after having presided over this district for eight years. He was gratified at the report of Brother Ricaud at his success

n his parsonage work. At the roll call this morning twelve reachers was reported present and eleven

Rev. T. Page Ricaud preached at 11 'clock; text taken from Matthew 16th chapter and 3rd verse. He presented his subject in a clear, forcible manner, producing a fine impression upon his audience. AFTERNOON SESSION. Conference opened at 3 o'clock, Rev. J

W. Craig conducting divine services. Broher King, a lay delegate from Whiteville circuit, was reported present.

Rev. J. W. Crisp, from Topsail circuit reported that two nights before an assault was made upon his premises without fear, and that the consequence was that he left his family overwhelmed with good things. He reported the state of the church fair; at some churches the attendance was large, and at others small; sacraments were well attended; weekly prayer meetings at seven appointments; eight Sunday schools on his circuit; no special financial system; about one-third of salary paid; prospects charm-

The Chairman made an eloquent appeal to the Conference in regard to the wants of

Motion by Brother Pruett that Confer-11 o'clock for public worship, and meet

Circuit: Prospects encouraging, congregations large. Quite a lengthy discussion here arose in regard to union Sunday Schools and union

Point Caswell Mission was called up and Rev. Dr. Durant reported seven appointments and four churches; congregations generally increasing. He gave an encouraging report of his work, and thinks the mission will soon be self sustaining. Brother Crisp moved to appoint a committee on education.

Brother Wood moved, as a substitute, that Brother Crisp prepare a resolution on this question and present it to this Confer-

A motion to adjourn was adopted.

Brother Kendall preaches to night at 8o'clock, and Brother Hall to morrow at 11 SECOND DAY.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the Presiding Elder in the Chair. Divine services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Wood. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following lay delegates were reported as having arrived since yesterday: B. A. McClammy, J. W. Cameron, G. H. Cannon, W. J. Scroggs, S. B. King, W. H. Ward.

Brother Shackelford, from the Duplin Circuit, was invited to a seat in this body. Dr. S. S. Satchwell presented a resolution in the interests of Trinity College.

Speeches were made by Brother Burton, Rev. Dr. Burkhead and Rev. F. H. Wood.

Rev. W. S. Black, one of the editors of the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*, was intro-duced to the Conference, and spoke feelingly of the pleasure of meeting his old friends, and stated that he would at a future time

The report on missions was received and

present the claims of his paper. The committee on Temperance made their report, which was laid on the table for the present. Dr. Satchwell, the author of the report, made an elaborate statement in regard to the curse of liquor and its deleterious influence upon the system. His report was extensive, occupying something over a

half an hour in its reading.

Rev. W. J. Hull preached a very interesting sermon at 11 o'clock. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. W. Pruett gave an interesting account of his work, setting forth the necessity of a forward movement in certain sections of this county and the grand openings for greater work. His people were a church-going people, Sunday schools in full operation but need the full cooperation of the membership of the churches; his people were kind and willing to do their duty on the circuit generally; and thinks the circuit ought to be divided, the thinks the circuit ought to be divided; the work is so extensive that it gives the pastor no time to visit families; financial system worried some churches, some collect in one way and some another.

Brother K. K. Council reported on finances at his church assessment system used and works well in most cases—some

A resolution was offered granting the Presiding Elder, Rev. R. O. Burton, owing to his feeble state of health, rest during the warm weather, hoping that he may seek that climate which shall restore him to health and greater usefulness.

The resolution was unanimously adopted Brother Burton acknowledged the kindness intended with a heart full of grati At this point the minutes of this morning

were read and approved. The Conference work is full of interest, and many topics not noted in my reports have been discussed with great interest. We have only one working day more, yet there is a heavy work before us. Wilmington is largely represented by the ladies of the Methodist church, who seem to be in full enjoyment of the occasion. My home is with Col. Maultsby, who always entertains in princely style. His home is indeed a place of rest. His premises are beautifully shaded, while the sweet aroma of flowers fills the whole atmosphere, and strawberries hang in clusters on cultivated vines.

NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

Formal Opening of the Big Bridge-A Gala Day in Both Cities-Processions and Speeches - The Streets Thronged with People-Great Display of Bunting-Illuminations at Night, &c., &c. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

NEW YORK, May 24.—To-day was a gala day in Brooklyn. Throughout the city there appeared to be a general surrender of business to sight-seeing and celebration. In one way or another the main business avenues, the heights, and many of the streets clear out into the suburbs, are decked most gaily with flags and bunting and flowers, for the bridal with the city over the river. Public buildings, private houses, street cars, wagons and trucks fly colors of all nations, n honor of the opening of the big bridge. On every hand preparations are being made or the illumination to night. Great satisfaction is expressed among the people of Brooklyn at the completion of the work of which so much is expected for their city. From the towers of the great bridge national flags wave, and the span across the river is dotted with flags from one end to the other. From early in the morning crowds began to gather at the end where speech making was to take place. In the harbor flags flew from all shipping. Four war vessels—the Tennessee, Vanda-lia, Kearsage and Yantic—lie in a row off Governor's Island, flying the national colors. The Navy Yard and all ships along the New York and Brooklyn water front are decked with bunting.

In New York, also, business was partly suspended to-day. Most of the down-town exchanges closed at noon and many business places suspended work for the afternoon. Flage flew from municipal and other buildings in the City Hall Park, from business places along Broadway and other streets, and from many private residences. The day was all that could be desired for the occasion. The houses along the entire route of the procession, from the Fifth Avenue Hotel to the City Hall, were decked with colors. The Seventh Regiment escorted the President, Mayor Edsen, the President's Cabinet, the Peruvian Minister, Goy. Cleveland, Govs. Ludlow, of New Jersey, Fairbanks, of Vermont, Littlefield, of Rhode Island, the State Legislature, and a large number of other invited guests, from he Fifth Avenue Hotel to the bridge. At the City Hall Park members of the Common Council received the President and other guests. Here all alighted from the carriages, and joined by the heads of the City Departments marched from the City Hall Park to the bridge; President Arthur walking arm-in-arm with the Mayor.

A procession of Brooklyn officials and trustees, headed by the Twenty third Regi-ment, left Brooklyn City Hall at half-past 12 o'clock, and arrived at 1 o'clock at Sands Street Station. The regiment passed robes of office, arrived. A way was made for them with great difficulty through the crowd that already filled every foot of

A salute, announcing the President's arrival at the New York tower, was fired by the war vessels in the harbor and the forts on Governor's Island at 2.16 P. M., and the yards of the men-of-war were manned. Fifteen minutes later cannonading from Fort Greene and Williamsburg announce the arrival of the procession at the Brooklyn tower, where Mayor Low received it.
On the platform were seated Gen. Christian and staff, of the Second Division; exMayors Schroeder, Howell, Booth, Hunter and Lambert; members of the Brooklyn Common Council and United States naval

officers, and officers of the First and Fifth Artillery. On account of the great crowd much difficulty was experienced by the ex-Mayors of New York and Brooklyn and the officials who accompanied them in obtaining passage way to the platform.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Southern General Assembly -The Question of Fraternal Relations with the Northern Assembly-A Telegram from Saratoga. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 25.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly South, to-day, the committee on Bills and Overtures made the committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report in reference to Overture No. 34, from the Presbytery of Upper Missouri, in regard to the appointment of a committee by the Southern Assembly, to confer with a similar committee from the Northern Assembly, touching organic union: "Your committee would recommend the adoption of an answer that the General Assembly declines to appoint a committee for the purpose stated in the overture, as our principles are so essentially different in several vitally important particulars from those of the Northern Presbyterian Church, that the idea of organic union cannot be entertained."

Dr. Primrose moved an amendment

Dr. Primrose moved an amendment, saying, "your committee deems it inexpedient to appoint such a committee."
The amendment was adopted—yeas 102,

Dr. Smoot, of Austin, Texas, late Moderator, opposed the amendment, on the principle of opposing organic union, and thinking that the Assembly should give a reason for it. When the vote occurred on the original question it was amended by Dr. Davis so as to read, "The General Assembly declines to appoint a committee for the purpose named." And this was unani-And this was unani-

nously adopted. Dr. Witherspoon read the report of the committee on Education, and it was

Prof. Hemphill's resolution on fraternal relations was taken up. A telegram was received from Dr. Brown, Southern delegate to the Northern Assembly, regarding the passage of a resolution by the Northern Assembly upon the question of fraternal relations, which met with great applause. Action was postponed on Prof. Hemphill's resolution till the Assembly learns what resolutions the Northern Assembly have passed. There was much excitement in the Assembly over the question.

The following telegram was received from Saratoga at 12 o'clock, and was loud-

y applauded:
"To Rev. Dr. Pryor, Moderator, General
Assembly.—The following paper, offered by Dr. Crosby, completely covering the point, has been passed unanimously. The committee report that fraternal relations having been happily established between the two Churches on the basis of a withdrawal of all imputations officially made from either side against the Christian character of the other, no further action of the Assembly is [Signed] WILLIAM BROWN."

Northern General Assembly-Fraternal Relations With the Southern Churches-Reports on Overtures. SARATOGA, May 26.—The Presbyterian General Assembly spent its first hour this morning in thanksgiving and prayer, led by Rev. Dr. W. C. Young, of Louisville, for the complete establishment of fraternal

Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson presented the reports of the committee on Bills and Over-

relations between the Northern and South-

The Assembly adopted the overture from Cayuga Presbytery, recommending that the Presbyterian Historical Society and the General Synods and Presbyteries take measures to best observe the 400th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. An overture from Emperia (Neb.) Presbytery was adopted, asking President Arthur and Secretary Lincoln to grant a petition from 150 Presbyterian members of Chief Joseph's band of Nez Perces Indians, in Indian Territory, to return the band to the Nez Perces reservation in Idaho. Rev. Geo. L. Spinning spoke in scathing terms of the injustice of the United States to the Nez Perces tribe; a tribe

raised their arms till driven from their lands in violation of a treaty. An overture, presented from several presbyteries, regarding the Indian policy of the government, recommending that citizenship be conferred on all who ask for lands to be held in severalty; that intruders be kept from Indian territory and reserva-tiens, and that inviolable faith be kept with Indians in every respect. Rev. Dr. John-son explained that the report was in unison with the action of the Episcopal General Convention and the Methodist General Conference. On motion of Dr. Crosby the subject was referred back to the committee

that never took a white scalp and never

on Overtures. An overture from New Castle (Del.) Presbytery, asking the sanction of the As-sembly for a fund providing for a memorial of Rev. Francis Mackenzie, the first Presbyterian pastor in the United States, in 1683, drew forth a statement from Dr. Oakey, Secretary of the Historical Society, that Rev. Richard Denton, ancestor of Rev. Dr. John Woodbridge, a commissioner sitting in the Assembly, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hempstead, L. I., at an earlier date. The matter was indefinitely postponed.

By unanimous consent Capt. R. H. Pratt, U. S. Army, introduced six Indian students from Carlisle, Penn., school. Robert Stewart, a Creek, made a brief address, asking why they could not live here and work at trades they had learned -he being a printer-instead of being forced back to reservations and their demoralizing influences, when colored men and European emigrants could live where

A motion to take up the report of the committee on the Book of Discipline and to continue it until finished, was carried, and the work accordingly proceeded. The Motion by Brother Pruett that Conference convene at 9 o'clock and adjourn at 11 o'clock for public worship, and meet again at 3 o'clock P. M.

Rev. W. J. Hull reported from Duplin Risk Prospects encouraging congrege. joining another church shall be dropped from the rolls without action unless charges have been presented, and then prosecuted.

VIRGINIA.

Election Returns Highly Encouraging to the Democrats. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

PETERSBURG, May 26.—In consequence of a lack of telegraphic communication many precincts of the upper counties are not heard from, but the returns thus far received are highly encouraging for the Democrats. Intelligence was received this morning to the effect that in Lunenburg and Greenville counties the Coalition ticket

is elected.

Artillery. On account of the great crowd much difficulty was experienced by the exmayors of New York and Brooklyn and the officials who accompanied them in obtaining passage way to the platform.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. John S. T. Stranohar introducing Right Rev. Bishop Littlejohn, who, assisted by

The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows the following changes:

Loans decrease \$1,546,500; specie decrease \$1,782,
200; deposits increase \$2,587,300; circulation decrease \$156,700; reserve increase \$3,416,775. The banks now hold \$9,177,
\$3,416,775. The banks now hold \$9,177,
400 in excess of legal requirements.

Spirits Turbentine

- Weldon News: On Tuesday of — Weldon News: On Tuesday of last week Col. J. W. Johnson had the misfortune to lose two horses and three hogs. During the storm lightning struck his stable in which were two horses and the fluid ran through the building, killing the horses and hogs. — On last Tuesday a severe hail storm visited this section and did considerable damage. A good deal of cotton which had come up was destroyed, and is being planted over.

- Milton Chronicle: We have seldom listened to a manlier or more thoroughbred charge than Judge Gilmer's to the Caswell grand jury. One matter he struck that should be rung through the ears of all in the State. He said that a filthy, dirty jail was an offense, a shame. It should be examined and every jail made decent. He said that the poor houses should be neat and comfortable, and no hard unfeeling man put at the head of

- Tarboro Southerner: The Edgecombe Guards elected new officers last Thursday. Capt. Orren Williams was reelected Captain; Lieut. W. C. Jeffreys, 1st Lieut.; Junior 2nd Lieut. J. Y. Paris, 2nd Lieut.; and Sergt. P. H. Edge, Junior 2nd Lieut. — Last Thursday several hundred people paid a visit to Runnymede, to witness, the trotting was between J. C. witness the trotting race between J. C. Younger's Jimmie Coburne and D. E. Cobb's Roanoke, Jr.; a dash of three miles. The time for the first mile was 3.10; second, 3.00; third, 3.10. Coburne won by seventyfive yards.

- Charlotte Journal-Observer Bill Meeks, colored, a noted desperado of Cabarrus county, made his escape from the jail in Concord last Tuesday night, and is now at large. — A colored man named David Caldwell, impelled by the greeneyed monster, yesterday attempted to cut his wife's throat, and very nearly succeed ed. —A difficulty occurred in Monroe, a day or two ago between Robert Schorn and John Hasty, which, while not a very serious one, had a most ludicrous result: Sehorn was possessed of a fine beard, and Masty, getting his fingers firmly entangled therein, pulled about half of it out.

-Charlotte Journal-Observer: The people in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, in this county, are greatly stirred up over the appearance of a tremendous snake Mr. J. W. long, who saw it last, says it is fully thirteen feet long and as thick as man's thigh. Mr. Childress also saw it, and offers to pay \$200 to any one who will capture the snake alive. They declare that its length and thickness, as stated above, is not an exaggeration. [A few years ago a rattlesnake was killed in Pender county that must have been fully as large. A piece of the skin when dried measured fourteen inches around. It was to be seen in our office for

a year. -STAR. - Pittsboro Record: Two young men of this county, named Thomas and Burns, caught one hundred and twenty-five pounds of fish a few days ago in Deep river, near Lockville. - We are pleased to learn from different parts of the county that the fruit crop will be more abundant than was at first thought, although of course it will not be equal to that of last year. -The Egypt property was offered for sale at public auction on the 14th inst., but there being no bidders it was not sold, and will, therefore, remain under the management of the executors of the late Alexander Derbyshire. We are informed that they intend improving the farm, and will probably lease the coal mine and have it reopened.

- Fayetteville Observer: Col. Pryor, of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, has within the past few days been running a line from the railroad on Russell street to the steamboat landings. This has become necessary for the purpose of transportation, as the new iron and other heavy freight for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road will probably be brought by the river.

— 1,000 wanted.—That is the number of hands for which Messrs. A. B. Williams and J. D. Williams, Jr., are now advertising; while Mr. James McNatt and others have taken big contracts-all to cut cross ties for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad. — A large new frame building is being erected on the yard of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway Co., to accommodate the increased demand for space from the enlargement of the company's business and the addition of new rolling stock. — The hail and wind of last week injured the farmers seriously in some neighborhoods of this section. - Fayetteville Observer: Col.

Livingston, of Bennettsville, S. C., Chairman of the Committee of Citizens, has received from a prominent citizen of Fayetteville, a letter from which he kindly permits us to make the following extracts: "Our Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad is now a fixed fact. At the meeting at Greensboro on the 9th, of the directors, contracts were made for steel rails which will lay one hundred miles of track, and one hundred tons are to be delivered in Wilmington in thirty days from date of contract. The money for the same was raised and de-posited in the bank. * * * The laying of the track is to begin at this place and the iron laid with all dispatch from here to Shoe Heel, and the entire line to Greensboro to be completed within eight months. Sound the glad tidings to your people." It may be noted here that the contract calls for the delivery of, not one hundred, but one thousand tons of steel rails per month. — We are authorized to say that the C. F. & Y. V. Road will be built to Bennettsville straightway. And President Gray and Col. Morrison, the

the purpose of starting the work. TENNESSEE.

Superintendent, arrived here yesterday for

The Prizes Awarded in the Competitive Drill at Nashville.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NASHVILLE, May 26.—In the great competitive drill to-day the following prizes were awarded by Maj. John E. Tiernan, S. A., viz: Infantry drill-Mobile Rifles, first, \$4,000; Crescent Rifles, New Orleans, second, \$1,000; Treadway Rifles, St. Louis, third, \$500. Frank J. Badger, of the Crescent Rifles, took the first prize cup for the best drilled man, and Wm. R. Eyer the second cup. Eichborn's band, of Louisville, took the \$1,000 prize; Postlethwait's band, of St. Louis, the second. The Decorah Drum Corps, of De-corah, Iowa, took the gold headed drum sticks. The people are generally satisfied

LOUISIANA.

Large Entries of State and Government Lands.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NEW ORLEANS, May 26.—A Baton Rouge special says that entries of Sea Marsh, made by J. B. Watkins, cover narsh, made by J. B. Watkins, cover 1,159,116 acres, at 12½ cents per acre, amounting to \$146,606, embracing all the vacant State lands in the parishes of Vermillion, Cameron, and Calcasieu. Watkins also entered 2,700 acres at 75 cents per acre, of State lands, and 60,000 acres of U. S. Government lands, between Jennings

R., at \$1.25 per acre. ELECTRIC SPARKS.

and Lake Charles, north of the Morgan R