A YEAR IN ADVANCES

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sources .- New Orleans Picayune.

The wealth of the American farm-

THE GROWING WEALT H OF THE The rapid development of the resources of the Southern States is attracting general attention. Capital | bond and stock issues of the huge and immigration are drifting this way, and the promise of this sec- of the year; all the stock of the tion is so magnificent that it is at- | Standard Oil Trust at 700, which is tracting almost universal notice. It is not strange that under such | two months; all the stocks of the circumstances there are persons minor trusts in the next two months;

tember, which declares that cotton have about \$500,000,000 left over. is plunging the Southern people But on its own account the Com-

to use their credity with local merchants to secure supplies in advance of marketing their crops. Some observers believe that as much as pinetenths of all the cotton produced is sold in this manner. Not infrequently the crop is mortgaged for its entire value before the seed is sown. The rate of interest on all liens averages 40 per cent."

Possibly this was the case when the cotton planters, returning entirely impoverished to their ruined homes and neglected lands after the Civil War, were making desperate efforts to rebuild their wasted fortunes. Possibly those planters who had not learned to fortify their positions by diversifying crops in the late nineties when the staple got down to 5 cents and less, realized that times were hard; but in the face of the vast recuperation and revival of prosperity that have taken place in these Southern States since the close of the Civil War, the greatest portion of which has resulted from the growing and manufacture of cotton, only dense ignorance or unmorthy jealousy can find any reason to declare that cotton is the bane of the South.

Prof. Ogg's conclusions on the subject of cotton are as far as the width of the world, and as different as is night from day, from those of Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, of the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record. Mr. Edmonds, who is one of the ablest political economists and most exact statisticians in this country, recently writing from Atlanta, says it is conservative to estimate that the South this year will receive for its cotton crop \$600,000,000, and for the last four years, seed included, the South has realized from cotton alone more than two billion, or two thousand million dollars. In addition to this, the manufacture in the Southern mills of two million bales of cotton this year will add to receipts for cotton \$200, 000,000 more, which with \$100,-000,000 for cotton seed products, will raise the receipts for this year's cotton to \$900,000,000.

According to Mr. Edmonds' figures, to be added to this magnificent showing for cotton is the grain crop, which likewise promises to be the best the South ever had. The value of agricultural products in the South other than cotton will exceed \$900,-000,000 this year, or a total to the credit of the work of Southern farmers of \$1,500,000,000, against \$600,000,000 in 1880. Since 1880 the South has increased its population by about 50 per cent., while it has increased the value of its agricultural products by 150 per cent. During the same period it has developed the value of its manufactured and mineral products from \$474,-000,000 to about \$1,700,000,000, or a gain of 258 per cent. Taking agriculture, minerals and manufactures together, the gain has been from \$1,-074,000,060 to \$3,200,000,000, or 198 per cent., against 50 per cent. increase in population.

It is useless to attempt to write Anything for novelty goes now-a- ance at next week's term of the Supedown the South. Its progress is so days.

only the blind can fail to see it. The great railroad companies are reallizing the situation so vividly that not only are they pushing their lines southward, but trade is being diverted from Eastern routes to so great an extent that the commerce of such a metropolis as New York is already suffering and demonstrates that suffering by a plaintive outcry.

a grand future for these Southern States, and they are already realizing the prosperity resulting from the development of their great re-

#### THE FARMER'S VALUE.

er and his value and importance to the world is set forth in some very interesting facts and figures in the New York Commercial. Our contemporary quotes A. B. Stickney as saying in a recent address that in the census year 1900 the aggregate value of the products of all the farms of the country was \$4,739,-118,000-an aggregate income sufficient to purchase all the enormous Steel Trust in the first two months about its market value, in the next who being actuated by jealousy or to buy all the national banks in the ignorance of the subject, are trying next two months; to pay the bonded to write the South down. Atten- debt of the government in the next tion has been called to an article in two months; to retire the greenbacks the Chicago World To-day for Sep- in less than one month, and still

into poverty, and if it still is king, mercial estimates that the value of as was once the boast, it is a the farm products this year will be monarch that is destroying its in excess of \$5,000,000,000, and then brings out these additional the city schools promises to be larger | mington Oct. 19th-24th, inclusive, and | precarious condition as a result there-The writer of the article in quesjoints: The farmers of the United than ever this year and nearly the joints Prof. Frederick Austin Ogg,

The writer of the article in quesjoints: The farmers of the United than ever this year and nearly the entire excellent corps of principals committee met at 10 o'clock yesterday and his power of speech is gone. The stroke same upon Mr. Chadwick while the first legal than o'clock yesterday and hearly the divided into storage sternoon, sentenced Boggan to be space to be used by the Governor, hanged. This will be the first legal tion is Prof. Frederick Austin Ogg, States employ over nine million per of Indiana University. According sons and pay out in wages every to this professor: "The crop-lien year over \$300,000,000; the railroads system, with all its attendant evils, employing over 1,000,000 people, is becoming more and more widely depend largely upon him for their established. It has become a gen- traffic; thousands of ships, flying eral custom of planters and tenants | the flag of every civilized nation, draw their earning from the business given by the American farmer. Finally, attention is called to the fact that let the crops of the American farmer fail and railroad earnings immediately fall off and trade begins to react, while the cost of living, not only in this country, but in England, Germany and France as well, will immediately

> Truly we have it demonstrated here that the American farmer is about one of the most important valuable factors-in the world. In deed, when it comes to wealth, and to indispensibility to this country, he is pretty much the whole thing. -Richmond News Leader.

A Spartanburg, S. C., special of the 23rd inst. to the Greenville Daily News says: "A young married couple hailing from the everlasting hills of North Carolina, where the candle light yet holds sway and nature's gas lies unmolested beneath the rocks and boulders, narrowly escaped asphyxiation at the Spartan Inn at an early hour this morning by blowing out the gas. But for the acute nostrils of Night Clerk Goodlett the coroner might have had a job to-day, and what Matthews. seemed to all to be a honeymoon to have ended in a double tragedy. Their names are withheld for fear the gold brick or green goods people will get after them.

And so J. Wiley Shook has again been relieved of his job. It seems that he and Augustus Patterson, special revenue agents of Greensboro, made reports to the commissioner at Washington; they conflicted, and the commissioner forthwith notified Collector Harkins to dismiss Shook. It is now said that J. Wiley is whiling away the time by cursing the Washington adminis-

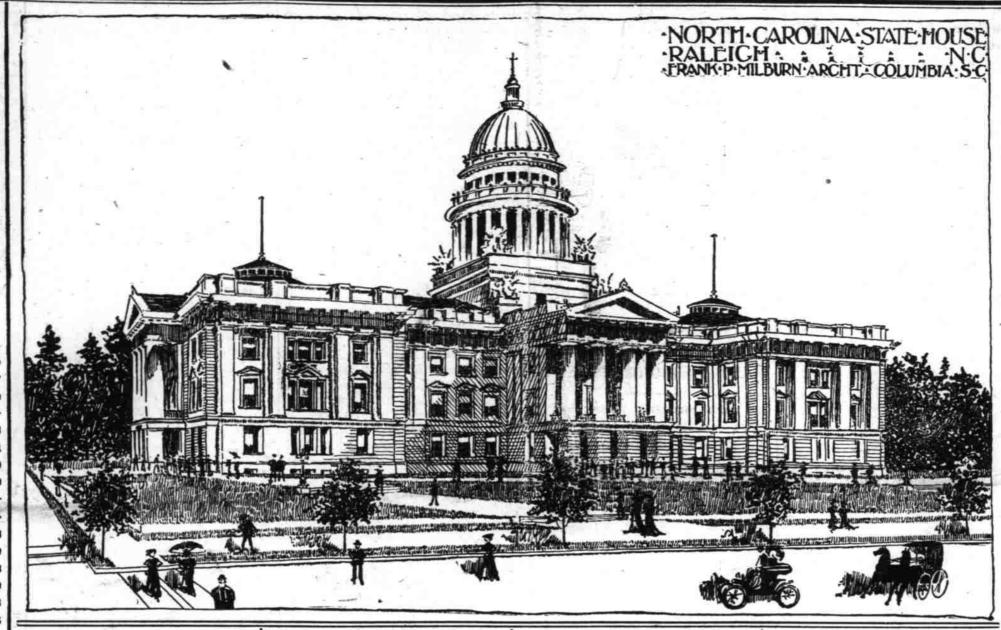
It is said that "boneless cod" shipped out of Gloucester, Massachusetts, is not only "boneless" but 'codless," the same being prepared from pollock. We are assured that pollock is all right, much whiter and sweeter than cod, but is unfor tunate. It has to masquerade in order to get a market.

Now that Dowie has a barrel of money Samuel Stevenson brings suit against the prophet for \$10,000. Publicity is not a good thing in all

The President has approved the Hawaiian bond issue of \$1,229,109. This issue is authorized under the Hawaiian loan account, and is for one year only.

It was quite superfluous for Mark Hanna to deny that he is going to resign the national committee chairmanship

A child was christened in a lion's den in New York the other day.



### SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Both City and County Districts Supplied With Excellent Corps of Teachers. Superintendent Blair Re-elected.

As before stated, both the city and county public schools will open next week and pupils and teachers I sary exemptions and privileges, the alike are already making arrangements to resume their duties after the happy vacation days. The attendance upon and teachers has been retained for another session. That is a guarantee of the splendid work that will be done. At the Union School there will be two new teachers, Miss Isabel Bryan, of Scott's Hill, and Miss Sarah Crosswell, of this city, they having been elected to fill vacancies. Miss Mary Cronly has been transferred from the Hemenway to the High School, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Sue Hall. Mr. Jno. J. Blair, of course, has been re-elected superintendent of the schools and he will be here in a few days to arrange for the opening.

Prof. Washington Catlett, the county superintendent of schools, has been supplied with a splendid corps of instructors for the country districts, both white and colored. A full list for the several townships

is as follows: CAPE FEAR TOWNSHIP. District No. 10-White, Miss Emma Chambers, of Magnolia; colored, Eliza W. Douglass. District No. 12-White, Miss Kath-

leen Elmore, of Mount Olive; colored, District No. 6-White, T. B. Byrd colored, J. J. Clemmons.

FEDERAL POINT TOWNSHIP. District No. 8-White, Miss Lola Worley, of Pink Hill; colored, (to be District No. 9-Colored, Sarah K Hubbard.

HARNETT TOWNSHIP. Dissrict No. 7-White, (East Wilmington), Miss Bettie Pearsall; colord. Miriam B. Nash. District No. 13 .- White (Middle Sound), Miss Effie E. Johnson, o Mognolia; colored, Susie M. Holt. District No. 11 - White (Scott's Hill), F. M. Foy, Jr.; colored, Mollie District No. 5-White, (Wrights-

rille), Miss Pattie D. Thorne, of Ailie, Halifax county; colored, Thos. J. District No. 14-White, (Greenville) W. O. Middleton; colored, Lucile H. District No. 15-White, (Delgado),

MASONBORO TOWNSHIP. District No. 3.-White, (Myrtle Grove), Jno. M. Wright, of Old Hun-District No. 4-White (Masonboro), . P. Herring; colored, Jane L

Misses Augusta Wiggins and Reba

SNATCHED WATCH AND RUN.

Sotton Mill Foreman Lost Fine Gold Timepiece Last Night.

Mr. N. M. Hunt, a foreman at the Wilmington Cotton Mills, reported at the police station last night a most daring robbery from his person at Tenth and Princess streets. Mr. Hunt was on his way home between 11 and 12 o'clock and a young negro approached him and asked him what time it was. The negro was so respeciful with the inquiry that Mr. Hunt drew a new gold watch from his pocket and told the boy the time. The nquirer drew nearer and asked Mr. Hunt if he was certain that was correct. Mr. Hunt replied yes, but had no sooner ten got the word out of his mouth than the negro snatched the time-piece, broke the chain loose from Mr. Hunt's vest and jumped over a fence. The owner chased the negro a short distance, but did not overtake

Beer Bottle the Weapon.

Jealousy led Callie Robinson, colored, to smash her rival, Julia Pearce, colored, with a beer bottle yesterday morning, and as a consequence of her action she was arraigned in Justice Fowler's court at once for an assault with a deadly weapon. She gave bond in the sum of \$50 for her appearrior Court.

## CARNIVAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Permanent Officers Elected and Chairmen of Committees Announced—City and County Granted Privileges.

Now that county and municipal authorities have granted all the neceschairman; William J. Bellamy, Esq. secretary; C. R. Anderson, assistant secretary, and C. L. Spencer, treasurer. Carnival matters in general were

quite enthusiastically discussed and the various departments of arrangements were assigned to committees, night. the chairman of each of which is as Parade-Col. A. Watkins. Tickets-W. E. Yopp.

Confetti-Robt. H. Cowan. Amusements-A. J. Hewlett Fireworks-C. R. Anderson. Voting Contest-W. E. Yopp. Privileges and Licenses-J.T. Burke.

Advertising and Transportationno. E. Wood. Light and Water Supply-Dr. J. D. Webster.

Each committee chairman is empowered to appoint two other members to assist him and those appointments will be announced at the next meeting. The transportation committee will call upon the railroad authorities tomorrow and make an effort to secure visit Wilmington during that week. A special advertising agent will be also employed to visit all towns between Wilmington and Goldsboro, Newbern, Fayetteville, Hamlet, Florence and Southport. Attractive litho-

at the carnival as possible. The Layton Company, which will furnish the attractions, is at Newport News this week and several telegrams regarding the arrangements. were exchanged yesterday. The C. R., L & P. Co.. has kindly agreed to furnish all lights free of charge.

graphs will be posted and every in-

inducement will be held out to have as

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET.

Entertainment of Panther and Carnival Privileges-New Member Sworn Is.

A called meeting of the Board of Coun'y Commissioners was held yesterday morning. All members were present, Commissioner M. W. Divine having been sworn in by the Clerk of the Superior Court and taken his seat member of the body.

The only business transacted was the appropriation of \$250 for a joint entertainment with the Board of Aldermen to the officers of the German warship 'Panther" this week, and the granting of the usual exemption from tax of the shows and exhibitions of the Jr. O. U. A. M. carnival here the week of

Profitable Farm,

Monroe Journal: Mr. B. S. Mont ford, of New Hanover county, has been spending some time in Monroe with his sister, Mrs. Antoinette Beasley. Mr. Montford is a truck farmer, located five miles from Wilmington. "I had a lettuce bed in the early Spring," said he, "comprising less than one-eighth of an acre. I sold the lettuce from it for \$125, shipping it to Philadelphia. On less than two acres, embracing this bit, I then planted Irish potatoes, selling my crop for \$120, most of which was also shipped to Philadelphia. On the same ground I to planted corn, which is now e and ten feet high." That is the way the truck growers of the East farm, and that section is destined to become very rich.

Epidemic of Diphtheria,

There is said to be an epidemic of diphtheria in Onslow county and much alarm is felt in some sections over the rapid spread of the disease-Several deaths have already occurred. The quarantine regulations, it is said, are being very poorly observed, especially in the rural districts.

## STRICKEN BY PARALYSIS.

Supt. M. G. Chadwick, of County Home, Suffered Stroke Priday Morning While in Harvest Field.

The many friends in the city of Mr. M G. Chadwick, superintendent of the County Home, will regret ex-Jr. O. U. A. M. Carnival Committee | cerdingly to learn that he suffered a is going right ahead with the arrange- stroke of paralysis about 10 o'clock ments for the big street fair in Wil- Friday morning and is now in a very morning at the office of Mr. Jno. E. stroke came upon Mr. Chadwick while Wood and effected a permanent or- seated on a hay rake drawn by two ganization by electing Mr. Wood mules, which he was operating about four miles from his home. Mr. Chad wick was alone at the time, but managed to stop the team and motion others in the field to his assistance. He was taken home and was doing as well as could be expected early last

THE PAYETTEVILLE WATER WORKS.

Receiver Appointed Pending Suit Involving Recent Approval for City Purchase. [Special Star Correspondence.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 25 .-Judge H. R. Bryan on vesterday appointed Dr. H. W. Lilly, of this city, temporary receiver of the Fayetteville Water, Light and Power Company, pending a suit in the Superior Court against said company to compel them to comply with the specifications of a contract entered into between Mr. Richards, representing the company and the city of Fayetteville, under which at the expiration of a term of years said waterworks were to be purthe option of the Board of Aldermen very low rates for all who desire to the price to be fixed by a board of arbitration. The readers of the STAR will remember that the Board of Arbitrators met a few weeks ago and appraised the property at \$79,000. Acting for the Power Company, Mr. Richards declined to turn over the property at the figures named, hence the suit now entered. Dr. Lilly, the temporary receiver, is to take charge of and hold the same in trust until final large an attendance of country people adjudication of the questions involved.

SENATOR JNO. W. DANIELS INVITED,

Distinguished Virginia Statesman May Deliver Elks' Memorial Address Here. The distinguished Senator Jno. W.

Daniels, of Lynchburg, Va., has been invited to deliver the annual address upon the occasion of the memorial exercises of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks in this city the first Sunday in December. While no acceptance has yet been received from Senator Daniels, the Elks are very confident that he will come.

To Deliver Memorial Address,

City Attorney William J. Bellamy, prominent member of the order in the State, has been invited and has consented to deliver the annual address upon the occasion of the memorial exercises or "Lodge of Sorrow" by the Durham Lodge of Elks, on the first Sunday in December. Mr. Bellamy's services in the capacity of memorial day orator have always been much in demand, attesting his popularity as a speaker and the high esteem in which he is held by the B.

Mr. Seitter's Generosity, Contractor C. D. Morrill has a force of men at work fitting up nice apartmente for the new nublic a taught in District No. 12, near the Hope farm, on Castle Haynes road. The building was donated to the committee by Mr. C. F. Seitter, who now owns the "Johnson" place and whose generosity in this instance is greatly appreciated by the Board of Education. The residents in that section will have a fine school for the full length of the term. A teacher has already been engaged.

Car Motorman Pined,

The only case in the Mayor's court yesterday was that of Motorman J. J. Johnson, of the C. R., L. & P. Co., charged with running a street car Friday night without a head light. The motorman was arrested by Policeman J. D. McClammy and was fined \$5 and cost by the Mayor.

SOME UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Class Officers Elected-German Club. Law and Medical Departments.

[Special Star Correspondence.] CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Sept. 25. This week has been organization week among the different classes of the University. The Seniors' met in the chapel Friday afternoon and elected the following officers: S. S. Robins, president; W. E. Rankin, 1st V. P.; E. A. Council, 2nd V. P.; L. B. Lockhart, secretary; R. M. Harper, treas-C. E. Betts, poet. The Sophomores, elected the following men to serve for the year : President, Claude Cochran; 1st V. P.; T. H. Smith, 2nd V. P.; V. L. Stevenson; secretary, Isham King; treasurer, F. M. Crawford; class rep recentative, J. A. Parker. The follow ng were elected as officers of the Law Class: A. W. Haywood, president R S. Stewart, first vice president; O. Adams, second vice president; L. 7 Johnson, secretary and treasurer: O. E. Taylor, historian; Jno. Witherspoon, orator; O. A. Barber, poet; R. W. Herring, solicitor; G. R. Ward, clerk; T. E. D. Andrews, sheriff; A. L. Bullwinkle, coroner. Dr. Thomas Ruffin was elected judge of the moot court. The following are officers of the first year Medical Class: President, W. C. Rice; secretary, R. P. Noble; treasurer, H. B. Best.

At a meeting of the University German Club, Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected: M. C. Staton, president; H. V. Worth, vice resident; L. G. Rountree, secretary; Cumming. Jr., tressurer. T. D. Meares, Jr., was chosen leader of the

The first of the faculty lectures for his year was given by Dr. K. P. Batile, Thursday evening, in Girard Hall. His subject was, "The Similarity of the Development of the Constitution North Carolina to that of the En-President F. P. V nable has just re-

urned from Atlanta, where he went o attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Educational Association. The purpose of the meeting was to decide upon a place for the next annual convention of the "The best in the South," is what

rominent electrician and salesman for one of the biggest electrical concerns in America sait to-day of the lectrical equipment now being placed the physical laboratory of the Iniversity. There is no doubt that the apparatus being put in is ample in amount and well selected for the pur-

The Sophomore Foot Ball team in practicing hard for a game with Bingham School at Mebane, on Octobs Capt. Yelverton says he wil undoubtedly develop one of the fastest class teams in the college. Louis T. Moore.

GEN. IAN HAMILTON

Is there on a Visit to the Battlefields of the Civil War. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.-Lieutenant General Sir Ian Hamilton, who participated in the defence of Ladysmith. arrived from Liverpool on the Lucanis General Hamilton will remain

this-country only three weeks and portion of that time will be spent in Janada visiting various military posts General Hamilton said: "I have only five weeks leave of absence, so that I shall not be able to stay as long as I wish. I want to look over the great battlefields of your civil warettysburg, Antietam, Chancellors ricksburg and the rest." General Hamilton came here on the invitation of General Corbin and other American army officers whom he met at the German army manœuvres and he will be accompanied by ome of them on his trip to the Southern battlefields.

LYNCHING IN GEORGIA

Negro Who Assaulted a Small White Girl in Decatur County. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Sept. 26.-A negro was lynched this afternoon about five miles north of Whigham, a town in Decatur county, twenty miles west of here. The negro assaulted a small white girl this morning. Up to a late hour to-night it was impossible to get particulars concerning the affair.

Harry Oleson and Jack Johnson, a sailor boarding house keeper and his assistant, were arrested in Savannah by United States authorities, charged

# THE STATE CAPITAL.

Handsome New Structure Recommended by the Legislative Committee.

THE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES.

Beautiful and Elegantly Appointed Rooms for the Senate and House-Supreme Court Library-Homes for the Other Officials-Notes.

Through the courtesy of Hon. Jno. C. Drewry, secretary of the committee appointed by the Legislature at its last session to investigate the advisability of remodeling the State Capitol building, the STAR is permitted this morning to present a cut of the proposed new structure together with some data as to the improvements contemplated. The cut on this page is a correct representation of the Capitol as it will appear when remodeled after the plans and specifications prepared by Architect Frank P. Milburn: The main building will remain as it

the cut is taken from the northwest corner of Capitol Square, showing the nerth and south wing additions, which will be 65x100; the rear or east wing is not shown in this cut. The pure classic style of the old building is to be carried out on the new additions. The extreme dimensions will be 308 north and south, and 202 east and west. The main west wing will be 65x100. The main central feature will be the new dome, which will be located over the present rounda; this dome will be 150 feet above the main first floor. An open view can be had from the lower floor to the dome above. Domes of less height will surmount the north and south wings forming an architectural feature over the Senate and House. The basement of the east wing 65x100, will be used for boiler, fuel and heating apparatus. Additional space is provided for public toilets and for the storage of old records. Space is also provided for electric elevator machinery. The base ly tried to have this verdict set aside, ment story of the new north and south but failed. Judge Cooke, late this Treasurer, Secretary of State and Auditor. The main first floor corridors will extend through the new wings, 18 feet wide. Four wide, easy tread stairways are provided in addition to the two electric elevators, which will run from the basement to the gallery floor; they will be located in the centre of

the building, in the wide east and west In order to obtain a satisfactory arrangement, the architect suggests the following allotment of the space on the first floor in the building, which, however, is subject to changes hereafter by the Board. Assuming that this arrangement will be satisfactory to the Board, the present Governor office will be used by the Railroad Commission; the present Treasurer's office will be used by the Insurance Commissioner; the Secretary of State will use one-half of his old space, the other half will be given to the Enrolling Department; the auditor will use his present space and be given additional space in the new north wing. The State library will occupy the entire first floor of the east wing, which will be 65x100, with additional space for the Librarian, 15x25. The Adjutant General will have an office 15x25 opposite the librarian the east and west cor-The Governor will occupy half the floor space on the first floor

Treasurer will occupy the space in the new south wing opposite the Governor. The Secretary of State will occupy one-half of the floor space on the first floor in the new north wing, and will also use one-half of his present office. Superintendent of Public Instruction will occupy one-third of the space in the new north wing opposite the Secretary of State. The Auditor will use the other froom which is con-

The main second floor corridors will extend from the House to the Senate, north and south, and from the Su preme Court room to the main portico of the east entrance, east and west, and crossing at the central rotunda. The Supreme Court room will occupy the entire second floor of the east wing. The Attorney General will have space on the cross hall near the Supreme Court room, office 22x24, with a private office 15x22.

The Senate will occupy the central second floor, which will be semi-circular in shape, two stories high, arranging for galleries above, which will also be circular. Ample space is provided for fifty members. Rooms are provided for Lieutenant Governor, clerks and sten-ographers, and ten large committee rooms and toilets. The House will occupy the central portion of the new fouth wing with accommodation for 120 members, two stories high, with large gallery on three sides.

Separate rooms are provided for Speaker, clerks and stenographer. Fifteen large committee rooms with toilets, also extra large joint committee room. The Supreme Court Library will occupy the entire floor space of the third floor in the east wing. Book elevators will be arranged for the convenience of the court room or the floor below. In addition to the main room, two other rooms will be provided, one for the Librarian, and the other for a packing room.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS.

Burden of All Speeches. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 26.—The Dem ocratic State campaign was opened today in the presence of about 8,000 persons at Mount Airey. Among the speakers were General Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia; Edwin Warfield, the nominee for governor and exCongress-man Joshua Miles. The burden of all the speeches was the race issue. In his remarks Mr. Warfield declared that "the great and pressing problem of the day, not only in Maryland, but in every section of our common country, North as well as South, East as well as West, is the negro question and it cannot be put aside."

with forcibly taking eight negroes and forcibly putting them on board a Russian barque as sailors. The men are now penniless in London. Oleson was recently arrested for shanghaing two white boys.

— Counsel for Congressman Gudas little delay as possible. She said she did not have any use for either Embler or Hyder, the clerical deciver, and she wanted her freedom mately 500.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE - Yadkin Ripple: Mr. Charlie vitson, living near Yadkinville, has tobacco stalk that measures It feet 7½ inches in height, 7 inches in circumference, and bore about 70 leaves. The stalk forks about half way up and has just begun to seed.

- A negro boy out hunting squir-rels about three miles from Red Springs, saw a grape vine shaking, and seeing something moving thought it was a 'possum, and shot it. A negro woman fell, the load taking effect in her face, putting out her eyes.

- A negro, whose name is not known, was carried to Raleigh from Norlina Thursday night for treatment. He was employed in a Sea board Air Line gravel train and was caught in some machinery, pitched in the air and fell on his head. He is unconscious and cannot recover.

- Newton Enterprise: Mr. J. A. Yoder received a letter Sunday from his wife, who is at Montezuma, Mitchell county, in which she de-scribes the Winter weather they are having in the mountains. Water in the water buckets has a thick covering of ice every morning, and the window glass and trees are white with frost. The weather reminds her of January down here.

- A Raleigh dispatch says: Late Thursday night J. W. Mangum, well known here, drank two ounces of laudanum, intending to commit suicide. Members of his family discovered what he had done and summoned a physician, whose administration of antidotes soon brought the old man around. Asked why he took the poison, he is, forming the central feature, as shown in the cut. The view shown in said he was tired of life and had nothing to live for.

- A Charlotte special says: At the inquest over the body of Will Smith, in Sharon township to-day, the coroner's jury, presided over by Coroner Cathey, found "that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot wound at the hands of John Kirk, who fired the revolver with criminal intent." It was at first thought that the shooting was accidental, but after the burial the suspicions of the county officials were aroused and the inquest was

Wadesboro special to the Charlotte Gbserver: To-day the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against ill Boggan for the murder of John Sullivan. The defendant's lawyers immediatehanging that has occurred in this county since about 1870, when two negroes were hung at the same

- Moravian Falls correspondent Statesville Landmark: At Summit, this county, a fatal accident occurred last Friday. Mr. Scott Church was examining a gun which was accidentally fired, the bullet taking effect in the body of a small child belonging to a Mr. Phillips. The ball passed through the child's body, killing it instantly and wounding another of the Phillips children in the arm. The children were at school and were among other children on the playground when the accident occurred. Strange to say, no one was hurt except the two Phillips children. About a year ago Mr. Phillips himself killed one of his own children by the accidental discharge of his gun. This is a remarkable instance-two children of the same family killed and a third wounded by the accidental dircharge of a gun, all in about a year.

- Statesville special to Charlotte Observer: John Disher, a young white man who has been in the employ of the Key Furniture Company for the past two or three months, was arrested this morning on a warrant issued at Lexington, charging him with seduction under promise to marry Miss Ada Ford, of that town. The first knowledge Miss Ford's family had of the affair was by accident yesterday. She went to her room and found some member of her family reading a letter which she had received from Disher and which she had left lying in her room. The letter was dated Statesville 16, and among other things contained the information that Disher would leave Statesville that night for Columbus, Ga. When the young lady saw that her letter was being read she turned away, secured a bottle of laudanum from another part of the house and attempted to take it, but was prevented by a member of the family. On learning the circumstances of her trouble, two of her brothers secured a warrant and came to Statesville last night. This morning Disher was arrested and agreed to accompany the Messrs. Ford to Lexington and make satisfactory adjustment of

- Asheville special to Charlotte

Observer: More is being heard here

of the Rev. Hyder, the itinerant

preacher whose marital entangle-

ments have been the subject of much discussion, principally in Mitchell county. As heretofore stated, Mr. Hyder has a quartette of wives in Asheville and had no trouble in organizing a choir, numerically very strong, when he conducted a series of meetings in a tent on the outskirts of the city. His last courtship was interesting. One night after the service he was approached by Mrs. Fannie Embler. or Hyder, or Blackwell. Anyway, Fannie, after telling her ex-State Campaign Opened-Race Issue the perience, how she had been uplifted by the discourse, gave further information she was a widow, or presumed she was, as she thought her busband had died in South Carolina. Mr. Hyder expressed his deep-seated sympathy for the widow and orphans, wherever found, and said it was his painful duty to bring confirmation of the death of the husband in South Carolina, whence he had just arrived. The preacher and the widow were promptly married and the very next day Embler, the husband, showed up. And thus it was that an Asheville lawyer was astonished the other day when a very good-looking woman came into his office and expressed her very earnest desire to secure two divorces, with