# "IS'E GWINE HOME!"

JESSE DAVIS SUFFERS THE EX-TREME PENALTY.

he Closing Scenes in the Life of One Who was Neither Fit to Live or Die.

Special Report to the News.

SMITHFRED, June 13 .- Another sick ening gallows scene has been added to the list in our State. This time it happens in this village, but be it known it was not a Johnston county criminal who for the crime of rape has tasted the strength of hemp.

Jesse Davis, a full blooded negro, born and reared in the solitudes of the backwoods portion of Franklin county. made an outrageous assault on a lonely white woman at the dead of night and upon her person committed the vilest crime known to our laws, for which he was twice tried, and the last time, in this county, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

The sentence has been carried out after many delays; Jesse Davis is in eternity; the law has been satisfied; THE CROWD OF MOBBIDLY CURIOUS which flocked to town to witness the

sad spectacle has dispersed, and the only thing necessary now to complete the tale is for your reporter to tell it. But let me begin at the beginning: When the year 1877 was wearily and dreamly drawing to a close, Jesse Davis was employed by Mr. William Fuller, who lives in Franklin county, near the Nash line, to "chop logs" in his (Ful-ler's) new ground. Davis "chopped logs there several days. Just across a little spring-branch near the new ground, lived in a small log house, Mrs. Margaret Champion, a white woman, w 1000 husband had left her. Mrs. Campion is a very poor but highly respectable lady, bearing a most excellent character. She lived in the house mentioned, almost alone, heronly companion being her little child, then not more than eighteen months or two yearsold, Mrs. Champion used water from a spring near the new ground in which Davis was at work, and during the last day of Davis' labors there, she found him several times at the spring when sho would go thither for water, but no con-About ten o'clock that night, some one knocked at the door of Mrs. Champton's house and demanded admitance, which

being refused. THE DOOR WAS BURST IN W. N. Jasse bayes walked in and boldly told the terrified inmate what his vile purpose was, and then drawing a large knute, he further informed her that he would kill be instantly if sheattempted to give an alarm or offered the slightest resistance. Terrified beyond expres-. sion, with no one to protect her and none hear to help or hear a cry, and with a dangerous butcher-knife to hold her in subjection, the poor woman could only submit to a brutal outrage

PRAY FOR VENUEANCE.

The next day Mrs. Champion related her wrongs to a neighbor and then to Dr. Durphy, a magistrate. It being dark in her house at the time the villain ontered, she could not identify him, but feit sure she would know his voice. Davis was arrested on a warrant issued by Durphy and being taken in a room with five other men, Mrs. Champion was brought in blindfolded and Dr. Durphy asked each of the men questions on various subjects. When Davis REPLIED TO THE QUESTION.

which was put to him, Mrs. Champion instantly recognized the voice and said he is the man. Davis was sent on, and at the spring term of Franklin Superior court, 1877, he was indicted and put upon trial. This hearing resulted in a mis-trial, the jury being unable to agree and standing ten for conviction

and two for acquittal. having been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner, conducted the case in a masterly manner and did all in his power for the accused. At the fall term, sis, of the court, on motion of the counsel for defense, the case was moved to Johnston for trial. The trial consumed several days and resulted in a verdict of guilty. An appeal wastaken to the Supreme court, and that tribunal sustained the rulings of the lower court, hence, at the last term of our court Judge Buxton resentenced the prisoner i to be hanged to-day. There are always to be found a pien-

## SICKLY SENTIMENTALISTS.

to sign a petition to the Governor for executive elemency in the case of any criminal, however vile his crime and however clear his guilt. So it was in Davis' case. A petition somewhat numerously signed, went up to Governor Jarvis for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment, but it availed the prisoner nothing. Jesse Davis was a genuine negro.

nearly midnight black. He was a heavy thick-set man, weighing two hundred and thirty pounds or more. He was formerly a slave and was illit erate, though a man of good common sense. He was forty-five years old and bore about as bad a character as fortyfive years of vice could well give a man. Mrs. Champion is a poor woman of

unbiemished character. She has been twice married and her second husband is still living, having left his wife and child rather than to work for and properly support them. The execution took place in the jail yard, which is surrounded by a low fence affording no obstruction to the view of the large

crowd which was gathered around it. The gallows used is the same one upon which Edwards was hung in February last. It is a stout structure with a large scaffold, and the trap is well arranged on a short set and easily sprung trigger. It stands in the jail yard, surrounded by a low fence in plain view of the whole town and over-

looking the court house green. A parcel of negro preachers have had Davis' spiritual matters in hand for two or three weeks. Last Saturday he was baptised by a colored minister in Neuse river, the sheriff and a posse accompanied them to the river. A large rope was put around the prisoner's body, at the other end of which the sheriff sat on the bank while the minister was performing the ordinance in

the middle of the placid stream. The colored ministers held services in the jail all this morning. Loud and noisy praying and exhorting and very vehement singing was indulged in. while on the outside of the jail old negro women, young negro women, men and boys of semi-superstitious and aemi-religious temperaments were wildly shouting, moaning, groaning, shaking hands and waving their heads to and fro, exclaiming, seemingly in answer to the excited exhortations of the ministers inside-" Yes," "dats so, bless God," "gwine home," "Holv Jesus, come down," and other expres-

sions characteristic of the race. The crowd was not near as large as when Edwards was executed, there being one thous nd five hundred peopla on the ground, composed of men women and children of both colors. Yes, white women were there, and

were women of culture and refinement, if those kind do attend executions Promely at one o'clock the prisoner was brought out of jail. When he stepped on the ground be said: "My friends how is you all? I is very well and gwine home, how's you all?" He was greatly agitated and walked to the scaffold with no little difficulty.

Several preachers, and six officers accompanied the doomed man upon the fatal platform, and the prisoner was seated in a ch air. On taking his seathe looked around and asked "Is any my black folks here

The following fatal document was then read by the sheriff in clear distinct tones:

from wav down in Franklin?"

State vs. Jesse Davis - State of North Carolina.

To the sheriff of Johnston county. Greeting. We command you, in obedience to an order of the Superior Court of said county of Johnston, mule at Spring Term, A. D. 1879, of said court, that on Friday, the 13th day June, A. D. 1879, between the hours of loo'clock a. m. and 3o'clock, p m of the said day you take the prisoner, Jesse Davis, from the common jail of this county to the place of execution, as directed by law in the county, and there hang him by the neck until he be dead, and may the Lord have mercy upon his soul. Witness: J. M. Abell, clerk of our

said court, at his office at Smithfield, on the 11th Monday after the 2d Monday in February, A. D. 1879. [Signed] J. H. ABELL, C. S. C.

After the reading the prisoner was told to speak if he had anything to say. He arose in great agitation and spoke for nearly half an hour. His talk was a wild, incoherent harangue, composed of of repeated denials of his guilt, abuse of the judge, jury, witnesses, sheriff and Mrs. Champion, the woman whom he outraged. He asked if any reporters for the newspapers were present, and when told there was, he said he wanted them to take down every word he said and print it-a little performance which would defy the ingenuity of a short-hand writer, even had one been present. He said he was hung not because he was guilty, but because he was a negro and Mrs. Champion was a white woman. His denunciations of the white people were bitter in the extreme. He said God had forgiven his sins, and he was going straight to heaven and live forever with the

The colored ministers, after the harangue, sang, prayed and exhorted, and doomed man and left the scaffold. The noose was quickly adjusted and the black cap put on, Davis, in the meantime, talking loudly, wildly and excitedly. While he yet continued to talk, or rather howl, and was feeling for the chair in which he had previously been sitting, the trigger was sprung, the trap fell with a heavy thud, and Jesse Davis' body was dangling between earth and heaven. Death ensued in eleven minutes, and was the resuit of strangulation, his stout short neck being rope proof.

When the drop fell there was touch howling and meaning among the negroes present. His body was taken down in thirty in war after life was declared extinct, and buried at the expense of the county, none of the wretch's friends having claimed it. Sheriff Powell transacted the unpleas ant duties imposed upon him by virtue of his office in the best manner possible, and was ably assisted by ex-Sneriff

## (ongress.

Cullom and several deputies.

WASHINGTON, June 13. SENATE .-The army bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The legislative approprintion bill was taken up as reported from the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The form of the bill was also severely criticised by Senators Allison, Conkling and Blaine. The latter said that as the bill came from the House, it actually appropriated nothing, and that if a person did not know what it was he would think it had been taken from some joke book. In its present form it was simply disgraceful, and Mr. B. B. Massenburg, of Louisburg, ought to be kicked under the table. Senator Windom's motion to recommit was los'; yeas 23, nays 32. The bill was then read for action on the Committee amen lments. At the end of each clause a criticism of the form of the bill was renewed, assertions being repeate hy made that it was so vague and mixel that nobody could tell what it appropriated or meant. The amendment was adopted appropriating fifteen thousand dollars for the bureau of education. The bill was read the third time and passed. The Senate then adtourned.

House, - Mr. Norton, New York, from the Committee on Foreign Affurs, reported by unanimous consent the bill to allow any telegra shie company to land an ocean cable on the coast of the United States. In course of the brief colloquy it was stated that this is the same bill as was reported by Fernando Wood in the last Congress and that it is the general bill intended to cut off all previous class legislation. It is sublect, however, to terms of such grants as have been heretofore made by Congress for laying and maintaining telegraph cables. The bill was passed. The bill authorizing an allowance for loss by leakage or casualty of spirits withdrawn from the distillery or warehouses for exportatio 1 was referred to the Committee of the Whole. Also a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to examine and settle accounts of States growing out of money expended for military purposes during graduating efforts:

# the war of 1812. Adjourned.

The kellogg-Spofford Case. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13 .- The Committee on Privileges and Elections continued the investigation of the Kellegg-Spotford case, Mr. Shellabarger offered as evidence the record of the Louisiana House of Representatives of January, '77, showing the appointment of a committee to investigate charges of bribery in procuring the election of Kellogg, and their report on the subject showing that according to the testimony taken there was no proof to sustain the charges. Merrick objected, denying that the paper was competent evidence. He had offered to prove that Kellogg's election was procured by bribery, and the subject was investigated by and acted on by those who had been bribed. The report could have no effect upon the action of the committee or Senate. The Chairman said that the question of admissibility could be determined hereafter. The document offered was persuasive, but not conclusive. Mr. Shellabarger remarked that what he offered was prima facie evidence of truth. The paper in question, together with the record of the Senate on the day of election, were

## admitted as evidence.

The Satro Tunnel. SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—The work in the sub-drain of the Sutro Tunnel is being vigorously pushed ahead. Although three-fourths of the work is already completed, five hundred miners and carpenters are still employed. The waters from the flooded mines will be discharged into the tunnel on contract time -that is to say on the 29th inst. This time is looked forward to by the whole mining population for it will make a new era of prosperity for the miners of the Comstock lode. Since the water flooded the Savage and adjacent mines four years ago the lower works some of them judging from appearances have remained submerged.

DISCOUNTING DEATH. A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY RE-CENTLY MADE.

Refrigerators to take the Place of Cometeries ... The Waters of Lethe Doctored with Ice.

Manchester Examiner. It is dangerous newadays to laugh at any of the wonderful stories which are from time to time narrated in the columns of the pre s, because these stories have acquired an awkward habit of turning out be true, and to make those who mocked and jeered feel small. Therefore, it will be well to wait before smiling at the extraordinary account of a recent discovery which the Times copies from the Brisbane Courier. For the benefit of such of my readers as have not seen this account, I may explain that it announces that a certain Signor Rotura, a gentleman who knows a great deal about

SUSPENDING ANIMATION IN LIVING BODIES

South American botany has found out a

for an indefinite time, and of bringing them to life again whenever he likes, unless certain accidental circumstances prevent the success of the experiment in hand. Aided by a Mr. James Grant, Signor Rotura has been operating on dogs, ca s and sheep with most marvelous results, if the story is true. He makes a slight puncture in the animal's ear and pours in a few drops of some South America vegetable extract, now known only to himself, and the dog or sheep immediately becomes rigid, and to all present intents and purposes, dead. Then the animal is

PUT AWAY ON A SHELF

to keep. Not in this state, however, for long, for it is said that the resemblance to death is so complete that decomposition soon sets in. This, therefore, is to be avoided by freezing the subjects into the hardness of stone and brittleness of glass, and in this state the beasts are to be sent over to England or any other country which may want them. As soon as they arrive | weight with his denomination. another little hole is to be made in the neck, a few drops of the antidote to the poison injected, and the animal will immediately regain consciousness and oegin to skip and frolic about. Sometimes, it is said, the subject succumbs to the operation of freezing, but not often. Fer even such delicate creatures as newly-born lambs have been resuscinineteen days.

### THE IMMEDIATE OBJECT

and application of the discovery is the transmission of the surplus stock of Australian sheep and cattle to Europe, but Signor Rotura expects to work still greater marvels than that. He has not et experimented upon a human being, because, I suppose, no human being, not even himself, has been found who cared to risk martyrdom in the interests of science, but application is said to have been made to Sir Henry Parkes to allow the next felon condemned to death in the colony to be operated upon. I suppose the criminal would not object. At the worst, he could only die, and if the experiment succeed he would probably receive a pardon for his services. If Signor Rotura gets the man, he proposes to inject the poison, put the felon in a refrigerator for a month and then take him out

BRING HIM TO LIFE AGAIN.

story is that the signor believes that the time the person or animal experimented upon remains unconscious, may be years, if not taken out of his ordinary life, because no bodily change will ever take place while the trance las s, so that a person who was tired of . life now and wanted to leave the world and come back another day, would only have to get himself entranced and frozen up, and be brought back to active existence at an appointed time. If all this is invention, it at least shows that the world possesses a writer of romance before whose astounding imagination Baron Munchausen himself must pale his ineffectual fires.

## Wake Forest Commencement.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. - As usual, the Chapel was crowded Commencement Day to witness the exercises. The marsuals performed their duties in a creditable manner and decorum and quiet marked the proceedings. There was the usual parade of the societies, and the formal arrangement of the students in the parts of the Chapel set apart for them before the programme of the day was begun. The rostrum was crowded with the trustees and distinguished visitors.

Professor Simmons announced the forty fifth Commencement of Wake Forest College, and Dr. Theo. Whitfield opened the ceremonies with an earnest prayer. On the front bench were seated the twelve Seniors who had completed the prescribed course of studies, and were entitled to their degrees as Masters or Bachelors of Arts. We have not room to eulogize the young men or their speeches, but will give the names of each and the theme chosen for their

Salutatory-Edwin Ferebee Aydlett, Camden county, N. C. Mind vs. Muscle-John Thomas Johnson Battle, Wake Forest, N C. On the Threshold-Wesley Norwood

Jones, Raleigh, N. C. 'Luck, a Fool-Pluck, a Hero''-Cornelius Augustus Rominger, Salem, N C. "Ready"-Robert Perleyman Johnson, Chatham county, N. C. "The Footprints' of Our Day"-John Fairley McMillan, Robeson county

"The Right Man in the Right Place" -Geo. Pinckney Hamrick, Cleaveland county, N. C. "The Greatest Conqueror is he who Conquers Self"-William Lineberry

Wright, Troy, N. C. Valedictory Address-Needham Yancey Gulley, Johnson county, N. C. Three seniors were excused by the the Faculty from speaking. They were Messrs. Prichard, Vann and Wingste. The speeches met with much favor and the universal verdict was that they were good.

The degrees were then conferred, as follows: Bachelor of Arts upon G. P. Hamrick, W. N. Jones, J. F. McMillan, C. A. Rominger, W. J. Wingate, W. L. Wright

Master of Arts upon J. T J. Battle, E. F. Aydlett, N. Y. Gulley, R. P. Johnson, G. T. Prichard, C. S. Vann. The following were announced as proficient in the several studies: English Languages and Literature-J. M. Davis, H. Montague, W. G. Fere-bee, W. C. Sanderlin, B. H. Phillips. French Languages and Literature-

R. A. P. Cooley. German Language and Literature-J N. Holding, H. Montague. Chemistry-J. T. Alderman, R. A. P. Cooley, H. G. Holding, M. A. Jones, B. H. Phillips, W. B. Waff, B. C. Moore.

Physics and Astronomy-H. Monta-Logic and Rhetoric-J. T. Alderman,

C. S. Farri s, M. A. Jones, W. T. Jones, W. C. Sanderlin. Mental and Moral Science-J. T. Alderman, W. T. Jones, W. B. Waff, H.

Montague. Rev. Dr. Huffman then presente I the medal awarded by the Euzelean Society for the greatest improvement in debate and oration to D. L. Ward, of Wilson, B. F. Montague, Esq., in a handsome little speech, gave the medal decreed by the Philomathesian Society to J. S. Bizzell, of Wayne, for the greatest improvement in oratory during the last scholastic vear.

The Whitfield medal that goes to the best Latin scholar, was presented by Prof. Reinhart to T. P. Womack. The Declamation medal was awarded to M. V. McDuffie, of Fayetteville, by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, of Louisburg.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard delivered the diplomas. He added a few words of counsel to the outgoing class, and he spoke at his best. He complimented the class on the manly, moral tone, the matter and manner of their speeches, and the audience applauded the compliment. He toldithem that he was glad they were poor, and that they had to make their own fortunes. He paid an honest and deserved tribute to Dr. Fingare. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Mr. Savage, and the College

Commencement proper was at an end. At the memorial services of the late Rev. Dr. Wingate, the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Yanceyville, introduced the Rev. F. H. Ivey. who delivered an eloquent eulogy on the life and character of the honored deceased.

THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

The Rev. E. T. Winkler, D.D., the President elect of the College, was born in Georgia. He was graduated from Brown's University in Rhode Island, and read theology in Newton Baptist Theological Seminary, located near Boston. His first pastorate was in Washington, Ga., and was for many years pastor of the First Church and Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C. He was elected a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at its origin in 1859, but declined to leave his pastorate. For some years past he has resided in Marion, Ala. He is chairman of the Board of Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and editor of the Alabama Baptist. He is a man of real learning, a superior preacher, and one of the finest platform speakers in the South. He carries great The Board of Trustees have invited

him to visit the college at their expense before he decided the question of acceptance.

At the close of the address of Rev. I H. Ivey, Thursday evening, W. H. Pace, Esq., of Raleigh, said that he had promised the students to have a new chapel by next Commencement, tated after being apparently dead for | and that he proposed to raise the money then and there. The result of his efforts was a most flattering tribute to this gentleman's ability and popularity. for he not only gave liberally himself. but secured the handsome sum of \$75, 000, for the erection of the Wingate Memorial Building. The following subscriptions will show how determined these people are to accomplish their

W. W. Vass, \$1,000; Kelly, Purefoy & Brewer, \$1,000; W. H. Pace, \$500; Jas. C. Leigh, \$500; Mrs. Jas. C. Leigh, \$500; Professor L. R. Mills, \$250; Professor W. G. Simmons, \$250; Professor W. B. Royal, \$250; Prof. C. E. Taylor, \$250; George W. Thompson, \$250; Professor A. F. Redd, \$200; Professor Grandy, \$100; D. M. Graves, \$100; Ed. S. Moore, \$100; Edwards, Broughton & Company, \$100; Joseph P. Gulley, \$50, with quite a number of others whose names we failed to get. In addition to the above we should add that several gentlemen at Apex made liberal contributions to be paid in lumber: J. M. F. Rogers. The most extraordinary part of the | \$178; Hunter & Beckwith, \$350; H. Leslie, \$200; C. T. & P. F. Dowd, \$100.

When Mr. Pace had finished making this collection, he announced from the stage that enough money had been subscribed to insure the erection of the building before the next Commence-

## Destructive Fires-

PHILADELPHIA, June 13 .- The fire at Point Breeze was rekindled at 11:15 a. m., a stiff breeze which prevailed fanning the blaze to immense proportions. The Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company's warehouse building, about five hundred feet in length and one hundred and fifty feet wide, took fire from burning oil which escaped from the Hudson, one of the vessels which has been in flames since Wednesday last. The entire works are now in imminent peril.

PHILADELPHIA, 2:20 P. M-The following has just been received from Point

"At noon. The place is going. It is feared new that the fire will reach Point Breeze oil works. A strong westerly breeze blew flames to the wharf of the Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company and the fire at once spread to a large shed two hundred feet by eighty, immediately south of the warehouse which was destroyed on Wednesday. The wind then veered to the north and a long line of sheds extending for nearly a mile to the southward caught fire and by noon all were ablaze with seven thousand three hundred barrels of oil which they contained." South of these sheds in Point Breeze oil works alluded to in the above dispatch and below that point are a large number of frame dwellings occupied by workmen and their families. In rear of the line of seven sheds reported on fire are five others and a larger warehouse, the smallest of which is two hundred and sixty feet long by one hundred and twenty feet wide and the largest four hundred and sixty by one hundred and twenty-five feet. These are separated from the burning sheds by an elevation ofground, and from present indications they will be saved as well as the Atlantic oil car tanks further east, which contain 135,000 barrels of crude oil and 40,000 barrels of refined and special oils in process of manufacture. DETROIT, Mich., June 13 .- A special

dispatch to the Free Press from Grand Rapids, Michigan, reports that a fire at Blanchard, Michigan, last Wednesday night destroyed D. G. Blanchard's saw mill and three million feet of lumber owned by Groff, Little & Co. Loss \$55,000. Insured for \$27,000.

#### Gubernatorial Nomination. AUGUSTA, June 13 .- Smith, of Oldtown, has accepted the candidacy for governor of the State tendered him by

the Greenbackers.

Bill Arp says in the Atlanta Constitution: Fifty years have made a wonderful change in Gadsden, for when old man Gad first squatted down here as a refuge from South Carolina justice, he very properly dubbed it his den. I am told he was a regular bull-of-thewoods among the first settlers, and was the only man for miles around who had even a smattering of education. The first steamboat that ever plied upon the waters of the Coosa dropped down here in 1842, and when old man Gad was called upon by the wonderstruck crowd to translate the big red letters on the wheel-house (U. S. M. Coosa) he announced with great pomposity that the name was "Use 'em,

## ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

THE BEAR CREEK GANG ATTEMPT DESERTION.

A Rush for Liberty, a Fusiliade, and the Ground Covered with Dead Bodies.

On Tuesday morning last, the gang of convicts at work on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Railroad, between Bear and Pig Creeks, Chatham county, showed signs of discontent, and on being marched out to work, ten of them broke away and made a dead run toward a house. They were ordered to stop with the warning that they would be fired on if they failed to obey, but they, apparently under the impression that the guard would not dare to shoot toward the house for fear of injuring the inmates, paid no attention e the command. The guard then fired, killing three of the runaways and wounding two; three were captured and two made good their escape, of whom no traces had been discovered when our informant left. One of them was from Wilmington and the other from Hillsboro. The gang was led by a white man named Ruff, who bore the reputation of being a notorious horse thief, and on whom the State of New York has a claim.

The details received are very meager, but our informant states that the escapade and its bloody result had caused much excitement in the locality. A woman was milking a cow, in the path of the escaping convicts, and one of the bullets came close enough to her to cause her to seek a safer place, where the "zip" of the balls would be out of earshot.

## Commencement Exercises at David-

Correspondence of the News. DAVIDSON COLLEGE, June 15 .- Your reporter arrived on the ground on Tuesday. It was a day dark and showery, and low clouds overhung the sky and depressed the hopes of many. But it had never been known to rain at a Commencement at Davidson, and of course, not with standing clouds and gloom, it couldn't rain. There were however weltering showers during the day. The change in schedule on the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio railroad, which is the grand name of the little road between Charlotte and Statesville, seriously discommoded many who wished to visit Davidson Tuesday, though extra excursion trains ran on Wednesday and Thursday for the accommodation of the great crowds that attended.

The evening of Tuesday was given to the anniversary meeting of the Literary Societies, which were doubtless enjoyed by those who were so favored as to be within the handsome halls. And by the way the halls of the two Societies, the Philanthropic and Eumenean, though not very large, are certainly very elegant and beautiful. The Philanthropic Hall has an exceedingly handsome restrum supported by marble columns, and with a President's stand of pure Italian marble, one of the most chaste and dainty rostrums to be seen and all the equipments cool and inviting, while the Eumenean Hall, newly and superbly frescood is rich and elegant in all its appointments. The grounds are tastefully laid out, and parts of the clover "loved by drowsy bees," while the plots near the halls and in the lawn were covered with rich deep sward. Though the grounds are in some parts bare of trees, yet fine groves here and there are found of native oaks, and handsome vard trees, elm, beech, maple, and other varieties are set out every vear dotting the whole expanse. The massive new building, in doric majesty and simplicity, needs grand old oaks about it, and looks bare and austere to a

stranger. The session just closed is one of unusual prosperity. The high standard of scholarship and severe examinations, while they add to the deserved reputation and power of the college, deter some possibly from its walls. The number of students the current term is 107, an increase of twenty over the precedling year, and the outlook for the next is still more favorable. Rev. Dr. Hepburn the able, accomplished and modest President; aided and abetted by the distinguished corps who constitute' the faculty, have won for themselves and for their institution the applause of the lovers of high and pure education everywhere. Davidson students, we hear, at the University of Virginia, John Hopkins University, and even in foreign universities, win the honors and awards given in competitive scholar-

We have just learned that the trustees offer free tuition to the sons of all Protestant white ministers, regularly ordained, and sons of deceased ministers. And the board also takes into consideration the reduction of the already moderate expenses of the institution. A brillianf programme is offered for to-morrow and next day, of which you shall be duly advised.

## Edison's Detroit Rival.

Detroit Free Press, 9th. Saturday evening a reporter of the Free Press spent a couple of hours in the old church on Pine Street, where several months ago he discovered Charles J. Vandepoele, the enthusiastic electrician. A flood of light, beautiful in its soft brilliancy, fell upon the tools and patterns scattered everywhere and cast inky silhouettes on the floor. Pendent from the center of the ceiling hung the marvelous cause of it all-the coming light, produced by electricity. The plucky Mr. Vandepoele, although working at great disadvantage, has made notable improvements in the light which he first exhibited to a reporter of this paper some months ago. The light which was shown Saturday night was a clear white ray, having a steady glow, killed near town last week by falling flickering only occasionally, when the are between the carbon points was quest. changed by the current. Sixty feet away from the light the finest print was easily read, and still its brilliancy did not dazzle nor pain the eyes, as it came from near the ceiling. When the light was lowered to the table, however, it was much too strong, but easily regulated by the force of the current. Mr. Vandepoele was particularly jubilant, and spoke of the coming exhibition which he proposed to make in the streets of the city. He had hoped to get his new and large dynamo-electric machine ready to make the practical exhibition on the evening of the Fourth of July, but will hardly be able to. He expects, however, to exhibit one light in front of the city hall on that evening and with it illuminate the whole Campus Martius. The test which Mr Vandepoele proposes to make within the next two months must sat-

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### STATE NEWS.

Buncombe. Asheville Citizen.

As a general thing, the apple crop throughout Western North Carolina was almost wholly destroyed by the severe frosts in the early portion of May. In some localities there will be a fair crop, but to a very large extent

the crop was ruined. The turnpike from here to Warm Springs-rocks, ruts and all-has been turned over to the authorities of the W. N. C. Railroad, as we learn. We trust a new leaf will also be turned over in regard to the road, and that the traveling public will not be necessitated to such unmerciful jolting during the sum-

### Forsythe.

Salem Press. A great deal of new mown hay was lost on South Fork last week. On the premises of John Lawrence, near Old Town, is a peach tree which forks about four feet from the ground,

one fork bearing cling and the other fork free stone peaches. We are informed that at Yadkin College Commencement there were eight barbecues and five confectionery stands. We learn that some of the stockholders of the Fair Ground Company held a meeting last week, and appointed a committee to sell the land and distribute

the proceeds among the stockholders

The citizens of South Fork township are circulating a petition for signers asking the Board of County Commissioners to order an election in that township on the question of the fence law. It is believed that a good majority of that township are in favor of

no fence. Two men, calling themselves Stevens and Staley having been plying the yocation of photographers have been in our town for sometime, and had run up a board bill of considerable amount at Mrs. Hardie's, and on last Sunday night they packed up their baggage and skipped out for High Point, where they put their trunks in the express office to be sent to Lynchburg, and started off on foot to take the train, it is supposed at some other station. Mrs. H. followed and was fortunate enough to eatch up with their baggage before it was shipped and seized it.

Greensboro North State Vegetables of all kinds are now reasonably plentiful on our market. Dewberries have made their appear

ance in our market. New apples have made their appearance on the market. They are not yet sufficiently matured to be fit to eat. We learn that Professor C. G. Deming, of High Point, has devised a new postage stamp with coupon attached. The coupon is torn off by the post-master, and thus cancels the stamp and pre-

### vents its being re-used. Burke.

Morganton Blade. Our military company has received their guns, and their new uniforms will soon be ready. Sid Powell starts the ball with a stalk of wheat with 90 fully developed grains. Who can go ahead of him?

## Mecklenburg.

Charlotte Democrat. Two negroes have been arrested and jailed for breaking into stores in this city, Gus Byers and Lee Potts. Mr. Samuel P. Smith, President of the Trader's National Bank of Charlotte. has resigned the presidency, for the purpose of engaging in business in New York.

We see a statement in an exchange that one man in Cleaveland county has twenty-seven daughters; but we are afraid to copy it, for it might be erroneous like the distillery figures.

Mr. N. Dumont, of Charlotte, ought to thank the Raleigh man who dates his letters from "Mt. Gilead," and publishes them in the Raleigh News, for giving him notoriety and publicity, although it is done for the purpose of ridicule. It is a first-rate advertisement for Mr. Dumont, whom our people here in Charlotte believe to be worthy of confidence and respect. His being a new-comer from the North don't hurt him here, if it does in the estimation of the "Mt. Gilead" correspond-

Goldsboro Mail. We feel gleeful in contemplating the dog slaughter promised us after the

A snake measuring four feet in length was killed in the cemetery on Monday. The Chief reports a reign of provok ing tranquillity in police circles; not even a case of wife beating, nor any-

thing. Achild of Jerry Cox, colored, was out of a door, Dr. Kirby held an in-

A Goldshore young man who works hard during the day walks all night at the fair grounds, practicing for a pedestrian contest with anybody. He is squandering his estate in shoe leather. and should either be lodged with Dr. Grissom or sent to the Legislature. He covered eleven miles in one hour and forty-five minutes a few nights ago.

A Valuable Antique. The Smithsonian institution has reeived through Consul-General Heap, now representing the United States at 'onstantinople, and formerly commissioner for Tunis at the Centennial Exhibition, the most valuable mosaic Tunis had in its exhibit. It is known as the "Mosaio Lion," is estimated to be from one thousand eight hundred to two thousand years old, and formerly formed part of the floor of the temple of Diana at Carthage, near the site of the Byrsa. The floor was of immense He will place twelve or fourteen lights size, and represented the various aniat different points in the city, locating mals of a chase, drawn to life size. In several on the Campus Martius, one the middle was a chariot drawn by four near the river, and others wherever horses of very great beauty, but it was entirely destroyed by a fall it received when being removed by Arabs. The fragment which has been obtained by the Smithsonian institution is 64 by 72 feet, and is all that is left of this once

### THE STATE VS. SWEPSON. THE CASE BEFORETHE SUPREME COURT TO-DAY.

#### The Points for Argument --- A Formidable Array of Counsel for the Defendant.

As will be remembered this case was moved from Wake county to Franklin and came up for a hearing before Judge Buxton at the last term of Franklin court. The Judge after a careful examination of the record adjudged it improper to try in Franklin county, because there was no issue joined before the removal; he therefore ordered the case back to Wake county. The State got out a certiorari which is to be argued this afternoon at 3 o'clock before the Supreme Court. The points for argument will be.

1st. Was the case properly in Franklin county? 2d. Did the Judge have the power

to remand to Wake county? 3d. Could the replication ore tenus be made in Franklin Court.

4th. The right to relief by certiorai. The State is represented by A. M. Lewis, Esq., Gilliam & Gatling and T. P. Devereux, Esq. The defendant has the following counsel: Judge A. S. Merrimon, Colonel T. C. Fuller, Captain S. A. Ashe, Major R. C. Badger, Judge D. G. Fowle, C. M. Cooke, Esq., Hon. J. J. Davis, Major John W. Graham, Colonel T. C. Ruffin, E. W. Timberlake,

Jr., B. B. Massenburg, Jr., and George H. SLOW. This case has been so long mooted and so little has yet come out of it except in the shape of attorneys' fees, that it will be a relief to the public mind if the issue can be made and the trial regularly gone into. It will either derelop some ugly matter or prove the whole thing to be "much ado about nothing."

### Church Entertainment.

'orrespondence of the News. MEBANESVILLE, June 7 .- The ladies connected with the Hawfields church gave an entertainment last night, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase + a communion service, which quite successfully, some \$80 having been received above the expenses 'the ball presented a lovely appearance, having been tastefully decorated with evergreens from which peeped out daistes and rosebuds, while here and there were hanging baskets filled with choice plants in bloom -all showing the result of woman's taste.

The hall was well filled, and when comfortably seated programmes were distributed and the exercises commenced. The first scene announced was the "Pyramid of Beauty," and when the curtain was raised it was indeed a pyramid of beauty that met our gaze. On a pirymidal stand was se ded a dozen or more of sweet and beautiful children tastefully arrayed and embowered with flowers and relieving foliage. The lovely sight entranced the hearts of the spectators, and the encomiums it received fell gracefully on the originators and actors alike. The scenes, which consisted of tableaux, charades, proverbs and savings were gone through with in a manner which reflected great credit on the accomplished managers, who Y. Mebane and is As Scotta Mrs. DeB. and also to the young people, was 2005 their parts with an ease and grace which could have been excelled by few of their age. We were enthrilled after each scene with both vocal and instrumental music. After the scenes had all been acted, it was amnounced by Mr. DeB. Y. Mebane that a nice supper was in waiting at Scott & Thompson's hall, to which place we willingly and hastily made our way, conducted by the excellent corps of marshals, consisting of Messrs. David A. Mebane, Thomas Fowler, W. W. Lasley, S. W. Tate and Master Willie M Fowler. We found on entering the hall two long tables literally weighed down with all the delicacies of the season. After the assemblage had eaten with hearty zest it dispersed, each and all seeking their respective homes, well pleased with what the evening had afforded. D.

#### Annual Commencement of Wilson Collegiate Seminary.

forrespondence of the News. Wilson, June 12 .- The Collegiate Seminary was founded by Charles T. Deems D. D., LL. D., now pastor of the "Church of the Strangers," New York. His successors-Professors Adams, Arrington and Hooper, labored for its advancement and brought it to a high degree of successfulness, which it still enjoys. Professor Hooper now is a Professor at our noble University. He did much for the education of the people of Wilson and he is held very dear by them. Professor Brewer, the present Principal took charge of the school in 1875. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and is known far and near for his abilities as a teacher. Wilson is a thriving "young city" of three thousand inhabitants and its health is unexcelled by any town in the State.

'Literary Department," 28 of the "Music Department," and 6 of the "Art Department. A total of scholars attending was 72, which is very good for the "hard times. Well, we've noticed the school now to the excellent programme:

This year there were 71 members of

Prayer, Rev. J. A. Cunninggin, Anthem. Essay, "Nothing but I e wes, Miss Alice J. Hines. Dauntless March.

Essay-"The world is full of beauty, Like other worlds above; And if we did our duty It would be full of love.

Miss Mamie S. Adams. Annual address, Rev. T. T. Eaton. D. D., of Petersburg, was entitled "A Plea for the Education of Girls." Music.

Report of Principal awarding Diplo-

mas, Prizes, etc. Chorus. This was the attractive programme last night, and an excellent one it was, too. The essays, address, and music were all good. The musical concert takes place to-night, and to-morrow you may expect a new installment from

your correspondent. Soon the love-lorn maiden will hie to the meadows, and pluck the dandeliou that has run to fluff, and, as she blows the "feathers" off, will murmur alternately, "He loves me," and "He loves me not." And the chances are one in two that the oracle will decide as pleaseth her best; but if it prove obstinate, then will she say, "Surely, I counted not correctly," and will give

herself another show.

The Was in igton, Kentucky, Watchman savs: Mr. John T. Leavel, near Manaville, owns a two weeks colt that has five legs -- two hind and three fore legs. The little fellow is as lively as a cricket, and moves about with the utmost agility and ease. He goes all the gaits naturally, and promises to be a number one saddle animal.