THE DAILY CITIZEN.

THE STORY OF A SONG.

AN INTERESTING REMINIS CENCE OF THE STATE.

Editor Citizen:—In the account given by Capt. T. W. Patton in yesterday morning's issue of THE CITIZEN of the re-cent celebration at Avoca, he refers with commendation to the ode read by Col. commendation to the ode read by Col.
Creecy, quoting the remark of an auditor
that "the ode was destined to survive as
long as "Carolina, Carolina," Capt. P.
adding "which we thought damning with
faint praise, for to our poor musical ear
no more atrocious song has ever been

I regard the criticism as a just one. The verses do not display whatever of poeti-cal genius their writer might have pos-sessed, and the air, while having somesessed, and the air, while having some-thing of spirit, has some of the animation essential to a national air, nothing to in-flame like the Marsellaise, nothing to en-thuse like the "Star Spangled Banner." The whole, the music as so applied, and the yerses as so adapted, were the creat-ures of circumstances to which I propose

The second week in June, 1840, was an animated one in Raleigh. Two noted events were to be celebrated—the completion of the capitol and the finishing of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad; and the celebration was made a joint one to give the greater eclat to the festivities growing spontaneously out of these two nota-ble and coincident conclusions to long continued labors. The completion of the railroad brought Raleigh in direct connection with Petersburg, and, with a brief gap of fourteen miles, with Norfolk, and the line ran through or along the borders of the rich and populous counties of Franklin, Granville, Warren and Halifax, in which were the large body of stockholders, all intensely interested in the consummation of their hopes. The festival brought to Raleigh an influx of the wealthy and intelligent, of the young, the gay and the fashionable from the cities raised and from the counties along. and the line ran through or along the ies named, and from the counties along the newly opened road never before seen in the City of Oaks, then a town of about 2,500 people who lived at their ease, troubled themselves but little about the larger affairs of commerce and manufac-ture, indulged a good deal in style, were rather proud of their numerous and elegant equipages; but above all were prone to the most profuse and generous hospi-tality, and delighted with opportunity to exercise it. It was hard to say which enjoyed this occasion with keener zest, the numberless visitors to whom every door was thrown open, or the cordial hosts, glad and proud to welcome their lively

guests.

The capitol was finished but not furnished. Externally, it stood a monument of architectural excellence, of noble design and solid construction, upon which every North Carolinian looked with just pride In the interior, yet unencumbered with desk or table, the eye rested with apture on the noble columns, the richly vaulted lofty eriling, the graceful sweep of ample gallery. To the North Carolina eye, all the grand ideals of beauty, taste and

nished. In those days, as no festivity drapery made of bunting stood the test was perfect without the old time ball, the well. Huge arches which have been cov floor of the Senate chamber was appropriated as a ball room, and for three sucor three others composing his "band" kept up the liveliest of music, giving life to beels and toes in the old Virginia reels, times, with an animation, abandon and long streams have become limp, forlorn and faded, retaining none of their original brilliancy of color. In many instances The waltz was a rarity and only under-taken by a few couples, a decided novelty in movement, and with a music entirely foreign to old Frank's conception of what dancing music and measure ought to be.

But there were many who dance-some who disapproved of the amusement, some who did not know now, some who were too old. For these the floor of the hall of the House, also then unfurnished, was appropriated for such recreation as those who resorted thither might find or improvise. Among the sources of amusement a party of wandering musicians was engaged to play and sing—male and female, a family party named Goneke, I think-whose music vocal and instrumental, would Lardly pass muster nowadays, but listened to with great patience if not pleasure, on occasion. Among their airs was one former distinguished Attorney General of North Carolina. She was vividly impressed with the music, and with patriotic impulse conceived its fitness to be associated with verse commemorative of the virtues and characteristics of her idolized State. She caught the air perfeetly, then hastened home in search of excellent and accomplished Judge Gaston, who always was her guest du ring the sessions of the supreme court The judge was at home, and she made her demand at once upon his service. The Judge good humoredly and promptly acceded; and measuring his verse by the music, in which Mrs. Taylor speedily in structed him, rapidly composed the words of the "Old North State;" and before the estivities, which lasted three days, were

closed the song was on every tongue.

The words hardly do justice to the ability of the writer, one of the most accon phished literary men of a very cultivated period. The music is beneath criticism. But in the enthusiasm of the occasion, the popular sentiment was caught, and the song has been perpetuated as a sort of pis aller, much as the dull, heavy "God save the king," has survived by virtue of noble patriotic association, and any merit or vitality of its own.

ROCKVILLE, Cons., April 26 .- The two was caused by the strike of 150 weavers yesterday. Four hundred persons are of work. The company of fered a slight advance yesterday, but the weavers hold out for a cent a yard, and a protracted strike is feared.

MANCHESTER, April 26 .- At a meeting of the Gray cotton manufacturers last night it was decided in view of the great advance in the price of raw cotton to adto two cents per pound. Shipments to here on the 12th collapsed to-day. The China are still going on. Nearly \$500, striking rollers decided to return to work 000 worth was shipped thither during at old prices. The strikers are all colored men.

COLLISION ON THE B. & O.

SENERAL SHOWN IN THE SENERAL RES

Four Men Injured and Vice-Pres ident Morton's Life En-dangered.

BALTIMORE, April 26 .- A collision be tween two passenger trains on the Bal-timore & Ohio railroad near the foot of Haywood street this morning caused the injury of four men and endangered the lives of the Vice-President and a large num-ber of other passengers. ber of other passengers. The accident occurred at the "Y" made by the tracks that lead to Locust Point and those that lead to Washington. The colliding trains were the Philadelphia express, which leaves Camden station at 10.20, and the train from Philadelphia due at Camden station at 10:35. The latter had on board a considerable number of Odd Fellows who were to take part in the parade that takes place in this city to-day.

Gov. Poraker, of Ohio, and members of his staff and Gen. Schofield and staff were also aboard. The men who were hurt were all employes of the road. All were badly hurt, but not dangerously. Two engines and two baggage cars were wrecked. Passengers in both trains were thrown from their seats, and one or two were dashed to the floors of the cars. The were dashed to the hoors of the cars. The rod which connects the switch rails was bent, and, although the switch was properly turned, the tongue did not fit closely, and so allowed both trains to come together on the same track.

EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO.

an Oil Tank Kills a Man and

Shakes Things Up. CHICAGO, April 26.-A terrible explos on followed by a flash of light and roaring flame threw the inhabitants near thio and Rookwell streets into a panic last night. So loud was the report and so violent was the concussion that the people for blocks around thought it was in earthquake. Houses rocked with a second explosion, which proved to be in a tank of oil standing on the Chicago & St. Paul railroad track, and belonging to Keyes Thatcher, which was used in burnng lime. Nicholas Nebon was engaged drawing oil from the tank car to a ank on a wagon used in hauling oil over to the kilns where the explosion occurred. He was hadly burned on the breast and he flesh was scared on both legs below the knees. He will die. The tank on the vagon also exploded and the horses were instantly killed and burned to a crisp The force of the explosion blew pieces of he tank several blocks. One of the pieces hit special officer Davis under the hin and incapacitated him for duty. A box car of lime standing on a side track was also burned. The cause of the explosion is not known. Some say Nelson held the lantern down in the tank to see nies this. Others say it was fired by sparks from engines.

NEW YORK REDRACGIED.

Storm Plays Havoc With the

grandeur with which pictorial illustra-tion had filled his mind, stood before him as his own possession, and he exulted in his proud capital, then the superior to that of all other States. hat of all other States.

As I have said, the building was unfurple, pink and faint red. Flags and ered with painted canvass seem in no negro fiddler of Shocco Springs, with two or three others composing his "band" man house look a trifle second to the Hoff-kept up the liveliest of man house look a trifle second to the Hoffway affected and look as fresh and implaces. It is among the smaller places where cheap decorations have been used that the havoc has been greatest. Here where printed cloth has been used on white bunting colors have run in such a manner and so stained the brick and iron work that the services of painters will soon have to be called into requisi

Destructive Fire in New York.

New York, April 26.-Police report that the total damage done by the fire is the Harlem Electric Lighting Co.'s old shops in east 122nd street last night is This is probably about \$25, 000 or \$30,000 too high. Most of the machinery, dynamos, etc., were still in the building but packed and ready for removal to the new shops down town The fire damaged a wooden church next door to the factory \$2,000, and the carriage factory of Jas. H. Butler, on Second adapted subsequently to the words of the avenue, an equal amount. One of the "Old North State." Among the auditors falling walls demolished a part of the adjoining house of Jas. T. Tabole and did lively and enthusiastic Mrs. James F. \$2,500 damage. Half dozen tenements Taylor, the much respected relict of a were destroyed by the fire and their tencracked the windows and fronts of a tenement in 122nd street across the

> NEW YORK, April 26.-The following re the total net receipts of cotton at all

ports since September 1, 1888;	
Galveston	662,38
New Orleans	1,645,63
Mobile	2,222,17
Savannah	803,49
Charleston	400,84
Wilmington	155,52
Norfolk	
Baltimore	93,52
New York	
Boston	91,29
Newport News	
Philadelphia	48,94
West Point, Va	406,23
Brunswick	
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The Trenton and Nipsic.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., April 26.-The treasare which was on the United States war ship Trenton when she was wrecked at has been recovered. The Nipsic which was damaged in the same hurricane will brought to Auckland by the United

States steamer Alert. Hanged for Murder.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 26 .- Caesar Frazier, colored, was hanged at 10.30 to-day for the murder of A. Aldenberg, white, on February 9. The condemned man professed the Catholic faith and the execution was unattended with the usual

DANVILLE, Va., April 26 .- The strike by tobacco factory operators for an advance of 25 cents per 100 pounds for rolling plug tobacco which comm here on the 12th collapsed to-day.

TRADE REVIEW.

CONDITION OF BUSINESS

siness Flat in New York, but

Improving in Other Direction
-Iron Unsatisfactory, Etc. New York, April 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, says: Business in this region is so interrupted by the centennial preparations and the approaching holidays that the decrease in

volume is not surprising. Some disap-pointment is felt, however, because the retail trade is so flat, except in decora-Reports from other quarters indicate ontinued improvement; even in iron and woolen branches, the signs for the pres-

woolen branches, the signs for the present are more favorable.

Money is accumulating here, and there is plenty at nearly all interior points. Collections are generally better, though no improvement is seen at Milwaukee, and while the general complaint is that the present demand for money is but moderate, confidence that business will accompany to a server per. soon expand is as strong as ever. Perhaps it is influenced a little too much by the belief that crops this year will be unusually large, but, after all reasonable allowances, there is more ground than usual to look for a year of good trade.

The iron market continues are the strong mar

The iron market continues unsatisfactoryhere; Southern No. 1 is sold at \$16.50 and a sale of steel rails at less than \$27. at the mill, is reported. But the feeling at Philadelphia is clearly improved, the de-mand for plate and tank iron and sheet iron being fair, while there is a decided improvement in structural iron and nails. The market for bar iron is more steady, several mills near Philadelphia having closed, reducing the supply. With all indications of improvement, it is not clear that the consumption will sustain the present large output of pig iron, and

prices do not strengthen.
In the wool market also, a better feel ing is noted, and prices seem firmer, though buying is strictly limited, and mills are working at only a little short of

their capacity.

In most of the speculative markets prices are lower, and that fact also gives the promise of larger and freer trade. Wheat is 2 cents lower, with sales forty and a half million bushels for the week. Corn is 1% cent lower, and oats 1 cent speculation in sugar has turned down-ward, and fair refining is over ½ cent wer. There is no change of consequence in pork products, and oil is a fraction stronger, but leather is again 1/2 cent low or and flour has declined for some grade 50 to 70 cents per barrel.

Speculation in cotton is still strong and the price is 1/8 higher, with sales here of 386,000 bales, and exports continuing very large. In consequence mainly of the enormous cotton movem ut, the value o exports in March exceeded the value of erchandise imports by \$2,833,326. Yet exports of gold \$3,712,225 for the aonth and about \$1,000,000 silver made about \$7,600,000 paid abroad against

nterest due and under-valuations. For three months the net exports of nerchandise and specie represented about half the estimated interest and under

These figures show that in spite much weakness in speculative stocks for-eign investments still exceed withdrawals ceptionally strong.
At New York the merchandise exports

for April thus far exceed last years' by 24 per cent while in imports here there is an apparent decline of 8 per cent-due in part, no doubt to the fact that the mar ket is already supplied, but also in part to the decline in prices of most commo ties here while in European markets the general tendency of prices is upward. Since April 1st, the fall in average prices of all commodities here have been full 1/2 of 1 per cent.

The dry goods business though com paratively neglected here, except in decoration lines, appears in other cities to be fairly on a level with that of last year and prices are well maintained. It is a good sign that collections in this branch seem to be generally improved. The gro-cery trade has also been more active with decline in sugar and some other pro-

It is a fact worthy of notice that some onsiderable failures of late have proluced no disturbance or feeling of apprewould usualiv attend such a record of disasters. Business failures occurring throughoot the country during the last ada 27. Total 213, against 246 last

THE ANTI-JESUITS.

Canadian Anglo-Saxons Fighting

MONTREAL, April 26.-The anti-lesuit meeting held last night in the Queen's hal was in session until midnight. The whole mestion was considered in all its bear ings, and the action of the Dominior government, as well as that of the pro vincial legislature, was freely and fear to be that a crisis was at hand, and it up and doing, and prepare for a blow which it was felt must come. Mr Charlton, member of the Parliament said he had every respect for the Prench Canadians, but that there was no hope preserving intact Rome would soon possess two-thirds of Danville & New River, extension the estate of the province. He also re-ferred to the condition of affairs in the United States, and compared the progress made in the province of Queebec whose advance he said, was being retarded by

A Ladies' Furnishing Store.

Handsomely fitted up and excellently located is the new ladies' furnishing and fancy goods store of Miss Sarah Ellick, in the Swannanoa building, corner of South Main and Willow streets. Miss Ellick has had much experience in millinery matters, having been for a long while in sole charge of that branch of the business of A. Whitlock, of this city, and latterly with a large millinery concern in Knoxville, Tenn. Her emporium will be Helmund Lindsey, son of A. W. Lindsey opened to the public within the next few | aged 5 years and 3 months. The funeral

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Indica-tions for North Carolina.—Rain; slightly warmer; northeasterly, shifting to west-

PURELY PERSONAL.

rigiting friends in the city.

Miss Rosa Chapman has gone to Orange, N. J., where she will spend the

Mr. A. Webber, of New York, and large owner of Asheville real estate, is in

Lieut. W. R. King, U. S. N., and Mr. Otis M. Coxe left yesterday for Philadel phia and New York.

Mrs. C. W. Beale, of Arden, has gone to Europe for the summer. She will spend

Mr. E. Victor Jones leaves for New

York to-day, as does also Capt. J. P. Sawyer. Both gentlemen will take in Mrs. J. Taylor Amiss and sister Mis

Millie Banks, have gone to Bridgeport, Conn., to visit their parents. Mrs. Amiss will be absent five months Dr. Geo. W. Fletcher, of Pletcher's

vice-president of the Pirst National Bank of this city, and party of friends, were registered at the Swannanoa yesterday Gen. Johnstone Jones yesterday moved

the Southern Express Company's office in the Hendry block, North Court Square Mrs. Dr. W. L. Hilliard and Master Howard Hilliard left vesterday for Phila

delphia. Mr. Walter Hilliard leaves for New York to-day. He will join Mr. J. W. Sluder at Richmond. Mr. J. S. Borders, a prominent hotelis and merchant of Shelby, is in the city

accompanied by his wife. Mr. Borders proposes to locate in Asheville and en gage in business-probably mercantile. Master Walter H. Lee, who lives at

102 Chestnut street, invites the public to risit his bazar at the above number, on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Proeeds of all sales will be applied to the organ fund."

Mr. A. Freek and wife left yesterday or a ten days' visit to New York, taking n the centennial, etc. Mr. Freck's business here will be conducted by Mr. John Henry Franklin during the former's absence from the city.

Rt. Rev. Leo. Haid, O. S. B., Bishop of North Carolina, arrived from Belmont last evening and is the guest of Rev. J. B White, rector of St. Laurence's church of of Flint and Haywood streets.

Among those who left on the noon train yesterday to take in the Washing ton centennial at New York were: Mrs B. Sluder, Mrs. W. C. Carmichael, Mrs. of foreign capital, and of the late demand James Atkins, jr., Miss Blythe, Miss for railroad and other bonds has been ex- Minnie Reynolds, Dr. Chas. E. Hilliard, Mr. I. W. Sluder, Mr. E. L. Brown and Mr. Clarence Ray.

A GOOD SCHEME

To Facilitate the Bellyery of Mail

Postmaster Cannon has asked THI CITIZEN to announce that during the next few days he will address a circular letter to renters of lock boxes, asking for a list of the names of families, boarders and Tuesday evening next. visitors who receive mail through said boxes, in order to facilitate and perfect the mail delivery at this office. He desires that this circular shall meet with a ready response, inasmuch as it is for the renters' interest alone that such informaby Mr. Cannon is a good one, to say the light owing to the dry and dusty weathleast. It will prevent much confusion er, but prices ranged from \$6 to \$45 per and delay in the delivery of mail matter hundred pounds. to the transients who are constantly has been very large thus for this year flocking to Asheville from every quarter of the globe, and who are scattered here and there about the city. Boarding house proprietors, particularly, are reweek number for United States 185, Can- quested to keep the postmaster posted as to arrivals each day, and also as to length of time boarders will remain. This project prevents, to a great extent, the crowding of the general delivery boxes, and saves much time in the proper handling of the latter class of the mail service at the Asheville office.

Projected Railways.

The Chicago Railway Age in a list o new railways projected in the Southern States gives these for Virginia, North and South Carolina. It will be seen that every road but two credited to Virginia became Anglo-Saxons in Canada to be and South Carolina passes through North

VIRGINIA.

Carolina also:

Norfolk & Western, Cripple Creek, Clinch Valley and other extenge and institutions. If the present Roanoke & Southern, Roanoke to Winston, N. C. to Bristol, Tenn.. ynchburg & Durham, Lynchburg to Durham, N. C.....

New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, Edenton to Goldsbor Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago, Atlantic & North Carolina, Golds boro to Charlotte ... SOUTH CAROLINA.

rolina, Cumberland Gap & Chi-cago, Edgefield to Asheville, N.C. 200 rolina, Knoxville & Western, opposite Augusta, Ga., to Knox-

The three C's road, however, does not come by way of Asheville. Died, on Priday morning, Matthew

aged 5 years and 3 months. The funeral killed by a train running into a washout services will take place this evening at 3 on the Richmond and West Point railo'clock from the residence of Mr. Lindsey, near the old depot.

R. S. McCall, Esq., of Marion, was in the city yesterday on his return from

FOREIGN NOTES.

Miss Annie Reed, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is A BELECT PARTY AND AN UN. Jumped From a Train Running

Chamberiain Uses Some Strong Language—Reproved for Pray-ing a Blessing, Etc.

London, April 26.—A select party in-cluding Gen. Boulanger, Count Dillon, Gen. Graham and an unknown lady, dined with Lord Randolph Churchill this

Chamberlain, in a speech in Birming-ham this evening, said that the Glad-stonians were bastard sons of the lib-cral party and that the liberal unionists were the true heirs of the party. FRANCE NOT TO BE INSULTED.

LONDON, April 26.-In an interview today, General Boulanger reiterated his dis-avowal that he had any intention of precipitating war between France and Ger-many. Nevertheless, he did not consider many. Nevertheless, he did not consider that the future of France had been set-tled forever by the war of 1870. He declared be would never consent that France should be insulted, and he was ship with Russia and England.

THE REICHSTAG AND SAMOA. BERLIN, April 26.-The National Gazette says that the government instead of avoiding a debate in Reichstag on the Samoan questions, will give every facility for such debate at the earliest possible

MISSIONARIES HELD FOR RANSOM. of the insurgents, has released Rev. apparently, was dreaming of everything Mr.Roscoe and his wife, the church miscles save concocting a plan whereby he sionaries who were engaged in work in east Africa, and who were captured dureast Africa, and who were captured dur-ing the recent troubles. He still holds in captivity Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rev. Mr. Ed-and matters seemed to be going on wards and Rev. Mr. Hooper. He will not surrender them until he is paid £1,000. The English consul here will pay the ran-

COMPTOIRE D'ESCOMPTE. PARIS, April 29.—The provisional re-eivers of Comptoire d'Escompte have in signed a deed constituting a new company. The deed gives the present holders of shares 40,000 founders shares, besides the right to twenty per cent. of the

profits. A syndicate of l tees the entire amount of the capital in the event of the shares not being taken. REPROVED BY THE POPE. ROME, April 26.—The Pope to-day summoned Father Agostino and reproved

Humbert and the Italian army. THE COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE. BERLIN, April 26 .- The American delegates to the Samoan conference were rereived on their arrival here by attaches of the United States legation.

REPORTORIAL RIPPLES.

The regular drill of the Asheville Light this city, at the latter's residence, corner Infantry took place at the armory in the Johnston building last evening,

> Not a single case was tried in the police court vesterday, and no arrests were could be obtained. The authorities made by the police during the day.

leave the city for New York to-day to at-

A failure on the part of subscribers to receive THE CITIZEN regularly and prompt ly should be reported to the business office of the company.

It is understood that the colored voters of the city intend to nominate their candate for alderman at the court house The old brick church on South Main

street is being demolished. In its place will be presently erected the factory of the Asheville Tobacco Manufacturing Co.

Another restaurant is to be opened in the Sluder building, on Pulliam street, early next week. The name of the firm

conducting the business will be Willis &

Only one week more remains before the registration books of the city are closed. Have you registered? If not, you had better "get a move" on yourself and register at once. Delays are dangerous, and sometimes result in defeat. Register.

A superior quality of white pipe clay has been discovered during excavations on Charlotte street. This clay makes an adopted. excellent building brick, and the "find' will no doubt be worked by some enter-

Barker & Co., proprietors of the 'Fancy Fruit Store" on South Main street, will bereafter advertise all late receipts of goods in their line in THE CITIzen each morning. Sensible men are Barker & Co.

when it stated that Maj. Wm. E. Breese its second reading, with provisos that was master of ceremonies at the "house- the work shall be completed within six warming" of the Cosmopolitan Club months, and that this privileges should Thursday evening. He was chairman of not be deemed exclusive. the committee on supper, and a glorious supper it was.

All day yesterday were the officers and board of governors of the Cosmopolitan Club recipients of unusually complimentary congratulations upon the brilliant success attending the formal opening of that institution Thursday evening. A more delightful affair than this occasion Our friends of the Cosmopolitan indeed

Engineer and Fireman Killed. road near the latter city to-day.

Ivy City Races Postponed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26 .- The Ivy City races are postponed until Monday because of the condition of the track rom two days' incessant rain.

GARREN GOT AWAY.

William Garren, the ex-convict, is again

He jumped from a train moving at a peed of forty miles per hour at Haw River station, in Alamance county, about fifty miles west of Raleigh Thursday morning, and succeeded in making good us escape.

the city yesterday morning, are as fol-

Wednesday night, the officer told Garren that he would be compelled to HANDCUFF AND SHACKLE HIM.

The prisoner began crying, and protested that he would make no attempt at an escape. The passengers in the car also began pleading finally Mr. Sams acceded to their entreaprofuse in his thanks to the policeman, advocates. and again pledged that he would give the officer no trouble whatsoever. Arriving at Greensboro the second change ZANZIBAR, April 26.—Bushrie, chief of cars was safely made, and Garren, else save concocting a plan whereby he might gain his liberty. The train rolled satisfactorily until the train began nearing Haw River station, about four o'clock Thursday morning. Garren was coiled up on two car seats and

WAS SNORING AWAY manner that seemed to disturb the passengers very much. Everybody in the car thought he was sound asleep, as did also officer Sams. The latter nkers guaran- arose from his seat, and went to the water-closet, first asking a couple of gentlemen to watch Garren and not permit him to rise from the seat during his absence. Mr. Sams had only been absent a minute him for his recent sermon in which he in-voked the Divine blessing upon King the cry,

"YOUR PRISONER'S GONE!" The bell-cord was rung and the officer umped from the train fifty yards below the place where Garren had alighted when be made his ump. A strict search was made by the officer, and a posse was quickly gathered that formed a circle and scoured the country for eight miles around in search of the escaped convict. The search was continued until four o'clock Thursday afternoon but

NO TRACE OF GARREN at Raleigh were notified of the Raleigh.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Damages Proposed and Values Increased -Passed on its Second Reading.

At a meeting of the City Council held last evening, reports of jurors upon the opening and widening of North Main street, South Main street, and the street between the freight and passenger depots of the Western North Carolina railroad,

were made as follows: "The proposed improvement to North Main street will incur to the city the extion is desired. The scheine as projected prices yesterday. Offerings were rather pense of replacing fences, walls, etc., on the proposed new lines." This report was adopted.

> On South Main street the following damages were proposed: To F. A. Hull, \$1,500

> 380 Mrs. Atkins, ... " F. M. Snider. all of which was laid on the table for future consideration.

On the street between the two depots the jury assessed as enhanced value, to the Western North Carolina Railroad Co., \$300, and to the Southern Improvement Co., \$200, which the jury considered sufficient to grade the street and build a bridge. This report was also

Upon the suggestion of Starnes Bros. a new street recently opened by them was adopted as a public street, and named Starnes' avenue.

Alderman Westall wisely suggested that streets had better be named in honor of deceased heroes than of fiving ones. The proposal of the Asheville Street Railway Company, to amend its ordipance so as to include Pulliam and THE CITIZEN was in error yesterday Water streets in its line, was adopted on

Quick work of Our Firemen.

An alarm of fire was struck yesterday afternoon, just as a Citizen man reached the public square. He instinctively cast an eye on the city clock. The hands marked 3.07. The fire was on Davidson street, 500 yards distant; the Hook and Ladder company were on the spot at were composed of the following gentle-5.10, and the fire company one minute men, members of the Lodge:
On Invitation—R. L. Graham, H. C. really was would be difficult to imagine. later. This is excellent time for a voluntake pleasure in urging the next adminis-Carty, E. V. Jones. tration, whoever may compose it, to af-Bins and fireman James Merrimon were Their energy and promptness certainly Monroe, D. W. Furman.

> organized the North Carolina Emmigra- officer and member of Swannanon Lod tion Association. About 3,000 negroes were present, and nearly every county in evening of genuine pleasure and social the State was represented.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, TRUTH.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP,

By the Members of Swannand Lodge, No. 36, at Their Lodge Room Last Evenber.

Seventy years ago yesterday Thomas Wildey, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheaten and Richard Rushworth assem oled together in a little room of one of The facts concerning the affair as re- the mercantile establishments in the city ated by police officer Sams, who had of Baltimore, Md., and after many hours Garren in charge, and who returned to of careful and carnest thought and discussion evolved the great ideas and principles of Odd-Fellowship-an Order which has to-day millions upon millions of adwhere a change of cars was to be made herents, and known and respected, eseemed and venerated wherever a human being lives and breathes.

From the burning sands of Africa to the ice-covered regions of the Arctic zone; north, east, south and west; from pole to pole, Odd-Fellowship is taught and known. Based upon the strong and everwith the officer in Garren's behalf, and living principles of Priendship, Love and Truth, this Order grows and prospers, ties much against his will. Garren was surprising even, to its most enthusiastic

> OBJECTS OF THE ORDER. The main objects of Odd-Fellowship

blind; Lift up the drooping heart; the widow cheer, And wipe away the helpless orphan's tear.

Fidelity on the part of the membership, tot only to the laws and obligations of the Order but to the laws of God, the laws of the land, and to all the duties of citizenship, is strictly enjoined; good faith towards each other, and fair dealing with their fellow-men are firmly, yet fraternally enforced, and love for truth and honor, as cardinal virtues, is earnestly

This is really Odd-Fellowship, and amid the influences inspired by these principles SWANNANOA LODGE, NO. 56.

elebrated the seventieth anniversary of the founding of this noble Order at its lodge-room in Masonic Temple, on Patton avenue, last evening. The four walls of the room were tastily decorated with evergreens woven into wreaths, arches and letters symbolic of the motto and objects of Odd-Fellowship, while the Stars and Stripes and national bunting were none the less conspicuous, hanging in many heavy, graceful folds on either side of the

The audience was not a large one, but it would be indeed difficult to bring together a more refined, intelligent or appreciative one than that which witnessed the exercises of the evening. The officers and members of the Lodge in Quite a number of Ashevillians will affair, and policeman Sams left on their pretty and attractive regalins presented a splendid effect, while the kindness and courtesy which they extended to those "without the fold," was a subject of much pleasant comment among the invited guests.

THE EXERCISES

of the evening were begun with an invocation by Rev. George H. Bell, chaplain, followed by an explanation of the Order by Noble Grand Jas. P. Sawyer, and Vice Grand Henry C. Fagg. Following the explanation a Thanksgiving Ode was sung by the entire assembly, and a prayer by the chaplain brought this part of the program to an end. Past Grand H. A. Gudger, after stating the inability of Hon. Chas. M. Busbee, Past Grand Sire of the Order in the United States, to be present, delivered the anniversary oration, describing in detail the objects and principles of Odd-Fellowship from its founding to the present time, and especially, the attitude it maintained regarding charity, etc., etc.

Mr. Gudger having concluded his remarks, an ode-"Our Plag," was sung, the benediction pronounced, and Noble Grand Sawyer announced that the most delightful part of the program would be taken up. This was a

SPLENDID COLLATION, nsisting of fruits, creams and the delicacies of the season. Elegant souvenir Japanese handkerchiefs were presented to each guest, officer and member, and a corps of trained servants flitted noiseessly hither and thither supplying the assemblage with the delightful refreshments so abundantly and elegantly prepared by the brethren of "Swannanoa,

THE OFFICERS of Swannanoa Lodge, are as follows: N. G .- Jas. P. Sawyer. V. G.-Henry C. Fagg. C.-E. V. Jones. W.-A. J. Blair. S.-B. H. Cosby T .- R. L. Graham. R. S. to N. G .- D. S. Hilderbrand. L. S. to N. G .- J. H. Woody. R. S. to V. G .- P. A. Cummings. L. S. to V. G .- D. W. Furman. R. S. S.-D. J. McLellan, L. S. S .- B. F. Young, I. G .- J. A. Wagner.

O. G .- D. R. McKinnon

Chaplain-Rev. Geo. H. Bell. THE COMMITTEES Pagg, W. D. Hilliard. On Decoration-P. A. Cummings, B. F. Young, B. R. Glenn.

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