REV. W. S. P. BRYAN

Much Improved in Health-Ris

The many friends of Rev. W. S. P.

learn of the improvement in that gentle

will return to Asheville on Friday next

"Titesville, Pa., May 23, 1889.

"I expect to reach Asheville on Friday

to THE CITIZEN SAYS:

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of the beauties of style."

We will make a brief stop in Louis

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CUMBERLAND GAP'S

Wonderful Growth and Recent In

dustrial Development.

hundred coke ovens have been built;

oig hotel is doing a large business, and

three others are to be erected at once.

All vacant lots in and surrounding the

town have been bought, the purchasers

being compelled under contract to creet a

ouse costing not less than \$,1000 on

Cumberland Gap mountain extends

twelve hundred feet with nine hundred

completed, and more to be built; numer-

think that Cumberland Gap is the most

wonderfully progressive town in the

PURELY PERSONAL.

noon train. Yours very truly, "W. S. P. BRYAN."

THE MYSTERY GROWS.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS

A Detective Arrested who Grow Nervous Under Examination A Milkman who Witnessed a Suspicious Scene.

CHICAGO, May 25.—William Mertes, alkman who lives in the neighborhoo of the Carlson cottage, in which it is suj posed that Dr. Cronin was murdered tells a story which adds to the evidence leading to that conclusion. On the night of the murder between 8.30 and 90 clock. about the hour at which it is supposed that Dr. Cronin arrived there in a buggy with the man who came for him, Merte left his house to visit a grocery at the corner of Ashland avenue and Otto street, which is only a short block south of the Carlson cottage. He walked east on Addison avenue to Ashland and then turned south on East Side walk. As he neared the Carlson cottage a buggy containing two men rolled up to the edge of the ditch. One of the men, whom Mertes described as a tall and apparently ath-letic man, sprang from the buggy and ran up the front stairs of the cottage, the door of which was thrown open before he ever knocked for admission. Scarcely had the door closed again when the sound of loud and angry voices within the cottage startled the milkman. He looked searchingly at the man in the buggy, but the stranger's face was shrouded by the brim of a soft felt hat, and Mertes was unable to tell whether he was stout or slender, fairor dark. The fellow whipped his horse into a gallop, drove to Addison avenue and then turned in the direction of the lake. Mertes says Grand Lodge of that order. there was a dim light in the front room and that the man who went up the steps, presumably Dr. Cronin, wore a long brown overcoat. Mrs. Couklin, the wo man at whose house Dr. Cronin lived, says that the Doctor wore a long brown overcoat on the night of the murder.

A Police Officer Implicated.

CHICAGO, May 25 .- A morning paper publishes a story which implicates a number of the Chicago police in the taking off of Dr. Cronin. The officer in question is detective Daniel Caughlin. The story published is to the effect that on the morning of the day on which Dr. Cronin disappeared, Caughlin engaged at a livery stable not far from where Dr. Cronin lived, a horse and buggy which he said a friend of his would call for that eyening; that a man called and was given a white horse similar to the one attached to the buggy in which Cronin was decoyed away; that the time of going and the description of the man corresponded minutely, both with the time when the man came for Dr. Cronin, and with the appearance of the man himself; that Caughlin subsequently cautioned the livery stable keeper to say nothing

about the matter.
Force is added to these revelations from the fact that Caughlin was a men ber of one or more societies of which Cronin was a member, and that they were enemies. The matter was finally brought to the attention of the chief of police, Hubbard, who seems inclined to take serious view of the matter and promises to probe it to the bottom.

Detective Caughlin was brought down to the Superintendent's office at 4:30 p. mayor Cregier being present. lasted over two hours. Caughlin was allowed to tell his story and then he was taken in hand by the mayor, attorney Hynes and the corporation council. He stood their fire of questions for a while with a fair degree of self possension. Then it is reported he became flurried and nervous but said nothing that could be used against him. He was locked up.

It is reported that C. T. Long, who sent the dispatches from Teronto to several Chicago papers to the effect that had seen and conversed with Dr Cronin in that city several days after be was murdered here, has been seen in Chicago within the past week. rumor cannot now be verified.

THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS.

The Case Between Mecklenburg Presbytery and the Synod-Sabbath Observance, Etc.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 25.-The Southern Presbyterian Assembly opened at 9 o'clock this morning. Reports of the standing committee on education and systematic beneficence fixed the collection days of the ensuing year as follows: January and August, collections for sustentation fund; February, for church erection; March, for publication; April, for foreign missions; June and September for evangelistic funds; July for invalid funds; December for colored evangelistic fund and Tuscaloosa institute.

The assembly agreed to advise the people to sign the petition to Congress to tion in the northern part of the State. adopt a law against Sunday work except works of necessity and mercy so far the jurisdiction of the general government extends, with the usual exceptions in favor of those who observe another day says: As the eastbound passenger of the week as the Sabbath. The petition train on the Texas and Pacific railroad of necessity and mercy was carried.

brought up for discussion. This is a very complicated case which has been about off and escaped. three times before the general assembly, synod of North Carolina and Mecklenburg presbytery respectively. Rev. D. H. Robinson was convicted in a court of wife, who was granted a divorce and alimony which was never paid. The communion and ministry. The synod up to the General Assembly at St. Louis

were filed. Minor matters were attended to. The next annual session is to be held at

austaining for most part the presbytery

was adopted to-day. Written protests

Carnegie's Reductions. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 25.-Indications are that there will be no strike at the Hanstead steekplant of Carnegie & Co., over the new scale proposed by the firm.

A workman stated to-day that upwards cess of the 25 per cent. rule: of 1,000 of the workmen had accepted and that it was probable that all others would sign the scale before it went into effect. The scale reduces wages about 20 per cent, and threats of a general strike were made when the notice as posted a week ago. It will remain in force three years.

RAIFIGH NEWS.

Ruffins' Funeral-The Durham Track War.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25 .- [Special.] Gov. Fowle has returned from his visit to the musical festival at Petersburg, Va. and is greatly gratified at the cordiality

It is learned that the frost of day before otton. This grows rather discouraging n connection with the damage by hail and the poor stand of cotton.

Work began this morning on the gradng of the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina railway. It is an important line and will be finished through without

The funeral services of Hon, Thomas Ruffin, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court were held here at Hillsboro at 7 o'clock his evening. The attendance was remarkably large. The Supreme Court was represented by Chief Justice Smith and clerk Keenan. Many prominent awyers were present.

The convention of the Protestant Epis opal diocese of eastern Carolina has adjourned after approving alterations in the book of Common Prayer.

N. B. Broughton left here this morning for Chicago, to represent the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of North Carolina at the session of the internationa Judge Bynum has dissolved the injune

ion against the Durham & Northern Railway and directs that road to build its track through the town of Durham long side of the Richmond & Danville ailway. This apparently ends one of he most interesting railway conflicts which has occured in years. The Durham & Northern road built its track in one night on a street in Durham along side Richmond & Danville road. After the njungtion had been applied for a bitter ontest which assumed all sorts of phases was waged by the Richmond & Danville and the Scaboard system. Work will be resumed Monday on the Durham &

A Child Killed.

Northern track:

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25-Yesterday. William Jackson, of Sampson went to the town of Dunn, taking his little girl. As they were returning home, lackson walking and the little girl driving, the horse became frightened, ran away and immediately killed the girl.

MUST SHOW CAUSE.

Indge Bond's Mandamus Issued for the Rutherford Officials.

Judge Hugh L. Bond, of the United States Circuit Court for the Western ford, this State, to show cause on the 17th day of June next, why they should not be inited for contempt of his court in refusing to turn over to the officials of the Three C's railroad, the balance of the interest due on the bonds of Rutherford county, issued to assist in the building of said road.

RIOTOUS MINERS.

They Threaten to Close Mines by Force-Two Dynamite Bombs.

JOLIET. III., May 25,-The expected trouble at Braidwood mines vesterday did not occur as none of the men at tempted to go to work. Some strikers brew a couple of dynamite bombs upon the property of the Wilmington Coal Assaciation which exploded with a loud oise and which startled the Braidwood people considerably. It is thought that no attempt will be made to resume work in the mines before Monday.

PRINCETON, Ills., May 25.—Sheriff Hen derson who has been on guard the last two weeks at Statonville, a mining town near here, yesterday telegraphed for reinforcements. The city marshal has left with a posse. A riot is anticipated as the striking miners of Spring Valley. salle and Streator have threatened to close the mines by force. Coal mines at Statonville are the only ones in opera-

Another Train Robbery.

St. Louis, May 25.-A Post dispatch has a telegram from Dallas, Texas, which urging ministers and members to refrain reached the outskirts of the city at from traveling on Sunday except in cases 9.30 last night, two masked men with drawn revolvers entered the express car the commission on was insensible, took his keys and robbed the safe of \$1,500, pulled the bell cord my wishes for her future will be those of complaint of Mecklenburg presbytery was insensible, took his keys and robbed against the synod of North Carolina was the safe of \$1,500, pulled the bell cord and when the train slowed up, jumped

Destitution Among Miners. CHICAGO, May 25 .- A dispatch from Indianapolis, Ind. says: Two miners Mecklenburg county of disserting his who compose the committee from the Clay county miners, are here soliciting aid. They state that the miners are suf-Presbytery suspended Robinson from fering from want and that the destitution in many families is terrible. Of 18, partly reversed this decision. The pres- 000 miners who quit work rather than bytery appealed and the case was sent to submit to 15 cents reduction, hardly one in 50 has any means to live upon. which sustained the presbytery. It was Many of the miners are leaving the courremanded and again sent to the general try, but those having families are powertry, but those having families are powerassembly. The report of the commission less to get away.

Weekly Bank Statement,

	NEW YORK, May 25 The weekly
1	bank statement is as follows:
١	Reserve, increase \$973,025
	Loans,decrease
	Specie, decrease 1,287,000
	Legal tenders, increase18,842,000
	Deposits, decrease 1,503,300
	Circulation, decrease 10,600
	The banks now hold \$13,231,000 in ex-

The Editor of the Greensboro Workman gives his impressions of a sermon by Evangelist Pearson as follows: "We are impressed with two things mainly. At Cincinnati—Rain prevented gas between Louisville and Cincinnati, The intense carnestness of the preacher. 2. His rigid adherence to the line of essential truth, sacrificing all mere verbiage Consul Joseph Hoff telegraphs from and ormentation to the one purpose of Washington, D. C., May 25.—Indica-Vera Cruz that there is no yellow fever reaching the hearer's conscience with the ions for North Carolina—Rain; cooler;

COUNT HERBERT IS KIND

AND BAMOAN AFFAIRS ARE ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT.

The Conference will Close in a Few Days—The Proposed Re-view at Strasburg Excites France and is Given Up.

Berlin, May 25.-Sir Edward Malet, Mr. Kasson and Herr Halstein, as the committee of revision, completed to-day been visiting relatives and friends in the esterday has done some damage to a draft of the protocol concerning Samoan questions. It contains clauses relating to the municipal government of Apia, the coaling port held by the powers, the land commission and autonomy dial reception to their popular pastor of the Samoan government, the text of which has already been cabled to Washington and approved by Blainc. The remaining clauses defining the tariff of Sa-moa, the constitution of the native gov-ernment and the limitation of the Gerble contact with the commission.

le contact with the examission. Your columns wherever 1 have been. I have compared your telegraphic service of the delegates, to prevent the winding with that of other papers along the line up of the conference on Tuesday, when of my travel and am gratified by the combusiness is expected to be limited to the parison. For fullness and comprehenexchange of signatures to the agreement. The success of the commission and the rapidity with which business was got

through with was partly due to the conciliatory attitude of Count Herbert Bismarck and the impartial policy displayed by Sir Edward Malet and largely to the hope to return next week ready to begin American commissioners having definite instructions covering every point. The tees marvelously expedited matters, plenary sittings of the conference having little to do further than to hear reports. Throughout no embarrassing develop-ments have retarded the progress of deliberations. When the conference began it was announced that the foreign fune. Discussion has taken course and

ssue according to the forecast. The German official world, following the example of its chiefs, treats the American commissioners with high favor If they responded to all their hardwould be in work the track of its rival corporation the creation. Count Herbert gave con-kickmond & Danville road. After the spicuous emphasis to his friendly feeling with each of the commissioners by his recting at the Tempelhofer parade when he left the parade to converse with each commissioners, riding between the car-riages of Kasson and Bates and Phelps nd exchanging cordial words with them. King Humbert's projected visited to

Strassburg was countermanded after the Italian embassy received a telegram from Paris reporting a disturbance in the pub-Arrangements at Strassburg included a review of the garrison and night attack on the citadel. After Signor rispi had referred the matter to Prince Bismar k, it was announced that King lumbert would not visit Strassburg, but yould keep on the Baden side of the Rhine on his homeward journey. Neither Signor Crispi nor Prince Bismarck care at the present juncture to over-excite the

The New British Vacht.

GRAVESEND, May 23 .- The Valkyric and a fair show to-day and came out of district of North Carolina has issued s to be the fastest sixty-ton cutter ever splendidly. The cutter proved herself mandamus ordering the commissioners built here by a long way. In as fair a day's sailing as the Thames affords she eat the Yarana by twenty-four minutes nd the Irex (not timed) by at least orty-four over a thirty-six-mile course The Irex was under reduced canyas, but his does not account for the difference

King Humbert in Germany.

Berlin, May 25.-King Humbert and imperor William will go to Strasburg o-morrow. Their Majesties will review he entire garrison on the esplanade at the depot. King Humbert will not reurn to Berlin, but will proceed on his omeward journey from Strasburg.

Lincoln Presented to the Queen. London, May 25 .- Mr. Robt. T. Linola, American Minister, proceeded from each lot purchased; the tunnel through condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon to Windsor this afternoon and Comberland Can proportion of the condon the condon to Windsor the condon the c resented his credentials to the Queen.

Lision, May 25.-A dynamite bomb was exploded at the door at the Civil overnor's house at Oporto to-day mashing the windows of the building

Boulangists Active.

LONDON, May 25 .- At a meeting General Boulanger's supporters held at his residence in this city, it was decided

to contest all elections in France. MR. GREEN'S CARD.

through your columns my appreciation of the many kind attentions and courte-

ies which I have received from the peo

assist me in my search after information

triends I have made here have been unu

sually warm. My recollections of Ashe

a true friend. I hope (if anything in the

way of a suggestion will not be misun

derstood) that there will soon be a com-

plete compilation of all the important

statistics relating to the city. There is much important information which may

be needed at a moment's notice which

would require many days in the gather

ing. Not a day passes, I think, without

it would be if there was a book—and a large one at that—published each year to record the wonderful growth of this won-

drous city. In all the fair South there is

no fairer, and it is with reluctance un

of all the kindness that I have received

Maschall Vesterday.

At Augusta-Chattanooga 2, At

At Washington-Washington 1 in sev

enth, Pittsburg 4. At Philadelphia—10 innings—Philadel

At Boston-Boston 8, Indianapolis 4.

At St. Louis-St. Louis 10, Kansas

At New York-New York 8, Chicago 9

At Columbus - Columbus 1, Brook-

Weather Indications.

JOHN I. GREEN.

come to me, I can but say:

in 3, Cleveland 4

thee, lovely city; God speed thee!"

ple of Asheville during my stay here.

His Appreciation of Asheville and Mr. E. T. Clemmons has gone to Philathe Attention of Her People. Editors of the Citizen:-Before leaving

Mr. J. M. Campbell returned from Cum berland Gap yesterday. Capt. H. C. Fagg will return from Wil

mington this afternoon, has seemed a pleasure with every one to Rev. Geo. H. Bell and Mr. H. L. Lang returned from Wilmington yesterday and the cordiality and hospitality of the

Maurice Fels, Esq., of Philadelphia and Chas. B. Nelms, of Baltimore, were at the Swannanoa last night.

Messrs. Fre I. L. Jacobs, A. J. Blair, J. A. Porter and A. H. Cobb are expected to return from Wilmington this morning Contractor John J. Jacoby of the Asheville sewerage system left last night for New York. He will be gone about five

many letters of inquiry being received by days. B. H. Rucker, Columbia, S. C.: I. H Hendricks, Statesville, N. C., and F. R. Armstrong, Gainesville, Ga., are at the

> Manager Ed. Weddin, of the Southern Express office in this city, left last night for High Point to visit his father, and also to look after some express business in which the Asheville office is concerned. Henry Ward Beecher's grand-daughter.

Miss Kate Eunice Beecher, was married in New York on Tuesday to W. A. Harper, son of the senior member of the world-noted Harpers. Mr. and Mrs. Harper are at the Battery Park.

Mr. John L Green, the able and clever traveling correspondent of the Charles. ton World, leaves for home this morning after a two weeks' stay in Asheville. Mr. Green has made many friends while here who will be glad to again welcome his presence in the city.

Attend divine worship at your church

NATIONAL TOPICS.

DISBURSING OFFICER FOR ASHEVILLE'S BUILDING.

Bryan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Proposals for Three New Cruis church of this city, will be pleased to ers-No More Secrecy in the Civil Service Eligible List-Another Sunday Jannt. nan's health, and also to know that be

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Bond offerings to-flay aggregated \$335,856, all four and halfs at 108 and all accepted. been visiting relatives and friends in the Advertisements for proposals for North for the past four weeks, and the onstruction of three cruisers for the Navy were to-day issued from the Navy congregation worshiping at the First Department, under authority of act of Congress of September 1st, 1888. The dial reception to their popular pastor dial reception to their popular pastor bids will be opened August 1st, 1889 ladies of the city, asking donations of upon his return. Mr. Bryan in a letter These vessels are to be of 12,000 tons hisplacement and are to exhibit a maximum speed of at least 18 knots an hour for four consecutive hours. They are to man claims for indemnity from natives have been framed in consonance with instructions from Blaine who is in daily called a support of the contract and payments will be made in twenty equal installments the work progresses. The cost of the vessels exceeding any premium that may be paid work progresses. The cost of the vessels exceeding any premium that may be paid for increased speed and cost of armament, but including equipment, is limited to an amount not exceeding \$750,000. Each of the proposals is divided into four classes. first being for the vessel in accordance siveness you equal the newspapers of citwith the plans of the Secretary of the Navy, second for plans of the contractor, third "My trip has been very beneficial to me in many respects. My health is better being for the Secretary's hull and the contractor's machinery, and fourth for the contractors hull and the Secretary's and I have had entire rest from the labors machinery. This last class is an innovaion in naval advertisements.

The civil service commission has changed its rule by providing, that hereafter, the list of eligibles to appointment in t e government service and their standing shall be made public. The President to day approved the change. Historic and Literary Entertainsioner Roosevelt in an interview to-day explained that the change was partly the result of the opinion held by the com-The rare treat in store for such of our citizens as may be privileged to hear mission that in our form of government Prof. Tripp, may be gathered from the publicity is a good thing, unless special reasons to the contrary exist, and partly following from the Princeton (N. I.) owing to the fact that the secrecy here-Press, Dec. 15, 1888. A course of three tofore maintained had failed of its objects. It was intended when the rule of "They have been instructive and have secreey was adopted to prevent political ommanded undivided attention, al-rough each lecture was fully an hour in pressure being brought to bear in favor of any particular individual. It has The subjects have been such as proven by experience, that the politicians have been able to gain a knowlenge of people in whom they were interested are calculated to interest all classes, modrn, of our own times, and as near world wide in their reach as could well be-Louis Napoleon, the Eastern Question and that they made use of this knowl-edge to obtain preference for given indi-viduals. The commission think that the and Maximilian and Carlotta in Europe change will prevent the possibility of arly felicitious style, hardly surpassed, liscrimination

nusical, every word admirably fitted, which will remain an abiding souvenir The comptroller of the currency to-day with all who heard, who know anything Suffolk, Va., to begin business. Capital

Prof. Tripp made a lecture tour is North Carolina in 1876, but did not visit Asheville. He is arranging for a Ala.; David G. Rose disbursing agent for course of two evenings here to come off he public building at Abingdon, Va. Wm. R. Kerr superintendent of the pulthe latter part of the present week, to be building at Key West, Fla.; C. B. given to subscribers and their friends. Moore disbursing agent for the public building at Asheville, N. C. His productions are emphatically indorsed and commended by eminent au-President Harrison, Attorney General

Miller, Private Secretary Halford, Gen-eral Geo. B. Williams, of this city, and thorities in Europe and America, includng our own State Chief Justice Smith Representative Anderson, of Kansas, left and Dr. Grissom, of Raleigh, and the late here this afternoon for a trip down Ches Rev. Dr. Charles Phillips, of Chapel Hill.

REPORTORIAL RIPPLES.

From Mr. J. M. Campbell who returned rom Cumberland Gap, Tenn., yesterday sold \$28,000 worth of real estate during THE CITIZEN learns of the wonderful progress now being made in the development

The Ballew farm, sold at publicauction of that place. Contracts for the erection resterday, was purchased by Mr. W. M. of nine iron furnaces have been let: four Worley, of this city.

Mail trains from Salisbury and Sparanburg were an hour late in reaching the city vesterday afternoon.

Mr. John Erwin has been appointed ianitor at the city hall, by Mayor Blanton, in place of Mr. Kennedy, removed. There is a probability of an ice war in bench show is fixed at fifty cents. Asheville, and rival dealers are freezing in their manner to one another, so to

eet more to finish; the railroad nearly No tobacco sales were had at any of ons saw-mills and enterprises in operathe warehouses vesterday. It was Sattion and projected, and the investment urday and general house-cleaning day of large amounts of capital in icon and coal development, makes Mr. Campbell

The heaviest windstorm known ty minutes.

Another breakage in the pipes at the waterworks occurred vesterday afternoon, and the water supply throughout the city remained shut off several hours

in consequence. Don't forget the military fair Toesday evening. Take your best girl out to wit- bail forfeited. ness the fancy drills, "set up" the cream and help the Light Infantry boys pur

chase their much needed uniforms. The breaking of the derrick used joisting the big smokestack at Battery Park yesterday afternoon caused the proprietors of that hotel a loss of over \$200 in the demolition brought about by the accident. Nobody was burt.

A special meeting of the City Conneil will be held at the city hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock to take final action upon the report of the jury appointed to ssess damages and benefits arising from the widening of South Main street. Those interested in the matter should be on hand at the meeting.

Stage Robbory.

SHAWANO, Wis., May 25,-The Longde stage, carrying the mall between everal points in Ontogamie county was tured. Six passengers were on board, but no resistance was offered. None of them were robbed although all had of their duties,

The World's Cotton Supply. NEW YORK, May 25.-The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 1,954,-193 bales, of which 1,279,493 are Amer-

bales respectively last year. Receipts at all inferior towns are 5,910 bales; receipts at plantations 5,318 bales; of his (Miller's) own preference.

THE LIGHT INFANTRY

Fair Tuesday Evening to be Grand Occasion.

The committee appointed by the Ashe ville Light Infantry to make all necessary arrangements for holding the military fair at the Farmers' warehouse Tuesday evening, have about completed

their labors in that direction. The committee has worked carnestly and faithfully to make the occasion success from every standpoint, and among other things looking to this end, have addressed a circular letter to the ting their presence and assistance in making the military fair what it should bebe finished within two years from date a financial success. Answers to these circular letters are urgently requested, and at once, in order that no confusio may be experienced in the successful holding of the fair. These answers must be sent in to the committee, consisting of Sergeant C. D. Clark, J. H. Lindsey and W. I. Fitzgerald.

Seven hundred dollars is the amount required to purchase the uniforms needed by the Light Infantry. One hundred dollars of this sum was donated vesterday, and it is to be hoped that the attendance upon the fair Tuesday evening will be such as to render the raising of the remaining \$600 an easy task. Help the Light Infantry.

ENGLISH FARMERS

To be Colonized in Western North Carolina atan Early Day.

Maurice Fels, Esq., of Philadelphia, is n the city. He is the special agent of a large English syndicate whose headonar ters are in London. This syndicate con templates the colonization of English farmers in the Southern States, and this is one of the reasons why Mr. Fels is here. He has come to "spy out the land." I he finds it good the London syndicate will not be slow in sending the sturdy Briton agriculturist, possessed of modererate means, to Western North Carolina o seek his fortune among the fertile vallevs which here abound. Colonies, like inthorized the First National Bank of that at Bowman's Bluff, will at once dot the French Broad and Pigeon, and all The Secretary of the Treasury to-day the country round about will be the betappointed F. G. Sheppard, superintendter for their coming. Mr. Fels has made
at tour of inspection through portions of the country round about will be the beta tour of inspection through portions of Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania, visiting the English colony at Bowman's Bluff. He was simply charmed with what he saw, and his report to the London people will be made as soon as further examinations and investigations of this section are made by him.

The Knoxville Bench Show

apeake bay. It is supposed they will will be held at Elmwood Park, Knox-river, two miles from Asheville. These spend to-morrow in Hampton Roads off ville. Tenn., on Tuesday and Wednesday, limits however may be extended later in the party will return the party will return the season, as them seem to be coming ections of the great festival to up in ever increasing num be held in the above named city during in this immediate locality. Natt Atkinson & Son, of this city have the second week in June. The entries, which are limited to one hundred and fifty dogs, of all classes, will include several from this city, and medals, cash prizes and diplomas will be awarded to June 1, by Mr. A. C. C. Master, 97 Gay street, Knoxville, and the proceeds of the show, after deducting expenses, will be Knoxville. Railroads will run excursion

Deputy collector A. H. Baird of the internal revenue service, returned vester day morning from Morganton, where he arrested Alf Cook and another moonshiner named Carseland, near the Western Insane Asylum, at that place, Thurs-The new uniforms of the Rescae Hook day night. There were four parties enand Ladder boys have arrived, and a gaged in illicit liquor manufacturing and special meeting of the company has been retailing, but two of them managed to called for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, make their escape. Cook and Carseland were taken to Morganton where a prein liminary examination was held before years prevailed in the city about 7 o'clock United States Commissisgier McKesson. last evening. No damage was done. They were bound over to the federal however. The storm lasted about twen-court to stand trial and in default of mil, were later on committed to jail.

The Police Court.

Six cases were disposed of at the morn

John Dover, violation of ordinances 670 and 675; guilty. Fined \$10 in each case; James Rash, violation of ordinance 641

guilty. Fined \$5.00. Minnie Thompson, violation of ordiance 655; guilty. Fined \$5 or five days'

mprisonment Lee Allman, violation of ordinance 641 guilty. Fined \$25. William Erwin, violation of ordinance

644; guilty. Fined \$3.50. Defendants were all white

Chief of Police Baird.

This gentleman was sworn into office as chief of police of the city upon his arrival from Morganton yesterday morning. Col. Baird, however, will not assume formal charge of the police department until June 1, owing to an inability to settle up the offairs of his present office as deputy collector in the internal revenue service, before the date mentioned. held up near this place last evening by a The new officers of the police force were also sworn in by the Mayor yesterday, and at once entered upon the discharge

Alderman Miller desires THE CITIZEN to state that when he placed the name of L. H. Smith in nomination for the office ican, against 2,009,195 and 1,409,395 of chief of police at the meeting of the

THE SINGING SWARM

WHICH NOW FILLS FOREST. GROVE AND GARDEN.

ne Instructive Observations by One Who Remembers Three Visits of the Locusts-What

It is but natural that much interest should be manifested in the little insects which are now swarming in countless millions over the trees and shrubs in forest, grove and garden of this section of our State, and THE CITIZEN ever ready to encourage study and research, has devoted such time and talent as it has at command, to an investigation of this most curious development of nature.

Our conclusion is that our visitors do not belong to the family of locusts which were one of the plagues of Egypt, and forcibly described in many portions of Holy Writ, but are of the species cicada, and the lineal descendants of those, who seventeen long years ago, deposited their tiny eggs in the twigs of the very trees which their offspring now infest.

We are aware that many people deny the fact that the cicadas return at intervals of seventeen years, and such hasty examination as we have been able to give the authorities within reach, indicates that a majority of these ignore that which to us is an indisputable truth in natural history.

We have at hand The Encyclopedia Brittanica, The Penny Cyclopedia, The International Cyclopedia, and two editions of Chambers Cyclopedia, and only in the last mentioned, that published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., in 1879, do we find any reference to seventeen year locust. In it under the head "Cicada" we read "A remarkable species, The Cicada Septemdecim, appears in the middle United States at intervals of seventeen years and is known as the seventeen year locust. Its larvæ is said to subsist upon juices of the roots of fruit trees, and to be sometimes injurious to them. Its first recorded appearance was in Maryland

Our experience is that these insects can e seen every summer in small numbers, out that they have returned in immense swarms, covering comparatively small sections of country and with limits remarkably well defined, three times within ur recollection, to wit: in the years 1855, 1872 and 1889. The boundaries of this year's invasion, so far as we are at present advised, extend northeast as far as Burnsville, in Yancey county, a distance of thirty-eight miles, and westward several miles beyond the French Broad river, while to the South, we have not heard of any beyond the Swannanoa June 11 and 12, and will form one of the the season, as them seem to be coming

The first signs of their coming were numerous eruptions of clay over the surtace of the ground, which, being overturned, would disclose a hole about threefouths of an inch in diameter, where the winners. Entries will be received until little fellow might be seen beating an ignominious retreat to depths unknown Soon these locust houses were dissolved and their occupants crawledforth, quickcontributed to the public charities of ly attaching themselves to the trunk of some neighboring tree, where they protrains to Knoxville during the festival ceed to divest themselves of their outer week, and the price of admission to the skin, making their exit through a slit in the back, over the shoulders and leaving their deserted shell attached to the tree until dislodged by a passing breeze, or small boy. We can point out some trees near us at this moment, the ground around them literally covered with these described integuments.

The animal, or bird as you choose, when it first comes forth of its shell is of a pole yellow color, almost white, with tender wings folded about its sides, but in an incredibly short space of time it developes into full growth. The color of the body changes to dark brown, the wings extend covering the whole back, and become almost transparent, marked with lines of black. They ascend the trees by crawling to the topmost branches, and there begin their life work by laying their tiny eggs in the most tender twigs, and indicating their appreciation ing session of the police court yesterday of their new existence by their continuous droning song, which as we write these lines, can be heard on every side.

Of the many mysteries connected with these insects the greatest to us is, how they, after so long a burial, can accomplish their resurrection. The holes can often be found in the hardest ground and frequently in crevices between stones of idewalks which have been laid since their interment. We can point out many such places in Asheville now where the cicadas in an almost comatose condition have forced an exit. Their holes when traced downward seem to run together as though a nest of eggs had been hatched at one spot at a depth of two feet below

Another puzzling problem is, how do the eggs get from the tree tops, where they are deposited, into the hard ground. Some persons suggest that they pass down with the sap, through the roots. But this seems quite incredible. We incline to the opinion that they change from the egg to a worm before leaving the tree, and as such drop to the ground and byrrow to their long home.

There does not seem to be much damage attributable to our visitors, beyond the killing of numerous twigs chiefly on oak trees. Their continual droning song is their chief annovance to mankind which is to some extent compensated by viewing the pleasure which they afford