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THE PROHIBITION LAW.

Senator McNeill sends us the text of the Prohibition Act just passed, which is as follows :

An act to prohibit the manufacture of spiritous and malt liquors, and to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors in Cumberland county. The General Assembly of North Carolina de

enset: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture in Cumberland county any spiritous or malt liquors, or in said county to sell, barter, exchange or dispose of in any manner directly or indirectly, for gain, revenue or anything of value any spiritous, rinous, malt or fermented liquors, brandy peaches, bitters or any liquor of any name or kind which is intoxicating ; Provided, that any person may manu facture and sell wine and eider made from fruit raised on his premises where the same is not now prohibited by law. Section 2. That any person violat-

ing the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned in the county jail or the penitentiary not exceeding two years, or fined not exceeding \$500, or both in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. That any person who shall, in any manner, directly or indirectly, aid, abet, encourage or assist any person in the violation of any of provisions of Section 1 above shall likewise be guilty of a misden and shall be punished as provided in Section 2.

Section 4. That in all indictments or prosecutions for the violation of this statute, proof that the defendant has, since the passage of this act, obtained a license from the United States, either to manufacture or sell liquors in said county of Cumberland, snall be edge of its qualities and the methods prima facic svidence of violation of this of its cultivation. All tobacco plants, statute.

Section 5. That at the next general election for members of the General Assembly the qualified voters of Cumberland county shall be allowed to vote upon said question as provided for by

Section 6. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed. Section 7. This set shall be in force from and after July 1st, 1901.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, March 13 .- Special. The extra session of the Senate has adjourned without giving Teddy a chance to show his strengousness. If the cloture resolution had been discussed at length, he might have taken some step to prove that in the Vice Presidence he would not be as useless as the fifth

opportunity until next session. Mr. Roosevelt, however, made a num-ber of comical errors as presiding officer which-showed conclusively that his lion hunting exploits in the West had left him no time to study up on the rules of the Senate. He had, of ishes in very dissimilar elimates, but it

be Republicans and the vacanoies would be filled by Republican Govern ors in each State if the failure of the legislature to elect did not prevent an Addicks, however, will certainly try again, and will be backed by all the

power of Senator Hanna and President McKinley. They and many other Ra-publican leaders were strong in their opinion that rather than give the Dem-ocrats another chance it would be best

for Do Pont to compromise and accept the offer of the Addicks side that the two should be sent to the Senate. They are much chagrined and disappointed and make no secret of their res against Du Pont. C. M.

AN INTERESTING HISTORY OF TOBACCO

The Baltimore San gives the sub joined interesting history of tobacco The "Virginia" of which Ralph Lane was Governor, referred to in the article,

is now North Carolina. Says the Sun :

The French Government last week ppropriated funds for the erection of a handsome statue in bronze of Jean Nicot, whose name is immortalized in connection with tobacco. The statue is to be crected in front of the principal Government tobacco factory in Paris and will no doubt revive the old controversy between the lovers and haters of the weed, which has been carsied on ever since Europeans, as the result of the discovery of America, were intro duced to the pleasures and perils of the pipe. The use of tobacco is now so the charitable institutions four years ago.

universal among European peoples and peoples of European origin that it scarcely seems possible that prior to 1586 no Europen had ever used tobacco. risot, it is quite certain, did not intro-duce it into Europe, and his elaim to be regarded as the originator of either the cultivation or the smoking of eco in Europe rests upon very weak foundations.

The tobacco plant itself was first brought to the continent of Europe in 1588 by Francisco Fernandes, who had THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT. been sent by Philip II of Spain to in vestigate the products of Mexico. From Spain some seeds of the plant were sent to Portugal, and Jean Nicot,

who was the French Ambassador to the latter country at the time, secured some of them and sent them to the French Queen Catherine de Medici. Nicot made a study of the plant and was instrumental in spreading a knowlof which there are about fifty varieties,

are grouped by scientists under the name of Nicotiana, and in the analyses made by the French state tobacco factories the distinctive element in tobacco was given the name of nicotine. This

come, though in fact tobacco smoking would have been just as universal to day if he had never lived. The habit nies and other common carriers of the of smoking was initiated in Eegland by Ralph Lane, the first Governor of Virginia [Boanoke Island, North Care-

lina and the adjacent seacoast]. and Sir Francis Drake, who car ried with them to England in 1586 the implements and materials of tobacco

smoking, which they presented to Sir Walter Raleigh. Governor Lane is believed to have been the first Eaglishman to smoke and Raleigh the see It is recorded of the latter that "he ha would not be as useless as the nith wheel of a wagon, but the desire of the Senators to get home and attend to private business deprived him of this opportunity until next session. Me Roosavelt, however, made a num-Senators to get home and attend to habit from Raleigh, and within fifty babit from Raleigh, and within fifty Forland and all over Europe.

England and all over Europe. The cultivation of tobacco is carried on only in countries that lie within the course, a prompter, in the person of thrives best in regions where the mean oldest and most conservative and so the clerk, who is an expert parliament temperature is not less than 40°. Fahr, cause the new requirement of "domes-

ages the Cobang and Fi too much absorbed in arguing us about their future to give at on to their tobacco crops, our sup-

ty of Havanas and Manilas poorer in quality and higher in p an ever before. When they get o more upon a firm peace footing we m expect to figd our microtine temptatic greatly increased.

RALEIGH LETTER. rom Our Regular Correspon

RALEIGH, N. C., March. 11, 1901.

The great impeadment trial began at noon today, in the Senate Chamber, and will continue throughout this week and a portion (if not all) of next week. The speeches of counsel are expected to consume fully one week's time. On last Wednesday the accused

Judges appeared in the Court for the first time, in propria persona, with their counsel, and filed their Answer to the

charges. The reading of this paper consumed nearly two hours, and makes sixteen columns of the average newspaper. It is an exhaustive document, in which a general denial of the main charges is made : states that the mandamus was against a Special appropri-ation, and that the great majority of cases decided by these two Justices (and the late Chief Justice Furches) involving title to office were against the claims of those affiliating with the party to which the Judges belonged and in favor of the Democrats-includ

the charitable institutions four years on Frday, 8th instant, the House managers filed their replication in the case, which brought the progress of the trial up to where it began today. There is a wide difference of opinion

will convict or acquit the defendants. You can meet men at every turn who are equally certain that it will or will

Sceretary of Agriculture Patterson is probably highly pleased with the result of the efforts of his partial friends to make him supreme in the Department of Agriculture. The several bills passed not only

make him chairman of the board of directors, as well as Commissioner of the Department, but he is given au-thority to appoint the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and the Sec-retary (positions now held by J. W. Thompson and T. K. Bruner) and all ther officers and employes of the department, down to the spittooncleaners, and remove any of them at will. In addition to this he and Prof.

term having been universally adopted, Holmes of the geological department Nicot's fame is secure for all time to are given additional powers, and may survey roads and the like and travel at the expense of the railroad compa-State. The members of the board of agri-

culture (who must now all be practical farmers) will really have very little to do hereafter, it is understood. Mr. Patterson's friends say he has made a good Commissioner. His crit ics, granting this, reply that the power which he has just been invested with

by legislation, is too great and varied to entrust to any one man, be he whom he may-and so it goes. RETURN OF A POPULAR COMPANY.

Since the repeal of the "Craig law" (so far as it applied to insurance com-panies), most of the life insurance companies which withdrew from the State two years ago have returned, or given notice that they will do so.

Among the companies that withdrew were a half dozen of the largest,

Mr. John C. Drewry of Raleigh, the

STITUTIONS.

Miscallaneous 000 were voted the public Saturday. The anti trust bill ator Ward) was passed Friday By tolegraph to the Observe New York, Marsh 9.-Francis O. Matthison of the American augar com-oany died in Paris today. mmittee has reported rec that no "labor legislati cotton mills be enacted-r

Reported Big Railroad Deal. pon the agreement (signed by so-thirds of the mill men) not to telegraph to the Oheerver

over two-thirds of the mill men) not to employ children of tender years, and not to work over 66 hours week. It is reported that Capt. S. A Ashe of Raleigh will write a history of North Carolina. No man in the State is bet-ter qualified for the task, and the work is a greatly needed one. No history of the State has been written within the last 50 years, not since Wheeler's History was published in 1851 or 1852. Moore's work (oublished some twenty years ago) can hardly be hald to be a "history," except is a modified and abridged kense. A bill has been passed making it tabulary bill.

A bill has been passed making it optional with county treasurers and other officers as to whether they shall

use State or National banks in deposit-ing county funds, after giving bond in ty cable to the Observer. guarantee assurance companies. It was claimed that those companies were requiring the deposit of all public moneys, for which they became responsible by assuring officers, in national

banks only. The libel bill was at last reported

invorably by the House Judiciary Com-mittee, after atriking out sec. 2. Witnesses, as well as the Senators (who are the jurors in the case) and clerks are to be paid for attendance at the Court of Impeachment. Witnesses and to raise a fund to buy school books for the children of the poor in the public schools, by the levy of a tax of 25 cents per head on dogs. Un-like other bills affecting the "rights" ain, has no fever. of canines to live and roam untaxed, it did not meet the death of utter defeat.

but passed the Senate by a decided maiority. A game fight was put up by Sena tors Arrington, Brown and others against the sixteen judicial district bill at the close of the week, an attempt to repuce the number of judges and districts to 14 being made, but it proved unsuccessful. The more one hears of the new Cou-

gressional districts, the more and stronger the assertions that three or r cable to the Observer four of them are likely to elect Reput licans next year. It is said, however, that Speaker Moore desires the Democratic nomination in the 10th district, and is confident that he can carry it if nominated. Fayetteville town and Cumberland county will have absolute prohibition for the next year and more, a bill havstorm ing passed to that effect-unanimous-ly in the Senate, and by more than a bourg. to I in the House-following the de-feat in the House of the first bill to abolish the dispensary after it had By cable to the Observer passed the Senate. The anti-dispen-sary people were joined by the prohi-tionists in securing the last bill's pas-sage, but most of the dispensaryites railroad station.

are greatly chagrined thereat. LLEWXAM.

RARFORD LOCALS.

Mr. Heetor Smith, the well-known surveyor, has been in town right much in the last few days. He is surveying in and around Raeford; his main pur State lottery. pose in coming to this place was to lay off the incorporated fimits of our town.

Mr. James Adams is creeting a handsome dwelling on Stewart street The large residence of Mr. Worthy

obuson, is nearing completion, Mr. John W. Guiton is replacing his store house, which was burned reently, Peele Bros. have opened up in their

store on Main street, and are making quite a nice beginning. The firm of McDiarmid & Henderwas lost.

son, who opened up some time ago, are Storm in New York.

By telegraph to the Observer.

By cable to the Observer.

A Big Steamer in Distress.

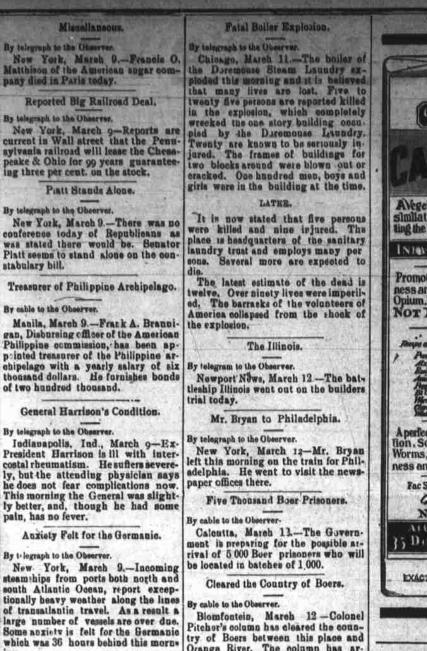
Conger Leaves Pekin.

Won the Grand Prize.

Yesterday's Storm.

A Schooner Goes to Pieces.

The British Answer Received.



Orange River. The column has arrived here bringing 33 prisoners and 3,000 horses. The Entire Plant Destroyed.

Brest, March 9 - A violent gale and By telegraph to the Observer heavy sea prevailing, a semaphore nessage from Ushaut last night stated McKeesport, March 12 -- Two men at least were killed in the explosion at that a large Spanish steamship was in the McKeesport Brewing Company's Brewery. How many more may be lost is not yet determined. The entire distress six miles southwest of that is land with rudder damsged. Togs have gone to her assistance. The plant was destroyed. It is feared the number of killed and injured may be caused much damage at Cher-

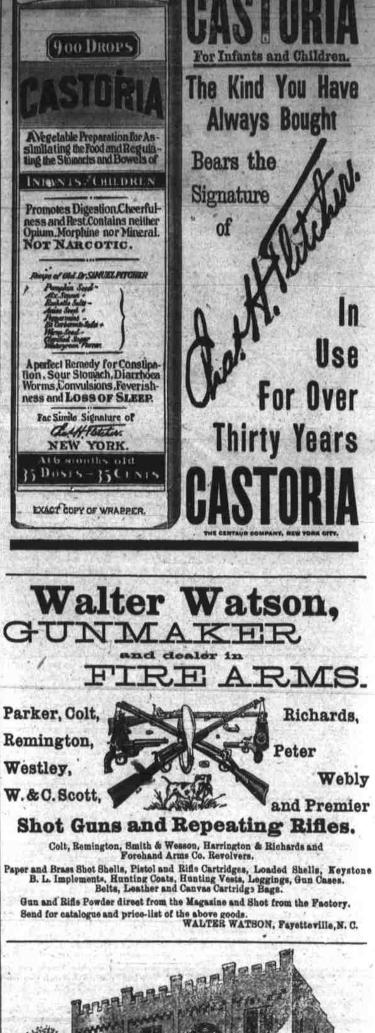
large. To Establish Branches in America.

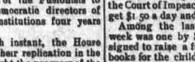
By cable to the Observer Pekin, March 11 .- Minister Conger Sheffield, Eog., March 12 -At the annual meeting of the stockholders of William Jessop & Sons today it was announced that the directors are about left P-kin this morning. All the For-eign Ministers bade him farewell at the to establish works for certain branches of their business in the United States where the crucible steel makers had combined, compelling the British firm Paris, March 11.-Prince Kaime, to take this step.

ion of Don Carlos, Pretender to the Introduction of New Machinery Causes Spanish throne, has won the grand prize, about \$150,000 in the Russian Trouble.

Py cable to the Observer Barceleps, March 12 -The workmen of the spinning and taxile factories went on strike yesterday as protest against the proposed introduction of new machinery. The masters closed all the factories today and 15 000 work men are locked on the Weiling the Dallas, Texas, March 11 .- The southern area swept by yesterday's storm extends to Texas, Arkansas, men are locked out. At Mailien the Louisiana and up the Mississippi, al workmen made an attack on the man most to Memphis. It is estimated that ufactaring club and wrecked the in terior of the building, threw the farni-ture in the street and burned it. They one million dollars worth of property

also attacked five private houses and





hereabouts, among public men and the general public, as to whether the Court

proper words to be said to the presiding r in case he is ignorant of them. But Mr. Roosevelt is entirely too self centered a man to follow the dista of a centered a man to loov the dista of a mere clerk and therefore got more or less tangled up. He need not really have had any feeling in this respect, for the most accomplished and expe-rienced presiding officers of the two houses of Congress have never dis-dained to receive assistance from the clerks when getting into a parliamen tary tangle.

Those who know the energy and the pride and the ambition which animate the Vice-President have no doubt he will "study up" in the long recess an when December comes he will be much better fitted to tackle the duties of the chair and will realize it is quite the thing to lean on the clerks now and

To the inexperienced observer does not seem any very great matter to sit in the chair of a legislative body, and, as has been so often said, "put questions." But there is a vast difference between a fine and a poor presiding officer. It is the difference between smooth and ill-running machinery. None of the mistakes made by Mr. Boosevelt last week was serious. They were only such as make Senators laugh, but if the Senate had gotten into one of its parliamentary laby rinths, with excitement and polities to one of its paritamentary laby-taths, with excitement and political imosities raging, the new Vice Pres-ent would most likely have found meself tied up in a pretty hard knot it originated in the reign of Charles II. ident would most likely have found before he knew it.

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The finest qualities are produced only in tropical lands with com-paratively dry elimates. All the species of Nicoliana except two are of species of Nicoliana except two are of unwilling to jeopardize the interests of American origin. Botanists divide any of its pstrons, the "Old Mutual them into two groups, one of which is Benefit" of Newark, N. J., was among characterized by an elongated corolla tube, red in color, the plants-whereof grow to a height of from five to seven feet, the stalks having no branches; while the other has a swollen corolla tube of a greenish yellow color and a

general agent, has now taken out li-cense for the Mutual Bencht to resume stalk with many branches which grows to a height of from two to not over five business, and slready many of his old feet. Of the first group our Virginia local agents are returning to his comfeet. Of the first group our Virginsa tobacco is the leading type, and of the second the familiar type is the green tobacco of Brazil and the East Indies. These two species of tobacco, of which there are many varieties, and the Persian tobacco are the only raw mate-rial of the tobaccos in common use. In nearly all Earopean countries to-bacco is cultivated and manufactured under State supervisiou and as a lead-ing source of public revenue. It is a State monopoly in France, Anstria-Hangary, Italy and Spain, and in other

bacco is cultivated and manufactured under State supervisiou and as a lead-ing source of public revenue. It is a State monopoly in France, Amstria-Hungary, Italy and Spain, and in other countries it is subject to State regula-tion and heavy excise duties. It is a curione fact that in England the culti-vation of tobacco as a crop is prohib-ited by a tax so high on every acre sown with tobacco seed that no Eng-lishman could afford to grow it except, as Mr. Joseph Chamberlain grows orhere. APPROPRIATIONS TO REDUCATIONAL IN-The appropriations, regular and spe-cial, asked for by the educational and charitable institutions, were greatly in excess of those in former years, footing up over a million of dollars. Of course they had to be cut extensively. For they had to be cut extensively. the University, the increase to \$40,000 recommended was approved; as was when Parliament passed a law forbid-ding the growth of tobacco in England

also doing a go tication" might operate disadvantageously in the remote future, possibly, to policy holders in other States. Bung Traveling men tell us that our town is building faster than any they have ever seen. That is saying a good deal storm caused great tro New York, March 11 -Last night/

storm caused great frouble to the rail-roads near this city. The New York Central was blocked by a landslide near Dobb's ferry and three bridges for us, is it not ? Mr. John Maultaby and wife of Fayetteville, spent several days in and around Raeford last week. Mr. Benjamin Oscar Webb, who rewere destroyed, part of Kensico

flooded. ently came here from Laurinburg, in elerking at McDiarmid & Henderson's. Mr. Webb seems to be a very bright

By telegraph to the Observer. The Institute boys have organized ive base ball team, and say that they will whip some team yet. Mr. Ryan McBryde of Ryan, N. C.

ven today in a heavy gale. After sev eral attempts the life savers reache was in town last week. Mr. Murdock McDoffis of Spring Hill, N. C., with his mother and sisters, have moved here, and will make this their home hereafter. the vessel and saved twelve seaman The yeasel is a total wreck.

MeGill & McNeill, of this place, bave opened a store at Rickfish, N. C., at the end of the A. and R railroad. by telegraph to the Observer. Mr. Blue has received his new en

gine and has it at work. It is strictly up-to-date in every particular. We are more than glad to say that

Dr. Dickson, who has been very ill with is grippe, is able to be at his post of duty ones more. He looks some-what this, but he don't look bad at all. Nothing burts the Doctor. Mr. John Moore, of Moore Bros., of this place, has moved here with his family from Kittrell, N. C., where he

has been doing a mercantile business. SAK.

recommended was approved; as was also \$15,000 per annum for four years to discharge indebtedness of the State Normal at Greensboro and a special eppropriation of \$25,000 for the same College to build and equip a practice and observation school building; also \$10,000 per annum for two years for a faxile department, or annex, to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the payment of \$20,000 of the in-debtedness of that institution. \$200,000 was the sum agreed on by the committee on Education for the public fire schools—an increase of 100 per cent. over the appropriation of last year - and the bill finally passed Satur-day afternoon. BENATOR SIMMONS. peat Friday night with Miss Mary D. Mrs. Weatherly and little daughter of Bennettsville, S. C. are visiting the family of Mr. John MoArthur.

family of Mr. John MoArthur. Mr. William Ballard, Miss Bertha Cade, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ballard, at-tended the reception given in Camber-land, in honor of Mr. Thos. Ballard and his bride—Miss Engenia Williams. Mrs. Cade is visiting at her father's

At noon to-day Mr. Harrison's con-dition was unchanged. Dr. Jamison said the patient's condition was such that the crisis would probably be reach-ed in 24 or 36 hours, by which time he would either grow gradually worse or gradually better. It is thought there is no danger of a sudden collapse. home. Communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church the fourth Susday in March. Preparatory ser-vices begin Saturday. Miss Della MaNair is visiting her nister Mrs D. B. Lunesster.

Fatal Message from the Sea. Miss Georgia Ray McMillan, form By cable to the Obsurver. London, March 11-A men

erly of Chattanooga, gave a resital at the Academy last week. Miss Willie Weatherly came over from the Seminary to spend Friday night and Saturday with the family of Mr. John McArthur. picked up at Harwich to-day in a set ed bottle asd read that the schood Wildfire, of Halifax, foundered at r and all hands were lost.

Mr. John McArthur. Mrs. Nancy Currie died Sanday avening and will be baried here today. Her four children—Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Scott Coooly, Measra. Edward and A. M. Currie—survive her. Mrs. Carrie was a most staellent woman and during her long life of 88 years made many friends. Capt. A. L. Shaw received a tele-gram yesterday from Bethnne, S. C., telling him of the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. S. Smith.

wounded the owners. They afterwards burned the Mayor's house. Gendarms have been called out to suppress the trouble.

General Harrison Failing Rapidly. By telegraph to the Observer.

Indianspolis, March 12 - General Barrison is failing rapidly. Dr. Jame son was called at 6 o'clock. His temperature at 10 o'elock was 102 and resperation wesk. General Harrison can live but a few

Atlantic City, N. J., March 11 -Th hours. Statements issued by Dr. Jameschooner Nathaniel B. Palmer, thirty-four days from Portland, Me., to Philson give up all hope. The ex-Presi-dent is dying. General Harrison is suffering great delphia, went to smash on Beach Ha

pain, the pheamonia which set in yes terday, extending. His relatives have been summoned by telegraph. Baratogs, March 12.-Mrs. McKee,

daughter of ex-President Harrison, cannot leave her children to go to the bedside of Mr. Harrison as both the children have been seriously ill of

measles.

A Daring Attempt at Robbery.

Wasnington, March 11.-The an-swer of the British Government to the smended flay-Pausocfote treaty was received today by the British Ambaareceived today by the British Ambas-sador and communicated to Secretary H-y. Its contents have not yet been made public, but it will probably re-fact the earnest wishes of the British Government to have the Nicaragnan canal of an international character instead of conflued to the United States.

Ex-President Harrison Critically Ill. By telegraph to the Observer

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By telegraph to the Observer Indianapolis, March 11.—General Harrison is not only serionaly ill, but he is critically ill. He is suffering from bronchal pneumouis. The seat of trouble is the noper part of the laft lung. "It is anticipated that the dis-case will run its course quickly, but I do not care to predict the ontcome of the erisis, which may occur almost at any mement." Thus spoke Mr. Har-rison's physician.

in Alamance county. We have no par-

extended notice hereafter. Mr. Holt Mrs. Heide, wife of Mr. Christian H.



A new Private Hospital, just opened for the treatment of Medical, Surgical and innecological diseases of all kinds. New building with all modern conversionces-eating, lighting, ventilation, drainage, perfect; elevator; hot and cold baths on eve-ir floor. Best equipped operating room. Most modern hospital furniture. Experi-med trained nurses and matron. Terms moderate. Address DRS. MARSH & HIGHSMITH.

Fayettaville, N. C.

Commissioner's Sale.

General Harrison Can Live But A Few Hours.

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By telegraps to the Observes.
New York, March 12 — There was an broke his scape Joseph Lawies and broke his agent Joseph Lawies and broke his mose, and serves also knook addown the agent Joseph Lawies and broke his mose, and serves and broke his mose, and serves and broke his mose, and serves and broke his agent Joseph Lawies and broke his mose, and serves and broke his agent Joseph Lawies managed to about an instret of a law to fully and now all hope is shandoned. His of the robber seeing his plans had failed ministered as it was to Kudyard Kip and now all hopes is shandoned. His of the robber seeing his plans had failed ministered as it was to Kudyard Kip and now all hopes is abandoned. His is no hope.
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March 11, 1901.

NOTICE

The city taxes for 1900 must be collected and this is the last call. The law re-giftee me to exhaust the personal proper-ty before advertising real estate, and in the next few days I shall LEVY or GAR-NISHEE if you do not come forward and

ttio. This is a matter of business with me. I This is a matter of ousiness with me. A have no preferences. Do not ask me to wait, it is too late now to enterisin such a request. Prompt se tlement will save you trouble and cost. J. A. RINO, City Tax Collector.

The lingering cough following gri-calls for One Minnie Cough Cure. Fo throat and lung troubles this is the of harmless remody that gives immediate suits. Provents souscention. King is

Fire Brick For Sale. I can now supply FIRE BRICE by car-E. A. POI

Russia's Demands on China.

Their promptness and their pleasant ef-fects make DeWitt's Little Early Risers most popular little pills whenever they are known. They are simply perfect for liver and bowel treables. King Bres.

Is has sentenced to death two Receins connected with the recent wrecking of a train at Tasiboca. Others connected in the crime were condemned to various terms.
Desath ef Mrs James Halt.
We desply regret to isarn that Mrs. James Holt, mother of our highly estemed townsman, Walter L. Holt, E q., died Tuesday at her home
By telegraph to the Observer.
Elpaso, Texas, March 13-According to reports received here to-day, published both in Spaniah and American papers, the end of President Diaz is approaching. His present conditions is regarded as critical notwithstanding official denials.
News reached here that President Diaz is dying slowly of poison. Papers here give full credence to the report.

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ticulars, which will be given in a more Death of Mrs. Metde.

had only returned from his mother's Heide, brother of the late R. E. Heide, bedside on Sunday, with the assorance a former Fayetteville boy, died at her that she was better, when he was again home near Wilmington Tuesday of ammoned there yesterday. Our whole pneumonia.

mmunity join us in expressions of Mrs. Heide was Miss Christian Houn warm sympathy with Mr. Holt and the and was aged 47 years. She leaves no

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By cable to the Observer, London, March 11-A Shaughai dis-patch to the Times of to day's date says that information has been re-ceived from trustworthy authority to the effect that Russia has notified China that unless the convention re-garding Manchuria is signed at an early date Russia will withdraw from

he convention and substitute harder arms. Li Hung Chang says he is overless to renist the Russian de-manda. He appeals to the United Rates, England, Germany and Japan

est of his family.