

BRITISH REPULSED. Pretoria reports that the British at-

commencement are to be neat this

ing alarming proportions. Many new cases were reported for several days

will be built and put on in this city.

of both the old and new world. The

magnificent scenery, surrounding these

tented exhibitions, forms an array of

art that at once challenges admiration.

At night powerful electric arcs will be

employed to illuminate both the ex-

hibit street of the fair proper and the

Midway Plaisance, turning it into a

will be repeated in living, breathing

characters and figure, and in paintings,

that seem to have the motions of real

SOCIAL.

Colors Will be Green and

Master John W. Stagg today issued

veritable city of light.

life.

White.

"Resolved, That in the coming priduring 20th of May week, will be an maries the candidates for the various enterprise that will please and delight county offices and delegates to the

bons, Sophie Puckhaber, Maud Schaffer, May Muller, Stella Kuck, Rubie loway, Rebecca Nurnberger, Doro thy Hains. Altos: Misses Ruth McLinn, Jean Davis, Emmie Hains. Accompanist: Miss Annie Hains.

tacked Lelarey's advance guard at twenty dead on the field.

FOUGHT HALF A DAY. which temporarily silenced two Boer guns

SLIGHT CASUALTIES IN THURS-DAY'S FIGHT.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 20 .- (Delayed in transmission)-A British command is in the hills miles around the Boers who are reported to hold strong positions, bpt are probably retiring. The casualities on the British side in the fight yesterday were slight, mostly among the Yeomanry and Mounted Infantry. The firing was at long range. None of the British were killed.

BOERS REPORTED SURROUNDED. LONDON, April 21. - Dispatches from Bloemfontein indicate that the position of the Boer forces attacking Wepener is critical. Chermside and have ten thousand Boers nearly surrounded. It is difficult for the Boers to escape being cornered.

PRES. HARRISON PRESIDES.

Ecumenical Conference Held First thrown out of schedule today by a Meeting This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, April 21.-The great Ecumenical Council assembled in Carnegie Hall this afternoon. Ex-resident Benj. Harrison presided. Rev. address of welcome. Rev. Wardlaw and Screber, of Germany, Rev. Joseph King, of Australia and Rev. responded. Rev. Dr. Baldwin read

DAMAGE \$3,000,009.

Many Towns Cut Off From Out- C. C. & A. frack also. side World by Floods.

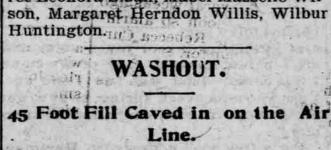
By Telegraph to the News. NEW ORLEANS, April 21.-The floods have caused at a conservative estimate three millions of dollars danage in Central and Southern Mississippi, exclusive of the damage sustained by the railroads. Columbia estimates the damage there at half a million.

Hickery, Miss. fisis surrounded by Pearl river, Which is higher than in many years before. Honey Island, the rendezvous of the

of towns are cut off from the outside world.

Boshof and were repulsed, leaving class of nineteen hundred, of Charlotte Public High School, Charlotte, N. C.

invite your attendance at the annual Continuing the march Friday commencement exercises at 8 o'clock Chermside and Rundle came in con- Friday evening, May 18th., at Y. M. C. flict with the Boers near Dewet's A. Hall." The class roll consists of: Drop at noon. Fighting continued Annie Laura Auten, Frances Ruby till dark, principally by the artillery, Anderson, Eunice Anderson, Eloise Mooring Beaman, Isabel Montgomery Beall, Julia Elizabeth Crowell, Hilliard Francis, Chreitzberg, Hallie Oscar Hall, Willie Gilmore Durant, Louise Erwin. Mary Burns Ezell, Sarah Cornelia Freeman, William David Finger, Hattie Dickson, Graham, Lucy Leonora Hyndman, Susan Annie Hooper, Irma Virginia Hunt, Lila March Kelly, Flax Reid LeGrande, Sadie Belle Mayer, Thomas Cowan McAden, Armand D. Alexander's. Moore, Georgia Talbot Pegram, Lillie Belle Pickard, Martha Alma Russell, Edna Teresa Rigler, Charles Burdette Ross, William Thomas Shore, Maggie Lou Shaw, Fannie May Sadler, Margaret Leonora Sloan, Mabel Mazzelle Wil-



The trains on the Air Line were

washout, which occurred this morning at 2:30 a mile this side of Thickety, a small station just the other side of Gaffney, S. C. A fill 45 feet long and 25 feet deep gave way after the heavy midnight rain. Freight train No. 74 Judson Smith, of Boston, delivered the was the last train to pass over the fill, and it did not get safely over. The en-Thompson, of England, Revs. Moronsk gine and several cars, passed over and then the cave in came, carrying six cars down. No one was hurt.. Capt. Chamberlain for the missionaries, Ryder sent a large force to the spot as early as possible, and it was thought the report of the general committee. this morning that the trains would be crossing over the trestle by this evening. No. 36 from Atlanta, got to Oharlotte by Columbia; and the Southbound trains this morning left here over the

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

President Alderman, of the University, arrived in the city last night, and remains here until tomorrow night when he goes to New Orleans to con with the board of trustees of Tule University in regard to the offer made him to become the president of that institution. His decision will not be announced until his return, probably a fine t meetin week hence. Col. A. B: Andrews is in the city today. He arrived this morning on No 33, the early train. Col. Andrews was asked how the strike was getting on. He said he had not paid any attention to it; that he hardly knew there was a he said.

tenement districts to other parts of tract with its long line of booths, gorthe city and has got beyond the con- geously decorated with flags and fesand is breaking out in unlikely places, the finest specimens of the output or all over the colony. Around the product of the farm, the home, the wharves near Johnson's Quay millions store, the counting room and the facof fish and rats have died of the tory. It will be far superior to the plague and are rotting on the beach. county fair or city exposition.



The World is Swift and Has Time for Short Stories Only.

-Miss Theresa Francis, of Wilming-

ton, has joined the clerical force at F. Miss. Pitts, of Concord, daughter

of 'Squire Caleb A. Pitts, has entered the Commercial College. -Mr. John O. Alexander was in town today for the first time in two weeks

He has had grippe. -The fruit lawyer, Bill Roberts, says, is the finest he ever say. Peaches, plums and apples will be plentiful. -Mr. J. C. Linney will address the Young Men's Temperance Club at Epworth church Sunday at 4:30 p. m. -The police ask the News to remind. the merchants that here is a law regarding boxes being left on the side-

walks. -The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce meets this afternoon at'5 o'clock to complete arrangements for the 20th.

Baruch's Oriental window has a Moorish palace effect suggestive of the The Stitt-Wadsworth Wedding 20th of May Midway Plaisance. Mr. Baskette has shown his ability to treat with Turkey and other eastern coun-

-At the old hoss sale at the Seaboard several days ago, 'Squire Henry Severs got a tomb-stone-a cheerful prize. Some one asked him what he was going to do with it. He replied: 'Why, I'll just have that inscription shaved off, and I'll keep the monument. I may need it." -President McKinley last night signified his intention through the Bell and Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth and family, phone to Miss Ella McAden, at the Mr. and Mrs. Yorke, Mr. and Mrs. Cosmorama, to visit Charlotte on the Brown and other relatives and friends 20th. The audience could not hear in Concord will be present. The colwhat he said, but it got the benefit of ors of the wedding are to be white and

Ninth street. A family of Portuguese, consisting, of seven persons in all, were objects of bridesmaids, will follow at the city interest at the Southern passenger sta- hall. interest at the Southern passenger sta-tion this morning. They were en route from New York to California. One of the boys could speak English slightly. He said in Brazil they had been in the coffee business, but it was "sometimes no good. Sometimes you have a hun-dred dollars, and sometimes nothing," he said. invitations to a party which he is to have Monday afternoon, at his home, on North College street. Hours 5 to S o'clock. Misses Lucile and Mary Johnston, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Zilse John-

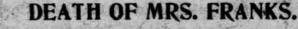
year. The wording is as follows: "The while the disease spread from the all classes of people. The fair will at- county convention shall be voted for by ballot. "Resolved, further, That all white

trol of the health authorities. Out- toons, printed and painted mottoes of men who agree to abide by the results side the city it is spreading rapidly business houses, and furnished with of the primaries are invited to participate therein.

"Resolved, further, That no debt be made or contracted against the Democratic executive committee without written approval or order of the coun-

The midway will be an exact reproty chairman or secretary." duction of the world's fair. midway, A central executive committee was with the objectionable features elimichosen, consisting of the following, and with added features of later hamed: W. C. Dowd, T. S. Franklin,

There will be at least twenty E. S. Williams, Heriot Clarkson, and different shows, introducing all the W. M. Lyles. great acts, and all the great novelties



Passed Away Last Night at Al-To-Morrow.

Mrs. Susan Curlee Franks, wife of stages, according to who the imperson-All citizens should prepare for the Mr. J. W. Franks, died last night at ator was, or what business representoccasion; help swell the attendance by inviting friends and relatives from a distance. The world in minature will be brought to your door. The skilled ing that her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Curartists and people of both hemispheres, lee, of this city, was sent for. She went a young lady, but by a banner, on will be here. The history of the globe to Alexandria, and nursed her daugh- which was the name of the firm, carter through her illness. Deceased was ried in front of the representative by a 20 years of age. She was married Oc-tober 26th, 1898, and her brief married life had been-full of brightness The News makes its bow to Miss Sadie and happiness. Her death is a crushing blow to her family. She was bright and pretty and full of life. One did day's paper and was, therefore, strictly not associate death with her. She was up-to-date. The entertainment passed a member of Tryon Street Baptist off with eclat, and will realize for the church, and was a sweet, lovely woman. Mrs. Franks was a sister of

Messrs. Jonah and Frank Curlee. The remains will reach here tomorrow morning on the first train from Wash-The Stitt-Wadsworth wedding will be a brilliant social affair. Miss Ada ington, and will be taken to Mrs. Cur-Hooper, of Knoxville, one of the lee's residence, 408 West Fifth street, bridesmaids, comes tonight, Miss Julia Castex, who was to have been one of the attendants, is prevented, by sick-ness, from doing so, and Miss Louise where the funeral will be held at o'clock by Rev. Dr. Barron.

HEARD OF IT IN NEW YORK.

Wadsworth will take her place. /Mr. The fame of the 20th of May celebra. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon and family, Mr. tion is traveling fast and far. Today and Mrs. D. F. Cannon and family, Mr. Chief Campbell received a letter from Mr. B. F. H. Bowers, chief of the Key West fire department, at present in New York, saying: "I read a notice in "Fire and Water" of your coming tourment. I am glat to see that you are at the helm. That success will attend C. Ross will entertain the groomesmen you goes without the saying. Can l and ushers, at their residence, on East assist you in any way? If so, just issue your orders, and see how quickly The german. complimentary to the they will be obeyed."

ASSOCIATION.

At the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow Physical Director Thompson, will conduct the boys' meeting. The topic will be "Assurance"in At the men's meeting Rev. A. R. Love, of Raleigh, who was the State Work will be prtsented by Prof. Hanna and ocher speakers. Solo by Mr. Walter Scott. The song ser- home today by the sickness of his wife. vice will begin at 4:45 p. m., Prof. Mc- Rev. J. L. Bridges returned today ist and Mr Archesbral accom-

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The Cosmorama Passed off Beau-

tifully-Raceipts \$125.

The Cosmorama passed off most successfully last night. Despite the rain, a large crowd was present, and the interest in the girls and the firms represented was flattering to both. The advertising pageant began to move at 8:30, and at 10 o'clock some dashing. pretty girl was still cutting the figure "8" for some one of the enterprising firms given by name and at length in exandria, Va .- Funeral Here yesterday's News. The costumes were beautiful, dashing, nobby, cute, natty and fetching in various degrees and

small herald. The Davis orchestra furnished music for the entertainment. Baruch for her clever revresentation. Heh dress was made of issues ofyesterhome \$162. Gross receipts, \$325.

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CHURCH.

Keep up With the News of the Pulpit. 1 48 1

Rev. S. W. Newell, of Newell, continues sick. Rev. T. J. Allison, of Sugar Creek, will fill his pulpit for him to-morrow at 4 p. m. A number of Amity people will attend the services at Graham Street Presbyterian Church to-morrow to hear their former pastor, Rev. Mr. Belk.

Mr. F. C. Abbott has signified to the session. of the First Presbyterian church his acceptance of the office of superintendent of the Sunday school, and will assume the duties devolving upon him as such tomorrow. That he will make a fine officer goes without the saying.

Dr. Alderman is a Presbyterian of the old school. He has no sympathy with the revisionists of the Confession of Faith. Said he last night: "I. am not in favor of any revision.'

preaching at Atherton Lyceum, with much acceptance, this week, was called

Miss McAden's reply: "All right, so green. Monday night Mr. and Mrs. R. glad to have you.' SAME HERE.

