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BURLESON BILL FOR SECURING

Representative Burleson of tion of Facts.

North Carolina Gets Twenty

(A. W. Hughes.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.-Representative Burleson, of Texas, introduced a bill on Saturday last providing for an improvement in the prescrop statistics. Mr. Burleson believes to have these statistics gathered with they will spend the honeymoon. greater care and therefore with greatwith other members of Congress from

on each bale of cotton ginned and tious. aled within the United States. This corporation, or association of persons owning or operating the gin at

The tax levied is to be represented Commissioner of Internal Revenue, as least for a year. authorized by existing law, and placed on sale through collectors of internal revenue throughout the United States and the provisions of existing laws governing the engraving, issue, sale, accountability, effecement, and de struction of stamps relating to tobacco and snuff, as far as applicable, are to apply to stamps provided for by this

It is further provided by the bill, furnish printed cards bearing the frank of the Agricultural Department, in sufficient numbers, to all persons, operating gins at which cotton is ginned and baled, who will be required to report to the Secretary of Agriculture upon such cards, at such times as he may direct, the number of bales of bales of cotton ginned during the prescribed period; and every person, reporting must affix to such cards the stamp or stamps representing the amount of tax levied. Stamps when so affixed must be immediately canceled in such manner as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe by regulations. The statistician of the Department of Agriculture is to compile and tabulate these reports.

Any owner or operator of a gin who willfully fails to pay this tax or makes an incorrect report to the Secretary of Agriculture as provided above will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be pundollars nor more than two hundred

sufficient to defray all expense incident to the collection of the tax proment of the number of bales of cotton ginned in the United States, as same is being produced during the current year. The money raised under this bill when collected and paid into the Treasury, is to be used for these purposes, as long as the law pended by the Secretary of Agriculto time to determine, as near as pracof Agriculture is instructed to immediately prepare such additional regulations for the collection of this tax and the obtaining of the statisties as may be needful and necessary, and when he has secured the statistical information provided for he is to disseminate the same for the information of the public and the producers of cotton living within the

The Secretary of the Interior in his report to Congress of the disbursepublic lands to the support of colleges shows that he certified to the Secretary of the Treasury the following States and Territories as each entitled to receive the fifteenth installment of the grant, \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado. Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, In-

diana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan , Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Is-COTTON FIGURES land, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Carolina in 1890 received \$15,000 of so either tomorrow or next day. the public land fund and regularly each year thereafter, as did the other Texas Introduces a Bill for states mentioned, until 1901 she refor Wilful Misrepresenta- the support of her colleges engaged in teaching agricultural science and the mechanic arts.

Christmas Holiday Observed.

Washington, Dec. 22. - President Roosevelt began today the observance Five Thousand Dollars for of the Congressional holiday recess. No visitors were received at the White the Continued Support of House, nor did the President apthe Raleigh A. and M. !Colresidence of the Secretary of State and remained with the Secretary about 20 minutes. Returning immediately to the White House he left on an extended horse back ride.

Interesting Marriage.

An event of interest this evening will be the marriage at 6 o'clock of Miss Blanche Austin to Mr. Jesse Garrett. The ceremony takes place at the ent method employed by the Secretary home of the bride's parents, 900 East of Agriculture in gathering cotton 4th street, and will be performed by Rev. Mr. Orr, pastor of East Avenue A. that it would be to the interest of the R. P. Church. After the ceremony the cotton growers of the Southern States | couple will leave for Statesville, where

The bride will be given away by her er accuracy than at present and he brother, Edgar Austin. The maid of honor will be Miss Cora Orders, while cotton growing States proposes to see Mr. Banks Cates will be best man. how a proposition to levy a small tax | The bride is a popular young lady who on baled cotton will be met by the has many friends. The groom is at present with the D. A. Tompkins Com-His bill provides for the collection pany as traveling salesman and is a after June 1, 1904 of a tax of one mill young man of fine business qualifica-

Presbyterian College Calendar.

The News acknowledges with thanks the gift of the beautiful calenwhich the cotton is ginned or baled. dar published by the Presbyterian Col-Approximately five hundred pounds of lege. It is adorned with handsome lint cotton is to constitute a bale for cuts of the building and various rooms -the student body, members of the faculty, not even forgetting the cooks by stamps in such denominations as without which civilized man or women may be prescribed by the Secretary either cannot do. The calendar is a of Agriculture, to be provided by the thing of beauty and shall be a joy at

that the Secretary of Agriculture shall A Night Watchman at Columbia Meets With a Horrible Death-Negro Child Burned to Death --- A Youthful Criminal.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22. - J. D. Batchman, the white watchman at the Gervais and Lincoln streets crossing of the Seaboard Air Line, met with a horrible death last night. With lantern in hand Batchman had just stepped out of his shanty to warn the approaching vehicles of the danger of an oncoming shifting engine. -A brake man on top of one of the cars being shifted shouted a warningg to Mr. Batchman, but in the noise of the moving train the cry was unheard. The unfortunate man was struck by the ished by a fine of not less than fifty heavy trucks and his body jammed under the wheels. Crushed and bleeddollars. Informers will be entitled to ing he was pushed fully twenty feet ing at the critical moment when Jaone-half of any penalty of fine collec- before the wheels decapitated him, at the same time completely cutting off Mr. Burleson's bill further recites both feet and one hand. The train ercised a powerful restraining influthat its purpose is to raise revenues passed on and left the mangled corpse lying across the track just at the corner of the pavement. The head was vided for, as well as the ascertain- fully three feet away from the trunk. The deceased was about sixty years

of age and a widower. The three year old son of John Paldeath yesterday. The child and his sociations towards securing common five-year-old sister were playing in the room while their mother was washing continues in force. It is to be ex- in the yard. The little boy in his effort to put a stick of wood in the fireture in getting such statistical infor- place did not notice that his dress had mation as will enable him from time caught until he had crossed the room. The elder child ran to her mother in ticable, the production of cotton dur- the yard and gave the alarm. The lating the current year. The Secretary ter hurried to the scene and finally put out the flames, burning her own hands and face severely. The child died two

hours later. Probably the most youthful criminal ever arraigned in the city court is Bud Weathers, a negro boy nine years old. He has worked nearly every store in Columbia, and has even robbed dwellings, stealing children's toys, baby carriages, children's wagons, etc., from porches in the residence section. His ber bands in the recent encounter with companions have been Jean Franklin, Russians. Marion Jenkins and Will Stevenson, all ments under the act to apply a por-tion of the proceeds apply a porconsiderable trouble. When arraigned the property of Mr. Davis, of New in Recorder Stanley's court yesterday and are now quartered at the stables and are now quartered at the stables. tion of the proceeds of the sale of public lands to the support of colleges considerable trouble. When arraigned vesterday vesterday afternoon in Recorder Stanley's court yesterday and are now quartered at the stables a public officer than of private inditences of thirty and sixty days on the on the fair ground property.

on the Boulevard.

the Children Today. Santa Claus would remind the pub-

lic that only two more days are left for the charity-loving public to subscribe to his fund that will be entrusted to The News. We would ask all who contemplate giving to the The report further shows that North little ones through this agency to do

Santa Claus was around today looking over the many things that will ceived an increase of \$10,000 each bring cheer to the hearts of the little This Purpose --- Penalties | ceived an increase of \$10,000 each bring cheer to the hearts of the little ones. He finds lots of articles the ceived regularly each year \$25,000 for children have asked for and he wid do his best to please all of them.

These have selected The New	vs to
carry good cheer into the home	es of
the little ones:	
Cash\$1	05.00
Charlotte News	10.00
C. N. G. Butt	10.00
C. A. Moseley	2.00
R. O. Colt	1.00
R. H. Jordan	.50
Cash	5.00
E. V. Finlayson	1.00
Mrs. Frank Mosteller	.50
Emma Lizzie Algood	.25
William David Hyland	.25
E. Lewis Hyland	.25
Jno. Scott Cansler	.50
Heriot Clarkson, Jr	.50
Mary Lloyd Clarkson	.50
Francis Osborne Clarkson	.50
Edwin Osborne Clarkson	.50
Thomas Simons Clarkson	.50
Willie Tillett	.50
Sarah Reynolds Harris	.50
Isabeli McCall	.50
Jas. A. Bell, Jr	.50
C. H. Duls, Jr	.50
Cash	3.00
Lee Ritch	.50
Cash	1.00
Cash	1.00
B. F. Withers	10.00
T. C. Guthrie, Jr.	.50
Wilson Guthrie	.50
I Charles Parks Guthrie	.50
Frank F. Jones	1.00
Louise Lineberger	.50
Will Murray Lineberger	.50
H. A. Kluepperberg (10 pounds.	
bucket candy).	
Eli B. Springs, Jr	.50
Yates Clarkson	.50
Dr. I. W. Jamison	
L. C. Smith, Polkton	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Kerley	
James Sime Wearn	.50
Frances Scott Wearn	.25
Willie H. Wearn	.25
W. L. Davis	1.00
Cash	1.00
Houston J. Brown	5.00
L. B. Johnson	1.00
Carey Butt	1.00

J. M. Woodsides (three pairs of children's shoes). Ars. C. E. Kerley (pair children's shoes and child's hat).

The following from Polkton was re-Polkton, N. C., Dec. 21, 1903. Editor News, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir: Please add to your children's "Santa Claus" fund one dollar. I would like to do more but have a number of calls I want to do a little for. God bless the children and give them a merry Very truly yours, L. C. SMITH.

TO AVERT CRISIS.

to Avert the War Between Japan and Russia.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 22.-Confirmation is obtained from official sources today of reports that foreign Secretary Landsdowne and Foreign Minister Delcasse have within the last few days made strong representations at Tokio with the view of averting the crisis between Russia and Japan. There is reason to believe that these representations compan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron DeRosen, exbeing an ally of Japan. The terms of Great Britain and France the officials here are confident that her answer permer, a colored hackman, was burned to mits a continuance of diplomatic negrounds for agreement.

RUSSIAN WAR-SHIPS.

They Return to Port Arthur From Chemulpo, Korea.

(By Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.-Of the Russian war-ships, recently at Chemulpo, Corea, in connection with the disturbance there, only the Cresar Royan remains at that place. All other vessels, have returned to Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Stark, commanding the Russian Pacific squadron, while the war-ships were at Chemulpo had an audience with the Emperor of Corea. It is reported some of the Chinese militia fought in the ranks of the Chinese rob-

Blooded Horses Arrive.

The Old Fellow Has Been Buying for IN ROWAN COUNTY

Representative About the Inexhaustable Supply of Charlotte Headquarters.

Mr. L. H. Jansen, a mining endent and general manager of the new \$300,000 Salisbury Pink Granite Company, of Salisbury, is in the city today. Mr. Jansen was interviewed by a News representative today at his room in the Central Hotel and furnished some very interesting facts in reference to the stupendous undertaking which his company has on hand.

Mr. Jansen has prepared a detailed report of the pink granite in Rowan county in which it is set forth that nearly eighty-three million cubic feet of granite are available.

This deposit of granite is so situated as to be very easily worked; there being at least 79,000,000 cubic feet of granite above the lowest point of the track, where the railroad would reach the property, all of which can be handled by quantity.

This is an exceptional pink granite of fine grade. A government expert considers this pink granite deposit one of the best in the country. there being but two or three deposits that will compare with it. The value of the stone is consider-

ed to be 70 cents per cubic yard. The strength of this granite is remarkable, it being capable of susto the cubic inch.

Mr. Jansen says that the head offices of the company will be located deceased, renounces her right to adin Salisbury. Mr. Jansen, however, home and will probably move his by Clarkson and Duls. family to this city at an early date. granite was discovered by Mr. Jansen by accident a few months ago

the pink granite and he has the opinion of the best experts to the effect that the grange is among the best in every particular that has eved been discovered.

Mr. Jansen will return to Charlotte probably about January 1.

GUILFORD COURT.

The Various Cases Purnished at the December Term.

(Correspondence The News.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.-The De ember term of Superior Court, which adjourned at five o'clock yesterday afternoon after a session of seven days, was remarkable for having had three big cases tried, all involving questions of malice or fraud, and all of then? turning out at the little end of the horn. The first cose was a suit brought by Dr. Merly Coble against D. R. Huffines, proprietor of the Huffines Hotel, for malicious prosecution. Huffines had Coble indicted for cheating in a horse Great Britain Taking Strong Grounds trade. Coble was acquitted and brought suit for \$7,000 damages. After a hot trial, the jury gave him \$300.

The next case was a suit brought by Judge Phlegar of Virginia as executioner of Judge Walter R. Staples, against the heirs of Cyrus C. Mendenhall for the recovery of a valuable lot next the court house square, on which is the two story brick building knows as lawyer's row, and occupied by lawyers for many years.

The legal title is said to be in Judge Phlegar, but the defendants claimed that it was held in trust.

To this plaintiff replied that Cyrus P. Mendenhall had conveyed it to Staence. This is especially true of Lord ples to defraud creditors. The case was Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain's bitterly fought for four days. Finally, the jury got it, and after being out the Japanese answer are not yet known since Friday night, came into court here, but owing to the action taken by just before adjournment yesterday afternoon and declared it was impossible for them to agree on a single one of the eight issues.

Judge Allen ordered a mistrial. It was learned that the jury had stood ten to two since the first ballot on all the issues, the two not budging from the first. The ten were in favor of a verdict

for the plaintiff. The case against the News and Observer was dismissed because, plaintiff had not given the prior notice of his intention to bring suit, as required by the libel law of 1901, and also because plaintiff had not proven facts sufficient to constitute a case of action. The motions were made at the conclusion of plaintiffs testimony, under the Hins-

Appeals were taken by plaintiff in both cases, and the first construction of the Libel law of 1901 will be made by the Supreme Court, as this is the first suit that has been tried since it was cording to the testimony presented by Alexandretta yesterday of the cruiser his wife and that the present affair has Twenty-one fine blooded horses, the plaintiff, the article complained of San Francisco carrying as a passenger caused him great mental suffering; viduals, and that the most liberal con-As The News has previously struction was to be placed on ambigspring meet of the Mecklenburg Fair in granting pardons was a libel on ceipts amounte to 165 bales and the outgoing train for their home in value of the Mecklenburg Fair in granting pardons was a libel on ceipts amounte to 165 bales and the outgoing train for their home in value of the Mecklenburg Fair in granting pardons was a libel on ceipts amounte to 165 bales and the rious parts of the State and South.

SHIPBUILDING FRAUDS. More of the Ship Building Iniquity Aired in Court Today.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Letters and In The News' mail cablegrams which are alleged to have the following letter: passed between New York and Paris in connection with the United States ested in your little letters, and I be-Mr. Jansen Tells a News Shipbuilding Underwriting, placed in lieve others have been too. Old Santa the French Capital, are published to- is a generous "old fellow" and no day, by the World.

was made recently in the ship-build- near, I want to tell you to be generous, ing hearings before United States spe- also. Some of you may be very poor, This Stone--He Will Make cial examiner, R. D. Oliphant. While and while you can give no costly presents, you can give kind words to those Alexander and Green, attorneys, was with whom you come in contact, and undergoing an examination, the letters, which were kept secret by agree- osity and gratitude are the fruits of ment of counsel were said to show loving heart. what methods had been pursued in gineer of note, and w.o is vice-presi- order to compel French investors to meet calls for money on their underwriting after they had been given to understand through the cable-gram sent by the Trust Company of the Republic to its agent, John W. Young, that the underwriting was a success. This dispatch gave them the idea that they only needed to stand ready to receive their profits, as members of the underwriting syndicate.

WAR IN FOURTEEN DAYS.

Japan Specifies a Time-Limit for the Acceding to her Demands Upon Russia.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 22.-The report is current here, says a Times dispatch from Pekin, that Japan's request for a reconsideration by Russia, of her reply to Japan, The demands is accompanied by the specification of a time limit. Expectation in St. Petersburg, it adds. is that the question of war will be decided in fourteen days.

ESTATE OF J. M. KENDRICK.

Administrator Named-Mrs. Kendrick Represented by Clarkson and Duls. Mr. H. N. Pharr, public administrator, was today appointed administrataining a pressure of 33,000 pounds tor of the estate of J. M. Kendrick, de-

Mrs. Emma Kendrick, wife of the ministrator in favor of Mr. Pharr. Mrs. contemplates making Charlotte his Kendrick is represented in the matter

Public sale will take place at Ken-This remarkable deposit of pink drick's stables on a date to be named later and the stable and all stock and other property pertaining thereto will would make no statement. while he was prespecting near Salisbury.

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REAR ADMIRAL TAYLOR.

The Bureau of Navigation Resumes its Place of Public Notice Pending the War with Colombia.

(By Associated Press.) Taylor, chief of the bureau of Navigation and executive head of the general naval board has been been in conference with Capt. John E. Pillsbury. assistant chief of the bureau, Captair William Swift, chairman of the general boards committee on the fleet, com mander Winslow and Lieut. Belknap of the Bureau of Navigation, in the secret office of the chief of the bureau navigation. Several cablegrams which arrived from Rear-Adimarl Glass and Coghlan over Sunday were taken up for consideration and instructions in reply were prepared and submitted to Secretary Moody for apit concerned the Isthmian situation. A long cablegram was received yesterday from Rear Admiral Coghlan combread be dispatched to the Isthmus as the latter food moulds quickly in the tropical climate.

INJURED IN A MINE.

Three Men Hurt by a Mine Explosion at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

(By Associated Press.) Wilkes Barre, Pa., Dec. 22.-Great excitement prevailed in Plymouth when word was sent to the surface from the Nottingham colliery that a serious explosion had occurred in No. slope of that mine, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkes Barre Ccal Company. Ambulances and physicians were hurried to the top of the slope and half an hour later men were brought from the mine burned by the gas. The injured are: Israel Edwards Anthony Commisky, John Bunner, James Bruce, Martin Stainasky, Mi-

Goldack Dodies. THE CZAR'S PHOTOGRAPH.

chael Redgresky, John Bonner and

The Emperor of all the Russias Gives His Photograph to William Jennings

(By Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.-The Czar has sent his photograph, with his autograph affixed, to Williaf J. Bryan.

San Francisco Arrives.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.-The Navy De-

Cotton Receipts. best price was 8.20.

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN.

Especially to Those Who Have Written to Santa Claus.

(From a country woman.) In The News' mail this morning was Dear Children: I have been inter-

doubt, will give you many things, for References to these communications which, you have asked. As Christmas is a grateful, loving heart to God. Gener-

So give kind words, if nothing more Remember this little verse:

'A little word in kindess spoken, A motion or a tear: Has often healed a heart that's

broken. And made a friend sincere."

Some of you can do kindly errands. Do not wait for some one to offer you money for service. When you see a thing needs to be done, do it and God will see that you are paid. Be grateful. It may be, your lot is a sad one. Some of you are orphans. This may be the first Christmas you have ever spent with "The dear one out of sight," but I notice you all have homes somewhere. A home is something to be grateful for. There is no place this side of heaven dearer than a happy home. It does not require wealth to make home cheerfulness, on the part of the inmates, go far toward making a home happy. Poor people may have all these traits of character. Christ was both unselfish and forgiving.

'He the great Example is, And Pattern for us."

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ADMIRAL WALKER.

States From Colon. (By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.-Admiral John G. Walker, United States Representative on Isthmian Canal commission, arrived here today, from Colon on the steamer Segurancia. Admiral Walker

ARE NOW IN JAIL

Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral W. T. Southerland and Miss Annie Jordan of South Carolina Were Lodged Mecklenburg County Jail in Default of Bond.

W. T. Sutherland was locked up in thority that it looks decidedly like the county jail today under a bond of \$200, and Mrs. Annie Jordan, a South Carolina woman with whom he eloped, proval. Nothing official regarding the is also in jail under a \$100 bond. It is conference was anonunced except that, said that Sutherland has a wife and 14 year-old child. Mrs. Jordan's husband is also here, having been notified manding the force off Colon when he of his wife's presence in the city and requested that crackers instead of having appeared today as a witness in last night of the stockholders of the a preliminary hearing of the case.

> rooms at a cotton mill boarding house, Sutherland stating that the woman was his wife. A telegram was received by Directors: e.e chief of police about the same time, inquiring about Annie Jordan, but giving no particulars. A letter whence the telegram was sent, asking for further particulars, and in reply the and daughter, of Taylorsville, were woman's husband came in person to investigate the charge against his wife. Moose was right painfully injured, rested when sufficient evidence had ously injured. The young lady is now been secured and a preliminary hearing at the home of Mr. Rufus Sherrill, was held today. The facts brought about two miles from Statesville. She out are as above stated. Southerland admitted having claimed tertained as to her recovery. Mrs. Jordan as his wife, and said they

> had come here and agreed to work in Jordan requested that the law be al. ure by their many friends here and lowed to take its course in the case both as to his wife and Sutherland, and

the two were accordingly bound over

to court and sent to jail in default of Mrs. Jordan stated to an officer last stranger, apparently by years old, nitgh after the arrest that she would committed suicide at his boarding never consent to live with her husband house early today by firing a builet in again; that she does not love him and his breast. Where Bowman came will not be his wife any more. Jor- from is not known, but he appeared dan, who is quite a young man, is said to be in comfortable circumstances. to be almost heartbroken. He told He had been in Mobile three weeks, partment is informed of the arrival at the officers that he was very fond of and left no letters. return in February to be present at tions in drawing bogus checks were the trial of his wife.

Holiday at Presbyterian College. Mr. J. J. Gifford and son, of Newark,
N. J., will spend Christmas with his
N. J., will spend Christmas with his months and it is more than probable more libeled. Osborne, than criticism bales and the best price was 12.80.

Holiday at Presbyterian College.
The Christmas holidays at the Presdiction at the city and applying this test, Leach had no platform today amounted to 135 byterian College for Women begin todollars, which, like the other checks,
many of them will be entered in the N. J., will spend Christmas with brother, George A. Gifford, and sistes, spring meet of the Mecklephurg Fair in granting need of the Mecklephurg need of the Me

COMMISSION TALKS OF GOING TO THE CATAWBA

An Important Meeting of the Water Commissioners Held Last Night at the City Hall -- The Bond Issue is Thoroughly Discussed.

Under Recent Ruling of the Supreme Court Water Works and Electric Lights are Declared Necessities-Commissioners to Decide.

There was an important meeting of the board of Water Commissioners held last night at the city hall.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the disposition of the \$200,000 water bonds. Quite a number of inquiries have happy. Unselfishness, forgiveness and | been received by the commission from financial houses. These inquiries are

made by the several firms in order to ascertain how and when these bonds are to be sold. It is the unanimous opinion of the commission that the entire block of

\$200,000 be sold in a lump. As to the price to be paid, the commission has set none nor do the letters of inquiry contain any offers. This will be determined later.

One of the most important if not the most important feature of last night's meeting was the prevailing opinion The Representative on the Panama | that Charlotte would soon have to go Commission Comes to the United to the Catawba river for its water supply. In fact, it is highly probable that within the near future the waters of that noble stream will be flowing through the streets of this city.

Under a recent decision of the Supreme Court in which that tribunal decided that water works and electric lights are necessary expenses of a municipality, it is entirely left with the commissioners as to whether the necessary funds are raised for this pur-

No one who has an eye to Charlotte's future greatness can combat the statement that sooner or later this important step will have to be taken, in justice to the city and its inhabitants. And, no one will deny that the present is the time to accomplish this end.

The commissioners, under the ruling of the Supreme Court, are the ones to decide this important question and The News has it from good authority that these gentlemen are about unanimous in their desire to see Charlotte's water supply come from the Catawba river. There will be another meeting of the

Water Commission shortly, at which time the matter of going to the Catawba will be thoroughly discussed, The News states on the best of au-Charlotte is not long to be without an ample water supply for a city of three times our present population.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

For Craig-Flanigan Harness Co .-Young Lady Seriously Injured. (Special to the News.)

Statesville, Dec. 22.-At a meeting Craig - Flanigan Harness Company, which was recently capitalized at \$100,-Sutherland and Mrs. Jordan arrived 000, Mr. James P. Flanigan was electin the city several days ago and took ed President; J. F. Armfield, Vice-President, and J. R. Craig, of Gastonia, Secretary and Treasurer. The following comprise the Board of

H. R. Cowles, David J. Craig, W. C. Moore, and R. L. Flanigan. While enroute from Taylorsville to Statesville this morning Mrs. Moose thrown from their conveyance. Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Jordan were ar- and Miss Moose was, it is feared, seriis unconscious, and grave fears are en-

This evening at six o'clock at the home of Col. H. C. Cowles, father of the bride, Miss Eloise Cowles will be Mr. Jordan alleges that Sutherland united in marriage to Mr. Charles Turgave Mrs. Jordan money to come to ner, of Statesville. The marriage of Charlotte, and intimated that there this popular young couple has been had been some trouble before this time. | looked forward to with genuine pleas.

Suicide in Mobile.

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, Dec. 22.-J. B. Bowman, a

More Charges Against the Bell, It was learned today that the netold of in yesterday's News, caught other victims besides those mentioned yesterday.Bell had a check cashed