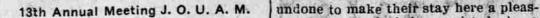
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my stewardship amidst these surroundings and the hopeful outlook for the greatest meeting we have ever had, I desire to sincerely tender to all the brethren within the bounds of this jurduring the past year has been most satisdiction, my undying gratitude and isfactory. love for the manifestation of their willing and cheerful co-operation during the past year, that has enabled us to triumph as we have."

The report also showed a list of 116 deputy State councilors appointed by State Councillor Hood.

Various councils reported 39 Bibles and flags presented during the year. The report also made a number of

recommendations including the appointment of two State organizers. The report of State Council Secre-

tary Sam Vance showed that 88 councils were reported last year and 29 were instituted, and 2 reinstated, making a total of 119. The gain for the year was 25 councils. The total membe ship December 31, 1902, was 5,234, and on December 31, 1903, the total was



F. R. McNINCH. Who Will Deliver Address of Welcome.

7,980, giving a gain of 2,746 members. Since the first of the year the figures have been raised to 2.816. This is regarded as the best year in the history of the council and the gain of 2,816 members is unprecedented in the annals of secret organizations from the standpoint of a percentage gain.

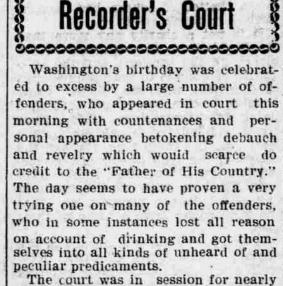
The total receipts for the year of subordinate councils were \$52,612.97 ing. and the total disbursements were \$49.-095.21, divided as follows: Sick benefits, \$10,000; death benefits, \$4,397; fu-neral assessments, \$13,952.94; State

ant one. He is being assisted by a corps of 15 local Juniors. A prominent figure in the meeting is the State Council secretary, S. F. Vance, who is better known as "Sam" Vance. Mr. Vance has a pleasant greeting for all and his work as secretary

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh, is a prominent figure in the meeting as well as an enthusiastic Junior. He will be one of the speakers at the public meeting tonight.

The selection of a new State councils lor tomorrow is one of the chief matters of discussion among members of the order today. The election will take place tomorrow morning.

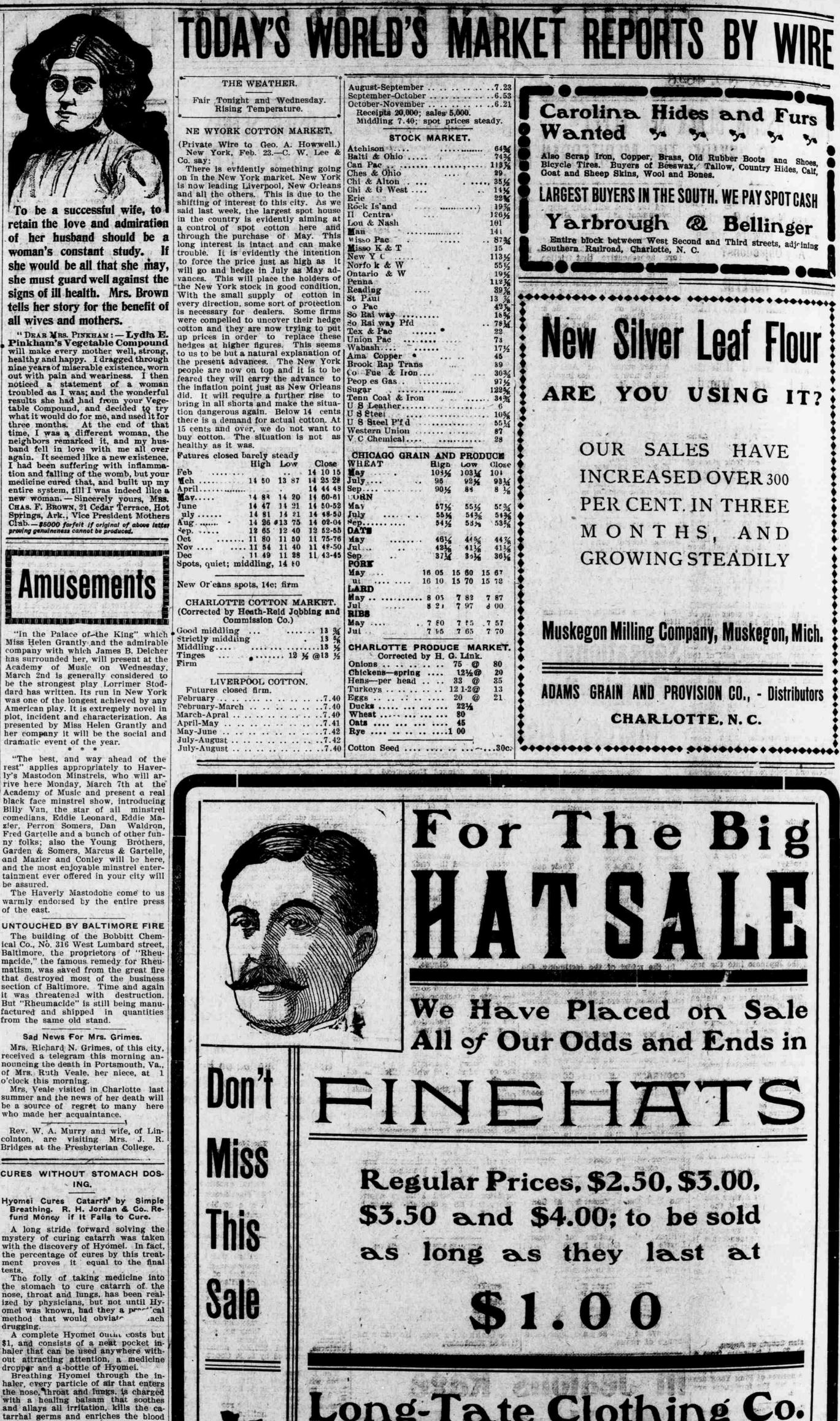
The Juniors had designated as their headquarters in the city the Central Hotel, but on account of the unexpected large number in attendance it was found necessary for many of the Juniors to go to the Buford and the Stratford to secure accommodations.



three hours and the crowd of prisoners would have done credit to the day after Christmas court.

Martha Gantt, who says she is a Tennessee Bride" of five months, was found by Officer McCall standing on the corner of Trade and Church streets yesterday evening, holding the crutch of her crippled spouse and being well under the influence of liquor. The two came to Charlotte Friday, peddling. The woman told the court that yester. day was the first time she had ever been under the influence of liquor and that she and her husband had had a little scrap and both had celebrated Washington's birthday by absorbing toc much corn liquor. The court told Gantt to take his "rennessee bride" and vacate the city by tomorrow morn-

Jim Walker, the mill operative taken has surrounded her, will present at the Firm in by the police yesterday, explained Academy of Music on Wednesday, to the court today that he often got March 2nd is generally considered to



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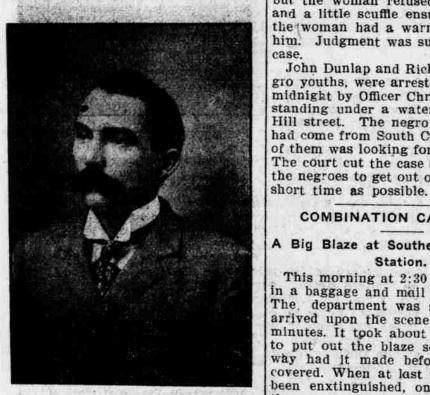
council per capita tax, \$4,051.75; for other purposes, \$16,693.52, leaving a balance of \$3,517.76. Cash in hands of treasurer and trustees is \$14,372.89, and council property is valued at \$23,004.85, making the total assets of the councils \$37,377.74.

The total receipts from State council finances were \$5,219.15. Of the 39 new councils, one was organized at Charlotte March 16, known as Queen City Lodge, No. 8, also Pineville, No. 23. The increase in membership for the

year has been 54 per cent. The State treasurer's report showed

the total receipts for the year were \$8,542.72, and disbursements \$3,801.43, leaving a balance of \$4,741.29.

The State Council today received a number of invitations from towns for



SAM F. VANCE,

State Council Secretary.

the meeting next year. From Hickory two invitations were received, one from the mayor and one from the school board. An invitation was also extended by the Salisbury representatives on behalf of that town. The selection of a place of meeting was deferred until tomorrow, when the State officers will also be elected.

The session this morning adjourned at 10 o'clock for lunch to reassemble this afternoon.

TONIGHT'S PUBLIC MEETING. This evening at 8 o'clock in the coun-

ty court house there will be a public meeting, to which all are invited. This meeting will be presided over by Mayor P. M. Brown, who will make a given in Atlanta soon, concerning short address.

The address of welcome will be made by Mr. F. R. McNinch and the response by State Councillor Geo. E. Hood, Handicap; Rollo Heikes, world's chammayor of Goldsboro.

Other addresses will be made by T. W. Alexander, of Charlotte; Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, and Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer.

Concert Band.

CONVENTION NOTES.

drunk once a week, because it was payday. He didn't know his age but thought he must be "somewhar 'bout | was one of the longest achieved by any 50 or over." Walker was turned loose American play. It is extremely novel in with instructions tt stay at home next | plot, incident and characterization. As pay-day. Jno. Scott, the negro drayman, her company it will be the social and

harged with stealing a box of soap dramatic event of the year. vesterday while hauling empty boxes from the Central Hotel, was discharged for want of evidence.

Loge Ballard was before the court to ly's Mastodon Minstrels, who will arexplain his conduct yesterday in as- rive here Monday, March 7th at the saulting a negro woman, Mamie Hall, Academy of Music and present a real (at River's restaurant). Loge says he black face minstrel show, introducing gave the woman a dollar to get 25 Billy Van, the star of all minstrel cents out of for washing. When the comedians, Eddie Leonard, Eddie Mawoman came up town later she found zier, Perron Somers, Dan Waldron, Loge talking to another woman and Fred Gartelle and a bunch of other fun-Loge says the woman was jealous, he ny folks; also the Young Brothers, thought. He tried to get his change, Garden & Somers, Marcus & Gartelle, but the woman refused to give it up and Mazier and Conley will be here, and a little scuffle ensued after which and the most enjoyable minstrel enterthe woman had a warrant issued for tainment ever offered in your city will him. Judgment was suspended in this be assured.

The Haverly Mastodone come to us John Dunlap and Rich Graft, two ne- warmly endorsed by the entire press gro youths, were arrested last night at of the east.

midnight by Officer Christenbury while standing under a water tank on East UNTOUCHED BY BALTIMORE FIRE Hill street. The negro boys said they

The building of the Bobbitt Chem-ical Co., No. 316 West Lumbard street, had come from South Carolina and one of them was looking for his uncle here. Baltimore, the proprietors of "Rheu-The court cut the case short by telling macide," the famous remedy for Rheuthe negroes to get out of the State in a matism, was saved from the great fire that destroyed most of the business section of Baltimore. Time and again it was threatened with destruction. But "Rheumacide" is still being manu-Big Blaze at Southern's Passenger factured and shipped in quantities from the same old stand.

n a baggage and mail car combined. The department was summoned and Mrs. Richard N. Grimes, of this city, arrived upon the scene in a very few received a telegram this morning anminutes. It took about thirty minutes nouncing the death in Portsmouth, Va., to put out the blaze so much head- of Mrs. Ruth Veale, her niece, at 1 way had it made before it was diso'clock this morning.

covered. When at last the flames had Mrs. Veale visited in Charlotte last been enxtinguished, only the hull of summer and the news of her death will the car remained. All of the inside of be a source of regret to many here who made her acquaintance.

> Rev. W. A. Murry and wife, of Lincolnton, are visiting Mrs. J. R. Bridges at the Presbyterian College.

car which came in on No. 28 last night CURES WITHOUT STOMACH DOS-

Hyomei Cures Catarrh by Simple Breathing. R. H. Jordan & Co., Refund Money if It Falls to Cure.

A long stride forward solving the mystery of curing catarrh was taken with the discovery of Hyomei. In fact, the percentage of cures by this treat-Col. J. T. Anthony of this city will ment proves it equal to the final

> The folly of taking medicine into the stomach to cure catarrh of the nose, throat and lungs, has been realmethod that would obviate lach drugging.

A complete Hyomet Outhe costs but \$1, and consists of a neat pocket in-haler that can be used anywhere without attracting attention, a medicine

Breathing Hyomei through the in-The attendance at the present con-vention has surpassed all expectations. Up to ncon today 154 officers and dota Up to neon today 154 officers and dele-gates had given their names to the sec. retary and others were expected this. They even with pleasure by all sportsmen. with a healing balsam that soothes and allays all irritation, kills the ca-

case.

the baggage part of the car was a wreck, though the mail room suffered little damage. The loss is estimated at about \$500 and the car will have to be rebuilt entirely. Fortunately there was no mail nor baggage in the coach at the time. The had been unloaded of all of the baggage and mail several hours before and

had been locked up and left on the track a good ways from any other cars. It is thought that the fire started from some lanterns which had been used on the run but there can be no certainty about it.

COMBINATION CAR AFIRE.

Station.

This morning at 2:30 fire broke out

Col. Anthony to Be a "Star." be one of the stars at a shoot to be tests.

which the Atlanta News says: "Thomas A. Marshall, of Illinois, twice winner of the Great American Handicap; Rollo Heikes, world's cham-omei was known, had they a profical pion long distance shot; W. C. Budd, of Iowa, one of the best shots in the business; W. H. Heer, of Kansas. winner of the Brennan championship, and Colonel J. T. Anthony, of North Music will be furnished by Keesler's Carolina, a veteran of many years' fame, form a squad of shotgun experts dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. that will give an exhibition of their

retary and others were expected this They are wonderful shots and a large tarrhal germs and enriches the blood afternoon and tonight. The first esti- crowd will attend the exhibition. No with additional ozone. R. H. Jordan & Co. have so much mate of the attendance was about 100. admission will be charged. faith in the power of Hyomei to cure * * *

catarrh, that they are selling it under Mr. Frank R. McNinch is every-TO PREVENT THE GRIP. their personal guarantee to refund the where at one time, trying to look out Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the for the welfare and pleasure of the cause. To get the genuine, call for money if it does not give positive relief. delegates and see that nothing is left full name. 25c.