

CHARTERS GRANTED CHARLOTTE FIRMS AT LARGE CAPITAL

Secretary of State Granted Charters to Mayes Manufacturing Company of this City at \$100,000 Capital. Piedmont Investment Co. Chartered.

Incorporators of Both Firms Given. A Number of Other Large Firms were also Granted Charters To-day. Other Raleigh News.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, May 11.—Charters were granted today for five new corporations authorized at capital aggregating \$220,000. The most notable is the Robeson Melon Growers Association at Maxton at a capital of \$25,000 authorized, \$7,500 subscribed by A. J. McKimmon, J. S. McRae, and others of Maxton, Red Springs, and Lumber Bridge.

Also to the Bank of Halifax, in Halifax county at a capital of \$5,000 by W. H. S. Burgwyn, E. L. Travis and others.

Also to the Mayes Mfg. Co., of Charlotte at a capital of \$100,000 by J. H. Mayes, L. A. Dodsforth, E. L. Moore, and others to operate a cotton mill.

Also to the Piedmont Investment Co., of Charlotte, at \$40,000 capital to promote the commercial, manufacturing, and mercantile interests of Charlotte, and to maintain club rooms to promote equitable principles of trade. The incorporators, are B. S. Mayes, J. H. Alexander, of Charlotte; J. W. Allison, of Raleigh, and others.

Also to the Cook Lewis Foundry Co., of Greensboro at a capital of \$25,000 authorized \$4,500 subscribed by W. B. Cook, A. R. Lewis and others.

And to the Spahnour-Snyder Dry-Goods Company, of North Wilkesboro, at a capital of \$25,000.

BISHOP JOHN C. GRABERRY.
Present at the Conference at Birmingham, Ala.

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, Ala. May 11.—The venerable Bishop John C. Graberry, of Richmond, Va., occupied a seat on the rostrum today when the eighth day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South began.

Dr. John S. Hutchison, of the Baltimore conference, conducted the opening devotional service.

Bishop Graberry spoke briefly. He was given a cordial reception.

A committee of physicians submitted the conference a resolution by the Medical Association of Alabama opposing the insertion of certain medical advertisements in religious papers.

The itinerancy committee made a non-concurrent report on several memorials, asking the removal of the time limit from the pastorate of a church. However, it approved the memorial recommending that six years be the time limit and reported an amendment to that effect.

A non-concurrent report was made on a memorial from Virginia requesting the Bishops to appoint no preachers as presiding elders more than 8 years consecutively, unless there are extraordinary conditions requiring such appointment.

MR. WILLIAMS COMING.
Democratic Leader in Congress to Address Greater Charlotte Club.

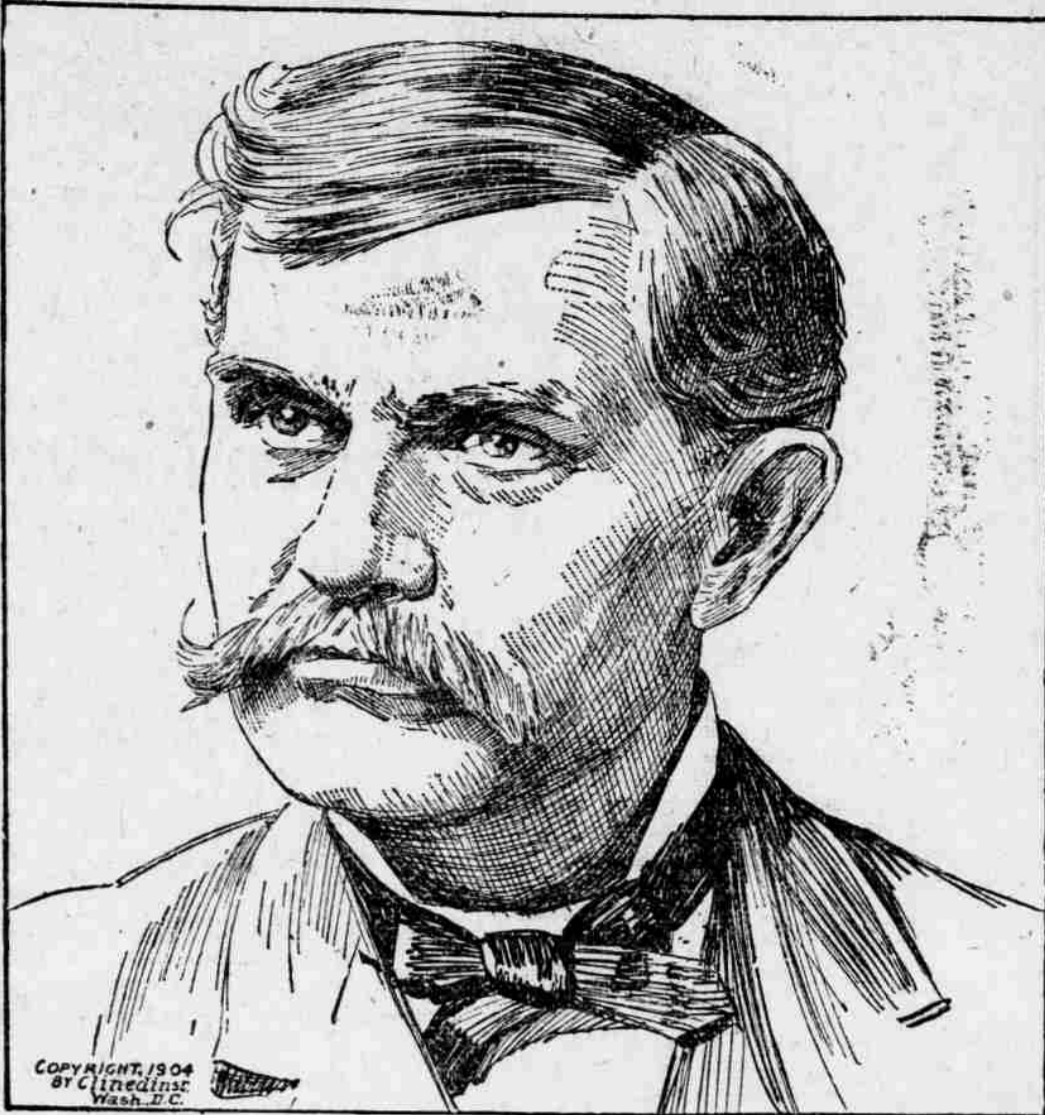
Congressman E. Y. Webb writes Mr. David Owens of the Greater Charlotte Club, that he has seen Hon. John Sharp Williams, and that gentleman says he will be delighted to accept the invitation of the club to deliver an address in Charlotte. Mr. Williams says the only thing that may hinder him from coming to Davidson commencement or to Charlotte will be Congress. If that body adjourns, before Davidson commencement, he will certainly accept both invitations.

TWO KILLED IN COLLISION
Train Struck Car on Electric Car Line—Two Were Killed and a Third Injured.

By Associated Press.
Chattanooga, May 11.—An incoming train on the Chattanooga and Southern Railroad struck a car on the Chattanooga Electric line. Two men were killed and a third received probably fatal injuries.

Recital at Matthews.
Miss Martha May Carr's music class will give a recital at Matthews Wednesday evening May 16. A very interesting program has been arranged, and all patrons and friends are invited.

Mr. Schurz's Condition.
By Associated Press.
New York May 11.—Mr. Carl Schurz, publisher, and former secretary of the Interior, who has been critically ill with stomach trouble is reported much better.



CONGRESSMAN JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.

GREENBOROITES DRINK CIDER.

The Mayor Will Take a Hand—The Frost Damage—New Mine Company.

Greensboro, May 11.—A Philadelphia syndicate has begun operating the Sand Creek Gold Mine, six miles from Climax, in Randolph county. Robert Holmes Page is managing director of the company and today \$15,000 worth of new machinery was unloaded there for the purpose of economizing the production of gold.

The heavy frost here yesterday morning attended by an unusually cold snap, has greatly injured vegetation and truck. Grocers here who run a truck farm in connection with their store, say that at least five hundred dollars damage has been done to their lettuce, beans and other tender plants.

Mayor Murphy last night announced that so many complaints were coming to headquarters about drunkenness resulting from the drinking of cider that he felt that something had to be done to relieve the situation and that hereafter dealers in cider, whether wholesale or retailers, would be held strictly to account. His test of whether a drink is intoxicating, he says, is not the amount of alcohol in it but whether or not when freely drunk it makes people drunk.

Since it has been learned that clerk of the Superior Court John J. Nelson, would not be a candidate for re-nomination the following well known gentlemen in the past few days have made announcements of their candidacy for the office subject to the result of the Democratic primaries: Ernest Clapp, Deputy Clerk, G. Arthur Rankin, merchant of Greensboro, and John G. Wilborn insurance man of High Point.

MR. W. E. CHRISTIAN HERE.
Mr. W. E. Christian, of Atlanta, assistant general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Co., is in the city a guest at the home of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson on West Trade St. He is accompanied by his son Mr. Jackson Christian who has been spending several weeks with him at his home in Atlanta.

THE COLD WAVE NOW ABOUT OVER

The Damage to the Cotton Crop Not as General as was First Thought. Providence and Sharon Townships Suffered the Most Severely.

The cold wave that has caused so much uneasiness in this section is about a thing of the past. Observer Bennett says that the temperature will continue to rise and that very much warmer weather may be expected tomorrow. In his report today Mr. Bennett says:

The high pressure area central Thursday morning over the east Gulf states, moved slowly eastward over the south Atlantic coast. Fair weather with rising temperature has been the result over the Southern States, although temperatures are still somewhat below normal. Temperatures have risen decidedly over the Missouri valley, under the influence of a low pressure area moving in over Montana. Very little rain has fallen in any part of the country, during the past 24 hours. The indications for this vicinity are that fair weather will continue to-night and Saturday with rising temperature.

Farmers in the city to-day say that the damage done the cotton crop is not as serious as was at first thought. Cotton on lowlands and on extreme northern exposures was badly damaged and in some sections entire fields will have to be replanted. This, however, is an exception and not the rule throughout the county. Citizens from that section, in the city to-day are quite blue but they admit that conditions are not as bad as they first thought.

FLASH SEALS CHILD'S EYELIDS.

Physicians Fail to Restore Vision, but Are Hopeful for Her Recovery.

New York May 11.—A flash of lightning sealed the eyelids of Irma Baird, eleven years old, No. 115 Fairmount avenue, Newark, and she is sightless despite all efforts to restore her vision. Physicians in the City Hospital, however, are hopeful of her recovery.

While Irma was at play with her mates last Saturday a storm rose, and frightened by a clap of thunder the children scampered for their homes. As Irma was about to enter the door a streak of forked lightning gave her a severe shock. Then all was dark around her and she had to grope her way into the house.

Her mother found that the child's eyelids were sealed. Home-made lotions were applied, but without avail, and the next morning Irma was taken to the hospital. The physicians say they never had a similar case.

Mr. Moyle Very Ill.
Mr. Matthew Hoyle, of No. 805 North Davidson street, an old Confederate veteran, is very ill. It is feared that the end is not far off.

THE SIMPSON CASE BEFORE RECORDER

Because of the Bad Character of the Prosecuting Witness, Donaldson and Other Extenuating Circumstances The Cases Against Them were Dismissed.

The hearing of the charge of selling liquor lodged against J. B. Simpson, occupied more than two hours of the time of the Recorder this morning.

After hearing all the evidence the Recorder dismissed Simpson. This was due, in a large measure, to the character of the main prosecuting witness, Cleve Donaldson. By his own admission Donaldson has been tried, convicted and sentenced for most all of the crimes known unto the land. He admitted that he had served a sentence for highway robbery; that he had been convicted of stealing on one or more occasions and, furthermore, that he entered the sacred confines of the Catholic church and carried away the golden figure of the Christ. More than this Donaldson by his own admissions has been guilty of beating two women, and that badly.

In the face of all this Donaldson swore positively that he had purchased from Mr. J. B. Simpson a pint of corn liquor, and that he had paid Simpson fifty cents for the booze. In justice to the defendant it may be said that Donaldson told conflicting stories as to its alleged purchase. One time he swore that he had secured no liquor; and then he admitted telling an untruth and said that he had.

During the progress of the trial a large number of witnesses were examined. Quite a crowd testified to the good character of the Simpsons. Many of their neighbors were present and told the court that both were men of good character. Mr. Plummer Stewart, who represented the Simpsons, made the most out of the admitted bad character of Donaldson, and he insisted that the liberties of good citizens, such as his clients, had proven themselves to be, should not be placed in jeopardy by the accusations of a man like Donaldson. The court held that the point was well taken and the prisoner was discharged. This is one of the final bouts in the history of the little canvassed restaurant on West Trade St. There seems to be two well settled questions—one that the restaurant must go and the other that the Simpsons should not have been convicted on the evidence of Cleve Donaldson.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRESIDENCY FOR '08

Mr. W. C. Wetmore Receives Personal Letter from Mr. Bryan in Which the Latter States his Position on the Presidency for 1908.

Says he Does not Want Another Nomination "Unless Circumstances Seem to Demand it" and that "Time Alone can Determine That."

By Associated Press.
Chicago, May 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from St. Louis says: M. C. Wetmore, a personal friend of Hon. W. J. Bryan, who is in Egypt, received a letter in which Mr. Bryan says:

"I am satisfied that the things I have been fighting for are coming, but who will be most available in 1908 is a question that cannot be answered now. I shall not do anything to secure another nomination and do not want it unless circumstances seem to demand it. Time alone can determine that."

This is the first authoritative statement of Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the presidency in 1908.

The letter is personal, and his comment on the national situation is more interesting to the public from the fact that it is the frank utterance of a party leader to a confidential friend.

THE ANTI-PASS AMENDMENT.
Popular Opposition to the Amendment—Senate Deluged With Telegrams of Protest.

Washington, May 11.—The Senate was again today made aware of the popular opposition to the anti-pass amendment to the rate bill, being deluged with telegrams of protest, which came principally from the railroad employes and were presented by Senators Cullom, Warner, Morgan, Foraker, McCreary, Fry, Beveridge, Allison and Dick.

Most of the senders of the dispatches complained of the injustice done them in depriving them of the privilege heretofore enjoyed. Most of the Senators presented from 50 to 100 messages but they were not ordered printed.

Senator Allison's amendment striking out the words "fairly remunerative" from the fourth section of the bill as descriptive of rates which the Interstate Commerce Commission may prescribe, was adopted today without debate or division.

Senator LaFollette made an objection to the second amendment limiting to two years the continuance of the commissions' orders. He moved to strike out the limitation and spoke in support of his motion, saying he could see no reason for the provision. LaFollette's motion was voted down and the Allison amendment was adopted.

100 LEGISLATORS SUMMONED.

In Response to Summonses They Appeared Before Grand Jury—The Anti-Bucketshop Bill.

Boston, May 11.—One hundred members of the Massachusetts Legislature appeared at the office of District Attorney John B. Moran at the Suffolk county court house today in response to summonses issued by the District attorney, who has placed before the grand jury the evidence in connection with the alleged bribery which was a feature of the defeat of the Anti-Bucketshop bill.

Only 25 senators and representatives were detained for examination before the grand jury. Many of them who at first regarded the matter a joke today denounced the investigation as an outrage and a serious reflection on Massachusetts and its legislature.

RESEMBLED ERICH MUENTER.

And on Account of the Resemblance He Was Arrested.

By Associated Press.
Springfield, Ill. May 11.—A well dressed man who bears resemblance to Erich Munter the Harvard professor charged with wife murder, was arrested last night near here. He claimed to be a railroad bill clerk from Chicago.

The arrest was made in the woods where the man was engaged in cooking supper with a tramp. Saloon keeper from whom the supposed Munter had purchased liquor notified the sheriff of the resemblance.

"The Delinquent Girl."
By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, May 11.—"The Delinquent girl" was discussed at the meeting of the thirty-third national conference of Charities and Correction.

Mrs. Davis Much Improved.
By Associated Press.
New York, May 11.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis is reported much improved.



ARTHUR PUE GORMAN.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Foreigner Arrested This Morning—Thought to Be Miss McCord's Assailant.

Mr. H. C. Little, superintendent of the convict camps on the Pineville Road captured a foreigner this morning who is thought to be the man who assaulted Miss Mollie McCord. Mr. Little brought his prisoner to Charlotte arriving here shortly after 1 o'clock and a few minutes later took him to Paw Creek that he might be identified by Miss McCord.

The man said he was from Greenville, S. C. He corresponded exactly with the description of Miss McCord's assailant with the exception of his hair which was slightly gray. His height was a little less than that of the average man; he has a foreign accent and appears to be about 45 years old.

A telephone message this afternoon from Mr. Spurrier, of the Spurrier Grocery Company who resides about a mile from the residence of Mr. McCord stated that Supt. Little's prisoner was the wrong man. Miss McCord said he was much older than the man who assaulted her, his clothes better and he had more hair.

VALUABLE PAPERS WERE ALL SAVED

At the Opening of the Main Vault of the Auditor's Office all Valuable Papers Including Bonds for Large Amounts, were Found Intact.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, May 11.—The main vault of the auditor's office containing all valuable papers and books including the bonds issued for \$17,000,000, for improvements, besides all the official bonds of the present city officials, license tags, books vouchers, journals, cash books, and financial accounts with the city tax collector, treasurer and State comptroller and treasurer were opened and the contents found intact.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The 54th Annual Session Met Today—Dr. E. W. Stephens Elected President.

By Associated Press.
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 11.—The Southern Baptist Convention met here today for its 54th annual session. About 5,000 delegates and visitors are present.

Dr. E. W. Stephens, was unanimously reelected president. Mr. H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Charles A. Smith of South Carolina, were made vice-presidents.

LOCAL FREIGHT WRECK.

Bad Accident Narrowly Averted This Morning.

Special to The News.
Siler City, May 11.—At 10 o'clock this morning a local freight west bound was wrecked at Bending Mill. The front truck of the car, jumped the track dragging the two in front of it off. The cars broke from the caboose and several traveling men narrowly escaped injury, perhaps death. The train was running slow and the probable cause of the accident was that the car was loaded on one side.

LOSS BY FIRE \$75,000.

Big Power Plant at Portman Shoals, S. C. Destroyed by Fire.

Special to The News.
Greenville, S. C., May 11.—The Anderson Water Light and Power Company at Portman Shoals, near this place, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is said to be about \$75,000.

The South Carolinians Bankers Association met here this morning.

CONDITIONS IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE GROW BRIGHTER

Impressions of Yesterday's Historic Day are Optimistic. Even Radical Papers Grow Hopeful. The Organ of the Constitutional Democrats Pleased.

Remarkable Change in Official Messenger. With Opening of Parliament Comes End of Publication of Ukases and Nominations.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg May 11.—The impression left by yesterday's historic day is on the whole optimistic. Even the radical papers assume a rather hopeful tone.

The Rech the organ of the Constitutional Democrats and now the most powerful paper in Russia, while not concealing its disappointment at the fact that the expected amnesty was not granted, on the other hand expresses satisfaction that the Emperor did not use the word "Autocracy."

One of the striking changes today is in the appearance of the Official Messenger which for days and weeks has been appearing each morning with column after column of ukases and nominations as the bureaucracy feverishly sought to get their "Goods in out of the way."

With the assembling of Parliament the end has come. Not a single ukase or nomination was printed today.

Upper House Opened.
The new council of the Empire, or Upper House of Parliament, was opened by Count Solsky, its president this afternoon with elaborate ceremonies.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Freight Train Crashed into Rear End of Another—Four Killed, Four Injured—Two Engines Derailed.

By Associated Press.
Lynchburg, May 11.—A freight train on the Norfolk and Western Railway crashed into the rear end of another with two pushers today a short distance south of this city, derailing two engines, killing four trainmen and injuring four others.

The dead are: J. A. Walden, fireman, Roanoke, Va.; J. F. Carroll of Lynchburg, fireman; Harry Bondurant, an apprentice fireman, of Clays, Va., and William Langhorne, a negro brakeman, of Roanoke.

THE CASTELLANE CASE.

No Chance of Reconciliation—Court Insists on Absolute Divorce.

By Associated Press.
Paris, May 11.—The Castellane case was taken up again late this afternoon for the purpose of learning if it was possible to reconcile the parties. Both Count Boni and the Countess, formerly Anna Gould, of New York, appeared in the court. The latter was accompanied by her counsel, Edmond Kelly. The hearing disclosed that there was no chance of reconciliation, the countess insisting on an absolute divorce. This concluded the formal preliminaries.

WIGGIN'S SLAYER ARRESTED.

Negro Caught at Winston Confesses That He is Guilty of the Crime

By Associated Press.
Salisbury, May 11.—Ed Davis arrested Wednesday at Winston, today confessed to the murder of Conductor Wiggins of Salisbury. Sheriff Julian will go after him tonight.

L. W. Osborne & Co. Sell Out.
Mr. Arnold M. Shaw has purchased the stock of the L. W. Osborne Harness Company and as soon as an inventory is taken, he will assume charge of the business.

The deal has been pending for several days but not until yesterday did the proprietors of the store and purchaser come to a satisfactory agreement.

Mr. Shaw will increase the stock and make a number of improvements.

Decorators Begin Work.
Mr. Martin Davis, representing Sherwood Higgs and Company, the official decorators of the Twentieth commenced this morning with his work of decorating the city for the big celebration. The colors being used are fast and show up splendidly.

Mr. C. E. Hooper who is chairman of the decorating committee has placed about 40 contracts for decorating and Mr. Davis will fill these as quickly as possible.

Mahone For Collector.
By Associated Press.
Washington, May 11.—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of William Mahone as collector of customs for the district of Petersburg, Va.

Government Wins Out.
By Associated Press.
St. Paul, May 11.—The Paper trust today withdrew from the United States the court proceedings and the government wins out—all the points.