

THE PARSON'S LIMIT.

He'd been preaching and exhorting
For a score of years or so
In a portion of the vineyard
Where the harvesting was
slow.
Whence the temporal inducement
For his ceaseless diligence
Was a promise of four hundred
For his yearly recompense.

Unrelenting was the ardor
He devoted to the cause,
And though slowly came his
dollars
Still he labored without pause.
Till one day they came and told
him,
As he kicked against the
pricks,
That they'd raised their offered
stipend
From four hundred up to six.
Then the good man sank ex-
hausted.
As he feebly made reply,
"Don't, I pray you, men and
brethren,
Thus my patience overtry,
For to glean the four you've
promised
Hath so warped my vital force,
That 'twould kill me if you taxed
me
To collect two hundred more."
—Boston Courier.

Smoking Peaks.

For several years past there
has been an annual emission of
smoke from a number of the
peaks in the mountains north of
Swannanoa station, and about
fifteen miles from this city. Some
say the phenomena has been no-
ticed since the earthquake at
Charleston. It lasts for a few
weeks each fall, and the smoke
can only be seen for two or three
hours during the middle of the
day. J. W. Boone, who owns a
large number of the smoking
peaks, was here yesterday, and
gave the information that a still
larger number of the knobs are
smoking this year, and that
Watch Knob is giving forth vol-
umes of smoke. Everyday smoke
may be seen rise from fifteen
peaks.

The peaks were first noticed to
be smoking Wednesday.—Ashe-
ville Gazette.

NO RIGHT TO UGLINESS.

The woman who is lovely in
face, form and temper will al-
ways have friends, but one who
would be attractive must keep
her health. If she is weak, sickly,
and all run down, she will be
nervous and irritable. If she has
constipation or kidney trouble,
impure blood will cause pimples,
blisters, skin eruptions and a
wretched complexion. Electric
Bitters is the best medicine in the
world to regulate stomach, liver
and kidneys and purify the blood.
It gives strong nerves, bright eyes,
smooth, velvet skin, rich com-
plexion. It will make a good-
looking, charming woman of a
run down invalid. Only 50c. at
Fetter's Drug Store.

Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of authority vested in
me by a Deed in Trust or Mortgage,
executed by J. A. Smith and wife, Mary
J. Smith, on the 9th day of December,
1887, which Mortgage or Deed in Trust
is duly recorded in Register's office for
Cabarrus county, N. C., in Book No. 8,
pages 538 and 539, I will sell at public
auction at the court house door in Con-
cord, N. C., on the 28th day of October,
1899, to the highest bidder, for cash,
Said J. A. Smith's entire interest in his
father's real estate located in No. 9
township, being by will one-ninth of
Matthews Smith deceased, entire real
estate, supposed to be about one
hundred acres. (Since the execution of this
mortgage the interest of John A.
Smith has been set apart by notes and
bonds and is known as lot No. 5) and
is bounded as follows: Beginning at a
stone by a dogwood and corner of lot
No. 4 and running S 7 1/2 E 41 to a
stone and white rock, Hearn's corner,
then with his line S 29 W 392 to a
stone on the south edge of the road
corner, Hearn's corner, 12 poles to
road as follows: 1st N. 53 W. 27 to a
stone on the road, then 2nd N. 21 W.
73 to a stone on the south edge of
the road by a P. O. White's corner,
then 3rd line on road N. 30 W. 21
to a small white oak on the north
edge of the road, then a dividing line,
N. 33 E 190 to a stone at the beginning,
containing 50 acres, more or less.

Title to said property is supposed to
be good, but the purchaser takes such
title as is authorized to convey un-
der said mortgage.

E. Hoar, Trustee.
This 27th day of Sept., 1899.

Farm For Sale.

In pursuance of a judgment and de-
creed of said court rendered in the Sup-
reme Court of Cabarrus county, in the
case of J. G. Cherry et al. vs. J. G. Cherry
et al., the undersigned will expose to public
sale at the court house door in the town
of Concord, N. C., on Monday Novem-
ber 27th, 1899, at 10 o'clock, the fol-
lowing tract of land in No. 1
township, bounded as follows: Be-
ginning at a B. O. in the line, Andrew
corner and running with Andrew's line
E 33 poles to white oak to the line then
S 11 E 25 poles to a black oak to the line,
then S 45 E 30 poles to a black oak in
Phillips corner, then with Phillips land
N. 14 E 35 poles to hickory, Phillips
corner, then with Phillips and King line
E. 120 poles to a post-oak, King's cor-
ner, then N. 25 poles to hickory on Mor-
gan's line, then with N. 81 W. 59
poles to a stake by an old road, Mor-
gan corner, then N. 30 W. 175, passing
Morgan's with Hearn's line to B. J.,
Andrew's corner, then with Andrew's
line S. 35 W. 73 poles to a B. J. by the side
of a glade, then S. 3 E. 50 poles to a B.
J. corner, then S. 23 W. 23 poles to
the beginning, containing 100 acres,
more or less. Terms of sale: One-half
cash, balance payable 12 months after
date. Title reserved. All purchases
money to be paid in full.

Conced by N. C. G. Morrison, Counr.
Caldwell & Stickley, Attys.

The Same Everywhere.

There has been more building
done in North Carolina during
the past six months than during
any previous six months of her
history.

In every largertown or city in
the State, during the past six
months, contractors have hardly
been able to get enough material
or mechanics to do their work,
so great has been the demand
for both labor and material. We
doubt if there ever was a period
in our State's history when a
mechanic could more easily get
work or buy more with his
wages. And not only skilled
mechanics find plenty of profit-
able work, but all kinds of
laborers and workmen can get
plenty of work at fair wages.
This is easily proved by a visit
to almost any town in the State.

But while the above is true as
to the towns, the rural sections
have not heretofore been so
blessed, but at least the country,
farmers—are feeling its effects
and becoming more hopeful and
encouraged. The great increase
in the price of cotton is a great
God-send to our country and to
a class of people who need all
they can get. This increase is
now fifty per cent over the price
of cotton at this time last year,
and it may be still greater. Our
farmers have waited long and
suffered patiently. For years
they have been raising cotton at
a price that hardly paid expenses.
Now, at last they can sell at a
profit and feel that their "labor
has not been in vain."—Pittsboro
Record.

Demand for Labor.

The best proof of the fact that
the South is progressing and get-
ting a fair share of prosperity is
the announcement of a shortage
of labor. This is especially no-
ticeable in Florida. Cross-tie
cutters, phosphate miners, dock
laborers are in demand in many
portions of the State. Up to a
few months ago there seemed to
be no demand for laborers or
mechanics. The supply greatly
exceeded the demand. Now it is
the reverse, and daily men are
here in search of help for their
business in various parts of the
State. It is the same with cotton
factories in North and South
Carolina. It is stated that there
is considerable difficulty in se-
curing enough labor to keep the
machinery of the mills running
on full time, but it is quite safe to
say that this problem will soon
be solved by the law of supply
and demand, as the payment of
good wages will induce intelli-
gent young men and women from
the country to seek employment
in the mills.—Jacksonville Me-
tropolis.

Demented's Awful Deed.

An illustration of the terrible
consequences of demented reason
or mental derangement is that
of Frank E. Babcock of Red-
wood Falls, Minn., who became
demented on Wednesday. He
first shot down his two children
as he would two birds. He
then sought and found his hid-
den wife who met the same fate.
Then going to the field where
his son was at work, gave him a
death shot. As if there was yet
mind enough to produce re-
morse he placed the gun barrel
in his own mouth and fired
falling upon the gun.

Dr. Bernheim to Retire.

The Morning Star says that
Rev. G. D. Bernheim D. D., the
pastor of St. Matthew's English
Lutheran church of Wilmington
has tendered his resignation with
a view to retiring from the ac-
tive ministry. He has been in
the ministry for over 50 years.
He is a well known former citizen
of Cabarrus.

Promptly Caught.

Last Saturday while Mr. G. W.
Lundley and son, Walter, were
attending the burial of Mrs. W.
R. Higgins, a tramp entered their
home from the rear and stole a
full suit of clothes, overcoat, pis-
tol, etc. Chief of Police, B. E.
King, was notified by telephone
Sunday night, who also notified
Sheriff J. A. House, and by 11
o'clock the thief was safe in the
hands of the law, and now awaits
action of the court.—Littleton
News Reporter.

Mr. H. L. Freeman left Monday

morning for Stoneham, Miss.,
where he has a contract to place
several of his patent steam gener-
ators in position. He will be
absent several weeks.—Lexington
Dispatch.

COURT ADJOURNED.

The Jury Discharged Friday Evening—
Three More Divorces Granted That
Afternoon—Two Other Cases.

The work on the civil docket
ended Friday afternoon and the
jury was discharged that even-
ing. Judge Robinson was de-
tained here until next morning
on account of unfinished work.
Three divorces were granted
men during the afternoon as
follows:
W. S. Craven from Ollie Craven,
J. A. Dobson from Tempie Dob-
son, and W. F. Epps from Alice
Epps.

The case of DL Bradford vs.
J. Robt. Wallace was decided in
favor of the defendant.
The case of Sol Levy vs. P. R.
Motley was decided in favor of
the defendant.

"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep."

Franklin Clifford, the infant
son of Rev. and Mrs. Steffey,
died today at the St. John's
parsonage home at 9
o'clock a. m. He had not en-
joyed health and vigor for any
considerable part of his short
life and for several days, recent-
ly, it was manifest that the
flickering lamp of life would soon
go out. The end came on the
day that he was eleven weeks
old.

The funeral rites will be con-
ducted tomorrow at 10
o'clock by Rev. W. B. Oney
when the little body will be in-
terred in the St. Johns cemetery.
Rev. and Mrs. Steffey have
the sympathy and condolence of
their many friends in their
bereavement, the more poignant
from constant parental care and
solicitude for the little bud thus
plucked from them to open in the
glorious effulgence of Paradise.
—Daily of 26th.

A Lady and Gentleman Badly Hurt.

The Salisbury correspondent
to the Charlotte Observer says:
Mr. J. P. Gaskill and Miss
Helen Bruton were painfully in-
jured in a runaway near Dunn's
Mountain, four miles out,
Wednesday afternoon. The
young people had already found
a double rig unmanageable on
account of a break in the har-
ness, and a single team had been
secured from town. The horse
began by kicking the dashboard,
knocking Mr. Gaskill out of the
buggy in a state of unconscious-
ness. Then with a jerk that
broke one of the shafts, he
turned the buggy over on Miss
Bruton, giving a kick that broke
one of her ribs. The young
people came home in Capt. J. C.
McCauley's carriage.

He Took His Oath.

Mr. Bachman B. Miller, of
Rowan county, who recently was
granted license by the supreme
court, and who was a classmate
of Mr. J. P. Newell of our county,
was introduced to the members
of the bar here Thursday and the
oath was administered to him.

The soothing and healing prop-
erties of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy, its pleasant taste and
prompt and permanent cures
have made it a great favorite with
the people everywhere. For sale
by M. L. Marsh & Co., Druggists.

Automobile Ride at 108.

The Philadelphia Record says
Mrs. Sarah Terry of that city
was 108 years old on the 26th of
September and on that day took
a ride on the automobile. She
was born in 1791 and therefore
has seen travel progress from
the old stage coach to the loco-
motive train, the bicycle and
now the automobile. Mrs. Terry
was well educated and has seen
much of the world, hence her
lack of the timidity that usually
deters very aged people from
such ventures.

THE BEST PRESCRIPTION FOR CHILLS

and fever is a bottle of Grove's Taste-
less Chill Tonic. Never fails to cure;
Then why experiment with worthless
imitations? Price 50 cents. Your
money back if it fails to cure.

Young Lady Drowned.

A Wilmington dispatch of the
17th says Miss Katie Gause was
strolling with a group of chil-
dren. At the bank of a mill pond
some miles from the city, she
dropped her purse and returning
from a little way off was separ-
ated from the children. They
heard a splash, and found the
lady drowning in 15 feet of wa-
ter. It will never be known how
the sad affair occurred. She was
very much beloved.

THANK OFFERING RECEPTION.

The Work of the Foreign Missionary
Society of the First Presbyterian
Church During Its Past Twelve
Years of Good Work.
Written for The Standard.

The thank offering reception
given by the ladies of the For-
eign Missionary society, of the
First Presbyterian church, on
Friday evening was well attend-
ed by the societies of this church.
The ten members, who formed
the committee on refreshments,
rendered the evening a happy
one by the tempting menu served
in a most charming way to each
guest. The basket for the offer-
ing, placed prominently at the
entrance, was not overlooked; it
felt heavy about 6 o'clock. The
following report was read by the
secretary:

"The Woman's Foreign Mis-
sionary society of the First Pres-
byterian church of Concord, N. C.,
was organized Oct. 10th, 1887.
A constitution was formulated by
Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne, then pastor
of the church, and accepted by
the twenty members who con-
stituted the first enrollment. The
official staff of the society has
been as follows: Presidents,
Mrs. Joel Reed, Mrs. M. M. Gil-
lon, Mrs. R. S. Harris, Mrs. Alida
Burkhead, Mrs. D. B. Morrison;
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Wm.
Montgomery, Mrs. P. B. Fetzor,
Mrs. M. M. Gillon, Mrs. G. W.
Brown, Mrs. T. Chapman, Mrs.
N. D. Fetzor, Mrs. J. A. Sims, Mrs.
C. J. Goodson; Secretaries, Mrs.
A. I. Woodhouse, Mrs. Alida
Burkhead, Mrs. N. D. Fetzor, Mrs.
R. S. Harris; Treasurers, Mrs.
H. C. Herring, Mrs. G. M. Lore,
Mrs. D. B. Morrison, Miss Lelia
King; Corresponding Secre-
taries, Mrs. Alida Burkhead,
Mrs. H. C. Herring, Mrs. J. P.
Allison; Executive Committees,
First, Mrs. R. W. Allison, Miss
Lou Stuart, Miss Lelia King;
Second, Mrs. G. M. Lore, Miss
Lou Stuart, Miss Lelia King;
Third, Mrs. Ed. Hall, Miss Lou
Stuart, Miss Lelia King; Fourth,
Mrs. C. M. Payne, Miss Lou
Stuart, Miss Lelia King; Fifth,
Mrs. D. D. Johnston, Mrs. C. J.
Goodson, Mrs. N. D. Fetzor;
Present Committee, Mrs. Alida
Burkhead, Mrs. G. M. Lore, Mrs.
H. I. Woodhouse.

The membership has alterna-
tely waxed and waned; at one
time there were 70 names on the
roll, now, only 46. We have lost
10 members by death, some by
removals to other places. The
society has had the smiles of a
kind Providence on the days of
meeting, for in the 12 years of its
existence, only 4 sessions have
been prevented by stormy
weather. The meetings have
been held regularly on the first
Monday of every month, bring-
ing the members of the church
together in a common cause,
cementing friendships and dis-
seminating much information as
to the progress of the Gospel in
all parts of the world. Our con-
tributions, like our membership,
have also waxed and waned;
in one year only, did we run
over \$129.00; the general aver-
age has been between \$80 and
\$90. Therefore the amount for-
warded from this society to the
Executive committee at Nash-
ville, Tenn., does not quite reach
\$1000.00. Our Southern As-
sembly asks for \$300,000, this
year with new missions; let us
work with new energy and bear
our part in raising this sum.

There are 158 missionaries
from our church occupying 80
stations in the foreign field, and
from every one of those mission-
aries come the cry to the home
church help—more men and more
money to labor over and hold
the ever-opening fields before
them. For us, let there be no
self-indulgence, but self-denial
and free-will offerings until every
member of this society is known
as a foreign missionary in the
home fields.

What of the night, O watchman
set
To mark the dawn of day?
The wind blows fair from the
morning star
And the shadows flee away—
Dark are the valleys, but the moun-
tain's glow
As the light its splendor flings,
And the Sun of Righteousness
comes up
With healing in his wings.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Mr. Jas. W. Cannon was the purchaser
of the Allison property and has sold
his present residence to Mr. Martin
Boger.

It has been the talk of the
town for several days as to who
was the purchaser of the Allison
property on North Main street.
It has been kept a secret from
almost everybody.

Mr. Jas. W. Cannon was the
gentleman who purchased it for
\$7,000, and he has now sold his
present residence on the
other side of North Main
street to Mr. Martin Boger, of
our county. The amount paid
by Mr. Boger for the property
is not made public but he paid
more than did Mr. Cannon for
the Allison property.

Mr. Cannon will build a hand-
some residence on the Allison
property next year. It was
specified in the contract that he
reside in his present one until
Christmas of next year. It was
reported that Mr. W. M. Smith
was the purchaser of the Allison
property but he was acting as
the attorney in the transaction.

From Our Near Neighbor.
Written for The Standard.

Glass, Oct. 18.—Mr. Douglas
Patterson is still living this
morning.

Mr. Sidney Elliott, who has
been sick for several weeks with
typhoid fever, is improving.

Mr. William Isenhour's son,
who is sick with typhoid fever,
is resting better this morning.

Rev. Alexander will not be at
Bethpage church on Friday and
Saturday as was expected.

If we get eight cents for our
cotton we will be short four
or five thousand dollars, so we
will be compelled to spend less
money.

Real Estate Deals in Our Town.

Miss Mary Johnson has pur-
chased the house and lot on
North Main street just above
the Milas Johnson property. She
purchased it from Mr. and Mrs.
Henry V. Vance, of Clinton, S.
C., Mrs. Vance being her sister.

Mr. J. M. Odell has purchased
from Ed. L. Misenheimer and
Mrs. Ida Hodson a tract of land
containing forty-one acres, the
consideration of the deal being
\$2,050. This tract lies near the
property of Mr. Jno. Bullar at
Forest Hill. Mr. Odell has also
purchased from the same parties
a tract of about five acres for
\$825.

Her Body Brought Here from Boston.

The body of Maggie Harris, a
colored woman of this county,
who went to Boston about three
years ago, was brought here
Wednesday from that place and
was buried. She died from
asphyxiation. It is supposed
that the gas jet in the room
leaked, and it was not a case of
suicide. The person had been
dead five days and the body was
embalmed before it left Boston.
A colored woman accompanied
the corpse here.

Mr. Douglas Patterson Dead.

It was noted in our paper some
days ago that Mr. Douglas Pat-
terson, of No. 4 township, was
very sick. He died on Wednes-
day afternoon and was buried on
Thursday at Salisbury. Mr.
Patterson had typhoid fever and
bled most profusely from his
nose. He was 28 years of age
and leaves a heartbroken wife.
About five years ago he married
Miss Alice Myers, of Salisbury.
He was a member of the J. O. U.
A. M. which organization took
charge of his body for burial.

Taken to Salisbury's Jail.

On Wednesday when it was de-
cided that the trial of Tom Carr
and Will Edwards would be held
in Rowan county plans were
soon made by Sheriff Peck to
get the negroes out of our jail.
Officers Johnson, Boger, Peck
and Parish took the negroes to
Salisbury's jail yet that after-
noon. Court will be held in
Salisbury on the 20th of next
month.

Concord Gets His Cotton.
Until last week Mr. Joe Bar-
rett, of Matthews, who deals con-
siderably in cotton, had been
selling his cotton in Charlotte,
but decided to bring us a lot of
47 bales last week. He was
pleased over our market price
and was here again Thursday
night, this time bringing 52 bales.
This makes 99 bales Mr. Barrett
has sold here and will very
probably visit us again.

CRIMINAL DOCKET ENDED.

Several Failed to Pay Their Costs and
Are Sent to the Chain-gang for Their
Payment.

About 4 o'clock Thursday af-
ternoon the criminal docket was
finished and nothing more was
done that afternoon, except the
straightening up of the busi-
ness of the past days. Several
negroes, whose sentences were
that they be released on payment
of the costs, failed to get the
money and were sent to the
chain-gang to work out their
costs.

Mr. J. M. Wagoner, who was
found guilty of retailing without
license, was ordered by Judge
Robinson to be released on pay-
ment of the costs, or upon failure
to pay the costs to be confined to
jail two months.

Sim Gray, found guilty of
carrying a concealed weapon,
was sentenced to the chain-gang
for twelve months.

Frank McDonald, the negro
who was found guilty in the row
over at Gold Hill and who was
shot in the neck by Robt. Hasty,
was sentenced to the chain-gang
for four months.

John Granger, who was
charged with assault with deadly
weapon, was sent to the chain-
gang for four months.

Joe Henderson, who was also
found guilty of assault with
deadly weapon, was sent to the
chain-gang for three months.

The young man, Wagoner,
who was arrested one night dur-
ing court week, and who was in-
ducing the witnesses against his
father to leave town, was re-
leased on payment of the costs,
which made it an impressive les-
son, no doubt, to him.

Other Superior Court Proceedings.

The following other cases have
been disposed of:

State vs. Hiram Allman, fail-
ure to enlist his taxes. Judge-
ment suspended on payment of
the costs.

State vs. Henry Phifer, larceny
of a mule. He submitted and
was sentenced to the chain-
gang for two years.

State vs. Jim Boger, carrying
a concealed weapon. Judgment
suspended on payment of the
costs.

State vs. James Seals, larceny.
Found guilty and sentenced to
the chain-gang for one year.

State vs. Dan Johnson, f. and
a. Motion for judgement. Mo-
tion continued on his own recog-
nizance.

State vs. Eli Goldston, as-
sault with deadly weapon. Not
pros.

State vs. Noah Ford, carrying
a concealed weapon. Sentenced
to the chain-gang for two months.

State vs. Angeline Ellis, two
cases of retailing without li-
cense, and an affray. Not pros.
entered in two cases and the
other one taken off of the
docket.

A number of cases were on the
docket this court where persons
failed to list their poll tax. The
judgement in the cases was sus-
pended on the payment of the
costs and the taxes.

The case against Jackson Lin-
ker, assault with deadly weapon,
was taken off the docket.

State vs. Jerry Motley, remov-
ing crop. Judgment suspended
on payment of the cost.

State vs. Joe Henderson, as-
sault with deadly weapon. Judge-
ment suspended on payment of
the costs.

State vs. Jas. Tarlton and Lou
Parker, assault with deadly
weapon. Judgment suspended
on payment of the costs.

State vs. Isaac Scott, retailing
without license. Not guilty.

State vs. Robert Hasty and
Frank McDonald, assaults with
deadly weapons. Hasty found
not guilty. McDonald found
guilty. This is the case over
near Gold Hill some weeks ago
when Hasty shot McDonald.

NOTICE.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Associ-
ation.

The assessment of one-tenth
of one per cent, levied at call
meeting of said Association in
Sept. is now ready for payment
at Cabarrus Savings Bank. Each
member is hereby notified to call
and settle his pro rata part of
said assessment within 30 days
after Nov. 1 or not later than
Jan. 1, 1900 without further
notice.

JAS. C. GIBSON,
Sec. and Treas.

Oct. 17, 1899.

AVERY KALE HANGED.

Murdered Geo. Travis—Didn't Want to
Be Restored to Life.

Avery Kale was hanged Thurs-
day at Newton for the murder of
George Travis. It will be re-
membered that after he com-
mitted the murder he volunteered
in the 24th Regiment but was
brought back from Jacksonville.
McDonald was made to have
Kale's sentence commuted but
the governor thought best to let
the law take its course. Kale
was 19 years old and reared
without the advantages of good
education. He resigned the min-
istry of his religion one of
whom was our former citizen
Rev. C. P. Sherrill and was hanged
by our former citizen Sheriff Jno.
W. Blackwelder.

Dr. Sinclair of Davidson had
made preparations to experiment
with the body and attempt to re-
store it to life after he was pro-
nounced dead (medical science is
beginning to treat dislocated
spinal vertebrae) but the young
man refused to give his consent
expressing his desire that the ex-
ecutive should be complete.

Always a Mather Should Not Do.

She should not forget that if
she treats her boy as a gentle-
man she will do much toward
making him a gentleman.

She should not treat her boy
to perpetual frowns, scoldings
and faultfindings. "Sugar at-
tracts more flies than vinegar."
Love wins her boy to a noble
manhood.

She should never be so busy
or hard-pressed for time that she
cannot listen to him. If he live
to be a man he will all too soon
leave her. She should make the
best of him while she has him.

She should encourage outdoor
exercise or sports, and she
should not forget to train him
with proper regard for his per-
sonal appearance.

She should never allow him to
form such habits as coming to
the table in his shirt sleeves,
neglecting his nails or teeth, or
carrying soiled handkerchiefs
about with him.

She should never nag him, or
forget that he is a creature of
reason, not an animal that re-
quires to be driven.

She should not fail to instill in
him a distaste for all that is vul-
gar.—Household.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

The Republican State execu-
tive committee was in session at
Hotel Iredell last night. When
it was discovered that just 13
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his letter on the amendment,
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The most important action of
the committee was the passing of
a resolution authorizing and em-
powering the chairman to employ
counsel to bring suit for the pur-
pose of testing the constitution-
ality of the election law passed
by the last General Assembly.—
Statesville Reporter.

Affairs in South Africa.

Severe fighting is anticipated
about Mafeking in the South
African war field. Sharp shir-
mishing occurred at about 5
o'clock Wednesday, and a bloody
engagement was expected today.

The prompt arrival of General
Buller is prevented by the havoc
to railroads and bridges made by
the Boers. The queen, in a
message to parliament indicates
the purpose to prosecute the war
with great vigor. The militia
reserves will probably be called
out soon. Rumor had it that
Mafeking had sent up the white
flag on the approach of the
Boers but it is discredited.

Gala Week in Richmond.

The week of October 31st will
be gala week in Richmond, the
occasion being the launching of
the United States torpedo boat
Shubrick on the 31st instant.
Great preparations are being
made by the citizens of the cap-
ital of the Old Dominion to cele-
brate the event.

Uncle Sam's Conscience Fund.

Another mite has been added
to Uncle Sam's conscience fund.
The Baltimore Sun's Washington
dispatch of the 10th says:
"The conscience fund of the
Treasury was enriched today by
a contribution of \$200, which
came from Chicago. The letter
of contribution which accompanied
it said it was appropriated from
the Commissary Department of
the army during the Civil War.
If the interest had been added, it
would have amounted to three
times as much. The largest part
of the conscience fund is made
up of amounts returned which
were unlawfully taken during
the period of the Civil War.
"It is not believed the aggre-
gate of these contributions, how-
ever, would make more than a
mere fraction of the vast sums
of which the government was
robbed through the Commissary
and Quartermaster departments
during the Civil War. Some of
the Treasury officials estimated
it as much as one or two hun-
dred millions. The contribution
received today gives hope that
more of it may come in. The
quickening of this particular
conscience took 35 years or more
and there may be an awakening
in the future of tougher ones."

Mrs. Robinson, of Charlotte,
formerly Mrs. Conrad, arrived
here Thursday night to visit her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. P.
Miller.

Always a Mather Should Not Do.

She should not forget that if
she treats her boy as a gentle-
man she will do much toward
making him a gentleman.

She should not treat her boy
to perpetual frowns, scoldings
and faultfindings. "Sugar at-
tracts more flies than vinegar."
Love wins her boy to a noble
manhood.

She should never be so busy
or hard-pressed for time that she
cannot listen to him. If he live
to be a man he will all too soon
leave her. She should make the
best of him while she has him.

She should encourage outdoor
exercise or sports, and she
should not forget to train him
with proper regard for his per-
sonal appearance.

She should never allow him to
form such habits as coming to
the table in his shirt sleeves,
neglecting his nails or teeth, or
carrying soiled handkerchiefs
about with him.

She should never nag him, or
forget that he is a creature of
reason, not an animal that re-
quires to be driven.

She should not fail to instill in
him a distaste for all that is vul-
gar.—Household.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

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