The Messenger.

New Advertisements. For Sale-Special. Munyon's Catarrh Cure. Home Dyeing Made Easy. Opera House-"The World." Mechanics Home Association. National Bank of Wilmington. All New Seed-Jos. C. Shepard, Jr.

Weather Forecasts. Local forecast made at Wilmington yesterday morning for twelve hours from 8 a. m. today: Increasing cloudi-

ness; variable winds. For North Carolina: Threatening rain in western portion at night; northeasterly to easterly winds. TEMPERATURE.

1896-2 a. m., 36 degrees; 8 p. m., 51 degrees; highest, 58 degrees; lowest, 30 1897-8 a. m., 35 degrees; 8 p. m., 4

degrees; highest, 48 degrees; lowest, 34 Miniature Almanac-Sun rises 7:09 m.; gun sets 5:09 p. m.; high water at Southport, 3:23 a. m.; high water at

Wilmington, 5:10 a. m. "Moon's Phases-New moon, 3rd, 12:55 a. m.; first quarter, 10th, 4:37 p. m.; full moon, 18th, 3:08 p. m.; last quarter, 25th, 3:00 p. m.

PITHY LOCALS.

The Raleigh letter and much telegraphic news will be found on the in side pages this morning.

The steamer Wilmington on her trip to Southport yesterday carried fifteen workmen and a lot of material for Mr. Grim, the conrtactor for the erection of the emplacement for the disappearing guns to be mounted at Fort Cas-

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. W. M. Powell, of Hub, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. A. H. Adams, of Raleigh, is guest at The Orton.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, was in the city yesterday. Mr. W. F. Freeman, of Verona, was

on our streets yesterday. Mr. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, made business calls here yesterday.

Mr. A. C. McKinnon, of Maxton, was in the city on business yesterday. Mr. N. A. Currie, of Clarkton, came

down to the city on a business trip yes-Mr. T. A. Lyon, of Greensboro, was among the arrivals at The Orton last

W. T. Dortch, Esq., of Goldsboro, came down to the city last evening and. Worth acted as secretary. is registered at The Orton.

Professor M. C. S. Noble will leave for Raleigh today to attend the Masonic grand lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fries, of Winston-Salem, came to the city on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway last night and are registered at The Orton. cepted a position as manager in the de-

partment store of Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co., in this city. His family will move to the city about March 1st: ' Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston-Salem, and R. O. Burton, Esq., of Raleigh, attorneys of Mr. J. W. Fries, re-

ceiver of the North State Improvement Company, are registered at The Orton. The Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D. D., formerly the popular pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of this city, now located at Greensberg, Pa., arrived in the city yesterday at 12:30 o'clock from Sumter, S. C., where he attended the dedication of a Lutheran church. He stopped with his daughter, A'rs, H. F. Otten, and left at 7:15 o'clock p. m., for Rochester, N. Y. He exects to reach home on Saturday, His

numerous friends here were glad to see him and quite a number were at the train to bid him goodbye. Little's " World," One of America's Oldest

and Greatest Plays. Little's "World," which has been one of the foremost of America's standard attractions for over fifteen years, will be seen at the opera house on next Friday and Saturday, and matinee, and present indications point to the engagement's being one of the most successful of the season. The height of stage realism is reached, especially in the great wreck scene, when the steamship is seen to break up and founder at sea, leaving its helpless passengers adrift on a slight raft on the ocean. The raft scene is, if anything, even more startling than the former scene, showing the survivors of the wreck, helpless at sea, finally culminating in their rescue by a passing ship. We learn that every plece of scenery used in the many scenes is carried by the company, and we are assured that our theatre-goers can confidently expect one of the best scenic and dramatic treats of the sea-

The reserved seat sale opens tomor row (Thursday) morning at Gerken's. Hall's Hair Renewer enjoys the con-

fidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use it to restore and keep the hair a natural

A Little Waif Left On a Plazza. On Monday night about 9:30 o'clock Mrs. Julia Anna Strickland, who resides on Queen street, near wurry, heard someone come in at the gate. Not hearing a knock on the door she went to the door to see who it was. When she opened the door she found an infant lying on the plazza. It was well wrapped and with it was a good supply of clothing. The child was a boy and pinned to the clothing around it was a paper containing the following: "Mrs. Anna, I will give you this baby. One month old today." Mrs. Strickland took the little waif in and says she will

Deuth of Mrs. John Kent Brown.

A dispatch received by the Messenger last night from Washington, D. C., states that Mrs. John Kent Brown, Brown, of this city, died in Washington on Monday. The remains will reach Wilmington tomorrow evening at 5:45 o'clock and the funeral will take place at St. James Episcopal church at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Mrs. Brown was the adopted daughter of the late Dr. W. E. Freeman, of our city, and leaves two sons and s daughter.

New Process for Making Butter.

Mr. Benj. R. Haud, of Goldsboro, who is here on his return from Southport, is the inventor of a machine to obtain the butter from milk fresh from the cow, and without the necessity of separating the cream or souring the milk. The butter is secured in from two to two hours and a half, and the yield is greater than by any other process. He is also the inventor of a steel railroad tie that is said to be superior to a dozen or more that have been inyented in this country.

BANK ELECTIONS.

Annual Meeting of Our National Banks

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic National bank was held in the directors' room of the bank yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Eight hundred and eighty-four out of twelve hundred and fifty shares were represented in person or by proxy. Major Graham Daves, of Newbern, acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. James D. Woodroe as secretary. The president made the following report:

"To the Stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank: "The published statements to comptroller of the currency of your bank reveals the condition of the books of your institution. It has been the policy of the directors which you have elected, in the past, to carry nothing on the books of the bank as a resource from which the bank cannot realize the full book value. If at any time the value of a security appears to be doubt-ful, it has been immediatly charged to profit and loss account. During the year ending December 31, 1896 the net profits of your institution amounted to \$18,009.95. Out of this amount stockholders have been paid two dividends of 3 per cent. each amounting to \$7,500, the surplus account has been \$10.000 and the balance of \$409.95 remains in the un-divided profit accounts. During the year your deposits, collections 4 exchange business has increased. The di-

rectors of the bank invite the hearty co-operation of all stockholders in the management of the institution. We desire that evry stockholder should fool at perfect liberty to make any inquiry of the directors concerning the bank's affairs. The directors would thank any stockholder for his advice or counsel at any time. Every stockholder has it n his power to increase the value of his stock by helping to increase the business of the bank by making timely suggestions to the management. It is to be hoped that no stockholder will

ever lose an opportunity of imself by helping his bank." On motion . Mr. W. A. French the report of the president was received and ordered spread on the minutes. The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected to serve during the ensuing year, as follows: Messrs. J. W. Norwood, D. L. Gore, S. P. McNair, Samuel Bear, Jr., W. C. Coker, Jr., W. E. Springer, C. W. Worth, E. J. Powers, H. L. Vollers, P. L. Bridgers, G. A.

Norwood. The managers of election and com-James S. Worth, I. W. Solomon and R. W. Wallace.

The present surplus and undivided profits of the bank amount to \$62,000, 100 feet, and a volume of water six are the members and owners of a corafter paying the January dividend. THE NATIONAL BANK OF WIL-MINGTON.

The stockholders of the National Bank of Wilmington was held in the directors' room yesterday afternoon at board of aldermen in the execution of courts this foreign corporation will de-

A large majority of the shares were represented in person and by proxy. President John S. Armstrong read his bank to be in a satisfactory and prospering condition.

The following board of directors was John S. Armstrong, William Calder, Gabriel Holmes, James H. Chadbourn, Jr., William Gilchrist, C. W. Yates, Hugh MacRae, Charles E. Borden, J.

George R. French. The directors subsequently met and elected the following officers: President John S. Armstron; vice presidents, William Calder and James H. Chadbourn, Jr.; cashier, F. R. Hawes.

"Old, yet ever new, and simple and beautiful ever," sings the poet, in words which might well apply to Aver's -the most efficient and scientific blood purifier ever offered to suffering hukeeps It so long at the front.

THE TILESTON SCHOOL.

High School for the Pupils From the Two White Schools to be Opened There Next Monday.

Through the kindess and generosity of the trustees under the will of the late Mrs. Mary Hemenway, of Boston, Mass., the school committeemen of Wilmington have been given the free use of the handsome school property known as the Tileston school, situated between Ann, Nun. Fourth and Fifth streets. Professor M. C. S. Noble, superintendent of city schools, informs us that the advanced classes of the two white white schools will be transferred to this building next Monday and that it is the intention of our school authorities to make the instruction of the highest or-

Our city is to be congratulated upon its good fortune in securing without cost one of the handsomest and most ties in the southern states. The buildilng is a commodious pressed brick structure, two stories in height, and occupies a whole square, running 330 feet on Ann and Nun streets and 198 feet on Foutrh and Fifth streets. The first story contains four large recitapupils, and up stairs there are four dious auditorium that will seat 800 people. In the auditorium there is a splendid rostrum with a drop curtain. The building is heated by steam, and the spacious grounds are nicely shaded by handsome live oaks and elms.

THE C. F. & Y. V, RAILWAY,

The Foreclosure Proceedings to be Heard by Judge Simonton in this City Tomor-

The action of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of Baltimore, against the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company will be heard by Judge Simonton, of the United States circuit court, at the United States court room in this city tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Upon hearing all the parties interested Judge Simonton will issue his decree and enough of them for an adequate as to the time and manner of the sale as a whole or by divisions. The first parties interested in the mat-

ter to arrive in the city are Mr. J. W. Fries, of Winston-Salem, receiver widow of the date Mr. John Kent of the North State Improvement Company, and his attorneys, the Hon. C. B. Watson, of Winston, and R. O. Burton, Esq., of Raleigh. They are stopping at The Orton. Mr. Watson was the candidate of the

democracy for governor in the last

Funeral of Mr. Ed, W. Moore. The remains of the lamented Mr. Ed. W. Moore arrived in the city last night from New York, and the funeral will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the lodge at Oakdale cemetery.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab-lets. All druggists refund the money

if it falls to cure. 25c. South Carolina Legislature Columbia, S. C., January 12.—The leg pensary are reviewed at great length. | World's fail

CATARRH

sufferer with catarrh? Have you taken all sorts of drugs and patent nos-trums? Are you tired of paying big doctor billis without being cured? Are you willing to spend 50 cents for a cure moving the cause of the diesease? If so, ask your druggist for a 25-cent bottle of unyon's Catarrh Cure and a 25-Catarrh Cure will eradicate the diseas: from the system and the Tablets will cleanse and heal the afflicted parts and restore them to a natural and health-

ful condition A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial. Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

A Crying Necessity for Sewerage and Pure Water. Wilmington, N. C., January 12.

Editors Messenger: It is said, that all great reforms come through suffering. The city of Wilmington cannot inaugurate the system of reforms needed without an intelligent conception of the dangers which threaten.

In our last article we called attention

to the imperative need of an adequate sewerage system. We repeat that such a system must be inaugurated and pushed to completion, if we expect to meet the demands of the present and the future, or assume among the municipalities of the state and nation our right to rank as a metropolis. The demand is upon us-it is here-we cannot escape it-it must be met. There is a nondescript now in existence called a sewerage system, which begins nowhere and ends nowhere, and is only an eight inch pipe, and through which there is no continuous flow of water. There are also some private sewersonly a few-constructed by private citizens, purely as a matter of necessity, ranging from six to eight inches diameter. Let these be condemned and the private citizen and the sewerage company compensated for the expenditure, and then utilize these pipes mittee on proxies consisted of Messrs. in the general system as branches. The vice or consent. Indeed, it was done main sewerage pipe for a city, like when they did not even suspect that it Wilmington ought to be twenty-four to thirty inches in diameter, with a fall, if it cluld be secured, of ten feet to inches deep constantly flowing through the main arteries. The fall would profuce a current, and the volume of water would be adequate to carry off the out asking the consent of the people solids and furnish a sewerage system of the state which built it and which for all time to come

The citizens should call a halt on the contracts for placing shell upon the ny their jurisdiction and attempt to to be regretted there is among some of contracts for placing shell upon the streets until the sewerage system is first inaugurated and completed. In no courts, It is within your power, gentlement that does not sustain the existing called to the chair, and Mr. W. E. sense is it a class of street improve- men of the senate and house of repre- law which gives an annual appropriaments abreast with the age. The dust sentatives, to provide by law that no from pulverized shell is a nuisance foreign or non-resident corporation when it is done, and the cost, which | shall hold or operate any railroad withunder this contract is agreed to be paid, would go a long way towards erwise, except upon a license to be thing in the state laws or in the manreport showing the condition of the paving our streets with asphalt. The granted by such court, commission, offinest streets in Washington are paved ficer or tribunal as you may designate: with asphalt, and the thermometer and that no such license shall be grantranges higher in Washington than in ed except upon a certificate from the Wilmington. But street improvements granting power to the effect that due e-elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. of any kind, whether asphalt or shell, or of belgian blocks, ought to be deferred until the sewerage system is in- of such railroad by a foreign or nonaugurated and completed for it is not

system, under a concession from the city for ninety-nine years, surrounded with proper safeguards, both for the the corporation, which citizen and would have the power to levy a small quarterly sewerage tax to pay for the investment and maintenance. would relieve the property holders from any burdens which they could not pay and secure relief without oppres-

Next to a sewerage system is a perfect water supply. By "perfect" we mean a water supply adequate in volume and pure as the nectar of the manity. Nothing but superior merit gods. It has been said "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise," but if our people were to have an ocudemonstration of the impurities and solids, held in solution, in the potable or drinking water of the city of Wilmington, even in the best filtered cistern water, it would astound them. You can test it for yourselves. Take a clean, clear pint glass bottle, fill it with your very best filtered water and cork it air tight, and let is stand in your window exposed to light and sun for two weeks, and then note the precipitation in the bottom of the bottle. and you would be astounded to know you were drinking so much "dirt." But, when you add two or three times that amount of precipitation to the or-

> lives of your citizens. My interests are identified with Wilmington, and he is the best friend of the city and its people who points to the needful reforms and suggests the remedy which may be successfully invoked, and without grievous burdens. An analysis of the ordinary well water, such as is obtained almost anywhere in the city from the ordinary surface wells, has shown as high as twenty-seven grains of organic matter and three-quarters of a grain of nitrites to the gallon. Such water would be condemned by any chemist. Professor Holmes, the state geologist, has given it as his opinion that artesian wells could be sunk in Wilmington that would furnish a supply of water and his opinion is supported by an examination of the geological strata underlying our city. Such examination

would disclose a marl bed varying in thickness from 80 to 100 feet, covering the entire area, and for miles beyond Overlying this marl is a stratum of very hard trap rock, varying from six inches to two feet in thickness, and overlying that is the sand stratum upon which we live, mingled with earthy matter and salts to support vegetation, varying in thickness from fifteen to thirty feet. The majority, if not all the wells of the city, are driven down to this trap rock-which is as impervious to water as lead. Imagine, if you can, the volume of filth, filtered daily through this sand held there by this stratum of rock, in solution by the water, and pumped up to poison

This is not a very palatable truth and does not add zest to the appetite. It is a "monster of such hideous mien, that to be hated, needs but to be seen." But these things can be cured by sinking artesian wells far enough below the trap rock to secure a large and continuous filow of pure water, city grant to a corporation a concession for a period of time covering both

upon their property. That pure water can be obtained by sinking artesian wells deep enough, is evinced by the fact that one well, already sunk to the depth of 360 feet yields good soft water, free from and containing less than two grains of organic matter to the gallen It is useless to demur or to temporise That we are right, none can deny; that t would add to our population, wealth and prestige as a city, is as certain as that light tollow the future; to our-the present and the future; to our-islator in any way and from any selves and those who are coming af-

The "City by the Sea" would then be beacon light to the investor, a hive of activity to the man of business in the marts of commerce, and a home, ornamented with the rose buds of health and the splendors of wealth.

The best anodyne and expectoran for the cure of colds, coughs, and all islature met in annual session today. Governor Evan's annual message, a lengthy document, was sent in and will be read tomorrow. Its only sensational feature is an attack on the daily press of the state. The workings of the dispensary are reviewed at great length. timeat, lung, and bronchial troubles, is

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

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servants of the public and under our system of government are subject to political control. The time is approaching, if it has not arrived, for the adoption of a policy which without wrong to their owners shall look towards the conversion of them into public high conversion of them into public high-ways owned and controlled by the nation. While we admit our obligations to those whose enterprises and capital have constructed and bettered them, we must always insist upon a just and strict enforcement of their obligations to the public. Against vigorous opposition we have created a railroad commission. Its benefits are apparent and ought to be admitted by all. To it we are indebted for the regulation and in are indebted for the regulation and in many cases the reduction of traffic rates and to the excellent service which is given by most of the railroads in our trious and thrifty people of other states sonable. It is questionable whether at this session of our legislature there go and settle and feel secure and free; should be attempted a policy of rate where they may take their politics with reductions in this particular. As to them and vote as they please and have freight rates, there are evidences that they are excessive when compared with enormous decline in the value of the commodities upon which they are

The state has a large, and what ought to be a controlling, interest in the North Carolina railroad. An attempt has been made to pass from the state its interest in this great proper-ty for what is believed to be an inadequate consideration. The lease of ninety-nine years of all the rights, franchises and property, real and per-sonal and mixed, of this railroad company to a foreign or non-resident corporation was made without the sanction of the legislature or of the people of the state. It was made at a firme when nobody expected it. It was made within a few months after the adjournment of our general assembly. It was made without application to the legislature. It was made without due discussion or submission to the people of the state, all of whom were interested because the railroad is their property. It was made six years before the existing lease expired. It was made substantially by one man and that man the governor of the state, who acted without the advice of the people or of their representatives. It was made, so far as the people know or believe, without inviting competition among bidders. It was made under circumstances which indicated intentional secrecy. It was called a lease. It was in reality an attempted sale of this property belonging to our tax payers without consultation and without their ad-

was contemplated.

isdiction.

The so-called lessees, the real attempted purchasers, of this railroad poration which belongs to another state. They seek to own and conduct and operate this great highway withowns it. When the state undertakes to cradled nation that fell." complain of this transaction in its in this state by lease, purchase or othexamination has been made and that the control, operation and management resident corporation is not prejudicial only money misspent, but money wast- to the interests of the state. And you have the power further to provide for G. L. Gieschen, William E. Worth and pany with capital enough to build and the revocation of any such license by maintain a complete and perfect sewer | the granting power; and you have the further power to say by your law that sity. It is about that much pure gain any or every such license shall be revoked as to any such non-resident corporation which shall attempt to remove from your courts any case to which it from the efficiency of the public schools. may be a party. It is believed that the If given to them, it would extend them This lease claimed by this foreign corporation is ultra vires and void and that I would be so held upon the merits by our court of last resort. It is submitted that it is your duty to enact such ford to throw away this property. The measures as are best calculated to

> But whether this ninety-nine year lease be void or valid on the strictly legal merits existing at the time of its tions that are rapidly and permanently consummation, it is to be remembered that this foreign corporation obtained and accepted it and claims a right to own and operate this railroad, not by fits and blessings are not confined to virtue of any North Carolina statute, any sect but are open to all. It is no but under an unwritten rule which i known to lawyers as the comity of states and nations. This unwritten rule, wherever it prevails, is always subject to revocation by the local sov ereign. In this case you are the sovreign. The state may at any time decline to extend this comity. This socalled lease was taken subject to this sovereign power. The lessees cannot be dinary cistern water, and the water heard to say that they have acquired from our driven wells, it becomes a vested rights under existing laws and perpetual menace to the health and thus put themselves beyond the power of the state and within the protection of that clause of the federal constitution which prohibits a state from impairing the obligation of contracts they took with notice of the sovereign power of revocation residing in the state. Their contention is no more tenable than would be that of a domestic corporation which should say that the state cannot repeal its charter granted under the state constitution which expressly reserves the right to amend or repeal all charters. This foreign corrailroad within our borders by what i substantially a license from the state granted under an unwritten law. Every one of our home railroads derives its powers and franchises under that would be in every way acceptable, written license, that is, its charter. As to these, the legislature may revoke the license by repealing the charter. If it cannot revoke the unwritten license then it comes to this; that foreign corporations may come upon our soil and chises without our consent and thereby

exercise these great powers and franobtain important privileges which are denied to our own people. It is most important that this North Carolina railroad shall not be crippled or its value impaired by permittin any corperation or person to parallel it by the construction of any line, or of one mile of railroad which would connect existing lines so as to have a conto our own. If there be any charter heretofore granted by our state which permits this to be done, it should be promptly repealed You are invited to adopt every and all measures within your competency looking towards the recovery of this property for the benefit of the people and the tax payers of the state.

Recently the producers of the state have derived some benefit from an accompetition between two great railroad systems running through our state. Judging the future by the past, water supply for all purposes. Let the we must conclude that this competition and may end in the absorption of one the sewerage and the water supply and line by the other. Our laws should the reforms would be inaugurated prohibit the control of any ralicoad by without taxing the property of the chwithout taxing the property of the creative izens or creating any liens whatever to it, and especially by any road that runs in the same direction or connects with the same terminal. Much good may come from a statute carefully prepared and providing every practicable protection against evasion Among the evils that beset honest legislators is the system of lobbying. Persons and corporations interested in proposed legislation are entitled to be heard before legislative committees in a reasonable way. Indeed, it is not improper that information, argumer that night follows day. We owe it to or suggestion should come to the leg-

> ment as to the interest or motives of those who seek to influence legislative action. But let it be remembered that not unfrequently legislative lobbles swarm with concealed and hired repswarm with concealed and hired representatives of corporate and other interests who seek to promote or prevent measures in which their concern is purely pecuniary. These men are frequently trained politicians and lawyers. They represent one side and often the side that is antagonistic to the real welfare of the state. The people have no lobby. They who, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," keep "the noiseless tenor of their way" in mine and shop, in field and forest; in

products of their own lands and labor—these old bearers of burdens, the common people, are never heard except through their elected representatives. Our present county government law gives expression to the popular will and representation to minorities. Unfortunately the conflicts of national politics in this country extend to the management of local municipalities. Party lines are drawn in the selection of town councils and matters of local concern are ignored in the strife of

flow towards a state where men may

their votes counted as they are cast. In remote mountains, amidst wildernesses and pine barrens there is "Heard the tread of the pioneer Of Nations yet to be; The first low wash of waves Where yet shall roll a human sea.'

We have posited much in the way of industrial development by the money of non-residents. We ask for more and we promise for it as complete security and protection as is or can be given by any state of this republic. The preju-dices and passions engendered by civil conflict are passing away. North Carolina is the first southern state to break the lines of political sectionalism. Her people, taken as a whole, are loyal to the union and the constitution and as faithful to the flag as any other people within the boundaries of the nation. There is not an Anarchist in all her borders. We welcome all man and her borders. We welcome all men and women of good morals and manners to me within our boundaries and join with us in working towards the splen-did destiny of our old Commonwealth. An informal reception We will receive them as friends and brothers, to be treated like ourselves and not as strangers and aliens to be tolerated or patronized. Let us labor to show them a state with a school system like unto those of New England and the northwest and a rode of just and equal laws so administered as to make life and person and property as secure and peace and order as prevalent as in the states whose ruling elements point with pride to the institutions, the manners, the achievements, the morality, the religion and the glories of the Puritan.

May we not do a little more in the way of homes and pensions for the destitute survivors of the civil conflict? North Carolina had her soldiers in both armies. The national government cares for those who fought for its flag. As we advance in material wealth we should increase our expenditures for the destitute and disabled veter-ans of the armies of the "storm

Among the most important objects of tion to this institution should be increased but for the fact that the condition of the state treasury agement of the university which gives, with state money, free tuition to persons who are pecuniarily able to pay and thus takes from the denominational colleges students who would voluntarily help to sustain them, then such laws and practices should be abandoned. But if this free tuition is confined to those who cannot pay, where is the The limited number of these free students does not add appreciably to the expense of maintaining the univermeritorious young men without entailing taxation on anybody. Neither does this state aid subtract materially only one day and a fraction of a day each year. In this university we have a plant that represents about five hundred thousand dollars. We cannot afconstitution forbids it. The memories. bring up this question for speedy de- the traditions and the pride of our peotermination in your own courts and to ple revolt at the thought. The shades prevent its removal to any other jur- and shadows and soil of Chapel Hill

are sacred in thousands of North Carolina homes. Whatever it may have been under political and social condipassing away, it is now an institution that is popular in the best sense of that word. It serves no class. Its bene-The Same...

Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold by Dr. J. C. Ayer 50 years ago. In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lend speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record-50 years of cures. Why don't we better it? Well, we're much in the condition of the Bishop and the raspberry: "Doubtless," he said, "God might have made a better berry. But doubtless, also, He never did." Why don't we better the sarsaparilla? We can't. We are using the same old plant that cured the Indians and the Spaniards. It has not been bettered. And since we make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant, we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound we might But we're not. We're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same old diseases. You can tell it's the same old sarsaparilla be-

purifier, and-it's Ayers. OPERA HOUSE

cause it works the same old

eures, It's the sovereign blood

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the thorny paths of endless toil; they who tread the thorny paths of endless toil; they who plow their fields and live on the lic schools to the private academies. lic schools to the private academies Complaints from denominational colleges should be heard with the deference due to their authors, who should be made to feel that we rejoice in their growing prosperity and

But the university is a part of the state and must be preserved. North Carolina has broke the sol fact as well as in form. We are proud of the great republic and love its flag. American people that from our national capital ambassadors to apologize for our domestic policies to foreign lands with orders to pull down our flag shall go no more. With our federal constitution amended so that such territobe excluded from statehood except by the general concensus of the states, why should we not extend our national dorates and to the excellent service which is given by most of the railroads in our state. Their passenger rates which prevail in our state seem to be not unreading and that the tides of immigration may is our destiny? Westward, he star of somethies it is questionable. It is questionable whether it is questionable. empire has taken its way; from Persia

to Greece, from Greece to Italy; from Italy to Spain; from Spain to England. Ias resting place is here between the lakes and gulf, and the shores of the two great oceans-the gem of the north temperate zone, the land that by its fertility and climate is best in all the world for the development of the highman's noblest aspirations. With the expiring century looking back upon the errors and the glories of the past, let

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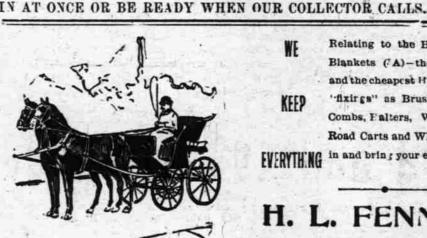
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