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THE MAYORALTY TROUBLE.

The Old Beard of Aldermen Meet and Elect Officers-Demand to be Made on the New Board and Officers and If They do Not Come Down Legal Steps Will be Taken Against Them.

At a regular meeting of the old board of aldermen (the Harriss board), held en Friday evening, the 7th instant, the following officers were elected:

City Clerk and Treasurer-W. H. Northrop, Jr.

Chief of Police (previously elected)-

R. B. Clowe. Superintendent of Streets-Harry

We understand Alderman W. C. Von-Glahn is slated for chief of the fire de-

partment. at once and present them to the proper officials for approval. Demand will then be made on the officers now holding the respective positions. If not surrendered, legal action will be taken to

oust the present officials. Like elections will be made by the board of all other of the officials and policemen and like action taken, if the present incumbents do not surrender.

We are informed that the supreme court has decided that officials, who occupy public offices, after any court has held adversely to their right of office, are not defacto officials. Consequently their elections or acts are void. On this theory, the courts will be asked to enjoin the Wright officers from holding the offices and arrest and bail proceedings will be resorted to, if neces-

The United States Court.

order, the United States district court convened yesterday at 10 o'clock. United States Marshal O. J. Carroll, of Raleigh, and Clerk W. H. Shaw were at their posts.

Lawson, Henry Stickney, James S. Boyce, and Ira Cannon, seamen, and James Gaskill and Thomas Dinsmore, of Philadelphia, against the American schooner R. S. Graham. The seamen libeled the schooner for wages, and Messrs. Gaskill and Dinsmore for advancing money and furnishing supplies. The seamen were represented by Messrs. Ricaud & Bryan, and the other plaintiffs by Col. Thomas Evans. Judge Purnell issued an order for

in our advertising columns. The court took a recess till tomorrow at 10 a. m.

the sale of the vessel, as well be seen

Dropped Dead Last Night.

Archie Leak, a colored man about 35 years of age, expired suddenly last night about 10 o'clock at 208 Brunswick street. While walking up the hill from Nntt street, he experienced a shortness of breath and called on a colored woman for assistance. She took him by the arm and started with him to a physician, but he became so ill she started into a house with him. When they got on the piazza, he dropped down and expired without uttering a word.

Coroner Jacobs was notified and he went over and had the body removed to Undertaker Evans' establishment where Dr. J. C. Shapard, county superintendent of health, will make an examination today. It is supposed that death was caused from heart disease. Leak was a wood sawyer, but none last night could tell where he resides, It is not known whether he has a family or not.

Convention Excursions to the Seaside.

Although the First Baptist church was well filled yesterday afternoon to hear the interesting-discussion on the Sunday school report, there was a full quorum of delegates who went to Wrightsville beach at 2:30 p. m. to look upon the ocean. It was a revelation of wonder and beauty to the "much water" loving Baptists, several of whom put on bathing suits and plunged into the surf. All were highly delighted and declared that they were going to arrange to make a longer visit and bring their families here, as it would be a paradise to the little folks who could play in the sand.

Tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock the delegates are invited to take an exoursion to Carolina Beach and other points on the steamer Wilmington.



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UNION OF FORCES.

Proposed basis of agreement between the Baptist Young People's union of America and the Baptist Young People's union, auiliary to the South-

ern Baptist convention: In our judgment the interests of our common cause will be best subserved by a union of the forces of the Baptist Young People's association of America and the Baptist Young People's union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention.

To this end we agree: 1. That The Baptist Union, published at Chicago, shall be the organ of the B. Y. P. U. A. and the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. In order that the work of the B Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. shall be adequately presented, space not to exceed one page per week, shall be allotted in the Baptist Union to the publication of news and other items to be furnish-The officers elected will prepare bonds | ed by the secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., who shall be an associate editor. Said material to be distributed in the columns of the paper according

> 2. Adoption of the Christian Culture Courses,-The B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. to adopt the Christian Culture courses as published in the Baptist Union with the proviso that if it seems advisible to the executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., alternative topics on the work of the boards of the S. B. C.

> shall be allowed. 3. The B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. agrees to press the interest of the Christian Culture Courses and the circulation of the Baptist Union with all possible vigor, receiving for this service compensation to be hereafter agreed upon. 4. In order to the preservation of the autonomy alike of the B. Y. P. U. A. and the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. be merged the adjustment of relations with the existing department of the Green we

That the department of the Green and the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. be merged into one body to be known as the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., which shan develop In accordance with Judge Purnell's | the work of the young people in the territory of the S. B. C. and further to the best of its ability the interests of

The plans of merging shall be, as fast as vacancies occur in the representation of states, within the S. B. C., on the board of managers of the B. Y. The only case tried, that of Miles P. U. A., these vacancies be filled with the representatives of said states en the board of managers of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., to be elected in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. The work of the department of the Green being merged in that of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., the executive committee of the latter be recognized as the representatives of the B. Y. P. U A. in the territory of the S. B. C.

Upon the foregoing this conference is unanimously agreed E. E. CHIVERS. L. O. DAWSON, JOHN D. JORDAN, CHARLES M. NESS, Sec., IRA M. PRICE, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF ACCEPTANCE The board of managers of the B. Y P. U. Aux. S. B. C. recommend the ac ceptance of the basis of agreement with the B. Y. P. U. A. as set forth in the attached report of a conference held in Chattanooga, March 24, 1897, with the following statement of interpretation, and with the understanding that if there should be a desire on the par of either organization to abrogate it, it shall be after six months notice in

1. It is to cause no change in our present constitution. 2. In acting as the representative of the B. Y. P. U. A. the executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. S. B. C., it is understood to consider all questions presented by that body as between equal bodies with the full freedom of action.

3. It is understood that this agreement leaves the field of the S. B. C. to the enthe entire, complete and unmolested control of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C., both as to the general management of the work and as to its own annua meetings.

4. In making the Baptist Union the church building. organ of the B. Y. P. U. A. S. B. C. no restrictions are thereby to be placed on the fullest use and commendation of the state denominational papers in carrying on the work of the B. Y. P. U. A S. B. C. L. O. DAWSON,

> President. W. W. GAINES, Secretary.

Dr. Jones Tonight.

The sermon of Rev. J. Wm. Jones, D. D., before the confederate ceterans, which was to have been delivered at 5 o'clock this afternoon, will be delivered at 8 p. m. at the First Presbyterian

There will be no procession by the military and civic organizations, as at first arranged. All are invited.

Dr. Jones' subject will be "The Christion Character of Robert E. Lee." Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., and Geo. Davis Camp, Sons of Veterans, will at-

The public is invited.

The Uniforms Are Here.

President James W. Monroe, of the Second Regiment band, wore a broad smile yesterday. The reason was that twenty-two bright, beautiful new uniforms arrived for the band, to be used by them tomorrow at the memorial ex-

ercises. President Monroe requests the members of the band to meet him at the band room tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. preparatory to going to Oakdale cemetery to participate in the memorial exercises.

An Invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Southport, N. C., May 8. Brethren of The Convention:

Those who cannot go to Southport Tuesday can go Monday, but remember that we are prepared to give a hundred dinner Tuesday and there will be a special excursion that day, You are welcome to our hospitality. You

may let me have your names. J. J. ADAMS. Pastor Southport Baptist Church. WHO KNOWS THE AUTHOR OF THIS LITTLE GEM?

In Rev. J. C. Hiden's "Notes and Comments," in The Christian Index, is the following paragraph: "In the stirring days of 1861, while campaigning in the Alleghenies, in what is now West Virginia, I came to a deserted house which had probably been a confederate states postoffice. We were quite near the enemy, and a large pile of mail matter had been dumped loosely on the floor, as the mail carrier was not ambitious to come to closer quarters with "our friends, the enemy." Among the loose mass was an attractive-looking magazine, and I picked it up to while away a brief resting spell on a very hard march. While glancing over the pages my eyes were soon caught by the following little gem of a poem, which I then and there

"'Chisel in hand stood the sculptor-boy, With his marble block before him, And his face lit up with a smile of joy As an angel dream passed o'er him. He carved it then on the yielding stone, With many a sharp incision; With heaven's own light the sculpture

committed to memory:

He had caught that angel vision. Seulptors of life we are as we stand, With our souls uncarved before us, Waiting the hour, when, at God's com-

Our life-dream shall pass o'er us; If we carve it then on the yielding

With many a sharp incision, That heavenly beauty shall be our own, Our lives that angel vision.

"My recollection is that the little poem had no signature, and I have often wondered who wrote it. Can any reader of this paper give the name of the author?"

And from the same source comes this bit of verbal criticism:

"It is not proper to say, 'Directly after this he heard of his son's death, because the word 'directly' has no reference to time. 'Immediately,' or 'at once,' or 'instantly' should frequently be used where 'directly' is employed to denote time. The very form of the word 'directly' shows that it has reference to straightness of course. It is from 'rego'-to draw a straight linehence, generally, to make straight, to

"It is not proper to say 'No less than 300 people came here today,' because 'less' is the comparative of 'little,' and has reference to quantity, and not to number, and 'no fewer than 300' is

"It is inelegant, if not incorrect, to say 'the caption of our article,' when you are referring to the title or heading of an editorial. The word 'caption' is not from 'caput'-a head-but from 'captio,' a very different word. It is a vulgarism to apply 'caption' to the title of an article in a newspaper. 'Caption' is properly applied to 'that part of a legal instrument as a commission, indictment, etc., which shows where, when and by what authority it was taken, found or executed.' Bouvier applies the word to the act of taking or arresting a person by judicial process; but in this sense it is rare.

"I am not here correcting a schoolboy's 'composition.' Every one of the blunders here referred to I have found in editorials written by two or more distinguished doctors of divinity, and printed in one of the most prominent and wdely circulated religious papers in the south. Writing English is one of the fine arts.'

A HYMN.

Composed by J. B. Taylor, pastor, And affectionately dedicated to the members of the First Baptist church and congregation, Wilmington, N. C. Sung May 15th, 1881, the Sunday succeeding the long-to-be-remembered one, when over \$6,000 was subscribed to pay off the indebtedness on the

[Tune-Ariel.] With grateful hearts we meet this day, For we have rolled the load away Which on us, long has pressed. Our earnest prayers have now been heard.

For we believed the Heavenly Word, And God our efforts blest.

Yes, he has smiled upon our aim And to our succor surely came True to his promise given; Oh, may we trust Him more and more Untli our earthly lives are o'er, And we are safe in heaven.

Come and adore our glorious Lord, And let us speak his praise abroad, For all his wondrous love; We'll sound aloud Hls saving grace, And urge the lost to seek God's face, And live with him above.

God give us love and burning zeal, To us His glorious truth reveal, And we shall faithful prove. May many now without, soon come That they may seek the heavenly home And taste redeeming love.

Then let us tell to all around That mercy free doth now abound. That Christ will give them rest. Yes, brethren, let us earnest be. For soon we'll reach Eternity,

And be forever blest.

A Flourishing College in the Blue Grass In another column will be seen the advertisement of Georgetown college, of Georgetown, Ky., one of the oldest and best known Baptist colleges of the south. Its representative in the convention. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, speaks in glowing terms of the glories of the Blue Grass region in the heart of which his college is located. It draws its patronage from all parts of the south and some from the region north of the

"The Projectoscope." Only two more days to see this wonderful machine. Monday night and "Bargain matinee" Tuesday at 3 o'clock. 10 cents to all. Last performance Tuesday evening at

THE RUSSELL DIRECTORS

OF NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD ELECT NORMENT PRESIDENT.

and Secretary Ruffin Refuses to Surrender His Books-A Suit Over Payment for Charts for Public Schools-Raleigh's New Board of Aldermen Make a Stir Among fied his good work. Score: City Officers.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 8.-Dr. R. M. Norment, president of Governor Russell's board of directors of the North Carolina railway, returned this afternoon from Burlington and was inter- 3,500. Score: viewed. He said: "We organized. I was elected president, E. S. Walton secretary and treasurer. The latter will take office as soon as he qualifies and gives bond, which is \$75,000. We made a demand through a committee on Secretary and Treasurer Ruffin for his books. He was very courteous, but said President Alexander and his attorneys advises him to deliver nothing. I think he intends to hold on until the regular meeting in July. In fact, some private stockholders intimate to me that they expect to participate in the is \$2,500. I thought only \$1,200, had been paid. I conferred with the governor this afternoon and will em- New York 2 1 2 3 0 0 0 1 x-9 16 ploy as counsel Charles A. Cook, A. C. Avery and John W. Graham."

This afternoon the team of the agri- 2:00. cultural and mechanical college defeated Guilford college base ball team

The state superintendent of public in- Score: struction asked the attorney general's opinion on a case coming up in Lincoln county, where the commissioners in open session refused to allow an order for school charts paid, or rather passed the order that they should not be paid, and after adjournment one commissioner, being misled by chart agents, signed the order thus making a majority of been signed by the chairman. The at- Hurst. torney general says: "It would seem that the board of education, after having disallowed the order given by a school committee in open session, would be slow to approve the same as individuals and should they do so would be culpable to a very great extent; but I am unable to see any reason why the board of education, or a majority thereof may not, either in open session or as individuals, approve an order given by the school committee for school apparatus. The law does not require or direct that this approval shall be made in any particular way

or at any particular time." The board of aldermen gave a general shake up to the city officers last night. James W. Norwood was elected chief made assistant chief and given two months' leave of absence. He is very twelve, and two of the very best policemen were dropped, to the great surprise of the public. It is stated that one alderman stated that he wanted one dropped because he watched barrooms too closely. Louis Mahler was re-elected chief of the fire department.

Cotton Futures.

(Special to The Messenger.) New York, May 8.-A statistical position so strong as to furnish a convincing argument in favor of higher prices to bulls and bears alike and the promise, very distant it is true, but almost implicitly believed by the cotton trade of the world, of the production of a crop, the like of which has never been seen, are the opposing forces in the cotton market at present. It must not be forgotten in weighing these factors that one of them is an existing condition, while all the contingencies of the substantially recovered. Liverpool advanced 21/2-64d this morning. Our maring on the first call at 7.43. The Chronicle's report on the progress of the crop was rather favorable, but in spite of this the buyers outnumbered the sellers and the market steadily improved all day. August advanced to

7.49 and closed at 7.48 to 7.49, with the tone of the marketsteady. The bureau report to be issued on Monday will deal with the proportion of the chop planted up to the 1st of May. It will probably have little effect on the market either way. The strength of the statistical position is so pronounced as to almost created in the summer months and reflect the shifting aspect of the daily and the first note of alarm about the growing crop would, we think, undoubtedly be the signal for a rapid rise in the price of cotton. At the moment, all the southern advices indicate the prevalence of satisfactory conditions, Until there is some positive sign of a refusal of consumers to continue taking actual cotton we see no cause to modi-

The man who refuses to walk in the light as God gives it has only himself to blame for what happens in the dark.

fy our expectations of still higher

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Base Ball.

Philadelphia, May 8.-The Phillies were defeated for the third successive time by Baltimore this afternoon, but, unlike the two preceding defeats, this was accompanied by no disgrace. Taylor pitched a superb game, holding the The Meeting of the Directors-Treasurer Champions down to six hits and giving only one base on balls, but the errors of the men behind him more than nulli-

> R. H. E. Baltimore 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 x-4 6 Philadelphia ..0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1-2 9 Batteries: Hoffer and Clark; Taylor and Boyle. Umpire, Lynch; time, 2:15. Louisville, May 8.-The Browns played like champions today and outplayed the Colonels at every point. Attendance

> St. Louis.....00002020x-4 3.4 Louisville0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0-2 12 Batteries: Herman and Dexter; Hutchison and McFarland. Umpire,

> Sheridan; time, 1:50. Pittsburg, May 8.-The Pirates closed the series of three defeats for the Reds today with a fine exhibition of ball playing. Attendance 6,400. Score:

> R. H. E. Pittsburg1 4 0 0 1 1 2 0 x-9 12 Cincinnati000000100-1 8 Batteries: Hawley and Merritt; Damann and Schriever. Umpire, McDermott; time, 1:50.

New York, May 8 .- "hoaring Bill' Kennedy was mainly responsible for annual meeting, July 6th. Treasurer New York's victory in the final game Ruffin gave us a printed copy of by- today between the Greater New York laws. This says the president's salary representatives in the first series. He was wild and made two costly errors.

Brooklyn0 0 0 1 4 0 0 0 0-5 9 Batteries: Russie and Warner; Kennedy and Grim. Umpire, Emslie; time,

Cleveland, May 8.-Chicago had much the better of today's game until the ninth inning, when the Indians made a rally and pounded out three runs. Cleveland0 0 2 0 1 0 1 0 3-7 14

Chicago0 0 2 4 0 0 0 0 0-6 10

Batteries: Wilson and Simmer; Callahan and Anson. Umpire, McDonald Boston, May 8.-Klobendenz was as wild as a hawk today and practically presented the game to the Senators. Attendance 4,500. Score: Washington .. 2 0 1 0 3 0 4 0 0-10 6

Boston2 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 1- 9 8 Batteries: King, German and Farthe board, the order having already rell; Kbobendanz and Ganzell. Umpire At Richmond-

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Supremacy of the White Man. Wilmington, N. C., May 8. Editors Messenger:

In one of the speeches tonight at the home mission board mass meeting, a statement was made that should not be left unmodified. It was declared that the negro as good as the white man feel that they are on the same plane, the negroes as good as the white man and the white man no better than the negro. This unqualified statement is untrue and its proclamation is unsafe.

But a few years after the surrender at Appomattox and long before its anniversary began to be celebrated by layof police, vice Charles D. Heart who is ing tear-wet flowers alike on the graves of the Blue and the Gray, the Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, the present secretary of the southern home mission board, its sick. The police force, which num- George Washington and its Julius Caebered only fourteen, was reduced to sar, appeared before the northern Baptists, assembled in convention at Chicago, because requested to speak briefly on the condition and prospects of the negro in the southern states. The invitation had been given with great hesitation but not so was it accepted Fearlessly and faithfully did Dr. Tichenor give his true relation, but when he said, "The negro'as developed by the Christian slaveholders of the southern states of the United States of America is the highest type of negro the world has ever known," the great hall was filled with hisses and five minutes elapsed before order was restored. At that moment Dr. Tichenor raised himself to his full height and heroically added: "And the fact cannot be changed by your hisses or your bayo-

It is desired to emphasize here the indisputable and ineradicable truth that the white man's white face is the parchment on which God has written in letters of Heaven's dazzling light the white man's patent of nobility, his right of eminent domain in this world. There are principalities and powers, season are against the raising of a angels and archangels in the Heavenlies, and there are divinely appointed monster crop. Today the market show- orders in the earthly places. Of these ed more life and the week closes with latter the white man's is the first and the loss made in the early part of it highest. We must not by word or work pull the white man down but by all legitimate means and chiefly by the ket opened a little higher, August sell- Christ was and is a white man. and Gospel, we must lift the negro up. The white men, and only white men, were His Apostles. Until there shall be no more sickness and no more death, until the heavens shall be folded up and pass away and be no more, and mayhap forevermore, the white man's pre-eminence will stand in unchanging and unchangable majesty and so it ought to stand. All history and all philosophy, science and art, land and sea, hear and approve and unite in one deep and grand, Amen! May the white man realize and ful-

entirely eliminate the probability of fill his glorious possibilities! May he any considerable short interest being never again by committing the sin of amalgamation bring upon his country prices for them will probably closely a desolating flood of blood flowing from a thousand fratricidal fields of battle! short demand. The short interest in Not slavery but amalgamation, with the late months, however, is very large its horrible handmaids, fornication and adultery, was the mother of our four years of war and our ten years of reconstruction, with all their damnations. This is the very sin for which the deluge came in the days of Noah "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, etc." And that the negro may become all

> the white man, Christ Jesus, has given him the power and the opportunity of can offer for him.

HUGH F. OLIVER, of South Carolina.

A CABINET CRISIS.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS FULL OF RUMORS OF THE KIND.

Resignations of Two of the Ministers in the Hands of the Emperor-Resentment Over the Dingley Bill-ihe Emperor Urged to Take Retaliatory Measures - The Emperor Expresses Indignation at Refusal of Reichstag to Vote Funds for Increase of the Navy.

(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.) Berlin, May 6.-Throughout the week the entire press has been full of rumors of a cabinet crisis, and the wildest. and most conflicting rumors and statements have been published on the subject. The Associated Press learns on reliable authority that the facts in the case are as follows:

The resignation of the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, have been in the hands of the emperor for weeks, but no action has yet been taken. On Wednesday His Majesty had a long conversation with Prince Hohenlohe, and, later, he received Baron Marschal von Bieberstein. Upon this occasion the foreign, domestic and political situation was discussed. Regarding the international troubles, the Prussian law of associations and the military trials bills were discussed, but no agreement was reached. The emperor also spoke of the determined opposition to the policy of Baron Marschal von Bieberstein upon the part of the agrarians, the conservatives and even the national liberals and quoted the interpellation of the government on the subject of the Dingley bill in support of his remarks. Just for the moment, it is certain the present cabinet will retain their posts. Both Prince Hohen and Baron Marschal von Bieberstein will wait for a more opportune time to press their resignations.

The Dingley bill debate in the reichstag has attracted much attention throughout the empire and the newspapers are full of it. The whole agrarian party still urges the government to declare a tariff war against the United states before, or immediately after the Dingley bill becomes a law-Even a considerable portion of the industrial classes of Germany favors such a plan. The government has received memorials from the chambers of commerce of Dusseldorf, Crefeld, Aixla Chapelle and Mayence, protesting against the Dingley bill and urging retalliation. The government, however, will not yield to this pressure, especially as it is doubtful whether the reichstag will sanction such a violent policy, the centre being thus far noncommittal and the liberals, radicals and socialists being opposed to any tariff war with the United States. This fact, however, adds fresh fuel to the agrarian' keen hostility to the present cabinet and especially to their hostility against Baron Marschal von Bieberstein, and they are using their means to hasten the fall of the latter, though the emperor and Prince Hohenlohe sup-

On Wednesday, after the maneuvers on the Bornsted fields, near Potsdam im which five regiments of the guard took part, the emperor had the troops form a square and addressed them, expressing his satisfaction at their efficiency and equipment, and his indignant regret at the fact that the reichstag would not grant the means for rendering the German navy as formidable. On Tuesday, after reviewing the entire garrison of Stettin, the emperor made a similar address to the troops, sharply rebuking the reichstag for its unpatriotic con-

While visiting the industrial school of Berlin, this week, the emperor presented a number of books to the school library and inscribed on a fly leaf the motto: "My strength belongs to the world and to the fatherland."

The emperor's recent decree to minimiz duels in the army has just been enforced for the first time in the case of Landrath and Von Roell, in Posen, and the two officers settled their dispute amicably by a council of honor.

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The Longevity of Woman.

A report from the office of the regstrar general of England shows that there are more female than male centenarians. Out of 1,000,000 people, 225 women reach the age of 100 years, while only 82 men round out the century. Now, the great conundrum which is proposed is, "Why is this so?" According to the popular superstition, it takes much longer for a woman to reach even the age of 50 than it takes for a man to reach that age. If this is true it makes the showing all the more remarkable. It has even been asserted that the average life of the married man is longer than the average life of the single man. The fact, however, is denied by the end man of the minstrels. who says that the life of the married man is not really longer, but only seems so.

So far, there is no satisfactory explanation of the original proposition why more women live to be 100. Some say it is because women are less addicted to tobacco and strong drink; others say that it is because it is more healthy to spend money than it is to earn it, and so on. It may be many of the men who would live to be 100 are killed at an early age in casualties to which women are not exposed. It may be that tight lacing is a life preserver, and it may be not a fact, after all. Possibly the English registrar general may be mistaken. The situation is replete with possibilities.-Baltimore Sun.

Fire at Wilson Last Night.

Wilson, N. C., May 8 .- Tonight at 11:30 o'clock the immense tobacco prizehouse of Briggs& Fleming, six-stories high, was discovered to be on fire in the sixth story. The fire had gained too much headway for the fire department to extinguish it. The building being, is the truest prayer any man | cost \$15,000. It was full of tobacco valued at \$70,000, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire un-