PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. T. B. Crawford, of Winston, is in the city.

Mr. A. M. Burton, of Charlotte, is at the Bonitz house. Mr. E. Osborne, of Charlotte, spent

yesteday in the city. Prof. H. B. Battle, of Raleigh, is registered at The Orton.

Mr. Osmond L. Barringer, of Charlotte, is at The Orton.

Mr. Archibald Johnson, of Thamasville, was here yesterday.

Mr. D. A. McAlister, of Fayetteville, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Cottingham, of Maxton, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Steven H. Chadbourn

have returned from their bridal tour. Mr. J. S. Funchess is spending his vacation at Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C. Messrs. John and Norwood Giles, of New York, are visiting relatives in the

Mr. Henry Grimes, of Kenansville, is among the traveling men at The Orton. Mr. R. E. Wilkins, of Charlotte, is spending a while at Wrightsville beach. Mr. Frank McLean, Jr., of Maxton,

is visiting friends and relatives in the city, much to the delight of their many friends, who are pleased to see them

Mrs. Henry T. Wrightson left yesterday to spend the summer at Queens-

Mrs. C. L. Haywood returned yesterday from a visit to her old home at Durham.

town, My.

Mr. W. E. Thomas, of Washington, D. C., was registered at the Bonitz Those interested in one division may not house yesterday.

Dr. Robert DuVal Jones, of New Bern, arrived yesterday to spend Sunday in the city.

Mr. James C. Lodor, and family moved down to Southport yesterday to spend the summer.

Mr. E. L. Johnson, and family, of reached has not been changed. Charlotte, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Mr. Z. A. Hinson and family, of Charday at the seaside. Mr. J. F. Page, of Charlotte, is here.

is visiting in our city. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Horsey, of Phil-

adelphia, arrived yesterday and will spend awhile at Ocean View.

Mr. J. D. Edwards, of the traffic department of the Atlantic Coast Line, left yesterday on a visit to his home at Dudley.

Mrs. J. R. Smith, received a telegram this morning announcing the death of her sister Mrs. R. H. Wells, near Magnolia.

Messrs. W. A. Breeden, Harris Bristow, Tom Hamer, and B. F. Fuller, of Bennettsville, are spending Sunday at Wrightsville beach.

Mr. W. I. Skinner, tobacconist, of Wilson, accompanied by Mr. Sam S. Smith, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday after a pleasant sojourn at Seven Springs. They left for Castle lars. Haynes farm where they will spend the

Miss Lizzie Morrison, a beautiful and attractive young lady, of Danville, Va., arrived in the city yesterday and will spend a couple of months in our city and at the Seashore hotel, on Wrightsville beach. She is at present the guest of Mrs. G. T. Flynn.

Mr. R. H. Jordan, Mrs. A. Roach and family, Miss Hattie Orr, Miss Ruth Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzsimmons, Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth, Mrs. H. S. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Oates, Miss Daisy Oates, Miss Daisy Cutlett, and Mr. W. Pink Cannon, arrived from Charlotte yesterday and are guests of the Seashore hotel, on Wrightsville beach.

Twelve Pages Today.

The Scotland Neck Commonwealth of the 17th has our thanks for the following: Last Sunday's Messenger was a cred-

it indeed to North Carolina journalism. It contained twelve pages of good reading matter, a large proportion of it prepared especially for that issue.

"Among the interesting original articles was one three columns long on "Pirates of Carolina" by Mr. W. C. Allen of Wilson, formerly principal of Vine Hill Male academy of Scotland | Morning service at 11 a. m.; evening Neck. Also an interesting page in The | service at 8 p. m.; Sunday school at Messenger were some gleaings from 9:30 a. m. All seats free, and every "Vance's Letter Book" by its Raleigh person welcome. correspondent. We congratulate our Wilmington contemporary on the fine | Oliver, of the First Baptist church, service it is giving the state. It well there will be no regular services today. deserves a good patronage, and its en- | There will be prayer and praise serterprise of late is good evidence that it | vice at 11 a. m. in the lecture room. is receiving at least liberal patronage, if not all it deserves."

Building Notes.

erection of two dwelling houses on Red | m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Cross between Third and Fourth streets. Mr. F. E. Hashagen has awarded the contract to Mr. L. H. Vollers for the erection of a two story res-Idence on the corner of Sixth and Orange streets. These houses are to be erected under the supervision of Architect H. E. Bonitz. The work on all these houses is to begin Monday.

Cyclone Up the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad.

A severe cyclone passed through Gulf, N. C., Friday night, tearing up trees by the roots, leveling telegraph | Rev. R. T. Hoffman, D. D., of Nashwires and poles and blowing the new Masonic temple from its pillars. The crops are even with the ground, and destroyed in many places.

The elder Vanderbilt said: "Damn the people." So did the younger Van- day confirmed the nomination of Stewone of the people.—Nashville Sun. lister to Spain.

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NATURAL PROPERTY.

THE C. F. & Y. V. CASE.

Judge Simonton Files His Decree in the Supplementary Proceedings-The Former Decree of Foreclosure Affirmed.

His Honor Judge Simonton, of the United States circuit court, on yesterday filed with Mr. W. H. Shaw, clerk of the United States court here, his decree in the supplementary proceedings held at Asheville, June 9th. It is as

The United States of America, Eastern District of North Carolina, In the Circuit Court,

Fourth Circuit. In Equity. The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company, et. al. Consolidated

A decree for the sale of the railroad property was entered on the 31st day of March, 1897. By that decree it was ordered that the property be sold as a whole. The mode of sale, whether in divisions or as an entirety, is wholly within the discretion of the court. Among the reasons given by the court for this mode of sale was the passage of an act by the legisla. ture of North Carolina at its last session. annulling section 698 of The Code. The effect of this act would be that if a sale were made by the road in separate divisions, doubt would exist as to the right of the purchaser to obtain a charter of incorporation. The counsel for the New York bondholders asked a rehearing of the decree upon the weight of this reason. Their request was granted and the case reheard. After an exhaustive argument the apprehension existing in the mind of the court has not been relieved. On the contrary, the difficulty in obtaining, under the law of North Carolina, a charter for a division of this road, were it sold in this way, and separate purchasers had, seems more manifest. It is not a question what would be the ultimate decision of a court of last resort as to the right of such a purchaser. But it is the existence of a doubt on this point, and the necessity for the solution of the doubt by judicial proceedings. It is urged with great force that each division, if the divisions were put up separately, would be subjected to the same disadvantage, and that it would operate equally upon all. That under these circumstances the mode of ascertaining the relative value of each division would not be impaired. But this is not the case. feel the force of the doubt, and they would be willing to go up to the full ex-tent of the value of their division. On the other hand, those interested in the other divisions and the general public who are invited to sales of this character, may feel the full force of the doubt and be delivered from bidding the value of these other divisions. In such case the bids would form no comparison of value. Giving careful reconsideration of th whole matter, the conclusion heretofore

At this hearing another matter has been presented by way of petition, showing the relation of the South Carolina Pacific to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad. It appears that this first named road, by lotte, arrived yesterday to spend Sun- | contract between the two corporations, was practically merged into and made a part of the former road. That by way of fortifying this agreement, and of providing for casualties, a lease for thirty years Mr. James A. Peoples, of Asheville, of all its property and franchises was made by the South Carolina Pacific Rail-road Company to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, and that certain shares of stock in the former company were assigned to the latter company. It also appears that these shares are the property of the North State Construction Company. All of this merger and lease antedated the mortgage in

Under these circumstances all the right title and interest of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company and of the parties to this suit, should be sold at the same time and as a part of the property of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company and the decree must

be modified to meet this result. It has been suggested that the provision that any purchaser at the sale ordered, when the property is struck off to him, shall at once pay to the master commissioners on account of his purchase, a sufficient sum to make up together with the amount already deposited by him as aforesaid "twenty per cent, of his accepted

may be too onerous. Let the decree in this particular be so amended as to strike out the words "twenty per cent. of his accepted bid' and to insert in lieu thereof the words the sum of two hundred thousand dol-

Let the decree also be amended so as to require that the cash portions of the monies arising from the sale be deposited in solvent national banks in the state of North Carolina, in such amounts as to each bank as will render the deposit perfectly safe.

In all other respects the decree of March 31st, 1897, is hereby reaffirmed and CHARLES H. SIMONTON,

15th June, 1897.

Take JOHNSON'S

CHILL & FEVER

Circuit Judge.

The Churches Today,

Services in St. John's church today, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 7:45 and 11 a. m. Sunday school at 5

St. Paul's Evangelical Luthernan church, cornel of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. English service at 11 a. m. German service at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 4:30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Matthw's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor.

Owing to the absence of Rev. W. B.

COLORED. Grace Lutheran Mission, Rev. Aug. Burgdorf, pastor. Services at the new Phoenix hall at Fourth street bridge at Mr. Vance Norwood has begun the 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Wednesday at 8 p.

The Mt. Calvary Baptist church has bought a lot on Second and Bladen streets and has erected a new church on it. Services from now on will be favorite at 4 to 1 in both bettings. held at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 1 p. m. The public 6 to 5, won; Simple Jack, 15 to 1 and 6

St. Stephens A. M. E. church, corner 1:43%. Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor. Preaching this day at 10:30 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by the pastor; at 3 p. m. Rev. Jas. Samuels; evening subject, "A Valley Full of

Ditches." At a called church meeting on June 14th, the First Baptist church, colored, viile, Tenn., pastor, an invitation was extended to all to be present at the services today at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Minister Woodford Confirmed. Washington, June 19.-The senate toderbilt, and President McKinley was art L. Woodford, of New York, as min- second; Viscount, 4 to 1, third. Time

For Sale by W. Creekalle.

Joe Smith of Wilmington.

The Vindicator, a widely circulated insurance magazine published at New Orleans, has the following in its issue

of June 15th; morting I spray and No report of the proceedings of the South Eastern Tariff Association at Old Point Comfort, can be considered 'complete" that does not contain an account of the speech of Joseph Smith, of Wilmington; and how St. George Kempson can pretend to have furnished a "complete" report when no mention whatever is made of that memorable event, passes understand-

The question was being discussed by the convention as to whether anything should be added to the rates in Alabama, on account of the new law imposing the 25 per cent. penalty, with which law we are all familiar. A resolution had been offered that such addition to the rates should be made as the executive committee might consider adequate to recoup the companies from

the effects of the operation of the law. Many arguments pro and con had been advanced, and the question hung, as it were in a balance. Then up rose Mr. Joe. Smith, of Wilmington, and after being recognized by the chair, spoke somewhat as follows:

"Mr. Chairman-I am opposed to the resolution, and I'll tell you why. It seems to me the situation in Alabama may be illustrated by the story of that little boy who ran away from the poor house out here in Virginia. While walking along the public road he was met by a gentleman who had been instrumental in getting the boy into that

The gentleman stopped and spoke kindly to the lad, inquiring why he had left the poor house. 'Well, sir,' said the boy, 'it's something like this: They treated us awfully rough and we cut up about it, and just then the old pig died and they made us eat the pig. Then we cut up more and raised a bigger row about the way they treated us, and the old cow died and they made us eat the cow. We still kept grumbling and fussing

about the treatment they gave us. when my granmother died. Then I ran away, for I was afraid they'd make me eat my grandmother if I stayed." "And so it is, Mr. Chairman, with the insurance companies. The more they cut up the worse they make it for them. We have had the pig and the cow, and I think we had better stop or we will have to eat our grandmother next." Mr. Smith sat down amid roars of laughter from all sides. The vote was

then taken and the resolution was

The Teachers' Assembly.

lost by a large majority.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Atlantic Hotel.

Morehead City, June 18. The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly at the seaside is a success. There are several hundred teachers present. The crowd is not so great as in some former years, but the absentees are mostly the babies and children. Allow a crusty fellow to say that their absence somehow gives him pleasure. However, he loves the babies-at their

The new department work is a success. Of course the work is not perfect and at the first trial has not worked without some hitches; but it is evidently on the right line. The difficulty in the way is the fact that the committee has made the programme too full, and by working several departments at the same hour, has scatered the teachers too much. All that is lacking to make the work a grand success is to have only one department at work at a time, and let the departments follow each other regularly every half hour, or three quarters of an hour. The teachers could then attend any or all the departments as they choose, and every class would be full and enthusiastic. The work done so far has been admirable, and is a credit to the teachers and to the state.

So far as I am a judge this work has been equal to any summer work I ever saw or heard. It has been thorough and intellectually of a high order. Although by dividing the attendants the classes are smaller than they should be, yet the matter given has always been well considered and has shown that these teachers are able, thorough and up to date, without belonging to the modern fast crowd.

No teacher should fail to be here next

Any teacher can hear enough to keep him in mental pabulum and then rest or duscuss it. While the mental powers are thus occupied in the morning one can find abundant amusement and recreation in the afternoon-sailing, fishing or surf bathing. And, best of all to some tastes, the other part of the inward man is well provided for-the fare is all one can ask. It is as good as anyone needs. Those of brilliant imaginations can also be abundantly supplied here with wonderful adventures and marvelous fish stories. Come brethren and have a happy, good time. It was proposed today to have next year's session brought within a week, but these teachers know a good thing when they see and taste it. They downed the motion. A week is not quite enough for as good a thing as this. Ten days will barely do.

A North Carolinian Honored.

At the commencement on Thursday, Western Maryland college bestowed the degree of master of arts upon Mr. Martin Hicks Holt, of Oak Ridge institute, the second time this honor has been conferred upon a North Carolinian. This is one of the largest, best equipped and most progressive colleges in the state of Maryland.

The Latona Races.

Cincinnati, June 19.-While the horses were at the post for the tobacco stakes at Latonia today Remp kicked Lord Zeni on the leg, causing the latter to go lame. Lord Zeni was then ordered scratched and twenty minutes allowed for a new book. Simon W., was the

First race-selling, one mile; Fresco, is invited. Rev. C. B. Waters, pastor. to 1, second; Parson, 10 to 1 third. Time

Second Race-Five furlongs; Eleranor Holmes, 13 to 5, won; Flora Louise, 7 to 10 and out, second: Ella Johnson, 10 to 1, third. Time 1:03. Third Race-selling, onem ile; Serrano 2 to 1, won; Gaston even and out,

second: The Socman, 5 to 1, third. Time

Fourth Race-the tobacco stakes, selling, one mile; Simon W., 109, 4 to 5 won; Talacua, 6 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Dunois, 8 to 1, third. Time 1:40%. Fifth Race-selling, 5 furlongs; Mill

Stream, 5 to 1, won; Chicopee, 3 to 2 and 1 to 2, second; Opponent, 4 to 1, third. Time 1:03. Sixth Race selling, one mile; Sidkel, 3 to 1, won; Orimar, 6 to 5 and 1 to 2,

Summen Law Lecturate

UNIVERSITY OF THE TRUE.

Public Schools,

Wilmington, June 19. The objection to Section 9 of the new school law is that it will close up some of that governed when the schools were first our country schools that have been established many years. We stated this in our last letter, and shall now proceed to show why and where it will apply. "There shall not be established in any school district a greater number of schools for either race than will give each school an average of fewer than sixty-five pupils." Let us take Cape Fear township. The census of 1895 gave 71 white and 326 negro children, and this census will show now very little change in numbers. Cape Fear township now has two districts, the sixth and tenth, with two white and three negro schools. The sixth embraces "Acorn branch" and its neighborhood, and extends to and beyond the Holly Shelter road, taking in the negro school at the six mile post, and in the district now are one white and two negro schools; the tenth district is that section of the township at Castle Haynes, and there are one white and one negro school. You will see that as it requires no fewer than an average of sixty-five pupils for each school and there are seventy-one children only, that one of the white schools must

be closed. The negro schools will be con-

tinued. Let us consider the application for Harnett township, which has three districts at present, the fifth, seventh and eleventh. You will bear in mind that we have stated that the unit of the school system will be the township, and that the districts of each township will be consolidated to conform to the new law. There are four schools, in district No. 5 being one white and one negro school at Wrightsville, one white and one negro school at Greenville. There are two schools in the seventh district-one white and one negro; the white school is located near the three-mile post on the old New Bern road, and the negro school about one-fourth of a mile distant in East Wilmington neighborhood. The eleventh district has two white and two negro schools; one white and one negro school about one mile apart, located in the neighborhood of the seven-mile post on the same road, and one negro school at the ten-mile post and one white school at the eleven-mile post. The census of 1895 gives the three districts which will compose the Harnett township district 234 white and 341 negro children, and as it is will require 325 pupils for the five white schools and there are 234 only, that two of the white schools must be closed and the five negro schools remain open Masonboro township now has one whit and one negro school located near the Masonboro Baptist church, and one negro school at the "four-mile battery," on the medical aid, thinking that he could old Federal Font road, and these constitute the schools of the fourth district. In this township, one-half mile distant from Mr. D. W. Trask's residence, is one white school, and this neighborhood is known as the third district. These two districts will compose the Masonboro district. The census of 1895 gives this township 149 white and 97 negro children, and, by our reasoning, one of the negro schools will be closed. This is the only negro school affected by

the new law. Federal Pont ownship is composed of there are four schools-two white and two negro-and in the neighborhood of Mr. Stephen Rey's and about three-fourths of a mile apart is located one white and one negro school, and these schools are about will be a public meeting whence to four miles from the nearest school house send a congratulatory greeting to in Masonboro township and about eleven miles from Wilmington. About four and one-half miles beyond, on the Federal Point road, is the next negro school, and about three and one-half miles still further down is the white school of district No. 9. This road is fearfully heavy, and from point to point it appears to be twice the actual measured distance. After the consolidation of these two districts the Federal Point township district will have 39 white and 141 negro children, and, according to the law, it appears that both white schools must be closed and the two negro schools continued.

We have given these statements and the ocations of the several schools as information to the public, and those familiar with the geography of the county and the settlements or neighborhoods of the people will see that the committees and board of education, at the time the schools were established, acted wisely in the selection of these school sites and followed the rule that generally governed the board's' action in doing the greatest good to the greatest numbers. If it be a good law that closes the schools above mentioned. I fail to see it in this instance. That the law makers contemplated the closing of many of the schools in the state is evident after reading State Superintendent Mebane's letter, published in The Biblical Recorder of May 19th, for the power is given to him to interpret the school law. We quote what he says in referring to the benefits to be derived from the additional privilege tax to be voted for in August: "But consider how little would be the tax of each one in a township in order to raise \$1,500, and then have this supplemented by the state with \$500, making \$2,000, in addition to what school fund you now have. Suppose where we now have twelve schools in a township we make only eight strong schools. Each one would receive from the \$2,000 \$250. Add this \$250 to your regular school fund," etc. This is enough to show that the law makers considered the effect of

making the sixty-five puipls a minimum average to justify the estabishment of a school, and possibly it may be well to enforce this law in some counties of this state, but I seriously doubt ts good effect in New Hanover county. purposely gave the locations of the several school houses in this county to show that lessening the number of them and the consequent remoteness of a school house from the locality of the school closed would virtually deprive 200 children of school advantages. The children in the section where the school house is closed cannot walk the distance to and from the next nearest school in this county, say from five to eight miles. It is simply absurd and foolish to insist upon it. Boys and girls educated in these schools know what it is to walk through mud and wet grass to school and sit during the session with wet feet and damp skirts until sick from the exposure. The distance now never exceeds two and one-half miles. In the matter of educating the plain people we must meet squarely the honest experience of those who get down, as it were, among the people and by actual contact with them learn what petty, trifling obstacles they throw in the way to keep children from the schools; don't, for pity's sake, make others. No; this reducing the number of schools in New Hanover county and making the distance to walk greater will do harm-the children will not be made to attend-in fact, they can't. We hope the school authorities will see their way clear to keep all the schools open. At honest, intelligent school board, with intelligent men of "good business qualifications," as committeemen, with proper legal restraints thrown around them, should run the public schools of this county. There ought to be some discretionary powers delegated to these men, for there are always penalties for neglect of duties. They should be paid for their services, at least enough to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the discharge of duty. Expecting good service for no pay is an absurdity, and bad, unfaithful service is still worse. The public school laws and the establishment of public schools, if we understand correctly, were intended to provide a means to educate the children of our state whose parents or guardians were unable to secure the blessings of an education in any other way, and for years these schools were attended only by this class of children. These schools have, by good management, grown into popularity and now you will find within the walls of the public school houses the children of the rich and poor, without friction or discord on this account. It is claimed that great progress is being made in the advancement of public education. Those who desire to teach have better advantage now than ever before in preparing for their work; there is a broader and stronger effort to build up the eschools; there is increased levies of taxes and additional voting privileges will be given in August of this year to still further tax yourselves for this object; but, in the face of this, why contract the privileges of the country children? Two hundred children of school age in New Hanover county suddenly deprived of schooling is an important matter to be looked after. The parents and guardians of these children are plain people and cannot afford the expense of send-

home. Is it true that the matter of education is getting to be a hobby and is being rode to death by some? We are not opposed to education with the purposes for higher education at the expense of the tax payers is the panacea for all the ills we bear? This is said with the full appreciation of the fact that we are tread ing on dangerous ground, but we believe the day is not far distnat when our people will open their eyes and see the subject of general education in another light

and when the significance of this prediction will be better understood.

The school law says that no branches shall be taught in the public schools except "spelling, defining, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, elementary physiology and hygienie and the history of the state and the United States. Provided: the committee may make special arrangements to allow other branches to be taught." When the state carries out gaithfully this law, without the proviso even, it will have done a good CAPE FEAR.

A BAD LITTLE CYCLONE.

Sad Death of a Virginian-Getting Ready for the Tournament-The Queen's Jubilee-A Remarkable Operation.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, N. C., June 19.

At 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon 'a wind blew out of a cloud"—an angry looking cloud from the northwestwhich was decidedly cyclonic and destructive in character. In its full force it swooped down on that part of Hay street between the Atlantic Coast Line and Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad crossings, and magnificent trees uprooted, with the wreck of telegraph poles, bestrewed its path.

"The wind blows hairs from my head,

Two by two, it blows them away." Mr. John A. Augustine, of Richmond,

Va., traveling salesman for an oil house, died at the Hotel LaFayette at 9 o'clock this morning. It is greatly regretted that Mr. Augustine declined, almost to the last moment, to call in prescribe for himself. The cause of death was rupture of bowels apparently, though it is impossible to speak | THE STATE TRUST COMPANY positively without a post mortem examination. The remains will be con-

veyed to Richmond this morning. Pursuant to proceedings of a meeting on Thursday afternoon, a committee is now canvassing the town for subscriptions to aid in defraying the expenses of the state Firemen's Convention. The people are not indifferent to the importance of the matter, and the results will, no doubt, be satisfactory.

On Monday evening at 5 o'clock there Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilee. No community could more fittingly give utterance to this message: purely, essentially English by tradition, descent and birth as this people

Drs. E. L. and T. M. Hunter have just performed an interesting surgical operation on the foot of the carrier of The North Carolina Baptist. The boy badly wounded it, rendering it necessary to cut the ball open. By the application of ether-chloride the foot was frozen hard, and the flesh cut open safely and skillfully.

A delegation leaves here tomorrow for the Nashville exposition, consisting in part of Hon. and Mrs. W. J. Green, Captain and Mrs. N. W. Ray, Colonel J. B. Starr, Captain A. B. Williams Captain J. B. Smith and others.

The Wilmington Presbyterians who have the opportunity of hearing Rev. A. J. McKelway tomorrow will enjoy the pleasure of a pulpit acquaintance with a very forceful, scholarly, wellequipped preacher.

FUN

There was a young maid in Dubuque Who ate an assortment of cuque-Umbers and cream,

And now, it would seem, She is gone beyond praise or rebuque.

Miss Gray is to marry is quite wealthy.' Miss White-"Yes, I understand that

he is in immoderate circumstances."-Boston Transcript. A-Well, and how did you sleep last night? Did you follow my advice and

begin counting? B-Yes. I counted up to 18,000. A-And then you fell asleep? B-No; then it was time to get up .-

rit Bits. Plain Sailing-"It seems to me," said one young woman, "that Harold talks more clearly on the tariff than any one else I have ever heard." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "He has the advantage of not knowing enough about it to get his ideas confused."-Washington Star.

Voter-I challenge Shamus Macfogar

ty. He's no dimmicrat. Chairman-Give in yer ividince. Voter-His wife borrows butter Mrs. Robinson, a republican.

Chairman-But I hear she niver pays t back. Yer all right, Mr. Marfogarty Ye can vote.—Boston Transcript. Corporal (to soldier)-"Why is the blade of the saber curved instead of

straight?" Private-"It is curved in order give more force to the blow." Corporal-"Humbug. The saber into the crooked scabbard, blockhead?"

than two really lovely women." "Ah!" she said, looking up innocently into his face, "Who was the other?" "So he is to marry Miss Croesus?"

-Fliegende Blatter.

"Yes." "She's not very beautiful. I wonder how he ever happened to look in her direction.'

"Why, you see, he's an enthusiast in his line." "And what's his line?" "He's a stamp collector."-Chicago

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Senator Tillman is right. Let's find out just who have been sugared by the Havemeyers-Nashville Sun. Let us not despair: The republican

administration has given the south-a speech.-Atlanta Constitution. In some of the newspaper offices the editors have their waste baskets full

of prosperity.-Atlanta Constitution. If those 4,000,000 bottles of champagne are opened at one time that Paris dynamite explosion will not be a circumstance to the queen's jubilee.-Washington Post.

Those persons who affect to believe there is no real war over Cuba can have all their doubts thoroughly removed by ing the children away from home to taking a glance at the local Cuban orschool and as these schools must be closed there is no alternative but to keep them I ganizations.-Washington Post.

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COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Eastern District of North Garolina.

OF NEW YORK WILMINGTON, NEWBERNE &

NORFOLK R'Y CO. WHEREAS, On the 26th day of May, 1897, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North C. decree was made in the above entitled suit by the Honorable Charles H. Simonton, Circuit Judge, foreclosing the mortgage of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad Company and the East Carolina Land and Railway Company now consolidated into the Wilmington, Newberne and Norfolk Railway Company, the defendant therein, said mortgages being

mentioned and described in said complainant's bill of complaint; and WHEREAS, It is therein ordered, adjudged and decreed that all the corporate property now owned or hereafter to be acquired by the said Wilmington, Newberne and Norfolk Railway Company in the State of North Carolina, now operated as one continuous line from the City of Wilmington to Newberne in the State of North Carolina and all its estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption therein; that is to say, all of its railroads now constructed and in operation extending from Wilmington to Newberne in the said State of North Carolina and yet to be constucted, including extensions, branches, curves and side tracks, and including rights of way, road bed, superstructures, iron, steel, rails, ties, splices, chains, bolts, nuts, spikes, all land and depot grounds, station houses and depots, viaducts, water tanks, bridges, timber, material and property purchased or to be pur-chased or owned by it, for the construction, equipment or operation of said road; all machine shops, tools, implements and personal property used therein or upon or along said railroad at its stations; all engines, tenders, machinery and all kinds of rolling stock, whether now owned or hereafter purchased by said railroad company, and all other property of the said company now owned or hereafter to be acquired, and all its rights or privileges therein or appertaining thereto, and all revenues, tolls and incomes of said railroad and property, and all franchises and rights of said railroad company, and all property and rights acquired or hereafter —Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Brown—'I hear that the man tion of Alfred M. Waddell, the undersigned Master Commissioner, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the satisfaction of said judgment, interest and costs.

> in said decree; and WHEREAS, It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Master Commissioner shall sell said property for cash, or for cash and bonds, and as an entirety; and WHEREAS, It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that notice of the time

except such as is otherwise provided for

and place and terms of said sale be given by said Master Commissioner by advertising the same at least five times a week for four consecutive weeks preceding the day of sale in one or more newspapers published in the cities of Wilmington and Newberne, in the State of North Carolina. and also in the Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, Maryland, and that the said sale shall be at public auction in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, in front of the County Court House of New Hanover County at the time and place as said

Master Commissioner shall in said notices

of said sale appoint; and WHEREAS, It is further ordered, ad-judged and decreed that said Master Commissioner shall receive no bid at said sale for a less sum than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and no bid from any person who shall not first deposit with him as a pledge five per cent. of the amount of such bid in cash, or twenty-five thousand dollars in the bonds secured by either of the mortgages described in said complainant's bill of complaint, and in case the said property and premises are sold, the purchaser thereof shall forthcurved so as to fit the scabbard. If it with deposit with said Master Commiswere straight, how would you get it sioner the sum of five thousand dollars to be deposited in the Registry of this Court, subject to the order of this court in this cause and the deposit so received from "I have never met," he said, "more the said bidder to be applied on the purchase price; the balance of the purchase price may be either paid in cash or the purchaser may satisfy the same in whole or in part by paying over and surrendering bonds secured by the said mortgages of January 12th, 1891, made by the said Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad Company and the East Carolina Land and Railway Company, and over due coupons belonging thereto, at such price or value as would be equivalent to the distributive amount that the holders of said bonds would be entitled to receive in case the entire amount was paid in cash. For more particularity both as to the property to be sold and the term of the sale, reference is made to the decree of foreclosure entered in the above suit. NOW THEREFORE, Public notice is hereby given that I, Alfred M. Waddell, Master Commissioner, in pursuance of the

provisions of said decree, will on Thursday, the 15th day of July, 1897, at 12 o'clock m. of that day, in the City of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, in front of the Court House of New Hanover County, in said City, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said decree, the above described railroad of the Wilmington, Newberne and Norfolk Railway Company and all the property, lands and premises appertaining thereto, the proceeds thereof to be applied as is by said decree provided and directed. ALFRED M. WADDELL,

Master Commissioner, United States Circuit Court, Eastern District of North Carolina. STETSON, TRACY, JENNINGS & RUS-

SELL, New York. JNO. D. BELLAMY, Wilmington, N. C. Solicitor for Complainant.