## COUNCIL IS PETITIONED FOR ANOTHER BUILDING

Delegation of Citizens Ask Board to Call Election for Additional School to Take Care of Increase---Harmonious Meeting---Petitions Out Today.

the council last night was pemoned by a delegation of business to call an election as soon as ble for a new school building erected on the city's property southwest Hickory, and petitions were being drawn up today by Suparintendent Staley and made ready are directation among the voters. It proposed to spend \$20,000 for a and structure. The question of other and ovements was gone into, but it and decided that these could wait, There was unanimity in the opinion that another building was limperaenging on the yards. strely needed to take care of the represented school rooms and woulde for the natural increase in thes chool population.

Figures and comparisons were given and the proposition threshed out from every stand-point. Mayor Shuford asked for free expression of opinion and the dozen or more present talked freely. The bonded indebtedness of the city, it was shown, : \$146,000, and by re-applying the ten-cent reduction in taxes made last fall, the people will not pay any

Asked for Discussion he hoped all would speak freely the matter. The mayor said unvil believed another school builng is almost a necessity, that ater extension is needed badly and at a municipal building would be a te called on Mr. Staley to present school question.

Mr. Staley said the conditions toay are similar to those three years ago when the South building was edected. The average daily attenlance at the North school is greater than it was three years ago and the South building has an average attendance of 315. He said the attenname in the white schools has inmeased 35 per cent and that the avrage number of pupils per teacher greater here than the average for whole state, Mr. Staley said Hickory had an excellent corps of eachers, but they cannot do good

Not Dropping Out Mr. B. F. Campbell asked at what age the greatest number of children s lost, and Mr. Staley said children usually drop out at 13 or 14 years of are For the last two years, however, the children here have stuck. All the seventh grade pupils last year reported to the eighth grade at the opening session. He said every wallable room in both buildings is supied, and the auditorium in the North school is being used for class

Mr. A. K. Joy questioned the superintendent about the increase exbected next year, and Mr. Staley said the indications pointed to at least ten

No Additional Cost

Councilman Moretz said if the 10 her cent reduction made in the tax ale last year were again imposed, and with the new assessment three years from now, the city would be the to build the school and pay off

Mr. Geo, F. Ivey asked about the authority for voting bonds without uiting for the legislature. Sinley thought the general law cov-

Mayor Shuford explained that steps are taken now for a new school beallse four months at least should be He thought \$20,000 would be neces- reinforced. to erect a building with audi-The city already has the lot

comething will have to be done struggle in Mesopotomia, pointing to is said to be 112 per cent. the negro school, which is in shape and congested. How Bonds Were Carried

school, simply because about men were on notes. Three ago the South building was by taxes, and he believed the here would vote for bonds. urged that a big petition be cirated asking council to call an

linkory's bonded indebtedness is 5116,000, Councilman Moretz said, and the valuation of city property is way to do things is to give the

buttedness of \$950,000;

Something Should be Done Tr. C. H. Geitner said from all the at 9:00 o'clock. mation he had received, the where something should be to original owners. the He always hoped that we could

Give These Up them. He thought the city might is as follows:

J. M. Sawyer, 1st tenor and accom
are truly wonderful.

That he said and sewer extension. That, he said, panist. Clayt 201 \$2,000 or more each year to put and cartoonist.
On streets, that would be better. He Paul Fairfield, (Continued on Page 4)

## IN BRITISH

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 16 .- In the opinion of American importers here the royal proclamation yesterday forbidding importation here after March 1 of certain commodities, including tobacco and furniture, would prove disastrous to American traders were it not for the saving clause which permits the bringing in of articles under license

from the board of trade. The effect on the tobacco trade within the United Kingdom is expected to be even less disturbing than Greensboro, Feb. 16 .- Roy Scott, interference with the exportation of aged thirty years, was killed in the tobacco will be. Under normal cir-Southern Railway yards here today cumstances the greater portion of by being run over by a train. He this stored tobacco will be reexportwas a brakeman and fell between a ed, but with the importation clause string of cars being shunted by an in force, it probably will be consumed

## Two Steamers Destroyed in Fire of Unknown Origin on Brooklyn Water Front

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16.—The steam- der \$1,000,000. more taxes than they paid last year, ships Bolton Castle and Pacific and The origin of the fire is unknown, Mayor Shuford, in bringing up today by the most disastrous fire on was aroused because of the fact that sand-clay streets, eight miles of con-

burned. The loss is estimated at un- and accounts receivable. The net

a 900-foot pier were destroyed early but suspicion that it was incendiary improvement questions, thanked the Brooklyn water front in years, some of the ships were loading with Another steamer, the Palazea, and war munitions. Several Russian about 25 scows were partly or wholly ships were loading for Vladivostock.

## municipal building would be a American Club at Toronto Burned and Wrecked in Fire of Suspicious Origin

(By Associated Press.)

killed and two others were injured were discovered. work with too many children to teach. the home of the American Club, having recently been the scene of the fire was in progress, but accord-

Early reports not yet confirmed in a fire which early today wrecked were that the blaze was the result RETAIL VEHICLE DEALERS the six story structure which was of an alien plot, the American Club Several explosions were heard while demonstrations in favor of the allies. Vehicle Dealers of Virginia and the The loss was estimated at \$300,000.

## Russians Capture More Positions from Turks; Nicholas Doing Things

(By Associated Press.)

fields of military activity that just now command chief attention, the opof the forts of Erzerum.

Late last month the Turks were be looked for.

Discussing the question, Mr. Staley and that in Persia with the British per cent, while in Vienna, the increase

possible convergence of their forces, during today's early dealings, but While France and Flanders are the The British Mesopotamain armies gains have not been making much progress

Not much attention was paid for erations of the Russians in their Cau- several months to the Caucasus cam- renewed pressure. War shares, incasus campaign are developing no\_ paikn, the Russians apparently hav- others, were higher and Cuban-American sugar rose three points to 202. from the steamers Noordam and he indebtedness without an addition- table points of interest. The newest ing small forces there. With the ap- ican sugar rose three points to 202. developments come with Petrograd's pointment of Grand Duke Nicholas to United States Steel and Standard Rotterdam of the Holland-American announcement of the capture of nine chief command, however, it was hinted that important developments might

driven back to Erzerum and there Prices in Great Britain continue 80,000 men werel ocked up with not to rise as a result of the war. From more than two week's provisions, the beginning of the war the increase renewal of March liquidation and owed for constructing a building. Since that time the garrison has been in the country as a whole has been 47 Military critics link the operations declares that the increase in the more vance of two points, the market soon been resold in the American market, of the Russians in this campaign important foods in Berlin has been 83 sold from five to nine under last subject to delivery and that heavy

## Mr Ivey said that thirteen years American Quartet Will Be Attraction at Hub on Friday Night---Good Music

The next number of the Redpath reader. 82,000,000. He thought the bet- Lyceum atractions in Hickory will The program of this quartet conbe at the Hub theatre Friday night. Councilman Abernethy said John- Holders of season tickets will note readings-just such program as Lytity, with practically the same the change, as it was originally ceum audiences delight in, untion as Hickory, had a bonded scheduled for February 17. Board The instrumental music is presentfor reserved seats will be open at ed by three members of the quartet ly Lutz drug store Thursday morning on the violin, cello and plano.

This number will be the American of Mr. Conrad-the cartoonist.

but up to the people right. He pictures appearing as finished pro- commercial art work, combined with but up to the people right. He pictures appearing as missied that something ought to be ducts in a few seconds of time. fine ideas of color, fit him well for one for the colored people, saying During both the Chautauga and the position he holds with this comtheir needs had been put off from Lyceum season of the past year, no pany. quartet has scored a bigger success than the American Quartet and it original and are new ideas presented As for the city hall and water ex- is safe to say that this organization in a novel way. He uses two easles. night and Thursday. Warmer to-

Clayton Conrad, 2nd tenor, flutist draws are of the highest order of Meximum

L. E. Gilbert, bass, violinist and and care.

tension, he had his doubts as to the will be in great demand the coming advisability of issuing bonds for year. The personnel of this quartet of coloring and the results he obtained by them. He thought the city might

sists of both vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with cartoons and

The length of the program is about Tickets 73, 74, 86, 111, 203, 204, one hour and forty minutes, one of advantage to the bulls. The openquestion has reached the 324 have been lost, and duplicated half hour being devoted to the work ing here which ranged from 1-2 to table. of Mr. Conrad-thec artoonist.

along without using bonds, but Quartet, with Clayton Conrad, who speech in drawing his pictures. His minimum without using bonds, but Quartet, with Clayton Conrad, who speech in drawing his pictures. thought the issue would be carried sketches with marvelous speed, his experience in newspaper cartoon and #

For North Carolina: Fair to-

fun and are bound to make you lauga Minimum \_\_ -- -- --

# SAVING CLAUSE DIRECTORS PLAN M'NEELY'S BODY ATTACKS DEMOCRATS IN

A good program was prepared yesterday afternoon by the directors of the Merchants' Association for the annual meeting tomorrow night.

legislation will be discussed.

President Bisanar and the directors that every member will be on hand. The meeting will be both profitable and pleasant, it is hoped.

The net floating indebtedness of the city of Hickory today, according to the report of the auditors just finished, is \$2,566.53 over and above taxes floating indebtedness three years ago

In the last three years, however, crete sidewalks, a new graded school building, bought a graded school lot, purchased a motor fire truck, laid a All these items approximate \$58,000. Members of council are proud of

RAILROAD CASE HEARD

(By Associated Press.)

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 16 .- Hearing of the petition asking for a receiver of the Texas & Pacific Company opering to reports by the police there ating lines between El Paso, Texas Toronto, Feb. 16.—One man was were no detonations before the flames and New Orleans, was opened today in federal court.

IN THREE DAY'S SESSION

Greensboro, Feb. 16.-The Retail Carolina's opened a three-days' session here today. Mayod Murphy delivered the address of welcome.

## **MARKETS**

NEW YORK STOCKS (By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16 .- Irregular ten-

dencies of recent days were resumed outnumbered declines. Mercantile Marine preferred, which recovered some of its severe loss in yesterday's trading, lost a point and Canadian Pacific was subjected to

COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16 .- There was a per cent. The British board of trade at a decline of four points to an adnight's closing figures. March was relatively easy, selling off to 11.56, while May declined to 11.93 and July to 12.11, or about 29 to 35 points under the high prices reached in last week's advance. The markets closed steady.

> Open Close 11.6911.92 12.10 HICKORY MARKETS

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)

to lift thep rice of wheat. Higher American Lusitania agreement. The quotations from Liverpool were also 1-4 was followed by higher prices.

Paul Fairfield, baritone and cellist. and cause you to forget your worries Mean \_\_ \_ \_ \_ 28 55 1-2 .89

Consul Garrells' telegram follows: "Body very decomposed washed up on Egyptian coast. Marks on Mr. Bascom Blackwelder, attorn- clothes and watch indicate American ey for the association, will discuss origin. Body possibly Consul Robert the rural credits bill now pending in Ney McNeely. Description and marks congress, and Messrs. A. M. West, on clothing which follow may serve J. A. Moretz and Bob Martin are on to identify wearer. Trousers and vest black or blue. Made by Wright. Light refreshments will be served Yellow striped Manhattan shirt. at the meeting, and it is hoped by Black tie, green and pink design. Black high shoes, marked Boyden. Leather belt with 34 sovereigns. Knickerbocker watch with gold dial, Knickerbocker Watch Co., N. Y., and F. Cornelio, who is probably seller. Case marked Illinois Watch Co., Elgin, U. S. A. Photograph on lid of watch obliterated."

> (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 16 .- The body of Ameridan Consul Robert McNeely, who lost his life on the Persia, is believed to have been washed ashore near Alexandria, according to a cable dispatch to the state department from American Consul Garrels.

## TEXAS COMPAN'YS OIL STEAMER MISSING

(By the Associated Press) mile of sewer lines and placed three- oil steamer Velma Brooks, bound of children and longer hours. quarters of a mile of standard water from Norfolk to Beaufort, became mains, together with the purchase of known here today when a fishing committee said the bill was backed greatest state in the union should, cruiser went in search of the vessel. The Velma Brooks was several days He said to Mr. Patterson:

and sailing from Beaufort to Norfolk.

DEATH OF MRS. POWELL

Newton, Feb. 16.-Friends here have heard of the death Saturday night in Asheville of Mrs. Fannie Powell, widow of Frank A. Powell. She was a sister of Mrs. D. F. Moore of this place and of John Howard, a farmer of Caldwell township. Her husband, who died only a month ago at Asheville, was a brother of the late Mrs. W. E. Young of Newton.

LOW RATES FOR IRISH

(By the Associated Press) London, Feb. 16.—The Irish department or agriculture has inaugurated the plan of granting loans at a low rate of interest to Irish farmers to enable them in the fall to grind wheat and oats into meal. It is hoped in this way to cope with the enormous quantities of wheat and oats being grown by the Irish farmers in order to meet any shortage of flour.

### AMERICAN SECURITIES SEIZED IN LAST BRITISH RAID

New York, Feb. 16.-American securities consigned to bankers and banking houses in the United States were declared in financial circles to Rails were firm but relatively inac- line in British waters several weeks Amsterdam and other cities in Hol- approximately the number of boats the Democrats are "attempting to offerings of German institutions and individuals compelled to sell through Dutch bankers because of pressing scattered selling in the cotton market financial requirements. It was said early today and after opening steady by bankers that a large part of these securities now in British hands, have

( By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16 .- Count von Chicago, Feb. 16 .- Crop damage Bernstorff, the German ambassador, reports from the southwest especial- today presented to Secretary Lansing Missouri and Kansas, tended today the latest version of the Germanindications are that it will be accep-

> When Count von Bernstorff came from Mr. Lansing's office, where he spent less than ten minutes, he an-"Gentlemen, I refer you to the sec-

retary of state." sing sent out this message: "I have nothing to say."

stood was informed it could not be grant a writ of error.

### Senator Wadsworth of New York Says Protective Tariff Alone Will Save Country from Ruin--- Declares Opponents are Hesitating and Halting.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

(By Associated Press.) terson invited members of the com\_ yet experienced. mittee to visit southern cotton mills Senator Wadsworth touched briefly and investigate conditions for them- upon the Democratic policies toward

children, Mr. Patterson said the New ing from those responsibilities and England factories enjoyed an ad- obligations which must come to every Beaufort, S. C., Feb. 16.—Fears for vantage in freight rates which could great nation." Thep ermanent chairthe safety of the Texas Company's only be equalized by the employment men said in part:

by public sentiment and would

"You might direct your efforts to tion which confronts the country. seeking some method that would re-The Velma Brooks is a 33-foot lieve you of any injustice that your and the sentiment of the people as exsteamer, carrying a crew of two men efforts to defeat the bill might place ercised and expressed during the

(By Associated Press.)

ed a resolution declaring that Elihu Root was the logical candidate for

183 SUBMARINES ARE

Washington, Feb. 16.-A plan for fleet and coast defense submarine which bears the destinles of Amerioperations in the Atlantic and Pacific, ca." the navy's chief of submarines. Such the Democrats had no program for a force is necessary to insure ade- "replenishing" the treasury.

he United States has just 27 submarines ready for war service. Admiral shore bases distributed along the comprehension."

that they must have a minimum sur- today. face speed of 20 knots and a possible

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Feb. 16 .- Mrs. Ida Ball that degree of respect and admiration Warren and Samuel Christy, under to which she is entitled. Almost at the same time Mr. Lan- sentence of death for the murder in "Rightly or wrongly, other people Winston-Salem of G. J. Warren, were regard us today as lacking in detertoday granted a respite of two weeks mination, lacking in virility, shrink\_ Count von Bernstorff presented for- by Governor Craig. The United ing from those responsibilities and mally the agreement and it is under- States supreme court has refused to great nation."

indications were that it seemed satis- for the couple will prepare evidence the people into a belief that what-

New York, Feb. 16.—The United States faces one of the most critical periods in its history, and the destiny of the republic for a century to come may well be determined by the conduct of the government and the sentiment of the people as exercised and expressed during the next four years, United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York told the New York state Republican Convention here today. Senator Wadsworth addressed the convention as its permanent chairman. He declared that only the Eu-Washington, Feb. 16.—The employ- ropean war had saved the country ment of child labor in southern cot- from being now "in the depths of ton mills was defeated today by S. the blackest kind of industrial de-F. aPtterson of Roanoke Rapids, N. pression" and declared that unless a 3., chairman of the executive commit- protective tariff is created there will tee of the Southern Cotton Manu- come from foreign sources, after the facturers' Association, before the sen- signing of peace, an industrial inate commerce committee. Mr. Pat- vasion such as the country has never

the Mexican and Philippine ques-Asked why southern manufacturers tions, declaring that, "rightly" or considered it necessary to employ wrongly," lacking in virility, shrink-

"It is highly proper and commen-Chairman Newlands of the senate dable that the Republicans of the rith emphasis and sincerity, express themselves with respect to the situa-

"The conduct of the government next four years may very well determine the destiny of the republic for a century to come. The American people have an intense desire that their children and their children's children shall thrive and prosper and that the purpose of the nation, declared by its founders and maintained for nearly 140 years, shall ive undisturbed amongst the generations to come.

Need Wisdom

"Never since the Civil war have we been in such dire need of far-seeing wisdom and strength at Washington. It is not surprising, therefore, that men and women all over this broad land are thinking, and thinking very deeply, about their country New York, Feb. 16.-The Repub- and its future. It will not do for lican state convention today defeat- any great political party to approach the discussion that is coming in a haphazard or trifling manner,

Senator Wadsworth asked the citthe Republican nomination for presi- izens of the country "to judge of the soundness and competency of our opponents who today are halting and hesitating, impelled by no common NEEDED FOR DEFENSE purpose, trifling with little things. working for picayune advantage, comprehending nothing that is great and vital, helplessly adrift in a ship He declared that the treascalling for 183 submarines of all ury's reserve fund," in spite of trick-

line in British waters several weeks ago. The securities, forwarded from quate protection, the admiral said and military defence, declaring that while needed are provided for in the ad- reach some conclusion on this great ministration's five year building pro- question, their leader is displaying At present, the committee was told, his agitation, his uncertainty, blow-

"The men in power at Washington Grant's plan contemplates 30 divis- today who are responsible for what ions of six submarines each, three has taken place, and what bids fair divisions to cruise with the Atlantic to take place, seem unwilling or unfleet and two with the Pacific fleet, able to look ahead," he said. "They and the remainder to work out of seem utterly lakeing in vision and in

Turning to the Philippines, Sen-Bids for the construction of two ator Wadsworth asserted that no one 500 ton seagoing submarines, the familiar with the history and habit largest ever designed by the navy de- of thought of the people of the ispartment will be opened tomorrow. land would "dare to assert that they Specifications for the boats provide can survive as a separate nationality

"To leave them now to their own speed of 25; that they shall not ex-devices," he declared, "amounts to a ceed a cost of \$1,500,000 each and sacrifice of everything we have done may be either steam or oil propelled, there and must result not only in their destruction as a potential nation but also in bringing down upon our heads the derision and contempt of the world." The Democratic policy towards the Philippines the speaked described as "heartless and cyn-The spirit of the American people is not in accord with such a cruel and cowardly procedure," said. Still discussing the Philippines,

When one considers the reputaition of the United States amongst the nations of the world one is the more dismayed at what the government is contemplating at this time. It is not a pleasant thing to admit, but it should be admitted and thoroughly understood that does not enjoy in the foreign mind

obligations which must come to every

1916 1915 accepted as final until it could be The two were to have been electro- Senator Wadsworth charged that the Discussing economic conditions, presented to President Wilson. The cuted on March 3. The attorneys supporters of the present administration were "attempting to delude (Continued on Page 4)