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 Was the most sumptuous and the table
the most tastily arranged of any simila the most tastily arranged on
event ever given in Kinston.
At the cloee t At the cloee of the banquet the conclave
nanamimouely voted thanks to Laura A. Miller and the ladies assoclate which the menu was served. mittee of arrangementa, Mese. J. B. Tem.
ple and Dr. T. H. Fankner, for thei
succemsful carying out of the plans. The apeeche were all timely and well
reeeeived and the happlness and jollity
of the occasion were conspicuously manileat. He Heptasophs is one of the most
successful fraternal insurance orders in the eity, and its members feel a just pride
in tbeir conclave. showing was made as to the financia
condition of the conclave and the order condition of the conclave enuet last night
As r reant of the banquet light
several candidatee are mentloned for the order and many new mem
pected in the near future.

## - StROKES OF A RAZOR.

How Many Do Yon Suppone it Taken
to Shave $n$ Mant
"Nown that yoa'se finished shaving
me, how many strokes of the razor did
Now that you've finished shaving
me, how many strokes of the razor did
it require?' asked the man in the obair as he straightened up to bave his hair
combed.'
"That's pretty hard to tell." said the barber.
"Of course it is. But yon've been in
the business how long?" the business how long
"Fifteen years."
"You ooght to know by this time
about how many gtrokes of the razor it
requires to shave a man sithes requires to shasve a man, aupposing tha
you go over his face a second time ") you go over his faoe a second time."
"I might make a guess atit."'
"All right. What's your guess? Remember that I have a hard beard.",
"Well, I should say about 125 ." "Yon're a good gueaser, I don'
think. Some time ago I got into th
babit of connting the strokes of a razo every time I was being shaved. It's a
good way to employ your mind. In 6having me yo
with the razor.
"I

back. I should judge that there are no
fewer than 500 strokes in e first claes
shave. You remember that, and proba.

win a few beta."-New


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 One of the prettiest weddings ever seenin Kinston took place at the Baptiat
church lost night, theocotracting parties
heing Mr. C. Franklin Koonce and Mies being Mr. C. Franklin Koonce and Mines
O'siesielinwood Moore, neice of Mr. W.H.
O'Berry.
Long before the time for the ceremony
the church was paeked. At 8:35 o'clock, to the enchanting stratas of Mendelesoohn's
weddiug march, beeantifully rendered by
Mibd May Lincoln, the two little candle Misd May Lincoln, the two hitle candle
bearers, Misses Jennle Shaw and Essie
Cammings, the Cummings, the one elad in pure white,
the other in white and green, entered,
each bearing in her handalighted candle.
Mips Shaw entered the nother Cach bearing in her hand a lighted candle.
Mipg Sbaw entered the north and Mises
Cummmings the south door. Arriving at Cummings the south door. Arriving at
the sitar with the lighted candle each
held in thelr hand they lighted the can-
dees on the rostrum, Misen Lille Cobb held in their hand they lighted the can-
dees on the rostrum, Misees Lillie Cobb
and Mattie Holton at the same time sad Mattie Holton at the same time
lighting the candles around the railing in
front of the choir. Following the candle

## bearers came the ushers, Mess. J. H. Her- bert and $V$. A. Rountroe, down the left,

bert and . A. Rountree, down the
Bad M Mess. W. W. . LaRque, J. J., and W.
M. Beapley down the right aisle. They
passed to the rostrum and crossed. Then
entered, through the north door the
bride, beautifully clothed in white silk,

## leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. W. H. OBerry, the groom entering at the same time throngh the touth door with his beat man Min

hla best man, Mr. J. L. Harward. Pro-
ceeding to the altar they were met by
Rev. C. W. Blanchard, and there, while
the sweat stratns of "TTwilight Thoughte"
floated from the organ, they were ool
emnly and impressively made man an
foated from the organ, they were sol-
emily and impressively made man and
wife. The muxic again changed to the
wedding march and the hanpy coupleleft
for
they will reside.
The young couple wére the reciplen
of numerous beautiful and useful present
of numerous beautiful and useful presents.
The church was decorated fn green and
white and presented a beautiful appear-
ance. The rostrum was covered
In white, over which was place1 ever-
greens and a profusion of potted ferne

blendtng beautifully and making a pleas
ing effect to to eye.
THE FREE PRE88 extendr congratula-
tions and wishee the happy couple a lon
and prosperouz journey through life.
man
Men and Bearta.
mance had a trainer, an old Irishment in India and who knew the ways
three of theml to do more work in the
show arena than I have ever seen done
by tigers. 1 have seen him sittling
down between two of them nt rest
times during rehearsals and examining
times during rehearsals and examining
their claws to see if nny of them were
sore or split. Any oue who has ever

unwarrantable famillarity, but the
never did more than show their teetu
and whine, and that in half playful-
ness.
One day be got rery drunk. I had
never known him to transgress before
$\qquad$
gers and fallen In a heap on the floor.
The other keepers tried to take hlm
out of the cage, but to have done so
would have meant a bitter and bloody
fight with the three striped ones. The
guarded him all night in his drunken
slumber. The next time he put them
to work, however, they balked, and he
could neither persuade nor drive them
They had ceased to trust him, or some
thing of that sort, and his usefulness
with them was at an end com
F. Bostock in Frank Lesile's.



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Kappecialy Urred the Importance Of
Educating White Children


Ax important sunuexpbe.







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bave been releasend.

Raleigh. N. C., Jan. 14.-The North Caroina Farmers awnociantion met to-
night in the agricultural builing, Dr. R.
H. Speight, president, T. B. Parker eeo-
 Parker fubmitted his report on recom-
mendanana an to frtilizern and cotion Pattermon and V. F. Lamb. The chief
rcommendatione are prompt crikanizathat farmery form combinations or
groups to buy fertilizers paying ceash if keenp in clone touch with the Agrieultural
department, latter to officiallv rerognize lormation and services. It was decided, on motion ol General Cox, that the an-
nual meetiog be beld the becond Thurs-
day in Auguast. Commiesioner Patterson eporke of the importance of of pood roand
and introduced President W . H . Moore, Who made a stirring talk. saytng that
the grod roads train would arrive here begin the following day and continue
five daya and that the governor will ap-

Washington, Jan. 14.-Senator Sim
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