

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Anticipated Death.

Monroe Enquirer: Mr. J. W. Belk, of Dudley, S. C., whose .son, James Belk, was killed by lightning on the 14th inst. an account of which we gave last week, was in town yesterday and told us that the crystal and whole face of the watch which his son had in his vest pocket when he was killed was melted, and that his knife was also melted. strange thing about the young man's death is that he had a premonition of death, and at noon the day before he was killed he wrote in a blank book: "Dear mother, after one more day I will be better off."

Oh! My! Wouldn't it Jar You?

Winston Journal: Mr. A. Savery had an unfortunate as well as an unusual accident yesterday afternoon. During a hurried visit to a toilet room he dropped s purse containing \$2,000 in crisp greenbacks and a new mileage book on the Southern railway from his hip pocket into the water pipes and saw it instantly frisked out of sight on its way to an unknown destination. Mr. Savery immediately began a study of the waterworks plan of the city and has hopes, though a trifle indefinite, of recovering his treasure.

# Good Crop Outlook.

Lumberton Robesonian: Reports of crop conditions in the county have never been more encouraging than at present. Some say the prospect is brighter than it has been since the war, and the opinion is general that it has been many years since conditions looked so promisi Corn, cotton and tobacco are unusually large and forward for the time of year and in most cases are clear of grass. Bud and cut worms are reported, but the damage so far has been slight.

# Four-Year-Old Kills a Snake.

Gastonia Gazette: Did you ever heat of a four-year-old child killing a snake? That's just what little four-year-old Fred Jenkins did Wednesday. He is a son of Mr. Alberry Jenkins. He had a small short-handled hos that he played with. On the way to his brother's house not far away he saw the snake in the path and killed him with four whacks of the adder about 28 inches long.

Mr. R. W. White has let a contract to Mr. F. N. Hawkins to build a four-room dwelling on his lot adjoining Mr. W. M. Tyndal's. We hear that Mr. B. R. Tay-lor will occupy it when finished. Mr. B. H. Parrott has had one of the buildings which he purchased of Mr. W M. Tyndal celled and otherwise improved and Prof. L. L. Hargrave has moved

into it,

Mr. A. G. Outlaw is building a nic four-room dwelling on his lot opposite Mr. J. E. Kornegay's.

The closing exercises of Dover high school will take place on Friday, June 6, and an enjoyable time is expected. A rich treat awaits those who hear the annual address to be delivered by Dr. Coggins, president of the Christian col-lege at Wilson.

Several of our people-about 20 we hink-went to hear Sam Jones lecture Saturday night.

Miss Carrie West returned Sunday from visiting at Kinston.

Prof. R. B. West, of Kinston, came down Friday alternoon to attend the burlal of Mr. George K. West's babe.

burial of Mr. George K. West's babe. Mr. and Mrs. George K. West have the sincere sympathy of the community in having to part with their babe that God called to beaven last Thursday night. The remains were carried to the West family burying ground and interred on Saturday, accompanied by quite a num-ber of sympathizing friends, the pall b-arers being four of Dover's lovely young misses—Lillian Carpenter, Bonnie Out-law, Mittle West and Eva West. Par-ents, we cannot say don't weep, for ents, we cannot say don't weep, for sad experience has taught us that the parting for all time with dear ones bringeth forth tears, but be comforted in the assurance that

1.78.9.44 He was so like a form of light That Heaven benignly called him home Ere the world could breathe one blight Ere the world could breathe one blight O'er his event innocence. And he that brighter love to bless Has passed with all his loveliness. But had he still on earth remained, Vision of beauty, fair as brief, How soon his brightness had been stained With passion or with grief. Now, not a sullying breath can rise; He's with the throng of heavenly hosts, Praising Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Goldeboro Lumber company has rented engine No. 2 from the A. & N. C. railroad company to assist their engines 2 and 4 in logging this mill while their No. 3 is in Goldeboro being overhauled and repaired.

and repaired.

We are glad to hear that the prospects for crops, fruit included, in this vicinity is good at present.

W. M. HERBERT.

# UNIFORMLY GOOD IN MARCON

New York, May 26 .- Bradstreet's Satrday says:

Element.

With almost uniformly good wheat, corn, oats and cotton crop reports, improved retail demand caused by warmer weather, a full volume of re-order business for this season of the year, good colections and heavy railroad earnings, the only cloud on the situation would seem to be the continued unrest of labor and the idleness of large numbers of industrial workers as a result thereof.

Even here, however, it is to be noted that, with the single exception of the anthracite coal miners' strike, which of course affects demand and industry throughout a wide area, the disturbances are largely localized and are mostly efforts on the part of labor to get a still larger share of the conceded prosperity ruling.

The coal strike is a serious disturber, involving as it does a loss of \$1,500,000 weekly in wages to the miners and allied industrial operatives, an advance of at least \$1 per ton in all coal prices and a sympathetic increase of asmaller amount in bituminous, all these acting as disturbing elements in the domain of manufacturing and industry generally, which naturally depends upon coal for its basic force. With a large continuance of the strike a general changing of coal burning appliances to allow of soft coal being used must undoubtedly occur in manufacturing circles, which will be of course a pallative of the trouble, second only to the warmth of the weather which procludes the necessity for coal for do-

mestic purposes that might exist if the strike occurred in cold weather. The feeling grows that the bituminous miners will not join in the frouble to the extent of stopping—a contingency which cannot be viewed otherwise than with great public concern.

Business failures for the week number 152 against 190 last week and 192 in this week last year.

#### Dangerous if Neglected.

Burns, cuts and other wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected and be-come troublesome sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences.

W. S. HERBERT.



# A PEOULIAR DILEMMA.

Business Outgrows Present Quarters, Building Delayed.

THE FREE PRESS is in a peculiar dilemma. Owing to scarcity of building material it is impossible to begin work on the proposed new building for some time-it may be during August or September. Meanwhile the volume of business has increased to such an extent that additional machinery and material are postditional machinery and material are posi-tively necessary to enable the job print-ing department to keep up with orders. Present quarters are already crowded and it has become ascrious problem where to put the new machinery when it ar-tives, which will probably be some time this week

Some relief has been found by prevailing up in our next door neighbor, Mr. Jack Hickson, to move his office to the Canady building, and some part of THE FREE Paras business will be done in the room vacated by him, No. 107 West Gordon street, within a day or two. This will 30DS

Earthquakes In Sardinia. As a sequel to the recent earthquakes in Sardinia an enormous chasm has been opened in the earth, while the surface has bulged into a kill of considerable elevation, from which stones and masses of earth are projected. There are also symptoms that the interior of the hill is in an ebuillent condition. Scientists incline to the belief that the phenomena observed are volcanic. Another consequence of the earthquake is that Lake Santo, near Modema, which was about 500 yards long and 100 wide, has completely disappeared.

St. Louis Has "White Wings."

St. Louis has joined the list of cities employing "white wings" on its street ming force, and 100 men have been dressed in the regulation white duck suits and set to work on the streets in the business section to keep them clean. This number is only the starting of the improvement, and the entire force will be uniformed as fast as possible. In addition to the white blouse and overalls he men will wear black rimmed gray

Interesting Items of the World's Events The Vatican now has an installation of electric lights which cost \$45,000. The Russian mercantile marine has 745 steamers and 2,293 salling vessels. Three-fourths of the people of Cuba

depend for a livelihood upon the sugar crop. New York has lost a large share of

its flour export business to Newport News.

Six persons recently started from Paris to Peking in an automobile via Siberia.

The principal rubber port is now Manos, on the Amazon, Para having taken second place.

Mediterranean oranges and those from Florida come to us in birch boxes made in Maine.

All the flour consumed by the 11,000,-000 people in Siam is imported from the United States.

There is a general crisis for wine growers because of an overproduction in the entire world.

A department for instructing in telephonic engineering is to be established at Purdue university.

The General Electric company sold apparatus during last year to the amount of \$74,000,000.

Hot water, steam and volcanic stones are being discharged from a well drilled to a depth of 500 feet in the Colorado desert.

Acctylene gas, as shown by the Berlin experiments, will invariably explode if a detonator is in actual contact with it, but not otherwise.

London papers which recently annonnced the death of Admiral Mont Dewey's rival at Manila, mistook him for Vice Admiral Montoso.

The price of pineapples at Singapore varies from a farthing to a penny aplece. There was a time when fifteen could be bought for a penny.

Orders have been placed in the United States for all the machinery and woodwork for an immense brewery to be established at Cape Town.

Gong Gee, a Chinaman, who is a practical electrician, graduated from the Portland (Or.) Technical school, in writing a book on electricity in the Chinese language.

Commander John Powles Cheyne, R. N., who died recently in England, was the pioneer in suggesting a balloon dash for the pole, and it was he who sted the trip to Andre

#### Crop Estimate.

The crop estimate of the Agricultura department gives the progress of the crops at .98. In comparison with last year the acreage of cotton is placed at 89, of tobacco at 107 and of corn at 105 The condition of oats is 80 and of wheat 68. In comparison with last year the number of horses is 57, of mules 98, cattle 89, hogs 84 and truck crops 85.

## SHORT STATE STORIES.

Tarboro Southerner: Farmer Fenning ton has sold his clover, and, according to W. S. Clark, at the rate of \$75 to \$90 an acre.

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Mount Airy News: Many of the farmers say the fruit-especially the apple crop -will be almost an entire failure in this section this year. Iunsmuch as we had no frosts after the fruit trees had bloomed out, we are at a loss to account for the failure, unless this is what they call an "off year."

While attempting to cross the track of the Southern railway close to a moving engine at Seima, Mr. Joe Blackman was knocked down and the engine passed over one leg and one arm, terribly m ling them. He was taken to Dr. Noble's office at once, where his leg and his arm were amputated, but he died a short while after the amputation took place.

## LAGRANCE.

May 26.

Mr. Abe L. Darden died Saturday after oon at his home on Ballroad stree of 57 years. The remains were take the Saundws Cox burying group inday afternoon for interment. Howes a widow, five children and a siste Mrs. Kate Isler-to moturn his depart widow, five children and a dister-tate Islor-to mourn his departs one who hore arms with him to '65 my he was a valuant sol-less and brave, and at one tim-en off the battle field with 27 les through his body. The direct death was the effects of a stroke

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ot give nearly all the room required, but will enable the management by crowding up to get things so placed as to greatly increase the working capacity.

The new job press which will arrive this week is of the very best make and is designed for the highest grade of printing. It is bought with a special view to the new line of litho-printing which THE FREE PRESS has been gradually preparing for, a line which is not duplicated in more than three offices in the country. While these changes are going on we beg the indulgence of patrons for any delay that may occur. Several were kept waiting last week, but there chanced to be an unusual number of "rush" jobs. As a rule THE FREE PRESS keeps up to its orders as promptly as any concern in other lines of business, but it is now working under a heavy handleap, which will be somewhat lightened by the small increase of working space secured.

But expansion such as is intended can never be realized until we get in our new building, which will be planned to sccommodate all of the probable growth of 10 years at least.

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Hemp is by far the most valuable product of the Philippine archipelago, the province of Albay being the greatest producer of it, with an output valued at nearly \$5,000,000 a year.

The newspapers of Manila speak with disfavor of the suggestion of the Philippine commission that a special peso, which shall have a fixed value of 50 cents in gold, be coined for use in the islands.

English society has been exercised over whether it was proper to honor the toast to the queen standing, like that to the king. The king has settled the doubt by announcing that both should be bonored while standing.

Hansemann, a German investigator, is studying the cases of cancer discovered for the first time at the post mortem examination. He has already found 131, or 18.4 per cent, of 711 cases of cancer had not been diagnosed during life.

Among Russian towns whose populations have most rapidly increased the Polish center of Lodz is conspicuously the first. Fifteen years ago the so called Russian Manchester was a place of some 25,000 inhabitants. It now contains an industrial population of 315,-000 souls.

In 1843 gutta percha trees were abundant on Singapore island and on the Malay peninsula, but they have been so thoroughly cleaned out that the botanical gardens at Singapore cannot obtain plants. The destruction of gutta trees in Sumatra and Borneo has been widespread.

The London Lancet says that the es sential oil that forms the base of all perfumes is a powerful antiseptic and sesses disinfecting properties equal to those of carbolic acid. A perfumed handkerchief therefore may not only please the sense of smell, but prove a guard against infection.

How It is Done.

The first object in Hie with the Am an people is to "get rich;" the s-co ow to regain good health. The fi aving; the said of uller apother rell-known Au ou at o

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