WAR CLOUDS. Cuba, Spain and the United States may become intermingled in war, but is hardly probable; we

trust not. How the glory has departed

from proud Spain! About 300 years ago with 130 ships, composing "The Invincible Armada," Catholic Spain determined to conquer Protestant England. Twenty thousand soldiers and sailors were on board; 34,000 others were to join them. Philip II against good Queen "Bess" Elizabeth of old Anglo-Saxon Eng-

As the Armada set sail for England the nation was terror stricken with but 30 small vessels, joined by 40 other small ones later. But the English were more dexterous, brave and persevering. A storm partly destroyed the Spanish fleet, and they were out fought and generaled by Lord Howard of Effingham, the admiral, and with great chagrin, the pride of old Spain was made to bend. Since then she has been declining and Eagland has been rising. Now Spain is about to be outdone by the island of Cuba. The war has been conducted more as one of destruction and butchery on the part of low or lower than a second-rate nation on the earth.

If this continues the United States may intervene in the cause of humanity and civilization. If our country should recognize that the Cubans are belligerents, in an actual state of warfare, with a government with all its officers, etc, this might cause Spain to declare war, but hardly. But Uncle Sam is mending the weak places of his coast defences, and the big warships are being put in trim for whatever may happen. But we trust it will not be deadly war. The christian civilization of the nineteenth century should be

CONGRESS ASSEMBLES.-THE PRESI-DENT'S MESSAGE.

Congress convened on Monday. President Cleveland's message would fill the four pages of THE MESSENGER and it is impossible for us to give even a synopsis of it in this issue. The President refuses for the present to recommend interference for Cuba but dimly hints a time when it may be necessary. Armenian atrocities have abated but little but he is reluctant to find this to be a fact. He revenue and \$125,000,000 surplus besides. He recommends that the government go out of the banking be enabled to deposit at par bonds for circulation; that tax on them be lowered and that they redeem their own currency. He rejoices in the progress of civil service and says fourth-class postmasters should be included. These are among the most important questions touched on in the message and are written in the President's plain and direct style. His posi tion on all the questions he discusses is easily understood and the message is full of facts and suggestions bearing upon the ques tions with which Congress is called upon to deal.

A GOOD ONE ON DANIELS.

During the sitting of the Western North Carolina Conference at Salisbury last month, Mr. Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who was in attendance upon the conference, wrote a letter to terday Deputy Marshal Perry, in his paper on North Carolina Methodism, in which he suggested lyburton and Mr. R. B. Sudderth. a reversal for awhile of the usual for the removed property and also order of appointments-that the for Ellis Fortner, and to seize any circuits and the "little" preachers they might find to secure the to the big paying stations-for instance, Dr. W. S. Creasy to Roaring Gap, Wilkes county, and the if any. be sent to Elkin as editor of the the stock. Elkin Times and let the Elkin editor go to Raleigh to run your

The question was closed.

Instead of the public schools lasting but about three months in the year, they should run four and kidneys, and aids these organs in months as the law requires—by no Electric Bitters improve the appetite. means decrease the small privil- aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best eges that the children should enjoy: rather increase beyond four Sold for 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at Morphew & White's Drug Stere. mouths by additional legislation.

It is said that this Legislature will be called upon to vote yea or may on the saloon question.

Senator Pritchard's reply to Mamembers who are goldbugs to Price 25 cents per box. For sale make my election certain."

ALMOST A MURDER

Mr. A. C. Avery, Jr., Assaulted by Two Negroes and Dangerously

> Wounded. CUT IN FIVE PLACES.

Mr. Avery's Condition Has Been Critics But the Chances Are Now in His Favor .-His Assailants, George Bristol and John Perkins, Escape. But Are Soon Captured, and Are Taken to Charlotte for Safe Keening.

organton Reraid. On Thursday night of last week, about 11 o'clock, Mr. A. C. Avery, Jr., was assaulted, in Morganton by two negroes and dangerously wounded with a knife. He says he was on his way home and while crossing the square at the intersection of Union and Sterling streets he was accosted by two negroes, George Bristol and John Perkins. He answered them and one of them insulted him and he knocked one of them down, where stabbing him five times

upon the other seized him and the negro he had knocked down arose and began cutting him. After negroes broke away from him and fled. Mr. Avery having no weapons, went at once to the Attacoa Club rooms to try to borrow a pistol. Being unable to find one, he secured a billiard cue and went back on the street in seach of the negroes, but they could not be found. Some friends, seeing that he was badly wounded, carried him to Dr. Laxton's residence, near by, where he has since been Avery's life hung upon a thread and it was thought that he could ton Wednesday evening, Dec. 2nd, not recover, but we are giad to when the structure, which was announce that he is now improve covered with snow, gave way, ing and his physicians think he crushing her to death. will get well. The most serious wound is on the left side, just over Spain than a civilized warfare, the kidneys. On the night of the showing that Spain has become as cutting he lost at least a gailon of Line, in 200 yards of the union blood, and, of course, got very weak. It was a narrow escape from death and Mr. Avery's many chances of recovery are now so his feet cut off.

favorable. Mr. A. C. Avery, Jr., is a son of A Winston special of Dec. 4th, Associate Justice A. C. Avery, who to the Charlotte Observer, says occurrence. Judge Avery, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McBee, of Salisbury, ar-

rived in Morganton Friday night. The negroes escaped, but were captured Friday night about eight odged in jail here. Oa Saturday they were given a hearing before Esqs. Powe, Cobb and Bristol. They waived examination and were committed for the spring term of Burke court. Excitemen ran high bere and there was some talk of lynching. At the instance of Solicitor Spainhour the negroes were taken to Charlotte Saturday

evening for safe keeping. George Bristol and John Percins are two of Burke's worst characters and the former was released only a short while ago from the Onio penitentiary, where he served out a sentence for killing a man. Bristol acknowledged that e cut Mr. Avery and the knife (a ong, ugly one) with which he did the cutting was found on his person when he was arrested.

presents nothing new upon the financial policy and attaches little importance to the revenue definance in the face of \$100,000,000 of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened When most needed it is not unusua ith a severe attack of croup. He says: My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which business and that national banks relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and i0 cents a bottle.

For sale by Morphew & White. A DISTILLER GOES WRONG

A Government Distillery Warehouse Broken Into and Seven Barrels of Whiskey Carried Away Distillery

rganton Herald, 10th

A government distillery in Linalle towhship, this county, which has been running in the name of Ellis Fortner, suspended operaions last week. There were seven parrels of whiskey in the warenouse on which the tax had not een paid. On last Saturday night he warehouse was broken into. the whiskey carried away and the distillery fixtures and all the hogs removed. Ellis Fortner, the proprietor, is also missing. Messrs T. L. Berry and Moulton Beck are Ellis Fortner's bondsmen. The bond is \$1,000.

Deputy Collector Neil was noticompany with Deputy Sheriff Halwent up to Linville to make search bondsmen, but up to the time we what success the officers met with,

minister from the Gap to the first Mr. T. L. Berry held a mortgage church in Winston. The Char- on a mare and a mule of Fortner's lotte News says one of the leading and the stock were seized and ministers met Mr. Daniels and brought to Morganton on Tuesday, Butler. It would be unjust to do ton, spent Saturday and Sunday in said: "I am willing to agree to but Fortner's father gave boud for that on one condition - that you the payment of the debt and took

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired-out nervous system to healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. The medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver ood purifier and nerve tonic

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and rion Butler was: "I have received all Skin Eruptions, and positively your letter. I beg to inform you cares Piles, or no pay required. that I have already obtained It is guaranteed to give perfect enough pledges from populist satisfaction, or money relanded, by Morphew & White.

STATE NEWS.

The Greenville tobacco warehouse collapsed last Thursday under the weight of snow on it. The

loss is \$2,500. Mr. John Farrior, a jeweler, of Charlotte, made an assignment on last Friday. Assets about \$10,000; liabilities about the same.

At Lillington, Harnett county, Thursday, Dec. 3rd, was witnessed the spectacle of a man on trial before a coal-black negro magistrate.

The High Point Enterprise says the amount spent there on new buildings during the past two months, including improved property changed bands, will reach

Last Thursday night, Brinkley Downing, a negro democrat of No. 12 township, Edgecombe county, was waylayed on the road by five men, who took off his coat and whipped him because he was a

brought here to day by a distiller charming widow, whose pleasing named Angle that J. S. Smith, a manners and many virtues of the deputy revenue collector in the western district, had been killed teem and popularity, were the The Western North Carolina

Rutherfordton, on Wednesday, De-H. Lomax, D. D., presiding. The Fayetteville Observer says that little Blanche Lancaster was confined. For several days Mr. playing under an old cane mill shelter at her home near Park-

Perry Hinton, colored, was al most instantly killed by a passenpassenger station at Raleigh, Dec. 5th. He attempted to get off the friends are truly glad that his fell His skull was crushed and

was in Raleigh at the time of this affidavits of five free-holders, af firming that the county's best interests require the appointment of two democratic county commissioners, in addition to the three republicans elected, have been filed with the clerk of the Superior miles north of Morganton and Court and Judge Hoke, who is exception of a good muddying, he holding court at Winston, will be asked to make the apointments. An act of the last Legislature day evening for Charlotte, where makes provision to this effect, provided 200 signers to a petition are secured in addition to the first five who make the affidavit.

A special to the Charlotte Ob. sercer from Ashboro, dated Dec. 5th, says: "Deputy Collector E. A. Moffitt was shot and instantly killed by Lee Turner, at Pennington's ferry, in Montgomery county, Friday afternoon Moffitt, Deputy Marshal, T. J. Hoover and Lee Freeman, all of Asheboro, went to Turner's house with a seach warrant for blockade whiskey, supposed to be there, made at Turner's son's blockade distillery, which they had seized. There seemed to be little provocation for the shooting. When Moffitt took from his pocket the warrant, Turner shot him through the heart with a shotgon. Freeman caught Moffitt as he fell, discovering that he was killed. In the meantime c & L. Improvements at Lincolnton-A some one shot Lee Turner, who died in about an bour. It is not learned here who shot Turner, Mr Moflitt was for ien years sheriff of this county, was a prominent Ma. W. Ward will be glad to hear that son and Knight of Pythias and an the last news from him at Keenans influential citizen. He was 50 ville is to the effect that he is very years old and leaves a wife and much better than he was last week. three children." The remains were carried to Asheboro Saturday night for interment.

WATSON SCORES BUTLER.

in his People's party paper, is going for Butler with gloves off. Foremost among those whom he of the Populist National Committee. In one of his editorials he

As long as Marion Butler is work. They knew him to be a sel- which occurred last week. fish, unprincipled trickster, and and traitor he was during the campaign of 1896.

ludged from the Butler stand-"big" preachers be sent to the other property of Fortner's that Words are to him the mere tools in the game of deception.

He does not mind telling the went to press we had not learned truth provided he loses no point in the game by doing so, nor does he mind telling an untruth, even if it veilds him nothing more than the casual pleasure of having de-

so. When a constitutional coward town. runs away from the battlefield all generous men feel a profound sympathy for the victim of a leave of our county and going to natural defect of character. In the same way we adjudge Marion But a ler. Nature made him what he is.

and he cannot help it. To be foxy, doubled fiaced, false of tongue and treacherous at heart is natural to him, and when he be trays those who trust him and de ceives those who are silly enough to take him at his word, he has no more staned against his nature than has our friend, the "William | near Told, this county, Monday rather than mouth or feet.

Too much Butter limbers us in the regions of our faith. Too much Butler gives us the inclina tion to look with longing eyes in the direction of the mountains of Hepsidam. This deponent has had enough

of Butler to last him a life time.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Items of Interest from the Counties Around Us.

TOLD BY THE PRESS. MARRIED AT FORT MILL.

Sprightly Widower and a Charming bow Mean? Widow of Gastonia Surprise Their Friends-Other Items from Gaston,

The late Mrs. E. J. McElwee left in estate valued at \$6,000 or thereabouts. Mr. Alex Crawford qualified before the Clerk of the Court last Tuesday as administrator of the estate. The coffin factory has a new \$50 steam whistle. The noise of it is like the mouning and erying of the mighty Bovalapus in a paroxysm of acute cramp colic. ...It's a cold day when Gastonia hasn't a matrimonial sensation. In fact, it looks like the colder the weather the more certain the sen sation. This time our townsman. Raleigh correspondent of Char- Mr. J. L. Niell, a sprightly widlotte Observer, Dec. 5th: News was ower, and Mrs. Minerva Wilson, a character have won her wide esparties to the marriage contract. When she left town on the early Conference of the A. M. E. Zion train Tuesday morning a few Church in America convened in friends thought they saw a sort of St. John's A. M. E. Zion church, secret spakle in her eye and manner, but they didn't know a thing. cember 2nd, with Rt. Rev. Thomas | Only one or two who guarded well their secret knew that she was on her way to her sister's at Fort Mill to be married there. Mr. Niell was at Clover. From there he went to Rock Hill and thence to Fort Mill. Tuesday night they were married at the home of Mr. Frank Pegram, a brother in law of the bride. The happy couple will be back to day or to morrow, they don't care which. We welcome the wanderers home, and wish ger train on the Seaboard Air them a happy journey together along life's devious pathway.

NEWTON NOTES

The Pie Honters Now Ranidly Coming from Their Hiding Places—Mr. E. M. Sigmon's Horse Runs Away With Him-Personals. Newton Enterprise, December 4th.

Rev. G. W. Callahan, of Mt. Holly, spent a few days in Newton the first of the week, the guest of Mr. D. F. Moose and family. ... Mr. E. M. Sigmon's horse ran away with him last Monday as he was coming into Newton. With the escaped without any injury. Miss Alice Summerrow left Tues she accepts a position with the well known hotelists, Eckles & Bryan, at the Buford. ... Mr. Horace Payne, formerly agent at Morganton, has been promoted to the place recently made vacant by the promotion of Mr. R. F. Barton. We extend to him a hearty welcome to our town. The pie hunters are now rapidly coming from their hiding places. This week two republicans were on the streets of Newton with petitions, one for the postoffice here and the other at Maiden. The one who aspires to be postmaster at Newton lives at the foot of Little Monntain. From our position as an observer only, it does look like there would be some one in or nearer Newton of the "faith" that would

be entitled to this place. CAPT E. W. WARD BEITER.

ing for Trial.

Lincolnton Democrat, December 3d. The many friends of Capt. E.

.... The C. & L. railroad has made considerable improvements at their station in Lincolnton, by extending the siding so drays can now stand at the platform and load while Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, trains are shifting, which was not the case before. The bank of Lincolnton is daily expecting the arrival of their new fire and burg lar proof time lock safe. ... Miss claims figured in his defeat he Alma Newland, of Lenoir, is spendplaces Senator Butler, Chairman ing a few days at the pleasant home of Mrs. Hugh Jenkins. She stopped upon her return from Atlauta, whither she had been to ttend the marriage of Miss Laura Newland, daughter of the well chairman of the Populist National known traveling passenger agent Committee, it will be utterly im of the S. A. L., Capt. B. A. Newpossible to get the real Populists land, to Mr. A. H. Ellar, a promito take any interest in campaign nent young lawyer of Winston, Solicitor James L. Webb, of Shel nothing he can now do will ever by, spent Monday night in Linfied of the occurrence and on yes- cause them to forget what a liar cointon on his return from Hender son county, where he had gone to attend court. Mr. Webb says there was no court, not even a jury impoint, Populism is a mere article panneled. Judge Brown endeavof politicle merchandise. I'e is ored to get up some cases, but devoid of any sense of honor, failed entirely. The judge says he never before had such experience.

The Negro Who Attempted to Rane Six-Year-Old Girl in Watauga is Arrested and Placed in Jail, and Confesse the Heinurs Crime-Other Watange

.... Mrs. Parks, of Morgan on is stopping with her daughter, Mrs Edgar Coffey. Many of the colored population are taking

Jelico, the haven of peace and

plenty for the colored race. May their hegira be for the good of them allOn last Saturday the sod was again broken in our "city of the dead" and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coffey was laid away to rest in the bosom of mother earth. Mr. A. F. Davis died at his home

that caused his death.

ing arrested at Johnson City, Ten- ence

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

A Negro and a Horse Fall Into a Well, But Are Rescued Without Serious In-jury-A Big Hog-What Did the Bain-

Rutherfordton Vidette, December 4th

Len Twitty, colored, was riding horse last Saturday night, and as he was leaving the house of his uncle, John Twitty, the horse slipped backwards into an old well, covered over, which is 60 feet deep. The alarm was given by Len from his perilous situation and a crowd soon gathered and in the rain and darkness draw the man and horse meeded. Rev. J. C. Hartsell out. The man but a bruised ankie, but the borse escaped. It was a wonderful escape from a fearful death. ... Mr. B. A. Hampton killed a pig the other day, 26 greatly for a number of years o months old, weighing 5124 pounds, What does it mean f Wesaw last Friday at 12 m. a large, bright rambow spanning the north ern horizon. Did any one ever see such a phenomenon before ! A MOONSHINE STILL CAPTURED.

Mrs. Thornton Sends an Alarm of Pire to the Telephone Exchange—Her Fears Soon Allayed—A Birthday Dinner—A Game of Football By the "Boms" and the "Hobos"-Other Hickory News.

Mr. Paul Gage, a brother of Mrs. buried at Marshall Monday. Our people would be glad to have Dellinger as a citizen. Mr. Mr. Martin Baker, of Alexander county, and Miss Ollie Raby, of last Sunday afternoon at the resi dence of Mr. William Ruby, father performed by S. E Killian, Esq. Thursday night for the benefit of the Hickory Library Association was in all respects a success. A good crowd was present and the evening was enjoyed. The receipts were over \$50. .. . Tuesday was the birthday of Dr. H. L. Abernethy and his little son, and the occasion was celebrated by a birthday dinner, to which a few friends and dence in Hickory uneccupied. He relatives were invited. It was a bas been trying to rent one. very pleasant gathering and the spread was excellent. Deputy Marshal H. W. Jones made a raid

on the South mountains Friday night and found a moonshine still and fixtures, together with about rested and are now in jail, are both 800 gallons of beer. The owner of from Hickory.Mr. L. H. Harthe plant was not on the premises | ris, now mail clerk on the Salisbury when the officers of Uncle Sam and Knoxville railway postoffice, called. The burning of a chimney at the residence of Col. M. E. Thornton Monday frightened Mrs. Thornton, who sent an alarm of fire to the telephone exchange. Hickory to reside. Col. Thornton, who was at his office, and several citizens went out and allayed the lears of Mrs. Thornton. No damage was done, ... A game of football was played at Lenoir College Thanksgiving day. The two teams were made up of boys from the college, from St Paul's Seminary and from the

CLEVELAND CLIPPINGS.

city, and were known as the Bums

A Dog Travels 90 Miles in One Night-Shelby Has Raised, This Year, 400 Hogs -The Shelby Poulty Show-A Colored

nelby Aurora, December 2nd The price of cotton continues pound has not reached us yet. There is onite a large demand for marriage license as the holidays approach. fewer deaths and less sickness in Shelby during the year 1896, than in any town of its size in North Carolina. This is the season for Kentucky horses and Tennessee hogs and Shelby has been well supplied with both. There were over 100 hogs killed in Shelby last Tuesday. ... A dog belonging to Mr. W. B. Wray, left Burnsville about eight o'clock last Thurs days night and was in Shelby for his breakfast on Friday morning. He traveled about 90 miles and swam several large streams. on Sunday, Nov. 29th, 1896, by D. people of Shelby have raised, this

on exhibition.On Thanks giving day a gangercake negro boy John Dixon, stole Clarence Ramsaor, a negro child five years old, from his grandmother, Mary Ramsaur, who lives near town, and left for parts unknown, ... The S A. L. offers reduced rates from all points in this State to the Shelby

FEAST OF "'POSSUMS AND TATERS." Three Fingers Mashed Off-A Large Turnip--bospel Meetings -- A Lively Octogeparian-Death of Key, Hartsell.

Poultry Show, One-half usual

rates will be offered.

Cleveland Star, December 3d.

democrat of Polkville, has caught on his gourd. 65 possnips this season. What a goat," when it fights with its horns afternoon. He had been in bad feast of "'possums and 'taters" health for some time and five days the Polkville folks are having ago while getting out of his sad- now. ... Mr. Walter Hull, of dle his foot became fastened in the Hamlet, who is with the Carolina stirrup, his mule frightened and | Central radroad, had the mister ran, diagging him some distance, from which he received injuries cars, to get three of his fingers in saving that I consider it an infallibleThe mashed off.Mr George A care for diarrhoes and dysentary. to rape the 6 year old daughter of James Wells, colored, of that place.

Mr. John Eggars, at Zionville, a raised a toratip weighing seven lew days ago, was lodged in fail nounds and file weighing seven. tew days ago, was lodged in jail pounds and fifteen ounces, and

.... The gospel meetings in nessee. He has confessed the the Baptist church, conducted by beingus erime, and it seems that Evangelist R. V. Miller, of Ashe his chances for pailing heap are ville, are well attended and growing in interest. Large crowds at tend every service and listen to the gospel messages so earnestly delivered by this consecrated ser vant of God. E. Z. Champion, Esq. of Polkville, tells as that R. B. Franklin are dinner at his house 1 st Friday Franklin is 98 years old and walked from 7½ miles be-low Elacksburg, S. C. He was on his way to W. H. Hull's to get his pension for services in the late war. He said he served in the war of 1812, in the civil war, and vol-unteered to go to the Indian war, and is ready to serve his country again at any time his services are died Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. His death has been mo mentarity expected for several days. He has been suffering

> THANKSGIVING RADISHES. One of Catawba's Farmers Sells 500

It is thought by some farmers

that the fly has gotten into the

sciatica, and was a superannuated

member of the Western North

Carolina Conference.

lickory Mercury, December 2nd.

growing crop of wheat. If so, they will injure the crop. ... Mr. F. C. Ikerd, of near Maiden, one of Catawba's largest and most successful wheat growers, was in the T. M. Hufbam, of this city, died city Saturday and while here sold Saturday afternoon at the home of Senator A. Y. Sigmon 500 bushels his parents, in Asheville, and was of wheat at \$1.10 per bushel. Mr. "Gus" Hahn had on sale at Mr. J. F. Dellinger, of Marion, will his market in this city on Thankscome to Hickory to live, provided giving day several bunches of fine, he can secure a suitable residence, crisp radishes which he had gathered that morning in his garden. Thanksgiving seems to be rather out of season for garden "sass." Catawba, were married at 3 o'clock | been having was very bad on the

... The warm weather we have wheat crep. The weed of the early sowing and well fertilized is getof the bride. The ceremony was ting too large now. If the weather The entertainment given last be a short crop realized next year. J. G. REID, D. D. S.,

EVERY HOUSE OCCUPIED.

Not a Vacant Residence in Hickory-A Refined and Up-to-Date Entertains -- Mail Clerk L. H. Harris to Be Married

Hickory Press, December 3d.

A friend of ours told us the other day that there was not a single resi-Dolf Blackburn and Frank Little. the two degroes who have been breaking into so many stores, etc. in Newton and the eastern part of the county, and who have been arwill be married to Miss Agnes Rocuelic, of Salisbury, on December 16th. They will make a tour North and will then return to

THANKSGIVING BANQUETIN LENGTR.

A First-Class Bill of Fare at the Merchants' Hotel -Some Excellent Rectia-tions-Meeting of the Directors of the west corner of J. F. and J. L. Wilson's A First-Class Ball of Pare at the ster-chants' Hotel Some Excellent Rectia-tions—Meeting of the Directors of the Wilson Lamber Company—Musical and Elecutionary Recital—Giber Caldwell store house lot on the west bank of a small branch, and runs north with

oir Topic, December, 1st. Collettsville, ten miles from Le-

and the Hobos. The game was won by the Bums, who scored one goal to nothing for their oppo-David Summerrow and Miss Omie Hall, daughter of Mr. Felix HallMr. Francis I. Littlejohn and Miss Addie West, daughter of J. H. West, Jr., were married on the 19th of Nov. at the residence of E. H. Crump, who performed the low. The predicted 10 cents a land and family are spending this week with Mrs. England's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Healen Mr England goes this year to Wood.There has been leaf circuit, which is in Rowan county. The school Miss Davis is conducting in Lenoir is in a very flourishing condition. There are now thirty six pupils in attendance. The directors of the Wilson Lumber Co, made a hands some donation for its support when here last week. rectors of the Wilson Lumber Co. held a meeting here last week, and expressed themselves as well pleased with the condition and management of the business. It is operated mainly by Pennsylvania capitalists, with Mr. J. B. Married, at the residence of Mr. Arkinsson as manager. ... On Dickson Green in No. 2 township, Thanksgiving night Mr. Willis S. Lovelace, J. P., Mr. W. M. Merchants' Hotel. There were Weathers to Miss M. N. Green, fifteen couples present, and all All of Boiling Springs. ... The speak very highly of the feast which was spread for them by Mr. year, 400 hogs. At an average of and Mrs. Higgins. Turkeys, quail 225 pounds each they will make and oysters, supplemented by all 90,000 pounds of pork which is that was necessary to round up a worth 7 cents per pound or 86. first-class bill of fare was on board 100,00 for the pork raised in the m profusion. But, in the language town of Shelby in one year. ... of Rev. Mr. Patton, these young At the Shelby Poultry Show there people of Lenoir are not "a pack will be 3,000 chickens, turkeys, of gluttons." They enjoy good geese, ducks, pigeons, pheasants, cating, but "a feast of reason and brants, ratbits, guinea pigs, etc., a flow of soul" is always to be found when they get together. So after paying proper respect to the about 14 years old, and known as good things on the table, they repaired to the parlor, where they had some excellent recitations by Misses Mattie May Connelly, Lula

Fay Squires, and Anna McRee. Miss McLean, the teacher of music at Davenport, gave an entertainment in the Coilege Chapel last Friday night. She was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Sperry, who is visiting here, and Elma Courtney, the bright little daughter of Mr. M. M. Courtney Some of the music was very enjoyable, but some of it was "artistie" for the uncultivated ears Mr. L. C. Palmer, a live young which this scribe carries around

> State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the

here last Wednesd by evening, be measuring 28 inches in circumter for sale by Morphew & White.

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upon the undersigned by a mortgage deed executed to D. P. Cuthbertson by Geo. M. Annis and wife, on the 24th day of January, 1893, and recorded in the office of register deeds for Mc-Dowell county, in Book No. 5, on page 78, I will sell for cash, at the Court House door in Marion, N. C., at 12 o'clock m.. on the 4th day of January, 1897, the following described lands, to-wit. The bouse and lot in strick Cosaid line, passing corner of said *lot, i all 26 poles, crossing branch to a stake on east side of the branch; then west 30 noir, will be connected with the Lenoir telephone exchange one day this week. . . On Nov. 15th, Mr. E. H. Crump united in the bonds of matrimony, at his residence, Mr. David Sammertan and Miss. On the lenoir of the bonds of matrimony, at his residence, Mr. David Sammertan and Miss. On the lenoir of the bonds of matrimony, at his residence, Mr. David Sammertan and Miss. On the lenoir of the bonds of lenoir of the lenoir dollars, and this sale is to satisfy the balance due on said note. Terms of sale CASH. This Nov. 26th, 1896.

D. P. CUTHBERTSON. Att'y for Mortgagee

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Becember 2d, 1896.

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