

found stabbed and in a dying condi- living in Fernandina, Fla. She help- Railroad. thrillingly told in the story of his life

tion. Knight informed the officers of ed me to visit her, and saw a grown as related by Charles Henry Franklin. Mr. Walters will be made presithe law that I had done the stabbing, woman, who was a babe three days old dent of a holding corporation which Arrested, tried and convicted in Bibb and I was arrested and placed in jail. when her father stood with the hangis to provide funds for the entercounty. Ga., for a murder he never Bryant was engaged to be married to man's rope ready to strangle him. Knight's sister, and after he was stab- She was a mother, and I was a grand- prise and he will later become head committed, Franklin stood on the bed he married her. It was thought father. It all sounds very strange, of the road. The building operascaffold with the noose around hi he was getting well, and he went to doesn't it? Just like some of the sto- tions will be carried out under his neck; a twenty minute reprieve se-Augusta where he died two months ries you read in the old time dime novdirections. cured a communication to a life senafter he was stabbed. I believe that ets, but it is all true-yes, too true. tence, and for more than a score of The properties of the Clinchfield

years he toiled in convict stripes, only the deathbed confession of the true murderer securing a release from a was the case. life worse than death.

Bowed with age and the effects of many years of arduous toil, Tthe man who suffered for another's crime came out of the convict camp like a prisoner from the Bastile to find nis wife dead, his only child, whom he had never seen, married and a mother, bereft of friends, and home, ill and a pauper, were the more recent experiences of this victim of a foul plot for Simmons granted it. I was defended troubles," remarked a police officer nects with the Norfolk and Wesrevenge.

by Bartlett & Dessau.

THE CRY OF INNOCENCE. I was again convicted, and sentenced ten when he speaks of his terrible ex-Such terrible sufferings come to but to hang on July 1, 1881. When the periences." few men in this world, and through appeal to the supreme court had fail-The bill for the relief of Franklin is them all-through the trial, where ed I gave up all hope and prepared now pending in the legislature. He perjury stifled justice. through the for death. Three days before the day has been told that as much as \$50,000 solemn words of the judge, "to be for my execution my wife gave birth might be given him, and he will reto a little girl, our first born. I heard main in Atlanta until the legislature They expect to get a grade of about hanged until you are dead," through that my wife was very ill, and not ex- adjourns.-Gordon Noel Hurtel in Atthe hopeless days in prison, the awful pected to live. She died on the morn- lanta Constitution. moments on the grim gallows, and ing of July 12 and it was my expected

through all the long, weary years of death that killed her. toil, there ever rang the heartrending "On the morning of July 12 I was

vent prayer.

dressed for the gallows, and all the

last formalities were gone through

now. The good God that prepares a

a man for death under other circum-

ordeal. I was made to stand on the

trap-door, the trigger having been set

and the noose was tied about my neck.

I closed my eyes and made a short, fer-

SAVED AT LAST MOMENT.

lett, the congressman, jumped upon

the scaffold and said: "This man is

"Judge Simmons had granted

twenty minute reprieve in order that

the sheriff that my petition had been

innocent, and 1 will die by him."

"One of my attorneys, Charles Bart-

"I am innocent!" Franklin is in Atlanta awaiting the

result of an effort which is being made to get the legislature to remunerate him for the years he lost while working as a convict when he was an innocent man.

cry:

From his own lips I heard the story of his life, freighted with more suffering of mind, soul and body than can be conjured up in the tales. of the

Bastile and the Inquisition. Franklin 18 65 years old. He is stoop shouldered and there is a furtive hounded look in his eyes that only comes to the convict of many years. He says he has never taken a drink of alcoholic liquor in his life, and this

probably accounts for his being in very fair health. His health, however was broken while in the penitentiary. and when a hand was cut off in a saw mil! he laid in bed many months. After he was pardoned he went to a hospital, where he remained for over a year. He is a pauper, too old and weak to begin life over again; he depends upon the State that made him auffer giving a competence for the few remaining years of his life.

Recently he has been sleeping at the nolice barracks, and charitable peopolice serves given him enough to buy granted. The noose was taken from food. When asked about his life as a my neck and I was told that life was convict, he said:

Knight stabbed Bryant because he "How was my daughter raised and

did not want him to marry his sister. educated? That is another story. You corporation embrace about 250,000 ter, and an all-round good fellow, of R. R. Webb, Bostic Knight did not say this in his death- know that convicts are allowed to bed confession, but I think that such work overtime and they are paid for Dickenson counties and extending

extra work. I worked in this way as into a third county. The company "I was placed on trial in October, often as 1 could, and every dollar-I 1880. Knight swore that he saw me made I gave to the education and the at present owns a branch line, the with Bryant a short while before the raising of my child. 1 am trying to be South and Western Railroad, which stabbing, and he stole \$900 from his thankful for what blessings have come will be the nucleus of the new road. father with which he hired two ne- to me late in life, but the shadow of The South and Western road is groes to swear against me. One of the gallows and the penitentiary is about sixty-five miles in extent. the negroes testified that he heard me over it all." Starting from Johnson City, Tenn., Hotel, to remain some weeks. say that I would fix Bryant. I was When the old man had finished hi whence it now runs to Spruce Pine, convicted and sentenced to hang by story he arose abruptly and walked Judge T. J. Simmons, now chief jus- away. ly 285 miles to the Clinchfield coal Monday and gave The Sun a call. tice of Georgia. My attorney made a "He will go into the woods somemotion for a new trial, and Judge where and brood for hours over his properties. At Johnson City it con-

who knows Franklin and his history. tern road, and it will cross the Sea-"'At my second trial in April. 1881 "He has spells of melancholia very ofboard Air Line at Rutherfordton

and the Southern Railway and the Hunter, two of Forest City's prominent Atlantic Coast Line at Spartanburg. young citizens, were in town Monday. Engineers are now at work engaged in surveys, selecting routes and making estimates of the cost. ter.

one-half of one-per cent. Details of the holding corpora-

tion are now being worked out. It davs. is roughly estimated that it will be

Smith have purchased the mill property of Mr. R. M. McEntire, near Nanito, called upon to provide funds to the an old friend of The Sun's, called and and took charge of the business Wedamount of\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,renewed his allegiance to The Sun's supnesday of last week. These are two of porters Monday.

The new railroad will take coal out of the first large coal lands south Norfolk, arrived here Friday and will

tuminous product will be marketed town and county. in the South and Sonthwest and also sent to the Seaboard.

The Clinchfield Corporation, which has a capitalization of \$2,-300,000, is controlled by the Seaboard Air Line interests. It acquired, last January, control of the The proceeds amounting to something South and Western, and also the over twelve dollars.

Crane's Nest Company, owning about 112,000 acres of coal lands.

S. & W. PUSHING WORK. (Manufacturers' Record.)

Chief Engineer Kent of the South & Western Railway is reported as saying that men are at work at extension, and on the northern extension a force is employed at Dungannon, Scott county, Virginia, while work is being started at other

points in the latter State. A re- one years ago. The Sun was glad to port from New York says that Al- have a call from them Monday. fred Walters, formerly president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, has Washington, D. C., last Saturday, where been engaged by the syndicate back he has been in college for some months. at least three months I had to sit oped up in bed to keep from smoth-g. I sent for five bottles of Dr. is' Heart Cure, and by the time I taken them all I was entirely ed. I feel better than I have for nty years, and I am able to do kind of work on my farm. My nding physician told me that if it n't been for Dr. Miles' Heart Cure ould now be in my grave." L. T. CURD, Wilmore, Ky. of the South & Western Railway to He return me to John Hopkins in S manage the construction of a 300-mile railroad. Thomas F. Ryan, the county are glad to see him in James A. Blair, of Blair & Co., and -Rev. Claringee Davis and his brot John B. Dennis, all of New York; T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of Bos- Mr. Farman Davis, formerly of For ton, and Norman B. Ream, of Chi- City, new of Unavville, Tenn. es' Heart Cure is sold by list, who will guarantee that ottle will banealt. If it fails und your money. cago, own the Clinchfield Corpora- been a to coanty this week tion property and controlling the friends and relatives. They South & Western. They are all Butherford ton Monday shake fedical Co., Elkhart, Ind tors in the Seaboard Air Line, wi

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-Mr. C. C. Lovelace, of Green Hill,	P. W. Morgan, Itom	
was a pleasant caller at The Sun office		
Monday.	T. L. Cole, Forest City	
-Mr. B. C. Francis, of Henrietta, gave	C. Sane, Twitty	
The Sun a pleasant call Monday and left his subscription.	F. I. Nanney, Union Mills	
-Mr. W. K. McDowell, of Island	W. W. Crawley, Union Mills	
	J. D. Fincannon. Gilkey	
ing hands with friends.	J. R. Geer, Gilkey	
-Col. Bill Horn, merchant, postmas-		

acres of coal land in Wythe and Cuba, was in town Monday. J. E. Miller, Poor's Ford. --Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lynch, of Ayr Ice Cream Supper Friday Night. were in town last week, stopping with

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brittain. cream supper on the lawn in front of the -Messrs. M. L. Gross, Joe Long, G W. Long and Mack Freeman, of Logan's

Store, were in town Monday. -Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hood and child of Baltimore, are at the Iso-Thermal

-Mr. A. C. Miller, a good citizen o N. C., it will be extended for near- Forest City, R. F. D. No. 1, was in town new organization for the first time in

> -Mrs. James Carpenter, of Marion, came down Saturday and will spend State. several days here visiting relatives.

-Messrs. Grover King and Linsey The Sun learns with pleasure that the Hollis High School is meeting with great success. The school opened with seven--Rev. S. A. Bridges, of Myrtle, was ty-five pupils the first day. Since it is in town Monday and says he is going to learned that one hundred are now enroll-Pacolet in a few days to visit his daughed. This speaks well for the able prin-

cipal, Prof. D. M. Stallings, and his "co--Mr. G. F. Green and family went to worker" Mr. J. P. D. Withrow, who al. convincing. Gastonia Thursday last to visit his ways takes hold of anything determined father-in-law and will be gone several to make a success of it.

Prof. Carlisle Delivers Address. -Mr. M. K. Whitaker, of Henrietta,

Prof. J. B. Carlisle, of Wake Forest College, was here Saturday and delivered an excellent educational address to the teachers and a number of Ruther--Mrs. E. B. Johnson and children, of ford county citizens. Those who heard

An enjoyable occasion was the ic

band. Seats and tables were erected in

crowd feasted on the ice cream and en-

joyed the delightful music made by this

public. The band has made rapid pro-

Hollis High School.

the beautiful grove, and while the band

it pronounced it a great effort and one of the Pocahontas fields. The bi- spend some time visiting relatives in the that will do much for the cause of education in this county.

> -Among the Forest City citizens vis-Every man owes it to himself and his iting town Monday we noticed Messrs. family to master a trade or profession. J. C. Harrill, G. W. Trout, J. T. Carver Read the display advertisement of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man

> -The ice cream supper for the benefit of the band on the graded school lawn or lady may learn telegaphy and be aswas well attended last Friday night. sured a position.

-Mr. T. A. Dorsey, of McKinney, Texas, is here on a visit to his brother, Mr. J. W. Dorsey. Mr. Dorsey is accompanied by his daughter. The Sun wishes them a pleasant time while here.

and W. M. Young.

-Mr. J. W. Hines and son, Tom, of Rocky Mount, came up Saturday to spend a few days with Mrs. Hines and Spruce Pine, N. C., and other other children who are rpending the points beyond there for the eastern summer here. All are stopping at Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Carpenter's.

> -Messrs. Jas. P. and F. A. Mitchell. two old Rutherford county boys, were here on a visit this week from Inman. S. C., where they went to live thirty.

-Prof. Horace Flack came home from

er to the public stock of even value. Itom 25 er, Forest City

Suppose that the advertisements of the two merchants were practically alike in text-prices and descriptions of goods ac-25 tually duplicated.

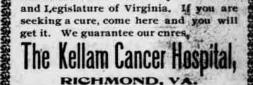
But suppose that one merchant confin-25 ed his advertisements to one column space in this newspaper and that t other used a whole page, is there an doubt at all about what the result would be. Would any one imagine for a mo ment that the merchant who used a co umn of space would do as much busin as the one who used a page, even though everything else were equal.

Most experienced advertisers will agree that in this kind of a case the results graded school building Friday night, for would be very nearly in direct proporthe benefit of the Rutherfordton cornet tion to the space used.

Size is still so much a factor in the world-it decides so many things in busplayed some excellent airs the large iness as well as in statecraft- that the advertiser who gives too little consideration to it handicaps himself in the race. In many an instance the mere doubling gress since its beginning and promises to of the space occupied by a store adverbe one of the best in this part of the tisement in this newspaper would donble the store sales resulting from it. An advertisement will not "stand out" in an eye catching way if it is crowded for space, if lacks "elbow room."

> The advestiser who has "learned things" about publicity is as careful to provide space in which his advertisement may "come out and be separate" as he is to make his text matter dignified and

CANCER HOSPITAL We want every man and woman in th inited States to know what we are do ing. We are curing Cancers, Tumors and Chronic Sores without the use of the knife, and are endorsed by the Senate





How Is Your Heart?

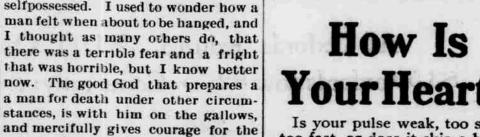
-Messrs. H. P. Hines and George

lying on left side?

better without assistance. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure strengthens weak hearts, and

Governor Smith, who was then govrarely ever fails to cure heart ernor of Georgia, could be heard from disease. Try it, and see how by wire about a petition asking that quickly you will find relief. my sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. The governor wired to

STOOD ON THE GALLOWS. "Life? What had I gained? I had whenever I think of the time I made up my mind to die, and even stord on the gallows with the hang- courted death, and now I was to be man's rope about my neck, I shudder given a living death that was to last and cold chills run down my back. I for years and years, until my bair dream sometimes of the awful mo- grew gray and my body was old and ments, and when I look back upon feeble. I believed when I stood on the they now seem like an age. Be- scaffold that I was going to heaven. he day set for my execution I and now I was to be placed in a hell stened, but when I at last on earth. Still life is sweet, and The my mind that the time had knowing I was innocent, there was the grew perfectly calm. I do not hope that some day justice would be



with. I heard the death warrant read the county's best business men and that

without a tremor. I had been afraid they will succeed goes without saying

Is your pulse weak, too slow. spells, palpitation, fluttering,

If you have any of these

symptoms your heart is weak or diseased, and cannot get

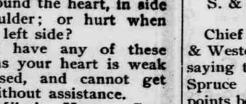
mine.

in the days before, but I was calm and

too fast, or does it skip a beat? Do you have shortness of breath, weak or hungry spells, fainting, smothering or choking

pains around the heart, in side and shoulder; or hurt when

"About January 1st, 1902, I took down with weakness and dropsy, and gradually grew worse. I was told by my family physician that my case was hopeless. My neighbors and fam-ily had given me up to die. My limbs and body were swollen to one-third larger than normal size, and water had collected around my heart. For at least three months I had to dit



Chocolate Bon-Bons. Crowell & Wilkie, Forest City.