### SOUTHERN TRAFFIC.

Southern Preight Amoclation" to

A special from Richmond to the Baltimore Sun of yesterday says: The members of the traffic departments of the various railroads in the South convened here today at the Jefferson Hotel. The meeting was presided over by Dr. T. M. Emer-son, of the Atlantic Coast Line. Nearly all of the roads in the South were represented. The object of this meeting was to agree upon terms and a plan of organization which would be satisfactory to all of the members of the Southern Association. When the terms of the various officers of the Southern States Freight Association expire on the second Wednesday in June next, that organiz tion will cease to exist, and it will be superseded by an organization to be known as the "Southeastern Freight Association," which will begin its existence on the 1st day of May next. This, at. least, is the project, and the following is in brief a statement of the decision reached by the transportation and traffic representatives by all of the roads represented at this

At a meeting held here on the 9th instant a committee was appointed to formulate a plan of reorganization and they reported one which was approved then. A copy of this plan was sent to all the rallroads laterested, after which the gathering adjourned until today.

Today this plan was radically modified. A board of administration was agreed upon, who are to control the affairs of the association. They will adjust all differences. The rate commission and executive board were continued. The office of com. missioner was abolished. These and all other details agreed upon are subject to ratification when the meeting is held at Atlanta, Ga., on April 14 next.

The commissioner, as agreed upon, is to be superseded by a chairman, whose duties are to preside over all meetings, whether of committees or of the association. All of these arrangements were perfectly satisfactory to all present, and the meeting was perfectly harmonious.

The name Southern Freight Association was not positively decided upon, and hence not put in the contract, but it is believed it will certainly be adopted. This is regarded as the best title to be adopted for the reorganized association. The time for the new organization to go into operation was not put in the coutract, but it is understood that the second Wednesday in June will be the date unless, the meeting at Atlanta shall determine otherwise. Those present feel assured that the changes recommended will bring about a perfectly barmonious understanding with all of the Southern and Southeastern lines interested.

# THE A & N C R R.

President Hancock Takes Charge of

Governor Russell yesterday after noon had a telegram from Robert Hancook saying that the latter had been elected president of the Atlantie & North Carolina Railroad at a meeting at Kinston; that the action was harmonious, and that Hangock would today make demand for the

A special last night from Editor Stevens, of the Newbern Journal, said: "The Atlantic & North Caroline Railroad directors met at Kinston today, organized and elected Hancock president. Tonight Hancock took charge of the road at Newbern. Everything pleasant. No

irstance of the old board of the legality of the fertilizer tomage directors of this road, a restraining tax, would make it a risk to venture order against the new board was a large expenditure. The United first issued by Judge McIver, but States supreme court may decide was withdrawn, and that then application was made to Judge Allen

# A Pretty Musicale.

The musicale at Metropolitan Opera House last night for the beneit of Central M. E. Church was largely attended by a select audience and a high class programme was presented and bighly appr me of the best talent of this city, alocutionery, vocal and instrument af, participated, and a bandsome sum was realized.

Mrs H Mahler is at Durham os visit to her son, Mr Samuel

Elects New Officers of Agricultural Department.

### TAKE CHARGE JUNE 14

There is a Clean Sweep Save as to Curator-Two New Places Created.

The new board of agriculture met late yesterday afternoon and had a session of only a few minutes, adjourning until today. It went immediately into caucus to consider the election of commissioner to succeed S. L. Patterson and secretary to succeed T. K. Bruner.

The caucus agreed to elect James M. Mewborne Commissioner and J. L. Ramsey secretary. The caucus agreed as to all the places to be filled and made a clean sweep, with the exception of Curator Herbert Brimley, who will be retained. The new officers take charge June 14, when the terms of the present ones expire. The board met this morning and

elected the following: J M Mewborne, of Lenoir, commissioner, salary \$1,800.

J L Ramsey, secretary, salary \$1,

James H. Young, colored, of Raleigh, chief fertilizer inspector, to succeed Mr. George H. Terrell, salary \$1,200.

J L Kelly, of Vance, assistant fertilizer inspector to succeed Mr. P C Enuiss, salary \$1,000 and traveling expenses.

Ed Shoup, of Davidson, special fertilizer inspector to succeed Mr. William Green, salary \$1,000 and travelling expenses.

James Sheek, special fertilizer inspector to succeed Mr. Vest, salary \$1,000 and traveling expenses. W B Trogden, of Rockingham,

special fertilizer inspector, salary \$2,000 and expenses.

Fletcher Bobbitt, special fertilizer inspector, saluary \$1000 and traveling expenses.

George W King, of Raleigh, night watchman to succeed Gaston Broughton, salary \$480

S E Williams, colored, of Monroe, janitor, salary \$360.

J D Maultsby was made permanent chairman of the board. The following committees were appoint-

Finance-H E King, chairman salacy \$250, Geo. E. Flow, Howard Browning, James M Allen, John

Executive, J C L Harris, chairman; John Graham, J C Ray, W O Sprinkle, J D Maultsby.

The places given Trogden and Bobbitt are new ones. It is said they were created to let them down easily. The pressure for positions was great. Bobbit was chosen but would not take the place, as he would not be called on to work unless in in an emergency.

J William Bailey, member of the board, spoke earnestly against the sweeping changes and said they would be disastrous to the depart ment and discretidable. But the whole matter was fixed in caucus, by the republicans and populists. Only one democrat was present at the session today. Mr. Bailey is an independent.

Several of the members paid high tributes to the retiring secre'ary, Mr. Bruner who for many years had done the state so much credit and who is so widely known.

The board decided not to make an exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial exposition at Nashville. This was at the suggestion of Mr. Bruner, who said the undecided question of

this tax unconstitutional. The board has a good surplus on for the restraining order, which be granted, and which is returnable in April.

The board has a good surplus on band, and this is an evidence of the excellent, management of the old coard and department officials. It was stated today that even if the decision of the supreme court is adverse there is surplus enough, by

husbanding it, to carry the board through until the legislature meets J L Ramsey resigned as a mem ber of the board in order that he might be elected secretary, and J C L Harris was appointed by the gov-ernor to take his place. Harris re rior to take his place. Harris reigued as a member of the board of
abrial improvements. The vaancy thus caused is not yet filled.

J. R. Chamberthin, of Raleigh, is
appointed by the governor a directrof the agricultural and mechanical
illego, vice Benjamin B. Lacy, who

# RAILROAD'S HARD HIT ing that the lawapplies to railroads.

To Submit Trafic Agreements to the In-

The Washington Post of vesterday

The Supreme Court has de ided the case of the United States vs. the Trans-Missouri Freight Association against the railroads. The opinion was tendered by Justice Peckham and reverses the decision of the court below and holds the anti-trust law of 1880 to be applicable to railroad transportation and the traffic agreement of the pool Illegal.

The law officers of the government consider that the effect of the decision will be far-reaching. They think it will result in requiring that all traffic agreements be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission. They also express the belief that it means a reversal of the opinion delivered in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the second circuit last week in the case of the Joint Traffic Association, the opinion in that inroad combination.

conclusions of the court in a very few words. He said that the bill ernment for the purpose of securing the setting aside of the agreement act. operating in the southwest, which constituted the association, to fix rates of transportation to which the various roads constituting the pool under the law known as the Sherman anti-trust act of 1890. The defendants had in their answer denied the government's allegations in respect especially to the point of improper intent, and upon these showings the case proceeded to a hear-

The court below decided that the Sherman act did not apply to railroads, and therefore refused to sustain the government It was also low the letter and not the spirit of held by the lower court that even if the law. the act did apply, the agreement was not one looking to the "unreasonable restraint" of trade.

Continuing, Justice Peckham said that when the case was brought into the supreme court the defendants had moved to dismiss the appeal on preme court of the United States. These motions were both overruled.

Justice Peckham said the mere determine the question as there was still relief to be had.

there is no language in the antito indicate a purpose to repeal the provisions of the interstate comserce act which permit the agreement," the opinion avers that the interstate commerce act does not authorize an agreement of this nature. with the other."

Scope of the Sherman Act

that the Sherman act was aimed at only such combinations as the Standard Oil company, the beef trust, and the whiskey trust, and says they rolling great combinations of capital, which had caused complaint at the time the law was enacted, but that there were "many and loud complaints from some portions of the public regarding the railroads and the prices they were charging for the service they rendered.

"Neither is the statute," the opinion continues, "uncertain in its meaning, or its language so vague that it ought to not to be held applicuble to railroads. It prohibits contracts, combinations, etc., in trade or commerce. Transporting commodities is commerce, and if from one state to or through another it is interstate commerce.'

Summing up on the point of app'l cability to railroads, the court said "While the statute probibits all combinations in the form of trusts or otherwise, the limitation is not confined to that alone. All combinations which are in restraint of trade or commerce are prohibited, whether in the form of trusts or in any form whatever. We think, after a careful examination, that the act covers and was intended to cover ommon carriers by rail."

The court next took up the ques- and up to date establish

On this point it said : 'The claim that one company has the right to charge reasonable rates and that therefore it has the right to enter into a combination with competing roads to maintain such rates cannot be admitted. The conclusion does not follow from an admission of the premise. What one company may do in the way of charging reasonable rates is radically different from entering into an agreement with other and competing roads to keep

up the rates to that point. If there be any competition, the extent of the charge for the 'service will be seriously affected by the fact. Compatition will itself bring charges down to what may be reasonable, the case of an agreement to keep prices up competition is allowed no play; it is shut out and the rate is practically fixed by the companies themselves by virtuetof the agree-

ment so long as they abide it. Concluding this branch the opin ion says: "We conclude that the stance being favorable to the rail- anti-trus act applies to railroads, and that it renders il egal all agree-Justice Peckham reviewed the ments which are in restraint of trade history of the case and stated the or commerce." It is further held that the agreement in this case was of such a nature as to constitute a had originally been filed by the gov- restraint of trade of sufficient magnitude to render it a violation of the

"The effect was to restrain trade no matter what the intent was on the part of those who signed it." It was stated that the granting of the should agree. The bill was filed injunction prayed for was not intended to have a retroactive effect. Justice White delivered the dissenting opinion on behalf of himself and Justices Field, Gray, and Shiras. He said that the agreement in question was not an agreement to fix rates, but to classify freights and to prevent an increase or reduction of them except upon given notice. Hence the document was not in restraint of trade or commerce. To say that it was in effect was to fol-

# A BRILLIANT ARRAY.

Sherwood Higgs & Co's Great Milliner Opening.

The superb and popular stere of Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co. was the ground that the freight associa- the center of all attraction among tion had been dissolved, leaving the ladies of Raleigh today. Every nothing before the court, and also one who passed by was obliged to on the allegation that the amount in- stop and admire in their big show volved was sufficient to justify the window the rich and gorgeous disconsideration in the case in the su- play of countless beautiful spring colors, floral designs and endless at tractions in their new spring millinery for which today had been dissolution of the association did not set a part as the opening. This window was one of the most beautiful, elaborate, and brilliant in rich Replying to the objection that and life like color which has ever been seen in Raleigh. The temptatrust act which is sufficiently plain tion to step inside was irreststible and here one was greeted with the hum of voices as troops of ladies were seen thronging the store and admiring the many pretty novelties spread out for their gaze. Alady of exquisite taste exclaimed in the hear There is, therefore, no repeal in ing of the PRESS-VISITOR that she the case," it says, "and both statutes had never seen any thing more may stand, as neither is inconsistent beautiful and all are unanimous in their admiration. Mr. Sherwood Higgs, himself, the polite and The opinion takes up the assertion gentlemanly head of the firm, showed the many callers around, and there was a perfect stream of themall day. The millinery department is in the rear of the store and this was presidwere not the only associations con. ed over by Miss Sadye Mitchell, of Baltimore, Messrs Higgs & Co.'s expert milliner, who has speat two weeks in New York familiarizing herself with all the latest and up-todate novelties. Under the soft glow of incandesant electric lights a'll sorts of beautiful hats and flowers and millipery trimmings were sbown. Among the hats attracting most at-

tention wasa Panama sailor, trimmed in gerranium shades of chiffon with a long sweeping aigrette and also a violet bat, heavily trimmed in violets and the two popular shades of purple and rhine stone buckles.

The trimming most used this season embraces flowers, chiffon, laces and foliage. There are hats from Madame Reynolds, beautiful imported hats and all the latest designs and one came out with the impression of having just emerged from a veritable bower of beauty. Near the entrance of the millinery department dainty and delicious choccolates were served and this feature was much enjoyed and appreciated by the ladies.

The opening was of such a high toned class and character as to stamp the firm of Sherwood Higgs ion of the true construction, assum- one which Raleigh is proud of.

### AS TO THE MAYORALTY.

The editor of the PRESS VISITOR desires to take the first opportun through the columns of his own paper, to express his gratitude for the very kindly mention of his name in connection with the mayoralty of this city, coming from one of the leading and representative members of the Raleigh Typographical Union in this morning's News and Observer. While he has not sought or aspired to such a high honor at the hands of the people of Raleigh, the editor of the Parss-Visitor cannot refrain from expressing his deepest ense of appreciation and gratitude

doubly valued. The editor of this paper wishes no higher endorsement than that of the good people of this community represented by the gentleman who speaks for them in such cordial words in our morning contemporary. It is a pleasure to us to receive such a tribute from such a source.

source, and from which source it is

### TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets

NEW YORK, March 24. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

The following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations of the New York cotton market

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MONTHS.	OPEN- ING.	HIGH- EST.	LOW- EST.	CLOS-
January,	2-10	1000	3000	/######
February,			100000	******
March,	X171	7 01	6 95	6 93-
April,	7 02	7 02	6 93	6 93-
May,	7 06	7 06	6 95	6 97-
June,	7 10	7 10	7 00	7 01-
July,	7 14	7 14	7 05	7 05-
August,	7 14	7 15	6.80	7 06-
Sept'mb'r.		6 80	6 67	6 79-
October,	6.76	6 78	6 78	6 67-
Novemb'r,	6 79	6 70	6 75	6 68-
December.	6 80	6 84	6 79	6 71-

New York Stock Market. The following were the closing

quotations on the New York	Stoc
Exchange today:	1
Sugar	112
American Tobacco	75
Burlington and Quincy	73
Chicago Gas	79
American Spirite	12
General Electric	33
Louisville and Nashville	46
Manhattan	84
Rock Island	64
Southern Preferred	26
St. Paul	75
Tennessee Coal and Iron	26
Western Union	83

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Pro-

vision market today: Wheat-May, 722; July 714 Corn-May, 244; July, 254. Oats-May 174. July 184; Pork-May, 8,77; July 8.87 Lard-May, 4.25; July 4,35 Clear Rib Sides-May 4.67: July

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today: March March-April ...... 3.60 s April-May ..... 3.60 s May-June ...... 3,60 s June-July ..... 3.60 s July-August..... 3.60 s

August-September.....

September-October.....

October-November . . . . . .

Liverpool Cotton Market.

November-December .... 3.45 s January-December..... 3.44-45 Closed steady; sales 8,000 bales.

3.51-52

3.46-47

### State Convention Young People's Society of Christian Eneavor at Charlotte. The state convention of "Young

People's Society of Christian En deavor" will meet in Charlotte, the queen city of North Carolina, on April 23-25, and for the accommodaion of delegates and visitors to this occasion, the Southern railway will place on sale round-trip tickets from all stations in the state of North reduced rates; tickets on sale April 27th, continous passage in each direction, thus affording a splendid opportunity to visit Charlotte

Full information can be obtained by calling on any agent of the Southern railway.

The parade of the ponies and dogs of the Gentry show delighted the nent and three years since the last appearance here of this excellent show.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Por ic The registration books for the municipal election open next Sat-

urday. Read what the "Yellow Kid" and for the kindly expression of choice 'Mrs. Yellow Kid" have to say on emanating as it does from such a

AROUND THE CITY.

third page. The handsome paper of Barlow Bros' minstrels was put on the bill

The contest for mayorality at Charlatte, now in progress, is one of the hottest on record

The engagement of the "Yellow Kid" is cancelled by the manager of Metropolitan hall.

The Brooklyu baseball team is at Charlotte for practice and will remain there some time.

Rev. W V Savage, formerly of Raleigh, is called to be pastor of Churchland Baptist church at Nor-

Mr C J A Decker, of Liverpool, England, is in the city. He is a brother of our townsman, Mr. H J

Among today 'sarrivalsare Claude Dockery, Marshall L. Mott, J. R. Joyce of Reidsville, John Graham of Ridgeway. A bicycle tool bag was found on

Hillsboro street and left at this office and the owner can get it by calling here for it. Elder L H Hardy will preach at

the Primitive church in this city Thursday night at 7:30 and Friday morning at 11. According to the newspaper statements there must be a good many

counterfeit silver half dollars and dollars in circulation in this state. In the case against Augustus Pounds, the young white man who, In Mark's Creek township, shot and killed another, the grand jury today

failed to find a true bill second floor of the annex to the muhibits; one for ores, the other for

A temporary wooden building, merely a shed, will be put up to shelter the new street car plant. The brick building which will be begun during the summer can be put up outside the wooden structure.

John T Patrick has called an insuranceconventional Southern Pines April 28th, the call saying the purpose is to keep in this section the great amount of money paid to northern and western companies for life and fire insurance.

In the superior court this afternoon Thomas Burch, colored, pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary, in entering the store of J. D. Turner, and upon recommendation for mercy, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years.

We have received a copy of the railway number of the Los Angeles Times, published under the auspices of the Order of Railway Conductors. It is handsomely covered in bright colors and contains much interest ing information about the order and their convention in May.

We regret to note the death of W S Mitchell, colored, traveling agent of the Gazette, which occurred here last night about 12 o'clock. His death was caused by tuberculosis. He was well known here by the peo-

ple, both white and colored. The Barlow Brothers Minstrels which appeared here last night opens a new era in minstrelsy. The performance was devoid of boister-Carolina to Charlotte and return at ousness and the usual rough and uncouth language which is common 21, 22 and 23rd, final limit April with some of the so claimed first class companies, yet the vivid per traval of the unique attributes and the volant humor of the genuine darkey was charming in the extreme. The vocal numbers were all given in a manner that took with the audience from the start, while the or-

chestra was all that was claimed for it. The Barlow Brothers Minstrels & Co., as a thoroughly progressive children this afternoon. It has been always find a cordial welcome awaiting them here. Salt Lake Dally

# SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITY

Great Importance of Consulting Such in Eye Troubles. If we did not have a conscientious

desire to do a positive good to the community we would not say so much respecting Dr. Matthez a skill as an oculo optician, but while he is here we causet say too much or too urgently recommend those having defective eyesight to go to him Persons whose sight is simply impaired by age will receive the same proportionate bauefits as those whose sight is greatly impaired by complicated optical defects. For the former he charges a sum that is insignificant when compared with the value of saving the eyesight. With cheap defective glasses a person is liable to pick out those which ane unsuited to the eyes, and which weaken instead of strengthening the sight, and the eyes are ruined. This simply applies to persons suffering the inconvenience of defective evesight by age alone, whose eyes will adapt themselves to almost any lenses, in lieu of scientifically adapting the glasses to the sight. In the slightly abnormal cases the patients will depend upon their own judgment, or that of the spectacleseller, travelling "Doctor Oculist" or peddler, and may temporarily be pleased, but where one by chance selects the proper lenses nine-tenths pay the penalty by lasting defects of vision. More eyes are injured by njudicious use of glasses than arise from any other cause. In the case of inherited or acquired optical defects the patient is then obliged to apply to some scientific authority, and such a one is Dr. Matthez. How much better is it to pay a few dollars more, receiving first class work, and have the satisfaction of knowing that your sight is being cared for by one who has all the facilities, the skill and the professional education that enable him to know what would be good for you. No charge is made for preliminary tests. Dr. Matthez is only bere for a limited period. Room 41 Yarborough House. See him at once about your eyesight and spectacles.

## Jones' Big Opening.

The large corps of employees of the big store of Mr. W. E. Jones are busily engaged making preparations for the Spring opening of millinery, which occurs at 8:30 o'clock tonight. Mr. Jones extends a cordial invitation to all to attend this magnificent display, which will surpass anythingofthe kind over soon in Raleich The interior of the store and the big seum will be used for special ex- show windows have been beautifully and tastefully decorated especially for this grand occasion, and those who all to attend will surely miss a treat. The decorations in the windows were arranged by Mr. Chalmers Wilson, of Philadelphia, who came here especially for that purpose. The opening will continue Thursday and Thursday night

# Illinois Storm-Swept.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CHICAGO March 24.-There is eight inches of snow here. The state is swept by a fifty mile gale. The storm is making the rivers rage in the flooded districts, threatening the levees and causing consternation. The snow will swell the streums. making the outlook in the Mississippi valley more gloomy. Few parts of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin escaped the storm.

# A Blizzard in Tenrossee.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. KNOXVILLE March 24 .- A blizzard is raging in East Tennessee, causing damage to fruits and vegetable.

BRIEFS.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon John Groves, white, was arranged for murder. The trial excites much interest. The court room is packed.

The board of agriculture this

norning inspected the museum, experiment station and annex to the agricultural building. The name of M. C. S. Noble, now

sup rintendent of Wilmington's pub lie schools, is being mentioned in connection with the A. and M. col-The board of agriculture advances \$5,000 to the A & M college to be

used in building the hospital contemplated by the legislature, and to put in additional boilers. The money is to be replaced in October. Visitors to the city who saw the Karnival of Commerce" pronounce

t the best thing of the kind they ever witnessed. Miss Simms, who represented the Park Hotel so admirably, was paid the special compliment of an encore.