## BROWNING HEARING

Defendant Killed His Fatherin-Law B. C. Strickland

WERE AT VARIANCE

The Prosecution will Probably Contend that Browning Shot and killed Stricktand from Ambush-An Interesting tase.

W. S. Browning was this morning given a pretiminary hearing charged with the killing of his father in law. B. C. Strickland, before Justice Roberts in the court house at noon today

J. C. L. Harris and James Pou appeared for the defendant and Jones & Baykin for the prosecution The killing occurred last Friday near the Johnson county line. Strickland was shot by Browning and he came to Raleich and surrendered.

The first witness was N W Strick land. He reached the scere of the killing about 11 o'clock. The killing took place on a path by a new road leading to Arpsboro. Strick lands house was 400 or 500 yards from the scene of the killing, Browning fived about 75 or 100 yards from the scene on the same road. Wit ness found the body lying on the +dge of the road. There was a tree about 20 feet away on the south side of the road. Witness saw a streak of blood about six feet long in the road extending to the body. I couldn't account for how the blood was unless the body had been draged. Blood was clodded in the bair slowing the body had been dragged. Found a tooth or small bone about six feet from the body. There was a handkerchief and an open keife in the right hand of the deceased. Saw no blood on the knite. A wound was on the left lip of the deceased was shot out. Hesides the wounds jiw home was brok u

The deceased was 70 odd years old, weighed about 139 pounds, was thought him a vivorous man

whether vor could see Strickland's piles, etc. house from scene or not Thought the wound.

Without Pough testified that he years old, and showed his age and l stooped, but he moved well. Brow. Insurance. ning was active. He reached the seems of the killing at 9 o'clock.

Charge Strickland, a son of the deceased, said that his father was yo tur to the field to plow. He led the horse necruse he was too feeble to get on the borse. When the body was found the horse was found in Browning's yard Browning and Strickland had been at variance for about two years. The heirs had consented to a division of the land, but the witness wanted his father to hood his ofe time interest in the land. The witness told of several incidents showing that extreme y had feelings existed between them.

At 2 o'clock the court adjourned Chas Strickland will be concluded and other witnesses examined.

field the possession of which was in dispute between Browning and Strickland.

The witnesses for the defence has not been placed on the stand vet. There are about twelve witnesses

#### for both sides Supreme Court,

Appeals from second district. Parker vs Harden, argued by RB | Henderson on business, Peebles for plaintiff, Francis D Winston for defendant

Britton vs Ruthe, argued by Battle & Mordecai for plaintiff; Francis D Winston for defendant

Miller vs Womble, argued by Peebles for plaintiff and Winston for

defendant. Byrd vs Bazemore, argued by Winston and Scull for plaintiff and

Peebles for defendant. Clark vs Peebles, argued by Hitt and Winston for plaintiff; Peebles o'clock tonight. Every member is for defendant. (O) ra J did not sit earnestly requested to be present. on the hearing of this case.)

### EXCELLENT COMPANY

#### Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company Grows in Popularity I ach Night.

Opera company presented the amusing comic opera, Girofle-Girofla, One of the most striking features of the opera last evening was the part was rendered with her usual grace and Girotle and Girotla could scarcely have been better personified. Harvey is always good, and last night he was even better than usual in the role of Don Bolero, a Spanish nobleman and father of the twin sisters. Charles Ferguson, as Pedro, were at th ir very best.

Among the many especially pleaspirates, the choruses, the costumes, which were perhaps the most beau | hote ists and railroad men had been | bargetos of be Raicigh and cape hour tiful of those seen any night this week, and the living pictures, almost a l of these being entirely new.

Tonight Fra Diavolo will be presented, and the company should be greeted by a full house. This operagives Miss Kirwin, Harvey and others a full opportunity to display their matchless power as entertains ers, and the choruses and vostumes | Caldwell called the board | to order | except the two last were present. will be a special feature.

## A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

The City Threatened with Destruction by Fire Last Night.

If the people of Favetteville ever had reason to be devoutly thankful. thank Heaven, for the miracle of their having homes to shelter them today, attendance When it was learned that the Cum-

berland Cooperage Works were in thines, the excitement became its ense, and the whole population soon filled the streets, hurrying to the resolution. scene. Many, however, were forced to return and work to save their own and part of the eye tione and eye hall property. The Cooperage Works are situated near the C F & Y V deon the left side of the head the right pot, surrounded by a number of wooden burdings. The wind was blowing directly across the business portion of the city, gathering up; about 5 feet 2 mehes in height, was great sparks, you might say faggets not an active man. Browning is of fire, and hurling them through about 40, this witness said, and the air dropping thousands in very part of the town, and carrying other Mr James Pou cross-examined the thousands miles distint. For an witness. He didn't know that he bour the whole Heaven's were obwas related to the deceased. Thought | scured by these brilliant particles. the load of slot entered the mouth Buildings everywhere caught aftre, and ranged upward. Didn't know as did also numerous trees, lumber

the gare was charged with squired that we record only the destruction witnesses, whe had been dissuessed. List a collection of excitement it is becaused here a shot. Saw signs of powder around of the Cooperage Works and a small to testify. Without giving any reas assessments it is encounted with Spanish facultie or secret emissary dweiling adjaining

knew William Strickland he was 72 | S. Cook and Mr. L. J. Brandt, and were valued at \$1,500 with \$1,000 Dr Abbott and the Governor's come and repeat shows 2 bota rajet of a detonating device giving him tene

## Who the bloker Is?

The report circulated about the city aneut dissatisfaction, with the rules which regulate the conduct of the inmates of the soldiers' home At antic Coast Lone, Mr. Culp for Relief to a Series I Propostall By Te ography to Press-Visitor kicker. This is just what one who for the S abourd Air Line and Maj Sayles and one, a see 45. Me. heredent from the scene of the wreak knows the managers would suppose. Guthrie for the Northern and W st- chee as and I vers a long \$22 . of the Maine says divers have been most beg 3 11 32 erecipts, 14,000. Every one is aware that Mr W C ern They contend down the seem 410.60, the Stronach and Col A B Ardrews mission that there was no man P rp in a control in S 5 617 th covered an eight sinch percussion would not have allowed regulations state schedule in operation for Thesimos occupition of our or the interplace. Admiral Manter, tellons of the Livermon cotton macket less hardship on the veterans.

The man who started the report. that the inmates were indurant be cause they were not allowed to have camp whenever they pleased and until 3/30 when the testimony of Mr. | had to get permission | before doing so, is said to be A. P. Browning of Salisbury. It is said further that As the matter now stands it ap- he has given strouble at the home pears that the prosecution will con, and was suspended once for imbibtend that Strickland was shot from ing freely while up town. There ambush while he was going to this are not a half dozen men in the home who object to the regulations.

## Personals.

Coi J S Carr is in the city.

J M Moore of Lenoir is in the city. Miss Nannie Clarke, of Tarboro, is visiting Miss Eliza Busbee.

Mr W S Primrose has gone to

Mrs W N H Smith and Miss Sadie Bilbue bave returned from Southern

been visiting his brother President and Ex Governor Carr. Mr. W. J. James Dinwiddie, left for Georgia today.

Ruth Lodge No. 4 Meets Tonight.

There will be a regular meeting of Ruth, Lodge No 4 D of R at 8 MISS HATTIE L. DAVIS, Rec. Sec.

## COMMISSION

Last night the Wilbur-Kirwin Dr Abbott's Witnesses Were All Dismissed

The Commission Sent Home the Wir nesses Dr. Abbott Had Summoned and May Not Even Pay

Their Expenses. was intended to ascertain whether | This is his opinion. special rates had been made by the ing features were the song of the Scaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line to hotels and prominent summoned.

The commission met at 10 o'clock. The directors of Raleigh a -Commissioner Pearson off red the The following others were as and following resolution.

"That the following witnesses. Charles St John, W to Day, J M John A Mills. Jamieson, S.L. D.H., C.S. Allen, Wm. Moneure, H.S.Leard, J.P. Massens burg, J T Patrick, are hereby dis | church, charged from attendance upon this Secretary and trensurer, with it is now. They should certainly Commission, as there is nothing power tenet as auditor and an an wice, Lacutemant commander School directed to proceed to Havana. under investigation to require their lafter is rested, F.T.Rix.

against it The chairman stated that the wit-

Dr. Abbott asked if other wit nesses had not been summaned without resolution and the chairman ads mitted that they had, but that it was

witnesses here to investigate a mate eritt had A A Thompson ter which had come before the come. The mass, were apported in good the same thing;

Therefore Dr Abbott later intromissioners.

originated with a professional the Southern Ruleire Mr. Gover 1 (Sel dears, Salaton Company) enforced which would wirk a need- ferterbars from which to make the reduction of 104 per cent.

Mr Borden for the fertilizer companies appeared before the the commission and asked that the same rate on fertil zers be made in this state that exists in South Carolina, this being still lower than the reduced rate in this state would be

The commission appointed Messes Emerson, Glover, Culp and Borden a committee to examine and report to the commission their recommendation for a state rate from which the 161 reduction can be made.

The commission then proceeded

to discuss the corn rate. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and Mr Clarence Young are here in the interest of the Southern Bell Telephone company and will probably present the exceptions of that company this afternoon to the order of the commission reducing telephone rentals in the state.

The Southern Express Company will also probably be asked to show this afternoon a list of dead head Rev John Dinwiddle, who has express shipped Governor Russell Croswell, Superintendent of the Company, is here to appear before

the Commission. The resolution adopted by Commissioner Pearson and Chairman Caidwell at the opening of the session prevented Capt. Day from testifying. He had been specially

# AGAIN Seaboard passes in the governor's MAINE

islature, as has been charged The commission is now tolding an afternoon session.

#### Political Breeze.

The fact that the national chair men of the democratic, populist and silver parties have issued manifes chorus singing. Miss Kirwin's THE FERTILIZER RATES toes urging comperation of these THE BODIES INTERRED West bulletin regarding the hole in parties in the empine morressional elections. This has taked some comment here. If this pair leaver ried out it will appet some persons calculations in this state. Mr. 8 ms. of the auditor sadded, save that the is an limewithdes letter as 'energies. The railroad commission this Heavpeets to see part of the Legion the son of Marasquin and company, morning peremptorily dismissed crats, the populate and the foreset and betrothed to Giroffe, and C A every witness which Dr. Abbott had and Mott republicans under a shape of the Warne's salions which floated Fuller, as Mourz mk, befrothed to had summoned to testify before the the administration regulations and will be summoned to testify before the the administration regulations of the summoned to testify before the Girofla, and Will Ellwanger, as commission. By these witnesses it some community will art translate.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

was an important session and many ing at more today. T. Accorspectators were present. All the stors, of the real are sound for immediately after Chairman F.O.Moring and K.B.Lohnson, All tary Judge,

> munisty elected President and general a page

Vaca-president, T.B.C polarico.

General superintendent, A. L. Co.

The necessary gon meters

The directors were very contains astic over the enterprise, and they Alexmont, formerly of the Maine, has the Telegraph to Press Visitor. nesses had not been summoned by authorized measurers to negro the been appointed judge advocate of construction of the read at man, and the board. The board will institute pash a forward as rapidly as practic proceedings, without delay in the finished the hearings accorded the

### Cataloigh Mills.

done by consent. The witnesses The stock olders of the Cara ough question the proceedings of this Cleary of Mannesota, chairman, Dr. Abbott had brought here had coron mals met in the may as affice board will be followed by the ap- Prince of Higgs, John Mitchell of not been subpocuaed by a meent of at noon today. All of the marriags pontment of at formal court of in- New York were appointed to draft a a inspority of the commission he said were reselected. They are A F quiry which will pursue the matter Dr Abbott said that he knew he Page, A. Horne, S. R. Horne, J. R. del herately. The present aim is to was at the mercy of the majority Chamberlain, Callinder, W.A. face of sam a preliminary report at the but he defied them. He had these man, J A Whys. F (Small, D E.E.) carliest possible moment

mission in regard to one railroad constraint Several instruction. By Telegraph to the Pross-Visitorand he wanted to treat all alike and ters came before the spekholders. HAVAVA, Feb. 17 -So far on y see if other roads had been doing | The directics have no met yet for twenty bodies have been recovered The parties of and a sec

son both of the commussioners voted, the sand or of the meson so the of the government fluited a torpedo. The works are owned by Col. W. against. Dr. Abnot's resolution, previous our and the year? and the water line against the Some warm words passed between have seed a state of set it with Stoom the Carties are st Auson trescape. It is stated that this is The exceptions of the radroads to the same and the community of Sigs or sticked which be community the 16.1.3 per cent reduction of fers. White-board capeta, a 4,000,19, Whatthe air rates was next eros derid to blow 1. is a too, \$9,224.71. The representatives of the ratio Mode and a continuous of roads were Mr. Enerson for the S. Lanson N. Y. 53 - Colleges of

monstrated the aless may of responded. Another man of war is moving the same view lang over the sidewarks of I at the street Several of these sizes were bown down vesteries. He way they greated and greated above the heads of the pode trave, was some thing frightful.

By the way no or in one existed many years ago for trading swinging. signs over the sines in and it was enforced. When was the ordinance repealed? Will some one better informed than I am answer? If the ordinance has not been repealed it. should be intoreed and it it has been repealed the abdernou should see that it is re-enacted at the next session of the board. The removal of such signs will add to the safety of that visitors were permitted on the the people and also to the beauty of | Maine all day and might easily have the street

February 16, 27,

William Calchist of Wilmington is at the Yarboro

The kitchen of Mr. Stanly Bunch is New Light was destroyed by fire insurance.

The weather forecast for Ruleigh and vicinity says fair tonight. Increasing cloudiness Friday, with summoned to state whether he issued | rain by Friday evening.

### Torpedo May Have Done the Deadly Work

The fielief that a Spanish Lanatic or Secret Unissary of Spain Hoated a Lopedo Against the Yessel trains Unidence.

Haavaa, Feb. 47.—This city report burnes today lifteen mutilated bodies were according to the Spanish rite. umber the Historial Has ma Manual. Santander, who has given ground the Main was destroyed by a torpedo. for the interment. The finites will ho exposed in state mosts half has fore the burnal. It a Are but call the are increased and three Victoeans should bury their own dead, all the members being present. It From Rammad modulings to a manual The expense is beene by the manueigany of Havana. The Spanish of Havana, The Grusser Mont authorities have seemingly taken gomery is ordered from San Diswitnesses whom Dr Abbott had in the charter thre are take charge of the investigation of its batter to Key West, summoned were on hand but they A Mails, T. B. Upstanich, W. J. L., aster. The American commander is never had an opportunity to testify abunch, J. T. R. S. J. R. Chan had also mostled transpour before their mile

#### Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb 17. Bear Admiral Sigard, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, informed the navy department this morning that be had a producted a married inquiry. to have sing its the cause of the acciabout to the Marne, as Johnway Capt Smoon, President Capt Chad der, Lieutenaut commander Marix Sampson is at present in command This was passed Dr Abnott voting operator organization were appointed, of the futtle ship lowe at Tortugus. Schraeder, executive afficer of the ordinary course of events. A res four members of the committee, an port will be made by Admiral S card within two or three days. Without subscommittee consisting of Mc-

## Done by spain.

It is reported divers found an eight inch have in the Maure, which indise at all to the navy department

## Divers of Work.

Kry West Fon 17 - Aportes or has summoned Sigsbee by appear to say b one the military judge Boral to February make the necessary depositions that Prebruary Marca The storm a stellar and y they all proofs of torpedo work will be expected tonight.

## Investigating the Cause

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. HAVANA, Feb. 16,-Vidmiral Mar. terota has notified Sigsbee that a joint e-ministee of American and Spanish naval officers will be appointed to investigate the cause of tations on the Chicago Grain and Prothe explosion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.-1t is reported that Sigsbee has made a startling report to the Navy Depart ment which the government is keep

NEW YORK, Feb. 18-The World's cable says in reply to an inquiry deposited a bomb near the magazine

## No Suppressed Messages.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, Feb 17-Secretary Long says that he has no suppressed during the storm. Loss \$200; no disputch from Capt. Sigsbee expressing an opinion that a torpedo de stroved the Maine.

## Don't Believe It.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17 -The U. S. Leather Preferred.....

#### DISASTER Navy department has absolutely discredits the story from Key West to SHORT STATEMENTS effect that divers have found a eight inch percussion hole in the bottom

of the Maine.

#### President's Words.

By Telegraph to Press Visitor. Washington, Feb. 16 -A Key

the Maine's plate was shown the president, his only comment was that it was the first be pad heard of it. He does not wish tomake any statement, too said the administration had totally ices concerning the

#### Denson's Opinion.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. KEY WEST, Feb. 17-Purser Denison and Covette don't believe that

#### indered lowards ("nba.

(4y Telegraph to the Press-Visitor, Washington, Feb 17. It is evideat that the pavy department is mobilizing the fleet within four hours.

#### Lournal's Lable

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. New York, Feb 17. - The Evening Journal's special cable says that the Maine was ninwn up by a torpedo.

#### To Raise the Maine.

By Telegraph to Press Visitor. Wyshington, Feb. 16 -Afready plans to rusing the Maine are being considered. Wresking crews are

## A CURRENCY MEASURE.

A Bill will be Presented in About a Month and Pushed.

Wysmissitax, Feb. 17 .- The house binking and currency committee thors of currency measures. A general correspy measure to be pushed at they session. They will hold daily sessions and report in

#### about a forthight TODAY'S MARKETS.

the Movement in New York and Liver pool Markets

By private were to W. A. Porter-

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O toper-Nevember November-December Chicago Grain and Provision Market Thefollowing were the closing que

asone market today: Wheat- 'nic talle Max 115 Corn July day May 3914. Cuts July 14: May 2 : Cork - In v 11 12; May 11 07 Lard-tuly halibe May 5,47 Clear Rib Sides tuly 5 W. May

New York Sinck Market The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange :

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	St. Paul	917
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	Missouri Pacific	324
	Southern Preferred	31#
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#### Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

## AROUND IN THE CITY.

#### Pot Pourry of the News Pictured on Pe per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Por in

Print Miss Mary Carter who has been attending a school in western Vir.

ginia, has returned to the city. Health officer T P Sale is iil again. He came out too soon and has had a relapse. He was quite sick this

morning. Tomorrow night the oratorical contest at the A and M college takes

A meeting of the State Board of Examiners has been called for Friday, February 25th, At that meetng the program of school study will

be completed. W II Hay wood and Sarah Smith, both colored, from New Light, were committed to jail today to await the next term of the criminal court.

Rev L G Broughton preached an excellent sermon on "Home Missions 'last night. Prayer-meetings will be held each night this week at 7.30, preparatory for the revival beginning Sunday next

At the Haywood place corner of Bount and Edenton streets the corner has been rounded and now the people will not have to pass bes tween the oak and the fence in single file.

The carp have become so plentiful n Rocky River that Mr R. C. Kizer. of No. I township, is contemplating the organization of a fishing party which will have in view the supplying of the local market with fresh fish every day .- Concord Journal.

Attention is called to the handsome display advertisement of Messers Allen & Nichols on the fourth page. They are forging rapidly to the front in the bardware business and their success is gratifying. Mr W C Petty, president of the

Carthage railroad, reports that the road was considerably damaged by the forest tires this week. Rails were bent by the heat and tires were burned. The Aberdeen and West Earld railroad was also damaged. Owing to unavoidable circums

stances, the monthly meeting of the Rileigh Musical Association, which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed until March 10th. The Chorus Class will meet for practice in their room this evening at 8 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that there be a full attendance.

The library entertainment to be given by the Centennial children will be held Feiday night, February 25th, in the Metropolitan hall, admi sion 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children. No reserved seats. We hope the public will attend the entertainment and by their presence help make it a success. Remember that each 25 cents in ans a book,

The shirt factory in the state prison began wor today. There are 50 machines but only 10 were started tils married. A adv from Baltis . to, more has arrived to teach the con-33 96 vers the stuch. When they learn 1.2 by he use of the machines well the manufacture of the shirts will begin. 3.70b The state will receive 24 cents for 3 21s every dozen shirts and this promises to be a reat fittle sum for the state.

Articles of incorporation were today filled with the secretary of State for the "L. Richardson Drug Complay a Greensboro with a capital stock (1\$10,000 with the privilege of increasing the same to \$50,000. The stock is divided in 100 shares of \$100 each. The business is the manufacture, buying and selling at who esale and retail of drugs, medicines etc. The stockholders are L. Richardson, R. G. Vaughu and Dr. J E Lagan

The North Carolina Forestry Society and the North Carolina Geo-1921 logical Survey will hold a forestry meeting at the fair grounds in New-5 1 bern on March 1st, during the Newbern Fair The subjects to be discussed are "Taxation of Forest 1011 Land," the growth of the short leaf or North Carolina pine; the North Carolina pine lumber industry; the best method for lessening forest fires, and forest fire legislation 1261 with a summery of the loss from 611 fires in this State annually."