THE ROAD IS LEASED.

ntie & North Carolina Road. made Thursday.

Newbern, Sept. 1 .- The watcholders of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, in session at Morehead City this afternoon, voted-893 to 97-to lease the road to R. S. Howland, of Asheville. The State vote was cast for the lease.

The Howland proposition covered terest for a term of years and was for 91 years and four months. It also agreed upon an expenditure of \$250,-000 for betterment on the road during the first three years, the lease to be in near the railroad and three miles souththe name of R. S. Howland, or the Hewland Improvement Company, of North Carolina.

When the propositions were read E. C. Duncan offered a resolution that the Howland proposition be accepted. Col. Theo. F. Davidson was given premission to make a few remarks. He gave a sketch of Howland, of his \$300,000 investment in western North Corolina, his character and his reputation among the people of Asheville, among whom he was held in high esteem. He also told of his property holdings in Rhode Island California and Cuba. C. E. Foy said he was against the lease and entered a protest, giving warning that if a lease was given its validity would be tested in court. C. A. Flowers, holding stock proxy for Pamlico county, said he agreed with Mr. Foy. His people would favor lease for 25 years at 5 per cent added each additional ten years, with a security deposit by lessee of \$1,500,000. Governor Jarvis favored the lease and spoke eloquently, to which Mr. Foy again replied, opposing the lease by private stock holders of

and 97 was against, the State vote being cast for lease.

THE COTTON CROP.

From September to September th Weighed Crop Was 10,529 Bales.

MCotton weigher John W. Propit for the year ending September 1st weighed 10.529 bales. This includes . perhaps 9.798 bales, thus showing that the crop for 1904 was a little more than on the left bank of the Tauto river. Craige, another sister, lived with him there during the next year call for apthe previous year, the difference being The columns which were advancing and raised his children.

The crop this year will be a bit later than last. On last year the first bale was sold on the first of September, the year before on the 18th of August. So far there has been no new cotton on the market, though Weigher Propst has reason to suspect that there will be a bale along in a few days He is warching for it.

A MEDAL OFFERED

W. C. Carrell Will Give Prize to Best Drifted Soldier.

Mr. W. C. Cornell will give a medal to the best drilled soldier of Company L and there will be a public drill and competition for this medal on the streets Saturday evening. Com-pany L has been seen much of late in public drill and makes a fine showing, the Company being in the best of condition every way. There will be a lively and determined contest for this prize offered by Mr. Correll, in which the well drilled soldiers of Company L will give some splendid work.

my L leaves Saturday night for Manuscas to take part in the maof the troops beginning next

Lie tenant Fetzer will accompany Company L in his first military expe-

Watch the boys drill for the p

Mr. Worth Lyles on hought from Mr. Will Earnhardt farm in No. 5 township.

DESPERATE PIGHTING.

an Asheville Man Gets the Liao Yang in Japanese Hands—Rus- Citizes of Salisbury Dies at Washington sians Retreat Pursued by Japs,

St. Petershurg, Sept. 1.—The battle character. It raged continuously from Kerr Craige, of Salisbury, at the Coldawn until midday and the slaughter umbian University Hospital of valvumust have been immense. At eight in lar disease of the heart. The news of the evening, after holding its outer po- Mr. Craige's death was no surprise to sitions all day in the face of most des- his family and friends, for weeks he perate charges. General Kuropatkin had been at the hospital in a serious at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the gave orders to retire upon the main condition. works about the city. The Japanese In speaking of his death the Charassaults during the day had been di- lotte Observer says: rected principally against the Russian Mr. Kerr Craig was born March center, a little east of Maietung Hill, 14, 1843, hence was 61 years old. west of Liao Yang. Nothing approaching the severity of the infantry a part of Hampton's, after Gordon's and artillery fire here had been hereto- brigade of the Army of Northern Virfore experienced in this war. Gen- ginia. He entered service as a private eral Kondratsvitch's division bore the and was promoted step by step until brunt and suffered the most. Bayonet he was appointed aide-de-camp to charges succeeded each other in rapid Gen. Jno. B. Gordon. He was dissuccession, while the artillery duel tinguished for his courage and dash. never ceased for a moment.

No attempt was made in the official advices to estimate the number of guns ted to the bar in 1867. In 1870 he the Japanese used, except that they was elected reading clerk of the House had many hundreds. Each gun car- of Representatives, and was a member ried 150 charges, and these must have of that body from Rowan in 1872. hundred thousand shots were fired be- Carolina Railroad Company and a tween sunrise and sunset.

Retreat and Pursuit.

of the Japanese army in the great battle before Liao Yang was told in a cablegram received at the Japanese for the fifth North Carolina district. legation late this afternoon from the During Cleveland's second term he imperial foreign office at Tokio. It

'According to a telegram received at headquarters on the afternoon of September 1 our army corps of the left, at dawn Thursday, by fierce repeated assaults, took possession of the Thereupon all of the enemy's south of Liao Yang began retreating

and our army is now pursuing." Earlier in the afternoon the legation received the following dispatch from Tokio:

"A resume of the reports received up to the afternoon of the 31st is as

"Since August 27th our armies have Yang. On the morning of the 29th number weighed for the year ending the right and the central columns of along the, Haicheng-Liao Yang road, in joint operation with the left column of the first army, took on the 29th a position facing the enemy's line of defence, which extended to east and west from a point six miles south of Liao Yang. On the 30th severe fighting occupied during the whole day, and it was still continuing on the afternoon of the 31st. The enemy appears to consist of twelve or thirteen divisions."

M. B. Stickley for the Lower House.

For some time the question has been asked, who for the Legislature this fall? Up to the present time the question could not be answered with accuracy. Many have approached Mr. Stickley, and he has decided to come a candidate, subject to the Democratic primaries tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 3rd.

Mr. Stickley comes before this county not as a stranger but as a young lawyer and an educator. He is at oresent Chairman of the County Board of Education and is an ex-Mayor of this city. He is a thoughtful speaker and an energetic worker. With W. R. Odell for the Senate and M. B. Stickly for the Legislature, me thinks forms a ticket hard to improve on. So fellow voters, with these two men in ets not stand idle, but fall in line and

Miss Theressa King returned to note in Albernarie this constraing a

DEATH OF KERR CRAIGE.

Thursday of Heart Trouble. *A dispatch from Washington anesterday was of the most desperate nouced the death last night of Hon-

Mr. Craige belonged to the First North Carolina Cavalry, which formed

He studied law after the war under Chief Justice Pearson, and was admitbeen expended many times, as several He served as director of the North trustee of of the State University; was and Miss Fannie Hill, Messrs. Louis nominated for Congress by the Dem-Washington, Sept. 1.—The success ocratic party in 1884, but declined on account of ill health. In 1887 he was appointed collector of internal revenue was Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington. For years he was president of the First National Mrs. Hiller. While the ceremony Bank of Salisbury.

In 1873 Mr. Craige married Miss Josephine Branch, daughter of Gen. . O'B. Branch, of Raleigh. Five children survive Mr. Craige. They are: Burton Craige, Esq., Kerr Craige, Ir., and Misses Josephine and Bessie Craige, of Salisbury, and Prof. Branch Craige, of Tucumcari, N. M.

Messrs, Burton and Branch Craige started with their father to Baltimore some days ago, but he became too ill to continue the trip further than Washington. All of his children were with him when he died. The body continued operations toward Liao will be brought to Salisbury and buried there.

Mr. Craige had many relatives in

Speaking Tonight.

Hon. Francis D. Winston, candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket, will speak at the court house tonight at 8 o'clock. The people of Concord are invited to hear house for the season will be "The Mr. Winston in the first campaing James Boys in Missouri" Monday speech in Cabarrus.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING,

Miss Sadie Pisher Married Last Evening to Mr. Dorris C. Mauney of Kings Mountain. ...

The social event of the season was the pretty home wedding last evening Jno. W. Cress, Sandy Hahn. of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fisher to Mr. Dorris C. Mauney, of Kings Mountain. The ceremony took place bride mother, Mrs. Laura P. Fisher, on North Union street, and was witnessed by many invited friends of the most popular young people who plighted their troth at the hour stated

The home was beautifully decorated the bridal party arranging at an improvised altar where Rev. W. H. Hiller spoke the wedding vows.

Mrs. Jno. D. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, was dame of honor, and Miss Nellie Fisher, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Little Laura Ridenhour acted as flower-girl, and Master David Boone Bostian ringbearer. The ushers were: Messrs. C. Q. Rhyne, Erastus Rudisill, Joe. F. Goodman and Noah Correll. The following were the attendants: Miss Chassie Brown and Mrs. Zeb M. Moore, followed by Messrs. Joe Hill and Zeb Moore, Miss Bright Rudisill Brown and Hunter Mauney, Misses Vera Mauney and Beulah Hayden, Messrs Clyde Webb and Luther

Mss. J. P. Cook was pianist, and as the bridal party entered the bridal chorus from Lohengrin was sung by Misses Patterson, Whitley, Smith and was being performed Mrs. Hiller sang softly and sweetly, "O Perfect Love,"

by Hamby.
The product's gift to the bride was handsome diamond brooch set with pearls. There was a large number of beautiful and costly presents from friends in Concord and leewhere.

Following the ceremony was a most elegant supper. The bride and groom accompanied by friends left last night for Kings Mountain where a reception was given there today by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, the groom's parents

Million Dollars for Charlestion.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Reports from Navy Yard at Charleston have been the first of September 1903 was the first army occupied a position a the State. Mrs. John P. Allison, of received at Navy Department and the nine miles east of South Liao Yang, Concord, is a sister, Miss Bettie recommendations for improvement propriations in the neighborhood of one million dollars. Paving streets in yard, building wharfs and improving water distributions are among the main items.

The first attraction at the opera

Another Suggestion.

The following is a suggestion for the consideration of Democratic voters : Senate-J. L. Crowell.

House-Charles McDonald. County Commissioners-M. L. Brown, C. L. Ervin, Jno. A. Rankin,

"ANOTHER."

Miss Pearl Rendleman, of near China Grove, and Mr. Charles Grae ber, of Burlington, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rendleman Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The bride was a teacher in Mont Amoena Seminary, at Mt. Pleasant. last year, and is a very handsome and popular young woman. Mr. Graeber is a brother of H. A. Graeber, of ard. Will exchange for a larger farm Concord, and is a prominent business See Jno. F. Beatty & Co., Real Estate man of Burlington.

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