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The Bank of Pine Level, Johnston county, has been chartered with \$25,000 capital.

The Elkin Enterprise has suspended publication. Its first issue appeared in July.

Congressman J. M. Gudgeon, Jr., of the tenth district, is said to be seriously ill in a Brooklyn, N. Y., hospital.

The old home of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson in Charlotte was sold Saturday to Mr. Thomas Gresham for \$14,250.

Col. Thomas Stringfield, of Waynesville, has been appointed inspector-general of the North Carolina National Guard.

The North Carolina Poultry Association will hold a three-days meet in Greensboro beginning January 15th.

The Dixie Motor Company, High Point, has been chartered with a capital of \$100,000 to make bicycles and parts.

A new dormitory has just been completed at Elon College at a cost of \$25,000. A new electric light plant has also been put into operation.

Buncombe county wants good roads. A bill will be introduced in the Legislature to allow an election for a bond issue of \$250,000 for this purpose.

An automobile line is to be established between Spray and Reidsville, a distance of twelve miles. Both passengers and freight will be carried.

The Southern Power Company has begun the construction of its line for the transmission of electrical power from Charlotte to Concord, a distance of 17 miles.

Sixty-one retailers, one distiller and several wholesale dealers in whiskey have been licensed by the Wilmington board of aldermen to do business during the year 1907.

Rev. Walter Hughson, for several years rector of Grace Episcopal church, Morganton, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Episcopal church at Waynesville.

Saturday, on application of J. D. Dorsett, of Spencer, a stockholder, Judge Justice appointed John Crouch temporary receiver for the Weekly Tar Heel Publishing Company, of Greensboro, pending a hearing Feb. 8th.

Mary Holloway, a Durham negro, was last week foiled in two attempts to suicide by shooting herself in the head. Her cranium was so hard that both balls glanced, leaving only flesh wounds.

"Well, I can't help it," was the only remark of John H. Hodges, the Durham wife-murderer under sentence of death, when informed Sunday that the Supreme Court of the United States had denied his appeal for a new trial on a writ of error.

Capt. John Duckett, chief clerk in the office of the State Superintendent of Education, has been made superintendent of the negro normal schools at Winston Salem, Fayetteville and Elizabeth City, succeeding Mr. Chas. L. Coon. Mr. Coon succeeds Capt. Duckett as chief clerk in Supt. Joyner's office.

Gov. Glenn has named February 8th as the date for the execution of Frank Bohannon, the negro who killed a railroad foreman in Guilford county some months ago. The same date is named for the execution of John H. Hodges, white, of Durham, who murdered his wife. Both murderers were especially cruel and cold-blooded.

Friday, upon application of Mr. W. P. Ragan, of High Point, Judge Justice appointed Squire D. H. Collins receiver for the Tar Heel Club, of Greensboro. The club was organized two years ago. The formal opening of the club on March 22, 1905, was in the nature of a banquet at the Benbow Hotel and was made a national event. There were present on this occasion Vice President Fairbanks, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes and other prominent Republicans.

To Develop New Power.
Blacksburg, S. C., Chronicle.

We learn that the Southern Power Company has received the right of way and will, in a few days begin the construction of its railroad from King's creek to its property on Broad river, where it will soon begin building a dam across the river to develop electric power. We hear the dam will be 72 feet high and 900 feet long. This means another big centennial industry in Cherokee by the industrial wonders are this and adjacent

ANOTHER SIDE OF TILLMAN.

The Senator Loves "John Anderson, My Jo John" and "Ben Bolt."

Washington December 19.—Special: A party of congenial spirits had foregathered in Senator Tillman's apartments one recent rainy Sunday afternoon and the conversation drifted to a discussion of music and popular songs. To my mind, remarked the South Carolina Senator, the tenderest and truest sentiments are expressed in the second verse of John Anderson, My Jo John.

It describes in quaint but unmistakable language the feelings of an aged couple who have trod life's pathway side by side and are going along the same path hand in hand over the great divide. They rebuke in their homely, old-fashioned style the fads of these later days when the tendency of the times seems to be devoted to tearing asunder family ties and relationships as shown in some of the recent divorce suits instituted throughout this country. To all who love wives and firesides let me call attention to the following lines:

John Anderson, my Jo John,
We clamb the hill together,
And many a canty day John,
We've had wi' one another.
Now we maun totter down, John;
But hand in hand we'll go,
And sleep together at the foot,
John Anderson, my Jo.

"Nothing has ever been written in prose or poetry," continued Senator Tillman which surpasses in affection and sentiment these lines, and they have made an indelible impression upon my mind ever since I first read them." On the subject of music Mr. Tillman said, while he had been charged with being a proficient piano player and bass singer, his sole accomplishment in either line was an ability to play tunes on the harmonica, or mouth organ. His ear for music is cultivated to the extent that he could faithfully reproduce on his instrument any tunes he ever heard played or sung. When he was younger he had on numerous occasions helped out in the choir of a Presbyterian Church but he had never made any pretence as a "tenor robusto or basso profundo." Just good old fashioned hymns are included in his repertoire and he had a fondness for Ben Bolt, the author of which was the late Congressman English, of New Jersey.

Edition For The Blind.
American Press.

The Daily Mail, said to be the most popular paper in England, has made an entirely new departure, for it published Dec. 10 an edition for the blind. There are 40,000 blind persons in the British islands, and this edition, printed in Braille characters, will carry to those people a ray of new hope and alleviate the sad monotony of their darkened lot.

Presbyterian Standard Sold.
Charlotte Chronicle.

The Presbyterian Standard has been sold to Rev. Dr. P. R. Law, of Lumber Bridge, Robeson county, who will take charge of the publication as soon as the present corporation that owns it can be dissolved.

The people of Charlotte will welcome Dr. Law. He is an affable gentleman and one of the best equipped men in the State for editorial work. The Standard will prosper under his management.

ICY DIP FOR CHICAGOANS.

Swimmers Planning a Christmas Morning Bathing Club.

Christmas morning will see a real test of nerve in swimming, as a dozen hardy Chicago water dogs will then essay a bath in the Lincoln park lagoon, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. There will be no time limit as to the length of stay in the water, nor will there be any stipulated distance to be navigated. The hardihood of the candidates in bathing a probable zero weather in lake water will be sufficient.

The club has not assumed definite formation as yet and may not until the result of the first ice chipping expedition is known. The name has not even been decided upon, although several apropos titles have been discussed.

Ice Cutters is a favorite Polar Bear is considered fairly descriptive, while some advocate Peary Swimming club, on the ground that the temperature of air and water will be polar and the Lincoln park lagoon the body of water farthest north in the city that can be secured for glacial natation.

England has two midwinter swimming events of similar caliber. The Serpentine club of London is the most noted, the members taking an icy dip each Christmas morning in the Serpentine in Hyde park. The other is the annual New Year's bath, taken in the sea at Plymouth, in which from 60 to 100 men and boys participate.

The recent five mile swimming Derby from the Lake View crib demonstrated that Chicagoans do not lack nerve in the water, and many of the entrants in that event will be seen in the Lincoln park lagoon Christmas day working up an appetite for turkey. Among the candidates for the test are: Frank J. Sullivan, H. J. Handy, E. P. Swathey, J. M. Sandley, P. H. W. H. E. F. Johnson and J. H. Sullivan.

SPINDLES and LOOMS

Masters of Interest About Mills and Mill Workers Gleaned From Our Exchange--Progress of the Old North State's Greatest Industry

There is a movement on foot at present for the erection of a new cotton mill at Blacksburg, S. C. The capital stock is to exceed one hundred thousand dollars and the mill will be equipped with the best and latest improved machinery.

P. B. Parks, formerly of Durham, N. C., and recently superintendent of the Arlington Cotton Mills at Gastonia, N. C., is now superintendent of the Alpine Cotton Mills at Morganton, N. C. He assumed his duties at Morganton on the 2nd. He succeeds J. D. Bosman.

It is interesting to know that the South led new England in the building of new cotton mills, during 1906, and that North Carolina led all the Southern States, this State having built twenty-four out of the thirty nine new mills in the South. During the year, 169,828 new spindles and 1,250 new looms were put in operation in North Carolina alone.

Special Agent William Whitam, Jr., who is in England making investigation of the cotton trade, says that for over two years every branch of the British cotton trade has been very profitable, leading to unprecedented activity in mill building. This will greatly intensify competition in the foreign markets.

On the 15th of January Birmingham, Ala., will assume the role of hostess to the cotton world. Her reception of the third annual convention of the Southern Cotton Association she intends to make memorable, at which time she will make her first formal bow to growers, manufacturers and all business men who have anything to do with the handling of the fleecy staple, from the Pan Handle of Texas to the Carolinas.

Five thousand visitors at least, will come and Birmingham is amply prepared to receive them.

Not a stone has been left unturned in the way of preparation. The merchants, not only of Birmingham, but of the entire district, are signifying their intention of rigging their stores up in gala attire for the event. They are doing their utmost to make their places attractive, for they look upon the occasion as appealing directly to their sense of personal and district pride. They recognize the fact, too, that the delegates to this convention will be representative men from all parts of the cotton belt and that to make a good and lasting impression upon them is to most effectively advertise Birmingham.

The people of the district will not rely upon their unique industrial features to afford entertainment for the visitors. They will exert themselves individually and as commercial or-

ganizations to do everything in their power to make the everyday stay of the delegates fully up to expectations on both sides. Already committees are busy devising programmes for the delegates besides those offered by the convention itself; free transportation over the electric lines will be provided to all points of interest within twelve miles of Birmingham, any of which can be reached by a few minutes' ride; representatives of the Commercial Club and board of trade will accompany the delegates on these excursions, and privileges of the clubs of the city will be extended to all who come to the convention. The railroads have made a round trip rate of one fare, plus 25 cents for the occasion.

He Hasn't Passed Yet.
Statesville Landmark.

We see "be the papers," as Mr. Dooley would say, that "Mr. David A. Gates, a well known member of the internal revenue service," has an article in a January magazine on "The Passing of the Moonshiners." Mr. Gates may be "a well known member of the internal revenue service," but he knows mighty little about moonshiners if he thinks they've passed. They haven't passed by a jugfull. A week or so before Christmas a dozen illicit distilleries were found and destroyed in ten days in a single county in the State--Surry--and North Carolina is by no means the worst State in the Union in this respect.

The moonshiner continues to do business almost continually in the enlightened and progressive county of Iredell and everywhere in the State, and outside of it, where there is room for his business or a demand for a little sow-paw. "Passing of the Moonshiner" indeed. The esteemed Mr. Gates has yet to learn the a b c of the business.

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In the Superior Court,
To February Term 1907.

**OSBORN EVANS, } Notice
LOUISA EVANS, }**

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said plaintiff on the grounds of the adultery of the defendant.

Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear the next term of the Superior Court of Gaston County, to be held at the Court House in said County on the first Monday before the first Monday in March, 1907, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, which is now filed in the office of the clerk of the said court, or the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 13th day of December, 1906.
C. C. CORNWELL,
J. B. Elm Clerk of the Superior Court.

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