## SITUATION PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED

Boers Hurrying Reinforcements to Cronje

GEN. BRABANT TREATING WITH REBEL AFRIKANDERS

Has Suspended Operations-A Rumor That Crouje has Serrendered is Discredited in London.

London, Feb. 23 .- A Durban dispatch contains rumors of Buitish succe which, if true, mean the practical ending of the Boer war. These reports, which are believed in Durban, are that Ladyemith is relieved and Commandant Cronje, with eight thousand men, has surrendered. It is also reported that Kitchener and Cronje were both slightly wounded and seventeen hundred Boers were killed and wounded at Modder

BOERS REINFORCED. London, Feb. 23.-The latest news dis patch from Pretoria, dated February 22nd, stating that communication with Cronje was yet open, but no news has been received . Reinforcements reached the Boers at Gaberones, where Colone Plumer had been attempting to pass the burghers on his way to Mafeking since February 16. Four regiments came to Pebrurary 16. Four regiments of na-tives were impressed at Mafeking to press the seige. Rhodesian regiment came to a contest with them and the two hundred Boers retired. BOERS UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

Modder River, Feb. 23 Delayed.—The bombardment of Cronje's force continues Part of the Boers endeavored to break out of the Laager but were driven back.

A/P PAARDENBERG.

Paurdenberg, Feb. 24.—There is little change in the situation. There was intermitting shelling today, and during the night a large supply column arrived. is reported that two thousand Boers were operating northward of this place. hist night, and after the last gun had been fired, the Sropshires rushed for ward, two hundred yards further to wards the bed of the river, and found a

number of Boers dead. General French captured 75 more pris oners who had previously escaped Gen. Cordon's patrol on the westward side took thirty more.

London, Feb. 24.-The retreat of Cronje from Magersfontein, seems to have had its effect on the Cape Colony Boers. A Dordrecht despatch of the 22nd says rebel Afrikanders have open ed negotiations for submission. General Brabant is treating with them, and our of deference to the wishes of the Goverpor of Gape Colony, is offering lenient terms, and meanwhile has ceased offen-

TO REINFORCE CRONJE. London, Feb. 24,-Four generals are known to be hurrying to reinforce. Cronje. They are Prinsloo, Botaha.

REPORT DISCREDITED. London, Feb. 24.-The War Office has no news of the reported surrender of Cronje. Military wen here give lit tle credence to Durban dispatches.

## MAY AND CO. BANKRUPT

Merchantile Company of Springhop Files Petition

Messes, W. H. May and Company dealers in general mercandise at Spring hope, in Nash county, today filed a pe tition in voluntary bankruptcy proceeding with Clerk of the Federal District Court, Major H. L. Grant, in this city The liabilities of the company are esti mated at \$5,000.

The patitioners claim the homestead allowed by the laws of North Carolina is said, they will have no assets after the homestend is set apart.

GOOD AS GOLD.

One of the most popular headache and neuralgia cures on the market is the fa mous Anticephalugine. It does the work well and in consequence its use and sale is constantly on the increase. It is remedy which is harmless, but effective It has been on the market for years, and its constantly increasing sales is the bes endorsement, Sold by all druggists throughout the country. Special atten tion is directed to the quarter page ad. in

THE PEOPLE AT THE POLLS.

When presidential years roll round It always seems to me
The surest promise then is found
Of the remaining free;
For who should here

Oppression fear, However faint their souls. That once have seen in might serene The people at the polls?

They are the ruling power alone Sufficient, safe and strong; And only through a sin their own May they be governed wrong. Then talk who may Of tymats' away

That free-born men controls— It may not be In lands that see The people at the polls!
RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

PRIDE AMONG ROGUES. Swigsy-Pinchers has got his fizz in de Rogues' gallery. Swags-L allus said dat bloke would get to de top to de profession

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Lennar Literary Society of A. & M. College Gives a Medal

The annual oratorical contest of the Leazar Literary Society of the Agricul-tural and Mechanical College was held turni and Mechanical College was held last night. The orations were excellent.-It took the judges sometime to decide to whom the medal should be given. Fi-nally it was awarded to Mr. J. F. Por-ter, of Emerson, N. C.

The officers of the occasion were: J Wade Shore, Boonville, president; W. T. JUSTICE CLARK WILL Smith Godwin, secretary: Oscar Green, Raleigh, representative of the Leazar Charter Class Memorial Association, by which the medal is given.

The program was begun by Mr. Green, presenting the medal for the contest.

The first oracler was Mr. W. T. Hinton, of Greensboro, "Our New Labor" was his subject, and he discussed the changed condition of the South since the war and the benefits that had come

Mr. S. A. Vest, of Tobacconville, fol-lored. He pointed out "What Agri-enture owes to Chemistry." He said that among the valuable discoveries that had been made by the chemistry was the fertilizers—the soil-enriching value of he legume and the compounding of commercial fertilizers.

"Prevention of Poverty in our growing Cit'es," was the subject of the oration of Mr. R. M. Wagstaff, of Olive Hill. He thought begging ought to be pro-hibited by law and the indiscriminate giving of aims stopped; sweat shops ought to be broken up, factories be inspected, and none allowed that are not n good sanitory condition.

The last oration was by Mr. J. E. Porter. His subject was "Oour Friend the Machine." He recounted the won-lerful things that had been and are beng accomplished by machinery as comarred with the primitive handwork and

The decision of the judges announced by Rev. Dr. Pittenger in a pleasant peech of two minutes length. The other wo judges were Dr. James Dinwiddie and Dr. J. C. Blasingame.

Music was furnished by the college band, an excellent musical organization. The marshals for the evening were: Chief J. A. Ramsey, Salisbury; F. G. Crutchfield Winston; C. L. Creech, Greensboro; K. R. Detter, Lincolnton; W. M. Atwater, Rinho; F. W. McLandless, Salisbury; and W. P. Farth-

BLISS FOR SECOND PLACE

f New York Gats Vice-Presidertial Candidate

Republican Congressmen are Conferainy to D. feat the Payne Bill

New York, Feb. 24.-It is understandng among Republican leaders that if New York presents any name to the National Convention as a candidate for he vice-presidential nomination it will be that of Cornelius N. Bliss, and not len, Fred Grant, and it's also learned hat while Bliss will not permit any ne to say that he desires the nomination yet, it is made, he will accept.

Washington, Feb. 91 - The Post say That at a conference of Republicans he residence of Representative McCall ast night, regarding the Porto R'eo tarff bill, sixteen were present, and assur-nces were received that twenty-six repesentations could be relied upon to op ose the passage of the Payne substiute bill, imposing a tariff of 25 per cent, n Porto Rico.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL.

Vanderbilts Said to Be. After the

Waterway, It is reported that the Vanderbilts are behind the negotiations for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal from the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Comcany. They have recently purchased the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, whichextends from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, N. C. The Dismat Swamp canal parallels that property the The Dismat

ntire distance, and it is said to be the legire of the Vanderbilts to secure conrol of the waterway for the purpose f controlling the traffic situation in that

The Lake Drummond Canal and Water ompany, which operates the Dismat y Baltimereans, Mr. Walter B. Brooks is president; Mr. J. B. Sanford. lee-president and general manager; Mr. F. Sinton, secretary, and Messrs. Robert C. Davidson, Basil B. Gordon and Henry J. Bowdoin, members of the frectorate. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and has \$1,200,000 first ortgage 5 per cent bonds outstanding The negotiations for the purpose of he canal were opened last fall. A syndique of New Yorkers made an offer or the capal, but they declined to divulge he identity of the interests they repre ented. The negotiations are still pending, and are being conducted by Mr Alexander Brown on behalf of the Battimoreans. Mr. Brown was asked towere after the canal, and replied that he party who made the identity of the respective buyer, except that it

or New York people. Baltimore News (ADIES' HOSPITAL ASSOCIA

TION. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Iospital Association will be held Tues ay afternoon, February 27th at 4:30 at Mrs. F. A. Olds, instead of at the Su-

oreme Court building. MRS. W. A. MONTGOMERY,

MRS, F. A. OLDS, Sec.

mber the Schumann Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House toand vocal. Miss Pringle's violin solo are gens. You should hear them,

Mr. J. R. Barkley returned home to

Broadie Moring's Liberty Depends on the Answer

DEAD OR ALIVE?

IS HIS FATHER

HEAR EVIDENCE MONDAY

Mr. BeCkwith Secures a Writ of Habeas Corpus for Broadie, Contending that the Murdered (?) Man. ls Alive.

Is Solomon Morning dead or alive: This is the question which will be heard before Justice Walter Clark, of the State Supreme Court next Menday afternoon at four o'clock.

If the defendant can prove that Solo mon Morning is alive, them Broadle Morn will be given his freedom, if they fail to prove this he will probably be tried for murder. The case of Solomon Morning has be

ome one of the most mysterious in the history of Wake county. He was an old negro, living about six miles north of Raleigh. About four weeks since he disappeared under very suspicious circonstances, and has not been seen since The fact that Solomon went to house of a neighbor and asked protection on the evening of his disappearance, say ing that his son had threatened to kill him cast suspicion upon Broadie, his son and Nellie, Solomon's wife, with whom he was not living on the best of terms. This suspicion was strengthened after Solomon's disappearance, by the test mony of several witnesses, who swor that Brondie told conflicting stories of his father's departure, also by others who swore that they saw Blood stains on the floor in Solomon's house, and that Nellie's child informed them that

a hammer. However, day after day, searching par ties scoured the surrounding country in vain for the body of the man, supposed to have been murdered by his win No trace of him could be found.

Broadie struck Solomon in the head with

Theselay of last week, Judge H. H. Roberts gave Broadie a prelimity hearing and sent him to jail und indictment for murder.

sumed a new assignt when Mr B. C. Beekwirli, attorney for Broadie, asti-tuted habens corner to an artistic description of the second control of the secon tuted habens corpus proceedings before Justice Walter Clark, of the Sapreme Contt. Justice Clark' issued the writ and it has been served upon Sheriff Page, commanding him to appear with the prisoner before Justice Clark in the Supreme Court room, Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Solicitor Pou and Messes, Wassen and Garling attorneys for the prosecution have been notified of the proceedings. Mr. Beckwith stated to a Times-Visi for reporter at noon today, that the de-fence would present evidence that Solo-

mon Morning is now visiting his rela-tives in Virginia. The defence thinks that Solomon skipped the country be-cause of some trouble which he thought was importing, in connection with a bothing house in Ruleigh. The fact that his body has never been

found is a curcumstance strongly in the prisoner's favor. Witness for the de fence have been summoned to be here

MARRIED BY PHONOGRAPH

Binghamton, Feb. 24.-Edith L. Smith and Frank T. Merceres; very married last evening. The father of the bride died before the return of his daughter

from the South. Before he died he re cited the marriage service in a phone which was used at the ceremony the bride and groom responding to the question asked by the machine.

RAIN AND COLDER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Rain to night: clearing Sunday with a vave, temperature will full to about 20 tegrees; Monday fair and cold.

The storm has moved rapidly from Kansas northeastward to the Lake rezion with increased force. A severe col wave, considering the lateness of the season, has appeared in the west, and has already advanced as far south Texas, and as far east as Ohio. The temperature is below zero at Bismarek Huron, St. Paul, Marquette, Omaha Cincago, Threatening Davenport and weather prevails the ughour the centra valley with rain or snow.

(From Springfield, Mass., Republican, Good night, dear heart! So swift the

moments sped, They passed unnoticed while we lin here:

And now the noon of night is draw The whip-poor-will its last good night

Will scon hebind you hilltop dissupent

See how the elves, as if to stay me dear. Have stretched across the path a silker thread:

And se how tenderly that last ray feels Its way with us; a gleam of silver light Which untoo me thy pure sweet face re venls: Touching thee gently as an angel might

In the brief time it lingers there was The kisses meant for me, Dear beart good night!

The Fool-Nay, I will ask thee question!
The Sage—What is thy question?
The Fool—Is a fool a fool if he makes a living at it? LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Jessie Wyatt came down from

Dr. Charles Baskerville is in the city Mr. C. J. Hunter returned to Ral eigh this morning. Rev. R. H. Whitaker left for Frank-

in county today.

Major John D. Shaw, of Rockingham in town.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young

went to Henderson today.

Mrs. J. H. Wiggins is quite sick at
the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward

Taylor.
The International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., is every day gaining new students under the management of Mr. W. S. Primrose, Jr. This school teaches 54 different courses at moderate prices and is being recogniz-ed in all factories and shops in town as being the best factor of giving the me chanics a better knowledge of the different trades.

Miss Annie May Kearney of Middle-burg, is visiting Mrs. R. C. Rivers on

Oakwood Avenue.

A number of Raieigh's young ladies A miniter of Raiegh's young ladges went up to Chapel Hill yesterday after-noon to attend the February german given at the University last night. Among them were: Misses Nellie Hins-dale, Prancis MacRae, Lilla Vass, Christine Busbee, Ethel Norris, Mary Thomp Annie Rogers, and Freda Hall, Halifax. They were chaperoned by Mrs. C. M. Bushee and Mrs. Alf Thompson. They returned today.

Mrs. William R. Long of Smithfield, is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Montague,
Push the button at the frent door of the old "Woman's Exchange" building. 102 Fayetteville street, if you want Dr. Buffale, or call up on the Bell phone No.

 or on the Interstate No. 43.
 Rev. W. D. Hubbard, of Enfants Ala., is in the city and stopping with Mr. N. B. Broughton on North Person street. He will preach at the Tal-

and 7:30 p. m. Hear the Schumann Concert tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House, It will be a treat to lovers of good music.

MCPHERSON IN TOWE. Norfolk, February 24.—The steamship Admiral Sampson passed Cape Henry his morning, towing the United State this morning, towing the United States transport. McPheerson in the direction

COCK FIGHTERS FRUSTRATED

Sport of Some Raleigh "Boys" ia Interrupted.

However, the Chickens Mysteriously Disappeared When Officers Arrived on the Scene

A number of the sporting fraternit of this city had a little game uncere maniously interrupted at mean today The gentleman had made extensive preparations for a big barbeene and grand ock fight about three miles from town The chickens had been put in condition

and heeled for the fray. This merning the young men went out a the scene of the prospective buttle while the game cocks were, it is said arried out by negroes.

However, the officers go rogram and plotted to bug the entire artiit. Hence a deputy was sent to in rude upon the conclave and bring the young men to the office of a certain fustice of the Pence here. But the lepatry's efforts were frustrated, for legaty's efforts were frustrated, for when he reached the prospective battle ake of the feast, but the negroes and the chickens were not in sight. No wen a crow dld he hear. It is report the informed them of the deputies ap reach, whereupon they hustled the ne rows with the cocks under their arms ff into the woods out of sight and hear

> FOR LOVER'S SAKE. (Rufus McClain Fields.)

For Love's sake the world has run on for all these year If broken hearts and bitter tears, 'he soul has learned how to endure. life yet retains some motives Man's mind is not left wholly base. Some good yet clings to our poor ra Some tenderness remains on earth. Midst all the anguish, sin and dears in purity that Eden knew, And in the sky the olden blue Yet lingess, as it shone of yore Yet lingers on forevermore, 'n spite of hearts that bleed and drak For Love's sake, Dear, for Love's swee sn keet

For Love's sake All of Sorrow's suddest sum. And all the weeping that may come, And all the dissupointments, woes, and longings for the Long-agoes And all the struggles that must be A part of this sad life that we Are leading on from day to day. tre met and unstered, Dear, Someway The son of peace finds time to shine, With ray of splendor half divine, The clouds of trouble fade from vie The spirit of the world keeps new. lthough our sad souls wake and ache for Love's sake. Dear, for Love's swee

Mr. John Dickvoos had a feather be st week, which the women of the neigh

Several State papers, among then the assibility to publish their papers so as please everyone and have made up heir minds to publish a paper that ight track now, and they won't have car so many crows' fest roosting arounheir opties in the future, for, as Row

and said:
"Who seeks to please all men each way And not himself offend, He may begin his work today. But God knows when he'll end."

CHEMISTS MET HERE AT NOON

Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Section

SIX VALUABLE PAPERS WERE PRESENTED

Prof. Kilgore of This City Elected Pres' tdent-Other Officers Chosen-New Members Received-Pure Food Congress.

The North Carolina section of the American Chemical Society held their aunual meeting in the office of the State Chemist of North Carolina at noon to-

The presiding officer was Dr. Charles Baskerville, and Mr. C. B. Williams was secretary. There were present Dr. Baskerville, Dr. Venable, State Chemist Kilgore, Prof. Withers of the A. M. Cellege, Assistant Chemist Pe Cellege, Assistant Chemist Peckel, Mr. S. E. Asbury, Prof. J. A. Bizzell, of the A. and M. College; Mr. W. C. Haywood and Mr. C. B. Williams cisitors present were Prof. J. R. Kesler of the Paptist University: Dr. George Frans, Assistant Chemist in Experiment Station; Mr. S. A. Vest, Mr. John Bird-eng, Mr. G. R. Harrell, Mr. I. O.

Messes, W. A. Syme, of Raleigh, and I. E. Mills, of the State University, were dected members of the section. The committee, consisting of Dr. Ven-ible, Kilgore and Withers, was appoint ed to make recommendations in refer-nce to national legislation on standard

weights and measures.

The appointment of representatives to he Pure Food Congress, which meets a Washington, March 7th.

Papers were rend before the ection "Temperature for the Graduation of Volumetric Apparatus of Southern La-oratories" by B. W. Kilgore, of this

"Qualitative Determination of Tin, Arsenic and Antimony" by Dr. Class Baskerville of the University of North "Radio-Active Bodies" by Dr. F. P. Venable of the University of North

'arolina. "Composition of Commercial Chro-gium Suichate" by Dr. F. P. Venable, "Variable Ammonia Results in Mixed Fertilizer" by Mr. C. B. Williams of

"Chemical Economies" by Dr. Charles

Baskerville,
Officers for the ensuing year were dected as follows: President, B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, Vice President, W. J. Martin, of Day-

son College. Secretary and Treasurer, C. B. Wil-ams, of Raleigh, Representative in the Council of the

American Chemical Society for 1901, Dr. Burles, Baskerville of the University The section then adjourned sine die

"DAN" RICE IS DEAD.

Old Age.

New York, Feb. 29,-"Uncle Dan" lice, the most famous of clowns, died his evening at Long Branch, N. J., where he had been ill for several weeks his life he was the most noted or all knights of the sawdust ring. He was it years old, and his history was pracleally that of the circus-the real, old ankee circus-in America.

His real name was Daniel McLarer nd he was born in New York city, 11)s ather nicknamed him "Dan Rice" famous clown whom he had known Ireland.

suched the heights and depths of eir-us luck, making in his time three independent fortunes and losing them me ofter another. He died comparaively poor, but to the last he was cheer-inl, and had a jest ever ready. He had owned three different shows and rayelled not only in every portion of he United States, but extensively in brops as well. He was married three imes, and a wife, who is said to owa valuable ranch in Texas, survives

The old clown had started to write a ook telling of his career, but increasing afirmities prevented him from finishing . He was engaged upon the last chapa few days before his death. The ause of death was Bright's disease, "Uncle Dan" first appeared as a lown in Galena, Ill., the home of Gen. ". S. Grant, in 1844, and from that

ime forward his popularity as a circu-ester increased rapidly. But life was not a jest to Rice. For ostance, he figured in a serious incl lent in Philadelphia in 1860. At tha ime he owned the Walnut Street The The students there had displayed secession sentiment. ympathies were with the North, and h ook occasion to read the young men a cerure upon what he considered their

ttles under the circumstances, He sent to 300 of them passes ad citting them to his theatre, and they ame expecting to be amused. But Ric ad doffed his cap and bells and rebuked bem at some length for their outbursts favor of the South at a time when he fate of the nation was in the They hooted him and much dis

I 1882. Since that time he has spen-cuch of his time in New York, where o was a familiar figure. White haired igorous, ruddy and cheerful for his ears, until recently he was able to go nt for an occasional drive. On February 15th he was forced to go to bed and sank gradually until death came last

rder resulted.

FIRST OF THE RECITALS

Preprations Made for "Enock Arden" at the Governor's Mansion

The first of the spries of regitals to be given by Mr. O'mstead, under the an-spices of the Woman's Auxuliary So-city, of the Presbyterian Church, at the Governor's Mansion pext Friday evensing, March 2nd. This recital will be "Enock Arden" and Mr. Olmstead will be assisted by Mrs. Gattis, reader. The second recital by Mr. Olmstead will be at the Mansion on Friday, March

A Steinway Orchestral grand piano was shipped here from New Yorw city and placed in the Mansion yesterday for Mr. Olimstead's use at these recitals. Tickets which will admit the bearer

to both these recitals will be sold for 75 cents. The price of admission to a single recital is 50 cents. COTTON New York, Feb. 24.-Cotton: March 885, April 884, May, June 885, July 887, August 876.

STEAMER SANK.

London, Feb. 24.-The British steamer Bath City, struck Lundy Island last night and sank, half of the crew were saved. The others are missing.

CONTRACT MADE.

New York, Feb. 24.—The contract of the city of New York, and John B. Me-Donald, for the construction of a rapid transit tunnel, was signedit today the Mayor's office.

A FIRST CLASS LIE. Englishman-You have some pretty high buildings in Chicago, haven't you? Chicago in London)—Well, I should remark! Why, the tops of some of them are covered with snow the year

THE DUKE FOR GOVERNOR. There is talk here among Republicans to the effect that Hon, Richmond Pearon wants to be nominated for govern-or this year. Though the house committee has just decided his contest against Crawford in the confestees favor, some of the boys say that Pearon is afraid to ever try a race in the 0th again, hence his 6th again, hence his willingness to take the gubernatorial nomination. It willingness is also said that George Sumthers and J. M. Moody are inclined to east co-

MODERN MOSES

Greensboro Telegram.

alled.

quetrish glances at the nomination,-

Another Babe Cradled in the Bull Rushes.

The Little Fellow is Rescured but as a Result a Court Decision is Forth

Com ng A modern Meses case will claim the attention of our State Supreme Court when the appeals, from the district in which Caldwell county is located, are

At the last term of the criminal court

Caldwell county, Judge Henry B. Stevens heard a case which raised novel point of law, and is peculiar in riminalology as well The case is extraordinary from either standpoint, and is locally known as the "Moses in the bullrush is case," and one that possibly has had no parallel since the finding of the mant was was destined to had the Israelites out of headage. From the facts as gathered by the Asheville Citizen, it seems that a Caldwell county woman of prepossessing appearance was t fore the court upon an indictment charging her with concealing the birth of a child. It was shown that the defendant had on the 4th of November. 1898 gone to the home of Mrs. Laxton, eight or ten miles from Lengir, and asked for indging for the night. The request was granted Next morning, when Mrs. Laxton went down to the river, her attention was attracted by a ceble wail at the water's edge, and a close inspection revealed to ber astonished gaze the body of a new born male child, almost covered with sand and leaves. The morning was freety, and this modern Moses was almost frozen, yet protesting with all his remaining trength against the inhuman treatment that had been given him, and bewailing fact that there Joeheled to make his couch in a basket

as soft as downy pillows are. The wails of the little one went to he heart of the modern Pharaoh's daughter and she caught up the child and hurried to the house, where it was warmed back to life and placed by the side of its mother in bed, woman said the ch.ld she had placed in its bed of leaves and sand to protect it

from the cold. When the case came on for trial the defendant was in court with the baby, which has developed into a fine looking healthy child. The defenant demurred to the testimony, the denurrer was sus-cained, hence the case will come up be-

fore the Supreme Court.
The statute Section 1004, says that if any woman or other person shall by secretly burying or otherwise disposing of the dead body of the new born child of such woman of any other woman, or endeavor to concent the birth of such hild, such person shall be guilty of a misdementor." The statute says dead body." In this case the child was very The statute says 'dead much alive and crowing in its mother's arms. The judge held that the case did not come within the starute, the Legislature having provided for no such

COURT MONDAY.

The civil term of the Wake county operior court will convene here next Mandoy at 10 o'clock. His Hopor, Judge Hoke presiding. The calendar, previously given in this paper embraces several interesting cases. The calendar is not unusually heavy and will probably be cleared in a two weeks term of court