

WASHINGTON LETTER.  
A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT.  
From Our Regular Correspondent.  
Washington, D. C., May 11.—  
Rather late but still in time to be in-  
teresting, the Department of Justice  
has gotten busy with the drug trust.  
Whether the American people dose  
themselves too much or not as some  
foreigners claim, there is no question  
that the practice, in which they have  
a perfect right to indulge if they  
want, costs them an outrageously un-  
necessary sum. There are three  
companies involved, each of them  
powerful and extending over the  
whole country. First there is the  
association of manufacturers who  
make all the patent and proprietary  
compounds. Then there are the  
wholesalers who dispense these med-  
icines to the retail trade and again  
there is an association of retailers  
who supply the general public. Every-  
one of the retailers including the  
corner druggist with whom you and  
I deal, is forced to membership in  
the association and is prohibited un-  
der all sorts of penalties from dis-  
counting drugs and medicines at  
less than a set figure. If he does,  
the wholesalers refuse to supply him,  
and there is the meat of the con-  
spiracy. The Department of Jus-  
tice thinks it has enough informa-  
tion to proceed against the three  
companies under the Sherman Anti-  
Trust law as a conspiracy in re-  
straint of trade, which it unques-  
tionably is, and the first case is to  
come up for a speedy hearing.  
Of much more than ordinary in-  
terest to the Geological Survey to es-  
tablish on the Atlantic Coast a plant  
for the examination of "black sand"  
similar to the one that has been  
working for the benefit of the Pa-  
cific coast for three years past. The  
average citizen of course does not  
know what black sand is. But it  
may be briefly explained that in dis-  
tinction from common white or  
quartz sand, it is the heavy sandy  
sediment left after the lighter sand  
and soil carried off in hydraulic  
mining. There are many natural  
deposits of this sand also in the  
river beds and on the sea coasts.  
The Pacific coast is spotted with  
them and here are many deposits  
inland also. Now the practical val-  
ue of the black sand, which was  
only guessed at years ago, that it  
is made up almost wholly of min-  
erals. And some of them are very  
valuable.  
MAUPIN ITEMS.  
Maupin, N. C., May 11, 1906.—  
Abram Baker is critically ill at  
his home one mile to the south.  
Dr. W. H. Bayzel, of Green-  
ville, was here Tuesday.  
Our town election passed off  
quiet last Monday, electing G. H.  
Little and B. B. Satterthwaite for  
commissioners and J. J. Satter-  
thwaite for mayor.  
W. P. Johnson, of Elizabeth  
City, was here Thursday.  
B. B. Satterthwaite and wife  
spent Wednesday in Washington.  
R. R. Fleming went to Washing-  
ton Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Moore and  
little son, Wesley Jones, of Grimes-  
land, were visiting relatives here  
Sunday.  
Fernando Ward and J. J. Satter-  
thwaite went out to Berrie Swamp  
church Sunday to hear Elder T. H.  
Lawrence, of Hamilton, preach.  
The first and cold nights the  
past week did considerable dam-  
age to crops in this section.  
D. R. Willis, of Washington,  
was here Friday.  
L. H. Little went to Greenville  
Friday.  
G. G. Gable, of Washington, was  
here Friday.  
MARRIAGE LICENSES.  
Register of Deeds R. Williams  
issued licenses to the following  
couples since last report:  
COLORED  
William Ennies and Hattie  
Blow.  
Quinne Worthington and Easter  
Edison.  
Abram Hardee and Cottie Taft.  
The Southerner says that in sink-  
ing wells at Tarboro, overflow  
water was struck at the depth of  
80 or 85 feet.

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BANK OF GREENVILLE.  
Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Election of Officers.  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Greenville was held on the 15th in the office of the bank. The stockholders were well pleased with the statement of the cashier showing the condition of the business of the past year. After paying out the usual dividend, \$5,000 was left in undivided profits from the earnings of the year. The surplus and undivided profits are now more than one and a half times as large as the capital stock.

MARKETING POTATOES.  
Valuable Suggestions How to Pack and Sell the Crop.  
A gentleman well informed in the business of growing and selling potatoes, gives the following timely advice.  
When a crop is matured and ready for market, just half the work is done. The remaining half is to house, grade, pack, sell and receive for them a fair sum of money, which is justly due every farmer that completes his part of the work, and give value received. While many men grow a crop successfully others make a failure in grading their stock which is very important.

OFF ON VACATION.  
Pastor Will Bring Bride Back With Him.  
Rev. J. E. Aycock, pastor of the Memorial Baptist church, left this morning to be absent until June 1st. He will spend the remainder of this week with his people near Henderson. On Monday, 21st, he will deliver the alumni address at the closing exercises of Whitsett Institute. Next week he will also attend the commencement at Wake Forest College and from there will again go to Henderson to spend a few days more at his old home. Wednesday evening, 30th, he will wed Miss Anna Belle Hoyle, of Wakefield, and will return to Greenville with his bride on Friday, June 1st.

LAWYERS' FEES.  
It is doubtful if the average annual income of lawyers, including all members of the profession—good, bad, and indifferent—exceeds \$2,000. While a few are able to command large fees and pile up comfortable fortunes, the majority are far less fortunate. And the lower strata of the profession contain an immense number who live from hand to mouth, and many of whom are undeserving of any sort of a living in that profession, although they might be worthy of respect if engaged in occupation for which they were fitted by nature and attainments. In all professions "there is always room on top," and by the same token there is always a crowd at or near the bottom. Among the many thousands of lawyers, doctors, and clergymen whom the schools grind out every year there are not a few who have mistaken their calling. As mechanics or laborers they might have lived useful lives, and all lives that are useful, in that they contribute to the welfare of communities, are honorable. There is no way of rendering any direct service to the Creator. The only way to serve Him is to serve His creatures. Therefore, the truest and most acceptable manner of showing one's love to the Father of All is to live the kind of life and, in right spirit, to do that kind of work for which one is best fitted. It is infinitely more creditable to assist in feeding, clothing, or housing one's fellow-creatures by honest toil on the farm, in the factory, or in the store than to pocket unearned millions in stock operations.

BLANK JACK ITEMS.  
Black Jack, N. C., May 15, 1906.  
Quite a number of the people from here attended church at Red Banks Sunday.  
Miss Mollie and Walter Mills went to Washington Friday.  
Mrs. R. J. Dixon returned Sunday from Dixville where she has been visiting friends.

BOND ISSUE DEFEATED.  
The bond issue election in Rockingham county Saturday for \$300,000 for macadamizing roads was defeated by a very small majority. The good roads advocates express determination to push the measure again as soon as the law will permit. The change in favor of the bond issue the past few weeks was wonderful and its friends had hoped to give Rockingham the distinction of being the first county in the South to vote bonds for this purpose on its first trial.—Winston Sentinel.

SHELMERDINE ITEMS.  
SHELMERDINE, N. C., May 17.  
J. W. Dawson, of Washington, visited our town Tuesday.  
Miss Minnie Tunstall and Janie Tyson, of Greenville, spent several days with Mrs. L. E. Ricks last week.  
Jay Scott, of Elizabeth City, spent Tuesday night in town and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bobbitt.  
Mr. Randolph, of Greenville, spent a few days in Shelmerdine this week.  
Mrs. A. L. Jones and daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting her sister Mrs. O. G. Calhoun.

Pulp And Paper Mill.  
Richmond, Va., May 14.—Richmond capitalists are interested in a project for the establishment at Romance Rapids, about five miles from Wilson, N. C., on the Roanoke river and on the R. E. and Gaston railroad, of a large plant for the manufacture of pulp and paper. They control property at the point mentioned which has facilities for enormous water power. The home office of the company are to be in this city, where, it is understood, most of the capital has been subscribed.  
The stock of the company is to be put at a maximum of \$150,000 and a minimum of \$100,000, and it is said that \$125,000 has already been subscribed. A charter is soon to be applied for.

Congressional Convention.  
We have seen no official announcement of it yet, but learn from a private source that the convention will be held in Elizabeth City on June 28th.

Other Items Around Town.  
G. H. N. C. May 17, 1906.  
I don't know how it is with the other cities that have rural carriers, but Griffin can boast of as good a set of them as any in the United States. In fact they are second to none. They are full of fun, and sometimes they explode and keep us all in good humor, carrier No. 1 particularly. You would smile if you could hear him tell about his pa distilling water melon seed that came out of a 175 pound watermelon. This is as far as I can go, you will have to get him to tell how he raised them.  
Rev. J. B. Jones, of Wilcox, commenced a series of meetings at the Disciple church in this place Monday night and his opening subject was, for each one, saint and sinner, to examine themselves, and see where the rotten places were, and to take the Savior for their standard to measure themselves by and at any time being whatever, as human nature is so frail that if we were to ask that for our standard, we would find that our holiness would be lacking in the essentials so necessary for a good pattern.  
Ground was broken Tuesday for a fine building to be erected for J. R. Harvey, one of our successful business men of the firm of J. R. Harvey & Co.  
R. L. Blow, of Granger, was in Griffin to attend the meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Jones, who is setting his coal and fire in the forge preparatory to take a welding heat upon "sin and its punishment." Wednesday night, as announced Tuesday night, his text was an "Increase of Faith." He set out his tasks. "Faith in God Bible and humanity," which was handled in a very instructive manner. He showed us sinners how to get faith and increase it, and also how a great many of us lose it, by reading trashy novels and works of the "Infidel" meaning "I fided." He told the congregation that no matter what the infidel thought or believed it made no difference with God's plan of salvation, for all those who believe and put their trust in "Jesus Christ," the Son of the living God, and when eternity looms upon the infidel's vision they will find that it is evidently too late! too late!!! Brother Jones has that soul winning way, which persuades men to believe that he is "Christ like" in living to save souls by showing sinners the straight and narrow way that leads on to glory and to God.  
Please call for Dr. W. C. Whitfield today. The doctor is looking the picture of good health and jovial as he ways is.  
We are proud to say Capt. W. J. Pope is much improved, but still weak. Hope he will entirely recover his health and strength.

Light on Tarboro Mystery.  
Cleveland, Ohio, May 15.—William T. Spahr, auditor of the Carl Hagenbeck circus, was arrested here last night, charged with theft of \$30,000 from the ticket wagon of the Forepaugh-Sells show in October, 1904, while he was treasurer of that enterprise. The robbery, it is alleged, occurred at Tarboro, N. C. The arrest was made by Sheriff Karp and Deputy Phelan, of Columbus. Spahr was seized while at work in the ticket wagon, handcuffed, hustled into a waiting automobile and taken to a railroad station 30 miles away. From there he was taken to Columbus, Extradition papers have been prepared and he will be taken to North Carolina for trial.



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## Tar Heel Baptists Moving Upward.

Rev. Livingston Johnson returned yesterday afternoon from the Southern Baptist convention, which closed its session at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Monday night. In speaking of the convention Mr. Johnson said it was the largest he has ever attended. There were over two thousand delegates enrolled, and fifteen hundred visitors who were not delegates, making the whole number in attendance between three and four thousand.

Mr. Johnson said:

"There were more from North Carolina than for many years. The reports of the boards were the best ever made; \$315,000 for foreign missions and a large number of converts this year than in any previous year. The home board reported \$167,000, and four thousand more baptisms this year than last. There is a twenty thousand dollar debt on the foreign board, but the home board reported no debt. The debt on the foreign board was brought about by enlargement. A number of new missionaries were sent out last year in answer to urgent calls for more workers. No retrenchment will be made because of this indebtedness. On the other hand the board was ordered to increase its operations by twenty-five per cent. Foreign missions evoked great interest. Fourteen new missionaries were under appointment, and twenty-eight others expressed themselves as ready to go as soon as the way opens. The greatest meeting was on Sunday afternoon, when the subject of 'Evangelism' was being discussed. A Committee on Evangelism brought in a report recommending that the home board secure the services of one man, or more, if thought best, to hold evangelistic meetings where they are most needed in the South. There was considerable opposition at first but the meeting Sunday afternoon, removed practically all this from the minds of those who understood the way in which this work is to be carried on. Perhaps a meeting of such spiritual power as that of Sunday afternoon, was never known in the history of the convention. It was keyed up to the high, the all-important work of 'evangelism,' and addresses of unusual power were made by George W. Truett and J. B. Gambril, of Texas; F. C. McConnell, of Kansas City, and Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta.

## North Carolina's Part.

"It is gratifying to North Carolinians to know that our State has gone up from seventh to fourth in the list of States in contributions to foreign missions. But she has made a richer contribution in men and women. The greatest preacher in the country, George W. Truett, was born in North Carolina, and many of the leading pastors in other States are from North Carolina. J. F. Love, assistant secretary of the Home Board, is from North Carolina. When it became necessary to elect a president of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, all eyes turned to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh.

"The next convention goes to Richmond, but Greensboro made a plucky fight for it and will get it some day before long.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The town of Kinston and the Western Union Telegraph Company are at odds over the question of removing poles from the principal business street. For failure to comply with an ordinance ordering removal of the poles the telegraph company has been indicted by the town.

The cotton States produced in 1905 133,000,000 gallons of cotton seed oil. North Carolina produced over 6,000,000.—Charlotte Observer.

## GREENLAND ITEMS.

A. O. Clark had a fine time at the Black Jack Casino, just outside of the town of Greensboro.

Rev. B. E. S. A. had a fine time at the Black Jack Casino, just outside of the town of Greensboro.

Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes was in town Friday. We are always glad to see him come around.

Quite a number of our people attended the reunion at Greenville the 10th, but one poor fellow forgot the day and lost it all.

The farmers report much suffering for the want of rain. Tobacco corn and cotton all in very bad condition.

Hon. Jno. Warren and Miss Ada Ward were out calling Sunday.

J. J. Gibson and wife spent Sunday with W. S. Galloway and family.

B. G. May stayed home Sunday and played with a white kitten.

Levi Holliday attended services at Parker's Chapel Sunday.

J. W. Edwards, wife and little son spent Sunday with T. F. Proctor and wife.

Mr. Einstein, of Kinston, attended the skating rink here Friday night.

Mrs. J. O. Proctor with her company, Mrs. Jennie Forbes, has just got home from a several day visit over near Old Ford.

## What the Hen Does.

We are frequently—too frequently—told of the great things men do; how they dig into the earth or build upon the earth or dam up the waters and irrigate the earth, but the great enterprises of which we boast so much sink into insignificance when compared to the records achieved by the ordinary hen.

The cackle of the hen that has laid an egg is modest and unobtrusive compared with man's noisy bluster about his business.

But in comparison to the noise made, the hen has the far more genuine substance.

In two months she lays more value than the annual production of all the gold mines of the United States.

Every three months she produces more than the year's production of pig iron.

Her eggs for six months are worth more wealth than the capital stock of all the banks in New York clearing house.

In less than two years she could pay off the national debt.

The annual report of the secretary of agriculture shows that last year the eggs of the United States were worth more than the cotton or the wheat, more than all the potatoes, the barley, the tobacco, the sugar cane and the rice. They practically equal the dairy produce and are surpassed by the corn crop of a bumper corn year.

And the hen made a new record last week. On one day there were received in New York over 40,000 cases containing 15,125,000 eggs.

The hens business for one day in one city amounted to \$250,000.

## Fun and Serial Stories.

An admirer of The Reflector writing from "Kow Swamp," wherever that is, and signing a name other than his own, though we think the "ear marks" are detected, says he "wood lak it more if it wood print sum serial stories and sun fun." Well, here's a bit of fun right here printing what he says, and as he extends to "role long erla," may be there will become more fun from the same quarter. As to the "serial stories," these are being arranged for office hours, and will be of electricity rather than of any other kind.

But to be serious, The Reflector has a serial story of a man who has a great deal of money and is a great deal of fun, and is a great deal of fun, and is a great deal of fun.

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## LEAGUE RECEPTION.

Delightful Program and Delicious Refreshments.

Reported for Reflector:

The Epworth League of the Methodist church held their usual monthly literary meeting Friday night, after which a reception to the entire membership of the church was given. The program was rendered in the church, and was followed by the reception on the church grounds.

The exercises of the evening were exceedingly interesting and instructive, the subject being, "Longfellow, His Life and Works." Several favorite quotations were voluntarily given by members of the league, and much interest was manifested in the subject. A carefully prepared paper was read by Harry White, the subject being, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." This was followed by a recitation, "The Children's Hour," by Miss Helen Laughinghouse, who greatly delighted all present.

The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. H. B. Smith, who spoke forcibly on the subject of the evening. Prof. Smith spoke of the pure, clean life of Longfellow, contrasting it with the lives of other great poets of this and other countries, holding this life up as something real in history to be emulated by others.

At the close of the literary program the congregation was ushered to the church grounds, where a delightful reception was given. The large grove was brilliantly lighted by electricity, with seats and tables placed tastefully about it. The refreshments were bountifully served by a committee of ladies from the league, who gave every attention to the wants of all present.

The occasion was very much enjoyed by all until the lateness of the hour compelled them to leave for their homes.

Too much cannot be said in praise of those who had in charge the making of arrangements for this occasion.

## Marriage Licenses

Register of Deeds R. Williams issued licenses to the following couples since last report:

WHITE.

Abram Manning and Ella Harris.

H. M. Stokes and Fannie Roach.

Alex. Harris and Debby Manning.

COLORED.

Fenner N. Keys, and Mory Hooker.

Geo. W. Harper and Mamie Wilkins.

Wm. Kittrell and Jenney Harrington.

## Railroad for Snow Hill.

Hon. Larry I. Moore and Mr. Haines of the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company were in town last week. It is their intention to give Snow Hill a branch line to Farmville, connecting with the main line now under construction. They ask that Snow Hill and vicinity give \$5,000 and right of way to Farmville and they will locate the depot at "high water mark" on the north side of the creek, or for \$7,000 they guarantee to cross the creek and locate the depot in town. Mr. W. J. Jordan is endeavoring to raise the amount by subscription and at present has more than \$5,000 raised.—Snow Hill Laconic.

Charlotte will occupy the band wagon this week and there is no fear but what she will acquit herself handsomely.

## TO RECLAIM SWAMP LANDS.

Representative Small has introduced a bill which may be of great importance in the drainage and reclamation of the swamp lands, particularly of Eastern North Carolina.

Recently Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota, introduced a bill appropriating the receipts from the sale of public lands in certain States to the drainage of swamp lands in those States. The number of States which now have public lands is comparatively small.

Mr. Small has redrafted this bill, making many substantial changes, the principal of which is that the funds can be used for draining swamp lands in any State whether having public lands or not. The bill provides that the United States shall be reimbursed by easy payments for the expenditure required in the reclamation. The bill of Mr. Small further provides that lands located in the State and susceptible of reclamation may also be drained under provision of the act at the option of said State.

As North Carolina still owns large bodies of swamp lands which are valueless after the timber has been removed, unless they can be reclaimed, it will be seen how the State could utilize this act for its benefit. These swamp lands in North Carolina are owned by the State Board of Education, and any improvement or enhancement in value would increase the assets of our public schools.

Mr. Small states that the idea is not at all impracticable, and that really conditions may be such in the near future as to result in the passage of the bill.

Texas, which has no public lands as well as the delegations from other influential States, is actively favoring this legislation. And why not? We are utilizing the proceeds of sale of public lands, and there is no possible reason why we should not use part of the same funds for taking the surplus water from swamp lands and, thereby, open up to settlement lands which will be infinitely more fertile and valuable.—Washington Cor. Raleigh News and Observer.

## OVER THE STATE.

Happenings of Interest in North Carolina.

Dr. James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was elected as one of the three new bishops by the general conference of the Methodist church at Birmingham.

The man Hodges, who so brutally killed his wife at Durham, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged June 29th.

Little Lucretia Gibbs, aged 9 years, was accidentally shot in the head by Edward Manny, a 14 year old boy, yesterday afternoon, near this city. She was killed instantly. It is said they were playing and that the boy didn't know the gun was loaded.—Morehead Coaster.

## Fine Shoe Exhibit.

In the north window of C. S. Forbes' store is an attractive exhibit of the famous "Queen Quality" shoes. The shoes are displayed on glass shelves, and behind them is a handsome picture of the factory in which the shoes are made. The display and picture are especially beautiful under the effect of electric lights at night.

Charlotte will occupy the band wagon this week and there is no fear but what she will acquit herself handsomely.

## MISS SMITH ENTERTAINS.

Reported for Reflector.

Thursday evening at her home on Washington street Miss Mary L. Smith charmingly entertained a number of her friends in honor of her birthday.

The guests were met at the door by Miss Smith who graciously received them and invited them to the parlor.

After the guests arrived they all went out on the lawn where a number of games were enjoyed.

After tiring of that they went back to the parlor where the time quickly passed away by music both vocal and instrumental.

Delicious dainties were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Lillian Carr and Bessie Wilson and Cecil Cobb.

At a late hour the guests departed declaring Miss Smith an ideal hostess.

Those present were Misses Mary Smith, Lillian Carr, Mary Shepherd, Lillian Burch, Lillian Whitfield, Honnie Whichard, Margaret How, Lucille Cobb, Mattie Moye King, Susie Warren and Allie Estelle Greene, and Carl Wilson, Cecil Cobb, Bessie Wilson, Norman Warren, Oscar Greene, William Wilson and Tom Thibierge.

## FARMVILLE ITEMS.

Farmville, N. C., May 19, 1905.

Misses Rose Moore and Mary Moye have returned from A. C. college at Wilson.

A. J. Moye, Joel Moye and Willie Barrett returned yesterday from A. C. college commencement.

The closing exercises of the Farmville graded school were held in the opera house last night. The school marched up in a body, and after singing "America" were led to prayer by Prof. Ragdale.

Then followed the awarding of the prizes, by Mr. Henry Jackson. Out of the 200 pupils enrolled, only six were winners of prizes which were awarded for punctuality. These six, Misses Nannie Darden, Vernice Lang, and Fields, Hal Turnage, Jack Long and Harvey Turnage have not been absent or tardy, during the school year. Those who made the highest average were allowed the privilege of being ushers on this occasion and wore the school colors.

Lieut. Gov. F. D. Winst was then introduced by Prof. Ragdale, who spoke of him in none of the flattering terms.

Judge Winston gave us a strong and able speech on "Education." Every man in the country should have heard it. It is to be hoped that his message to the Farmville people will sink deep into their hearts, and that they will go forward with the enterprise, and give their children every advantage, improving the school and making it possible for every child to attend.

Prof. Ragdale then added a few impressive words, urging the people to persevere in the good work, and thanking the faculty for their good work during the year.

Miss Annie Perkins, one of our graded school teachers, left for her home in Greenville Saturday.

The 4 Pickets Comedy Co. of New York, will give three nights performance in the Lady Turnage opera house this week beginning Thursday night. Those who were present, during their last trip to Farmville have only to be reminded of their coming. For the entire community have never enjoyed seeing any company so much as the clean and popular Pickets Co.

Mrs. Smith gave a very enjoyable party to her music class, Wednesday evening.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., May 17. The tariff has come up in another guise or rather in an old disguise.

A few months ago it will be remembered there was a threat on the part of the Secretary of War backed by the administration to buy ships and material for the Panama canal with the world as a market. All the infant industries of the United States set up a lusty squalling at this un-American business. The idea of buying anywhere for cheapness when by paying a double price the infant giants could be fed. Well in some way the agitation was silenced. The brave words of the Secretary of War proved to be an idle threat. American ships and American goods were bought and thousands of dollars more were paid than if they had been bought in the open markets of the world. Now it appears that some steam dredges needed for the canal be bought in Scotland for sixty or seventy thousand dollars less per dredge than in the United States and Secretary Taft who has a frugal mind is after these foreign machines and is arguing that the Panama canal is not in the United States and is not affected by tariff restrictions and that the manufacturers of this country have no claims that the government in an enterprise like this need respect. The President in a letter to Congress states that the course of Secretary Taft has his full approval.

The Pure Food bill which passed the Senate some time ago and which it was supposed would go through in reality opposed by a powerful lobby working night and day. All of the interests which will be injuriously affected by the passage of a bill against adulteration of food have combined to fight the measure and so far their fight appears successful.

While the movement against the drug trust which unlawfully controls and influences the price of drugs and patent medicines has its origin in Indiana, Attorney General Moody and others in the administration here are really back of it. The drug trust it is alleged have been guilty of violations of the Sherman anti-trust laws and the movement to break up the monopoly is one of the most beneficent movements of this administration.

This week has been one of sensations in the Senate in which Senators Bailey, of Texas, Tillman, of South Carolina, and Lodge, of Massachusetts, the President of the United States, the Attorney General and ex-Senator William E. Chandler were the principal figures. Tillman in his disgust and desperation over the alleged desertion of the President in an alleged legislative deal or conspiracy by which it was expected the Southern Senators would have the prestige of passing a drastic railroad rate bill accepted the President of double dealing, bad faith, and mendacity and let out that he had told his plenipotentiary (ex-Senator Chandler) some ugly things about the senatorial constitutional clique as represented in that heavy league triumvirate Foraker, of Ohio, Spooner, of Wisconsin, and Knox, of Pennsylvania. Senator Lodge was not in the Senate chamber during the mutterings of Senator Tillman but the echoes reached him from afar and rushing to the nearest telephone he got no less a person than Theodore Roosevelt at the other end of it. Hastening back to the Senate chamber Senator Lodge took the floor and amid great excitement, said that the story alleged to have been reported by ex-Senator Chandler was unqualifiedly false. The President has been supposed to be exact phrasology.

## A. &amp; M. COLLEGE NOTES.

West Raleigh, N. C., May 18, 1906.

The base ball team has elected Frank Thompson, captain for next year.

The ball team will play the last game of the season today with the Raleigh Athletic association team. In spite of the set back to the team early in the season, it has made quite a creditable showing, having won a game with three State universities during the season.

Drill has been suspended for this year and the time for drill is taken up by the cadets in target practice, which is required by the government. An excellent target range has been provided by Lieut. Leaton, the commandant of the cadets. Some of the cadets have made excellent shots at long range.

All the classes and literary societies have elected their officers for next year. The work of all three of the literary societies has had unusually good attendance and much more interest has been shown in the society work than during any year before.

The final examination will close on the 26th. Commencement begins 27th and closes on the morning of the 30th. Gov. Glenn is to deliver the address this year to the graduating class of fifty-two young men.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Happenings of Interest Over the Country.

Selma, Ala., May 19.—A shock, supposed by some to be an earthquake shock, occurred in Myrtlewood, Marengo county, early today. The tremor lasted about a half a minute and woke the residents of the town. No damage was done.

New York, May 19.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis' condition was reported today as greatly improved, and it was said that she had spent the most comfortable night since her condition became serious. The family are now hopeful of a complete recovery.

Norfolk, Va., May 19.—Irwin Tucker, president of the Saving Bank of Newport News, Va., committed suicide in his room over the bank in Newport News today just as Chief of Police Reynolds, of that city, upon his door to arrest him upon a warrant charging him with defaulting in the sum of 10,000.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—The House today killed the bill making it a crime for any one giving out advance information of the official reports of the agricultural and other executive departments which was designed primarily to stop "leaks" on crop reports. The bill was tabled by a vote of 107 to 66, rejecting the conference report.

## Died.

The infant son of Mr. A. L. Potter, who is carrier of the mail on R. F. D. No. 1, died Sunday morning at his home about a mile west of Greenville. The burial took place today.

in a very awkward position for everybody has believed that he said what Chandler said what he said about Foraker, Spooner and Knox. In short that he took no pains to conceal his thoughts. The President is nothing if not talkative and when he opens his mouth to talk discretion goes to the winds. His discreet friends do not report even the purport of half they hear him say much less do they repeat his exact phrasology.

## THE WITCHES' CALDON.

"The Devil to Pay" on the Republican Ship and "the Boss Caught With No Pitch Hot."

"Trouble, trouble, toil and trouble fire burn and caldron bubble" and this might be Shakespeare's description of the Republican situation, were he waded back to this world again.

The Radical caldron is turbulent, both national and sensational.

Judge Pritchard refuses to say "Good morning" to the "Drummer boy." Mary Ann Butler thinks hard thoughts about the "Drummer boy" and in turn the "Drummer boy" has his pack hard on the trail of the "Organization," and father Rollins, growing weary of the chase, is looking for some friendly tree to climb. Mr. Blackburn insists on calling a State convention and Romulus Zig Zag Linney comes along saying that there is grave danger that if such one is held it will be inside the walls of the penitentiary. Then comes that staunch old Republican brave, Judge Bynum, calling many of the leaders of the party 'cut throats and rascals, always in war, never at peace and always with their hands in the pockets of the people.'

But not only does the turmoil and the strife exist in this State but it extends into national realms, and the immaculate bell wether, Teddy, is in the toils. He is in divers straightens. Senator Bailey says he is "Clay and very common clay at that." Mr. Tillman has him fast on one prong of his pitchfork, and ex-Senator Chandler accuses him of double dealing. In his traits he rises to a point of order. Sphinx like, and in tones stentorian declares, "Sir Angus thou hast lied," notwithstanding the proof is there in black and white against him. Like Nero who got his inspiration to write a poem from sight of burning Rome, so this state of Radical upheaval has had like effect upon one of our townsmen, who is sometimes visited by the Muses, and this morning he gives us the following sample of his musings.

The poem is an heroic with pin fairly the chaotic state of affairs in Republican circles. It is entitled, "An ode to Teddy" and goes as follows:

1  
"Everybody lies but Teddy.  
And he is a man of clay,  
He fires his words out steady,  
But he cannot make them stay.  
Chandler he takes up talking  
And so does Till man  
Everybody lies in this bunch  
But our Big Man.

2  
"Teddy and Aldrich fall out  
They fuss and fuss all day  
They cuss a while and then pout,  
No one cares what they say.  
George is keeping quiet—  
Believing like a man.  
Everybody scraps in this bunch—  
But Mary Ann.

3  
"Blackburn says, 'Good morning,'  
In tones of mirthful glee.  
Jeter says, 'You rascal,  
Don't dare to speak to me.'  
Moody takes to joking,  
So does Till man  
Everybody jokes in this bunch—  
But our Big Man."

—Charlotte Observer.