BILLINGS WAS A WONDER.

Old Man Greenhut's Pride in Arkansas City is Roughly Jolted by a Stranger Who Licks the Sheriff and Does Up the Home Talent at Draw Poker.

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By Pavid A. Curtis.

Russell.)

patience with a man 'count o' him is gettin' licked. I reckon you must be bein' a fool," said Old Man Greenhut, mistaken about that, Sam. Ain't you, after he had listened one evening to to a small group of Greenhut's custom- drorin' his gun, an' take the gun away barroom stove.

"If a man is a fool, he's a fool, an' thought he was licked." that's all there is to it, an' I don't see's there's any way for him to help it. 'Tain't likely, I reckon that any man sets out to be a fool, debliberate. The reason he is one is just because the Lord made him that er way, an' he can't help it, no more't he can help the shape of his nose. Don't the good book to his statue? He's made the way he's it does seem sometimes like the good seen it." so blamd many of 'em

like it was his duty to be no bigger face.' fool nor the Lord meant him to be, an' . "An' this here stranger, what did you tain't no more'n natural for other say his name is?" folks to get provoked with him. It's a sees a chanst, an' balkin' when you're what he come to town for." in hurry, but when he gets in a tanonce, an' then looks 'round an' hee- bug-juice in the bar-room." haws about it, it's no more'n human nature to lambaste him with a big expect him to be no less of a mule just comes f'm up in the mountains." for a lickin', but you do have some satthink of him.

gether likely he is, judgin' f'm the way he butts in him not bein' acquainted none with Arkansas City ways, an' seemin' to have more confidence in hisself 'n any man had ought for to have, in a strange place. Then again, mebbe he ain't such a fool as you'd think. You say he licked Bassett?"

"Good an' proper." said Pearsal!. "Don't seem no ways likely," said the old man, " thouten Joe was drunk, 'n you say he was sober."

"Sober as a judge," replied Sam. "Well, I don't see no reason why you sh'd come 'round here an' tel no such yarns as that, 'thouten 'twas so, but if 'tis so, I don't never want to hear no question raised again about that little story o' Jenah an' the whale. If there's any man in Arkansas, more specially any yahoo f'm the Ozark district that can come to town an' get into a two-handed game o' draw with Joe Bassett, an' then take his gun away f'm him, an' lick him with his bare hands. I'm ready to believe 't Jona's swallowed the whale, an' I c'n lick anybody that says he didn't, old as I be.

"But there's one thing certain. If If this here stranger ain't a fool, Joe is, 'n' I don't say that 'count o' his gettin' licked, neither. When there's a fight somebody gen'ly does get licked, an' 'tain't al'ays the one you're beetin' on, neither. But what I can't understand is Joe playin' freeze-out with a man lke that, when he c'd just as easy brought him 'round here an' introduced him to a game where he'd 'a' been likely to learn somethin' about draw-poker 'stead o' gettin' the notion that the Arkansas City game is the kind Joe Baseett plays.

"That ain't to say nothin' ag'in Bassett's game under the right conditions. Joe is a good reliable player enough when he has moral support. He c'n hold up his end all right when it comes to a question o' combinin' the home talent ag'in the unprincipled atacks o' strangers that comes here to get Arkansas City capital. He knows as well as most, when it's up to him to give it a boost with nothin' in his hand, an' I will say fr Joe that there ain't no discount on his nerve. If he had as much sense as he has courage, he'd-well, he wouldn't be playin' no hundred dollar freeze-outs with strangers, like you sa he was doin' when this here tumult began.

"Then again, as I understand it, there was some discussion along o' the stranger noticin' somep'n 't looked like a card showin' in Joe's sleve. You said he kind o' got the notion that Joe was holdin' out a ace, didn't you?"

"Ace o' clubs," said Pearsall, briefly, "Now there you are," continued the old man. "The most disgutin' fool they is, is the man that ain't satisfied with doin' the kind o' stunts the Lord give him talents for, but has to go imitatin' others that knows how to do things 't he ain't fitted to do. Holdin' out cards for talents that Bassett ain't gifted with. No man had ought for to try it, never, 'thouten it's a case o' real emergency, an' he c'n do it 'thout bein' catched, It's part o' the game if it's did proper, but if a man's catched at it, it's nothin.' more nor less'n cheaten', an' any man's a fool to get caught cheatin'.

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(Copyright, 1903, by Robert Howard | "But as I was sayin' 'tain't no use quarrelin' with a man just because he's a fool, 'n' you can't hold that ag'in "There ain't no manner o' use losin' Bassett. What I reely blame him for,

"Mistaken!" exclaimed Pearsall, imthe recital of a peculiarly exasperating patiently. "Well, if you'd ha' saw that circumstance, which Sam Pearsall gave feller climb all over Joe while he was ers as they sat together around the f'm him, an' knock him down an' dance on his belly, an' kick his face

till Joe hollered 'Enough' you'd ha' "Pears like somebody else might ha'

took a hand," observed Greenhut. "Well, just naturally there was somebody else took a hand," replied Pearsall still more impatiently. "Tain't likely we was goin' to set by an' see no such doin's as that 'thout mixin' in, I don't reckon. Trouble was, it was all over so quick, you couldn't seem to re'lize | Your'e too easy." We was rec'nin' on Joe doin' the say that no man can add a cubic inch stranger up, 'an' the stranger done him up. Soon as we seen it, o'c ourse, we jumped in, but you couldn't do nothin'. made and that's all there is to it. But It were a fair fight, 'n' everybody

Lord had more use for fools nor a wise ' "Well," said Greenhut, with a sigh, man can easily understand. If he "it don't seem fittin' that such things didn't have, He would never have made sh'd be, but what's did is did. Where do you say Joe is now?"

"There is time, though, when it "I left him up to the doctor's," said 'pears like even a fool wouldn't feel Sam, "gettin' a few stitches put in his

"Somebody said he called hisself Jim good deal like drivin' a mule. You Billings, 'n' claims to come f'm someknow he's a mule, an' you reckon on his wheres up in the Ozarks, but nobody bein' ugly at times, an' kickin' when he round here 'pears to know who he is, or

"An' where is he now?" trum an' does all his devilishness to "He's up to the hotel, fillin' up with

"Seems a pity," said the old man, "but mebbe that hotel liquor is as good stick if there's one handy. You don't as what he's been used to, bein' as he

He said no more for a time, but lightisfaction lettin' him know what you ing a big, black cigar, he walked around to his favorite seat by the window and "Now this here yahoo what Sam is put his feet carefully on the window a telling about, may be a fool an' then sill. Sitting thus, he smoked in silence again, maybe he ain't. 'Pears alto- for a while, and the others in the room, seeing that he was thinking hard, discussed the details of the fight with Pearsall, in understones.

> After a considerable interval the old man spoke again. "Pears like there was the makin' of a citizen in this here Billings," he said, slowly and without removing the cigar from his mouth.

> Then he lapsed into silence again. "There's different ways o' doin' things," he said at length; "but it looks to me like it'd be a good thing to see if he's got any appetite left for draw poker. More'n likely he has, seein' as how he's got money of his own an' some o' Joe Bassett's wad in his kick, An' havin' did up one o' the leading citzens o' the town, he won't have no such respect for Arkansas City poker as he might have if he knowed more. There's one thing certain. It ain't good medicine to have no such man as him in the community 'thouten he's goin' to stay permanent. If he is, he's like enough to be a credit to the place, but if he's just goin' to swell round an' blow hisself with his winnin's an' then go home an' talk about what he's did, reppytation of Arkansas City'll suffer. 'Pears like some on yed better get some acquainted with him, an if he wants to play, you e'n have the back room f'r a game, any time. Might be just as well, though, not to have no rough house with a man that's done licked the sheriff. I don't want no killin' on the premises. Things like that is best did out doors, if they're did at all. But if Billings is anyways as good a man as he 'pears to be f'm this remarkable yarn o' Sam Pearsall's, he's altogether too valuable to waste."

> As an upshot of this suggestion, two or three of the group left the room and sauntered slowly toward the hotel, Just what hapened there, they did not explain, but in half an hour's time, they reappeared and Billings was with

> It apeared from what was said on their entrance, though no particulars were given, that the stranger was entirely inlifferent as to the form of his amusement provided it should be something that offered some sort of excitement. He was willing to play poker, or to fight, or, in case no one cared to engage in either of these pastimes, he could content himself, as he had been doing at the hotel, with the consumption of red liquor.

"I just come to town," he explained to old man Greenhut," to see what was doin' here and do a little on it myself, Things is gettin' too blame slow up

"Well," said the old man, "I have heer'd it said round here, sometimes, that things was slow in Arkansas City, Louis because he was invited by the but the boys is always ready to make it

interestin' for strangers." It was not long before the cards and chips were on the table in the back room and four of the best players in town were pited against Mr. Billings while the old man, who seldom played cards himself, though he was credited with a thorough knowledge of the game,

sat by the window smoking a fat cigar. "It's table stakes. I reckon, ain't it "" asked Carruthers, as he riped open the new deck. "What's table stakes?" asked the

stranger. "Well' you can't raise a man beyond what he has on the table," explained Winterbottom, "nor he can't dig for no more while he's playin' a hand. You can get a show down for what's in front of you."

"That don't go with me," said Billings, "thouten it's a freeze-out, an' I I ain't playin' no five handed freeze-out. There don't nobody get no showdown 'thout puttin' up his pile if I'm playin'.' "All right," said Pearsall, "It's no

limit, then. This was agreeable, and Winterbotom dealt. The very first deal brought ar tion. It was Blaiesdell's ante and he made it a dollar to play. They all came in, and he raised it two dollars. Carruthers stayed; Bilings made it five more: Pearsall dropped out: Winterbottom stayed, and Blaidsdell came back with ten more. Carruthers saw the double raise. Billings made good and Winterbottom came up without a

word. On the draw each man took one card, and Carruthers bet a dollar. Billings saw the dollar and bet a hundred. It did not look like a good play for any body to raise back, but he got two calls, Carruthers throwning down aces

up. And Billings showed down four sevens against Blaidsdell's three aces

and Winterbotom's ten full. It was a vigorous start, and gave the stranger a strong advantage, none of the others having more than four or five hundred to play with, and no one knowing what he might have. There was considerable confidence felt, however, in Blaisdell's dealing, and when Billings came in on Carruther's ante, they all looked forward to a good play, all having good hands. Billings, however laid down when Carruthers raised, and it seemed certain that either he was suspicious, or that Blaisdell had not given him a very good hand. In either case there was no great advantage to be had by playing farther and Car-

ruthers took the pot. On his deal a jack pot was made, no one coming in, and Billings took the deck. As each of the others picked up his cards, he gave a little start of surprise, and one looked at another in a questioning way. What they read in one another's eyes seemed to surprise them still more, and they all looked at

That worthy was grinning broadly. "Kind o' s'prised, I reckon, ain't ye?" he said, and their looks showed that he was right. "Fact is," he continued. after he had grined a little longer. "I don't reckon you uns knows much about poker, no ways. You each think you can win that pot, don't ye? Well, ye, can't. I've got ye all beat a mile, What you can all do is to draw down your money. What I win on your dealin' I keep, see? But there's no fun stackin' cards against this outfit.

Shamefacedly they all threw down their hands. Each man excepting the dealer had fours, and he had a straight They do not need to be instructed as to "Now." he said cheerfully, "we'll see what kind o' wine the old man keeps an' if it's good, we'll have a basket." And he called loudly for Green-

"Well," said the old man, when the circumstances had been explained to him," I reckon maybe it's just as well 't you licked Bassett afore you come round here. 'Pears like you're tol'able husky for an outsider, but if you're anyways disposed to settle in Arkansas City, there's a openin' for you."

And Billings promised to consider it. A German Electrical Farm,

In the application of electricity to every day work, Germany has, perhaps, gone farther than any other nation. Electrically heated and operated cooking and laundry apparatus in common use there, but the most striking single development is the electrical farm. Take, for example, Professor Backhaus' estate near Quednau in eastern Prussia, which is only one of a large number of German estates run by electricits.

The Quednau farm covers 450 acres and its dairy handles 1,000 gallons of milk daily. Every part of the farm is lighted by electricity and is in telephone communication with every other part, The dairy has an electrical churn; the barn contains electrically operated feed and carrot-cutting machines, and even the grindstone is turned by a small belt from the shaft connected with the barn motor. The water-pumping apparatus is run by electricity; all the buildings are lighted by incadescent lamps, and there is an electrical pipe-lighter at the doors of all the houses. This farm has also its own thrashing and grist mill. the machinery of which is turned by a current from the miniature central station, and finally gets its power from the same station. On the farm are all all run by batteries charged from sub-

stations in the fields. The power for all these various operations—lighting, heating, telephones, thrashing, cutting, grinding, pumping. treshing, and sawing, comes from a fifty horse power stationary engine moving

two dynamos, From this station the power is distributed to the part of the farm, and the switchboard is so plainly marked that the commonest farm hand can regulate the supply to fit the need. At Crottorf a number of small farms have grouped to support one station and have their work done by it.

Such plants as these do more than merely lighten farm labor. Fewer been left in a tailor shop for repairs workmen are needed and greater profits are possible, and the whole business of farming is made more attractive The barnyard is lighted by an arc light; night work in the field is possible when it is necessary; the stables are warmed in winter and ventilated in summer by the turning of a switch; ndeed, the entire farm runs like a machine at the call of the electric current.-World's Work.

The Cleveland Boom.

umns, says that it is well known in than 5 feet 8 inches. However, a later in elecution. The success of the college, that city that Mr. Cleveland went to telegram last night stated that the suit under the splendid leadership of Dr. J. St. Louis to obtain if possible, an inkling of the feeling of Bryan democrats towards himself, to learn whether or not they regard his as impossible.

the west and south who could inform Ing house with Rosseau in New York. him on that point. He went to St. fair management to deliver an address there, the plea being that it was desir- Winterville in Pitt tomorrow. ed to have the president and the only living ex-president to make addresess on the occasion.

It is true that Mr. Cleveland was warmly received, but it is not certain that the recepion meant that he would be an acceptable candidate of the demwas president and his letters and addresses have increased the esteem in which he is held.

It is by no means certain that he desires the nomination for president. It is probable that he would accept it it it were tendered to him, but he isn't he has been studying. going to make an effort to get it. No doubt his friends will do some work for him but it would not be surprising if the talk of him in connection with the presidency would soon die out. The papers were full of accounts of the

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name is mentioned. In some of the statements it is asserted that some of Mr. Cleveland's friends are of the opinion that the south will favor his nomination if she can be convinced that he stands a better chance to win than any other man who could be named. It is probable that the leading democrats of the Mary's school Sunday after next. south are about as well posted as to the availability of the different men named in connection with the nomina-

THE STATE CAPITAL.

tion as the politicians of the north.

Mr. Cleveland's popularity.—Savannah

Temperance Convention Called for July 7th-Excitement Over the Infernal Machine-Iron Furnaces to be Built Near Raleigh.

Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., May 14. Mr. J. W. Bailey, manager for the campaign of the Anti-Saloon League,

meet at Raleigh, July 7, 1903. "This convention is demanded by the

has called a temperance convention to

"(1) We have a vast amount of temperance sentiment in the state, but it is unorganized. In the process of organizing it, this convention is neces-

"(2) We are about to enter upon a great campaign.

(3). We must greatly strengthen our

"We cannot cope with the situation; on the present basis. The present exand those who shall lead our cause gone to the house to arrest Spencer. need the support of a convention repre- There were no witnesses to the tragedy senting the entire commonwealth.

"The convention will have for its purpose: (1) The marshaling of the conflict now so close at hand: (2) The kinds of electrical agricultural ma- reorganization of our executive departchines, including an automobile plow, | ment: (3) The selection of one or more field men: (4) The putting our work upon an adequate basis; (5) The work

of forming our policy. place that intends to organize a league or institute a campaign against the

a dynamite machine by express to the steamer Umbria in New York. The first telegram from New York stated that a coat belonging to Rosseau had and that it bore the name of Cross & Linehan, of Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Joe Bland, a salesman with this firm, remembered waiting on a man of that description about April 22nd and he bought a \$22.50 suit and a Stetson stiff hat. The man attracted attention by his manner and remarked that he would not buy a Prince Albert because he would be in New York in three weeks. The description tailled with the Umbria would be dynamiter excep that Mr. The Washington Star, in its local col- Bland thought his customer was taller belonged to R. C. Rivers, who formerly lived in Raleigh. Mr. Rivers is now in New York in the theatrical business. He was once manager of Senator Mar-It is doubtful if Mr. Cleveland went | ion Butler's paper, then chief clerk to to St. Louis for any such purpose. He State Auditor Ayer and later manager did not have to go to St. Louis to find of the Academy of Music here. He out how the Bryan followers feel to- married an actress in Norfolk last sumwards him. He has friends all over mer. Rivers was in the same board-Governor Charles B. Aycock will deliver the commencement address

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, has presented, through Colonel F. A. Olds, to the Hall of History, a memorandum of the "Laws and Agreement" ocratic pary for president. He has been T. Sherman. General Carr has also loanbefore the public a great deal since he ed a leaf from Andrew Jackson's shop book when he was a tailor at Greenville. Tenn.

Mr. James F. Royster, son of Dr. W.

Work has been begun remodeling the grand stand at the fair ground. This sician, but he was interrupted. building is over 260 feet long and 60 feet broad and the improvements will cost over \$2,000.

availability of Judge Parker a few | Manager E. W. Lyon, of the Seaboard | sir !!

weeks ago. Now it is seldom that his Steel and Iron Company, of N. Y., has just completed an examination of the tract of 2,500 acres of iron ore land leaswill probably place its furnace at or near Raleigh.

preach the baccalaureate sermon at St. | tenance.

The students of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts have published a beautiful volume as an annual called the "Agromeck." It is one of the handsomest college publications ever seen in this state. The fun and humor are sprightly and free all of the roads forming it, that could from coarsness. The caricatures deprofessional artist.

The book contains photographs of every student in college and of every college building. It also contains the have honored the battalion by serving as sponsors for the various companies. Miss Mary Haywood Andrews is sponsor for the battalion.

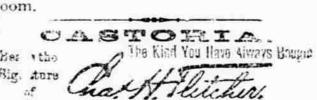
The class Prophecy is written in im-Agricultural and Mechanical alphabet defendants closed and the complainants are specially bright.

The Agromeck is a very creditable ent of the young men in the Agricultural and Mechanical colleges battalion and also for their conduct, character, and sense of propriety.

Double Tragedy.

Kansas City, Mo., May 14.-George E. Spencer, a clothing merchant who came here recently from Birmingham, Ala., was shot and killed, and Stephen Flanagan, a police patrolman, was mortally wounded here today in a pisecutive committee needs enlargment, tol duel in a room. Flanagan had and when persons attracted by the shots entered the room, Spencer was dead and Flanagan lay unconscious, blood oozing from a wound in his temperance forces of our state for the breast a few inches below the heart. By the side of each man was a pistol. A half dozen shots were exchanged. At the hospital it was said Flanagan

could not live. Spencer had been visiting the family of J. Cox, a news agent. It was said he had been annoying women and "Every anti-Saloon league in the state children in the neighborhood and comshould send a delegation; and every plaint had been made to the police. Spencer was requested to leave the house, but refused to do so, and the Cox family had moved out and left drink evil should send representatives. him in possession. Flanagan lay in The Raleigh police were in a stir last wait for Spencer and Spencer who had evening searching for traces here of armed himelf, expecting trouble, began Rosseau or Rassio, the man who sent shooting as soon as he entered the drinking. A bottle would nauseate the



Atlantic Christian College.

(Special to The Messenger.) Wilson, N. C., May 14.-The first annual commencement of the Atlantic Christian college opened last night. The attendance overtaxed the large auditorium. The programme as rendered was a literary treat and reflected great credit upon Miss Gatlin, the instructor C. Coggins has been phenomenal, about two hundred and twenty-five pupils being errolled during the first year of the college's life. The closing exercises will continue through the week and part of next. The annual sermon will be preached Sunday by Dr. G. P. Rutlege, of Philadelphia. The class exercises will be held Monday morning. There will be graduates from the various de-

On His Dignity.

Sometimes a doctor has to deal not only with physical ailments, but with a mental attitude which complicates the made April 18th, 1865, between General case, says the Youth's Companion. A Jos. E. Johnston and General. William man who was constantly changing events of the kind. Mr. A. A. Joseph physicians at last called in a young doctor who was just beginning his

"I lose my breath when I climb a hill or a steep flight of stairs," said the T. Royster, of Raleigh, has returned patient. "If I hurry I often get a sharp from the University of Berlin, where pain in my side. Those are the symptoms of a serious heart trouble." "Not necessarily, sir," began the phy-

"I beg your pardon!" said the patient irritably. "It isn't for a young stands were filled to their seating caphysician like you to disagree with an old and experienced invalid like me,

THE LUMBER MILL CASE.

The Atalntic Coast Line, the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line Deny That the Southeast east Traffic Asociation Controls Rates.

Macon, Ga., May 14.-In the United States court today in the case of the Georgia Saw Mill Association vs. the Southeastern Freight Association and the several railroads composing the same, additional affidavits were submitted by the defendants.

J. M. Culp, fourth vice president of the Southern Railroad company, in charge of the traffic department, submitted an exhaustive statement. He reiterated in emphatic terms that the Southern Railway company formulated its own rates, and that its freight tariff policy was in no way controlled by the Southeastern Freight Association. He also presented figures to show that despite the great gain in the gross earnings of the Southern Railway its net ed 12 miles from here. The company should be, owing to the low freight tariff and the increased cost of operations and the increase in the price of Rev. T. F. Gailor, of Tennessee, will everything required for standard main-

S. F. Parrott, chairman of the Southeastern Freight Association, submitted a supplemental affidavit, in which he stated that the association does not fix the rates, but compiles and puts into circulation the declared tariff promulgated by the several roads, that the association was organized to do work for be more economically performed by a signed by Cadet J. A. Parker, of the central bureau than by the roads sep-Sophomore class, would de credit to a arately He stated that the association performed work at a cost of \$27,000 per annum, that would cost the roads not less than \$250,000 per annum if done by every member of the Faculty and of them individually. He closed his statement with the declaration that he was simply an administrative officer, and photographs of eight Raleigh belies who that he promulgated freight tariffs which might be adopted by all the members of the association or only a part of them. He called particular attention to the latter proposition, to show that there was no combine, or concert of action, involved in the work mitation of Poe's Raven. This and the of the Southeastern Association. The will submit tomorrow rebuttal evidence: and then the argument will begin, publication and speaks well for the tal- Four hours are allowed each side for argument .

The Best Liniment.

"I have derived great benefit from the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and lumbago," says Mrs. Anna Haglegans, of Tuckahoe, N. J. "My husband used it for a sprained back and was also quickly relieved. In fact it is the best family liniment I have ever used. I have recommended it to many and they always speak very highly of it and declare its merits are wonderful." For sale by all druggists.

BEER DRINKING DANGEROUS.

Boozers in Raleigh Made Sick-Piano and Organ Dealers Must Pay Taxes by May 3st-New State Bond Issue.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 14.-The state treasurer sends a circular letter to the sheriffs that under the new revenue act. all piano and organ dealers and horse traders must have license from the state treasurer by May 31st or cease business. He also asks a list of firms and corporations paying the oil dealers tax, since this is now made payable to the state treasurer.

Several young men here have been made painfully sick lately from beer imbiber and produce indigestion next day. Finally the state chemist was asked to make an analysis of a bottle. After doing so he today condemned. the beer for containing so much formalin and salicylic acid, the preservatives, that it is very harmful if not dangerous as a beverage.

Messrs, Fisher, Bruce and McLean attorneys for the purchasers of \$300,000 state bonds, after a careful examination expressed satisfaction as to the legality of issuance. The state treasurer expects to deliver the bonds May

Goldsboro Matters.

Goldsboro, N. C., May 14,-The reception given by the Elks of Goldsboro last night complimentary to the lady relatives and friends of the members of the order, was a most notable event. Besides the membership of the order, which now numbers about 75, therewere 100 guests present of both ladies and gentlemen. The reception was held in the parlors of the Hotel Kennon, which with the spacious hallways was crowded with a gay throng. The Knights of Pythias orchestra furnished music. At 10 o'clock the handsome ly ecorated dining room of the hotel was opened to the guests, who entered and partock of one of the most elaborate banquets that has ever been spread in this city. The Hotel Kennon has won an enviable reputation for its splendid suppers and banquets and the effort last night eclipsed all former was toastmaster. Col. Joseph E. Robinson made the principal speech of the evening, which he did in his usual graceful manner

The last base ball game of a series between the New Bern and Goldsboro colored teams was played on the diamon at Westside park yesteray afternoon. It was a fine game and was witnessed by the largest crowd of both white and colored people that has been out to a game this year. Both grandpacity. The game yesterday was to decide the series, as New Bern and Goldsboro had won a game each of the two that had been played before. Besides the championship the club that won yesterday was to get a er cent of the gate receipts and this fact made every player strain his last nerve. Goldsboro won by a score of 9 to 2 and the colored population went wild with enthusiasm when the game was ended. The next games will be between Goldsboro and Raleigh and will take place in this city on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Strange as it may seem, it didn't rain anything but water and blessings while the Baptist brethren were in Savannah.-Atlanta Journal.

We haven't heard of any British capitalists calling in Dr. J. Pierpont Morgan to prescribe for their undigested securities .- Atlanta Journal.

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