

## N. C. LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

## Programme for Second Annual Meeting to be Held in Raleigh

Addresses by Prominent Men and Women, of This and Other States. Death of Douglas Olds—Charters by the State.

Messenger Bureau.  
Raleigh, N. C., March 28.

Cases from the Ninth district will be called in the supreme court next Tuesday, April 3, as follows: State vs. Wilkerson, Freeman vs. Freeman, Fearington vs. Tobacco Company, Cook vs. Vickers, Alexander vs. Telegraph Company, Kernode vs. Telegraph Company, Davis vs. Traction Company, Brown vs. Durham, Moore vs. Railroad, Blackwell vs. Mutual Reserve Life Association, City of Edinburg vs. Eno Cotton Mills, Boggs vs. Fickett, City of Durham vs. Riggsbee, Miliken vs. Denny, Hayes vs. Railway, Young vs. Railway, Fitzgerald vs. Railway, Wright vs. Railway, Palmer vs. Yates, Isley vs. Iron Company, Jones vs. Ragsdale, Hubbard vs. Railway, Seattle vs. Seattle.

The complete programme for the second annual meeting of the North Carolina Literary Association is announced, as it will be observed in Raleigh, at the Olivia Roney Literary Hall, in Raleigh, April 27, and 28. The first session will be held at 10 o'clock the afternoon of the 27. The programme in detail follows:

Address of welcome by Richard H. Battle, president of the Roney Literary; reports by secretary and treasurer, with minutes of first annual meeting; report of the president, Mrs. Annie Smith, of Charlotte. "Why We Need a Public Library," Dr. Edward Mims, Trinity college; discussion by E. P. Wharton, Greensboro; Mrs. Sol Weill, Goldsboro; Justice Walter Clark, Raleigh. "Organization of a New Library," Miss Appie Louise Smith, Davidson. "The Carnegie Library," discussion, Miss Annie Petty, Greensboro; Miss M. L. Gibson, Wilmington. Informal discussion of library topics. Announcements of committees. Night session 8 o'clock: Welcome on behalf of the city, Mayor James L. Johnston, Raleigh; welcome on behalf of the state, by Governor R. B. Glenn. "The Library and the Literary Clubs," Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem. "The Public Library as an Integral Part of our Public and Free Education," Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Davidson. "The Public Library," Dr. J. P. Sherrill, College. "The Public Library and School," Professor E. P. Moses, Raleigh; discussion by J. D. Rast, Monroe; Dr. G. T. Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College; H. P. Harding, Charlotte. "Rural Libraries," Hon. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction. "College Libraries," Miss Ida Dacus, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.; discussion J. P. Breedlove, Trinity College; Miss Julia A. White, Guilford College. "A State Literary Commission," Dr. Thomas M. Owen, Montgomery, Ala.; discussion by Dr. J. P. Sherrill, College. "The State Library," and J. P. Kennedy, Virginia state librarian. Informal discussion of library topics. Fourth session Saturday afternoon. New and miscellaneous business, committee reports; election of officers and adjournment.

Douglas Olds, the second son of Colonel Fred A. Olds, of this city died early this morning at Southern Pines, where the young sufferer was taken Sunday afternoon. Death was scarcely unexpected, as tuberculosis with its clutches had been sapping the vital force of the young fellow, who bore promise of so much and was so universally beloved. Mr. Olds was 18 years old this month. He had for about two years been a resident of Waco, Texas, where his home was with an older brother Fred Olds, Jr. Colonel Olds had spent several weeks with his son, having taken him to the extreme western part of that state hoping for benefit and recuperation. The dread illness was only of short duration. The remains were brought to Raleigh this morning, and the interment will take place here.

The state chartered the Sylva Lumber Company, at Sylva, in Jackson county. Incorporators are E. L. McKee, Sylva, C. J. and D. R. Harris, Dillsboro. The authorized capital stock is \$15,000. The Carolina Manufacturing Company, Charlotte, amends its charter by increasing the capital stock to \$10,000. J. H. Weddington is president and Dr. G. W. Graham is secretary. The Guilford Plaster Company, Greensboro, also amends its charter and changes the name to Guilford Plaster and Cement Company. It is authorized an increase of capital stock from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

## BRODIE DUKE GETS DIVORCE

Sealed Verdict Returned by the Jury. End of Sensational Case.

New York, March 28.—Brodie L. Duke, of Durham, N. C., a relative of the president of the American Tobacco Company, today was granted a divorce from his wife, Alice Webb Duke, whom he married in this city December 19, 1904. When the case was called for trial yesterday counsel for Mrs. Duke did not appear and witnesses were examined for the plaintiff. Justice Blanchard ordered a seal verdict, which was returned today. Mr. Duke's marriage to Alice Webb was followed by a series of sensational events in which an unsuccessful effort was made by relatives of Mr. Duke to have him placed in an asylum.

Opposition to W. W. Kitchin. Brother Archibald Johnson says 1. Charity and Children this week:

"Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the ablest representative from North Carolina in the house, is threatened with defeat because he opposes No. 97." Now isn't that a reason to defeat a good man? Of course the thinking people of the Fifth district do not endorse any such nonsense. Mr. Kitchin has consistently opposed the subsidy to the Southern railway by the postoffice department, and was the man who attempts to meet him on this issue.

We think that you are wrong, brother. Some of the sharpest criticism on Congressman Kitchin's action has come from the business men of this section and yet we know of no one who will oppose his re-nomination on that ground.—High Point Enterprise.

## Virginia State Arbor Day.

Richmond, Va., March 27.—Governor Swanson today issued a proclamation designating Monday, April 16th, as state arbor day.

## BLACKBURN'S PROSECUTOR

Rumor to Effect That Virginia District Attorney Will be Selected by Department of Justice to Conduct Prosecution of Congressman at Greensboro Next Month—The Wood Mileage Matter Investigated—Mr. Blackburn at His Accustomed Place in House.

Washington, March 27.—There is a report in circulation here tonight to the effect that, when the case of Congressman Blackburn is taken up in Greensboro next month, District Attorney Lewis, of Virginia, will appear to take the lead in the prosecution. Judge Lewis at one time served on the superior court bench in Virginia, and it is said that his ability as a prosecuting officer is recognized throughout the state. Judge Lewis also stands very high in the estimation of department officials, but the names of several district attorneys are being considered and the selection of Judge Lewis is not final. It is understood that friends of Congressman Blackburn have no objection to the district attorney from Virginia, although this is, of course, a matter in which they have no voice.

Senator Overman, in a measure at least, made out his case at the recent meeting of the military affairs committee. The North Carolina senator has contended that General Leonard Wood had, in coming from the Philippines to the United States to undergo an operation at the government's expense, got money to which he was not entitled. It was the mileage allowance to which Senator Overman objected. Secretary Taft was invited to appear before the committee and when he did so Senator Overman closely questioned him with respect to these matters. In the course of the inquiry Secretary Taft admitted that General Wood, together with one of his aids, did receive some mileage and he said that he directed that the matter be investigated. The whole proceeding was in good part, and no friction arose between the secretary of war and any of the senators. After the hearing Secretary Taft entered the senate chamber, where the secretary clapped the North Carolina senator on the shoulder, and the two laughed like two school boys about the hearing. Secretary Taft is a fox, and while a whole lot of things have happened over in the Philippines, it is seldom that he lets anything fall which would be of use to critics of the government. Secretary Taft does not mind disporting himself about the senate chamber or in any other public place now that a thorough course of bag-punching or something has resulted in a substantial reduction of flesh.

## MR. BLACKBURN AT HIS SEAT.

Representative Blackburn has started the week by appearing at the capitol as though nothing had happened. The fact that he remained away from the house for three or four days last week and failed to vote on the statehood bill, was the subject of comment, and it was suggested that the indicted congressman might drop out of life at the capitol until after his trial. Monday he showed up at the house as usual, and after remaining there awhile, in conversation with several of his colleagues, went over to the senate chamber and sat just behind Senator Overman, with two or three other North Carolina house members, while the senator was delivering his speech. Mr. Blackburn has explained that the house leaders knew when he was, and could easily have found him if his vote had been needed when the statehood bill came up.—W. A. Hildebrand in Charlotte Observer.

## THE TROLLEY LINE

The Stage of Progress as Reached by Each of the Rival Concerns.

A special from High Point to The Telegram says:

The chief engineer, representing the company for which Mr. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, is acting as agent, was here Saturday locating the proposed trolley line from Greensboro to High Point, via Hill Top. The proposed route will follow the railroad on the southside all the way to Hill Top.

"Mr. E. D. Steele, representing the Philadelphia company, returned from that city Saturday and said that that company were going to work right away making the surveys and that work would begin at Thomasville and that the headquarters of his company would be in High Point. Mr. Steele says his company has unlimited capital behind it and that the parties interested are not promoters but builders, having lines in Philadelphia and many other places. Mr. Steele says his company has no lands to boom by building the line and that they were going to push the work for all it is worth."—Greensboro Telegram.

## MYSTERY PARTLY SOLVED

The Kinston Elopement—Man Located—Woman Not With Him—Her Whereabouts Not Known.

Mr. Whitfield Sutton, of Pleasant Hill, N. C., who according to statements made by his wife several days ago, sold a farm for \$4,000 and left his departure being closely followed by the disappearance of a woman named Howard, is in Elizabeth City, and at present living with his brother. A telephone message to that effect was received at this office this morning, the sender being his brother. He said no secret is being made of Mr. Sutton's presence here, but flatly denied that the Howard woman came with him.

With the story of the alleged elopement, received from Kinston and published in Saturday's paper, came a letter saying there was every reason to believe the "couple" came here and there surmise was perfectly correct in regard to Sutton. If, as he says, the Howard woman did not arrive with him, there is a deep mystery concerning their whereabouts, for she disappeared completely leaving no trace. Mr. Sutton himself could not be reached by wire and made no statement. His brother alone doing the talking and he only said Sutton was here and that no woman came with him.—Elizabeth City Economist.

The report of the court martial on the collision of the battleships, has been delayed so long that the "spot-wash" must be peeling off in whites.—Durham Sun.

## PRESIDENT GETS WRATHY

Angry at President Shields of the League of American Sportsmen for Giving False and Inaccurate Accounts of a Conversation Held at the White House.

Washington, March 29.—President Roosevelt figured as the storm centre in the house committee on territories today, during a hearing on the Lacey bill prohibiting the use of all kinds of automatic shot guns in the territories of the United States in the interest of the protection of game. Both sides to the controversy who were heard, endeavored to put the president on their side. The result was finally an effort to expunge the whole reference to the president from the hearings, but this the committee refused.

This record will therefore contain first, a prepared article by President G. O. Shields, of the league of American sportsmen, which puts the president squarely on record in favor of the campaign against repeating guns. Then when the opposition representing the manufacturers of small arms, intimated that the president had repudiated this statement, Mr. Shields admitted the president had refused to be placed in quotations mark, but admitted holding the views attributed to him. In connection with the controversy the guns in question read a letter dated February 19 addressed to Mr. Shields by President Roosevelt as follows:

"Sir: It appears that you have given an extended interview with me in quotations, putting my expressions in the first person, so as to make me responsible for both the fight and language. This is inexcusable on your part. At the time you called upon me and I talked over informally with you the question of the preservation of game and of wild life generally in its various aspects, I told you explicitly that while you could state that I was in hearty approval with your efforts, you were not to try to quote my language, and subsequently I wrote to you repeating this. As a matter of fact, in what appears to be these quotations, you in no case gave the exact language that I used.

"But pretending thus to give it, and by what you omit as well as what you insert which I had not said, you convey on certain points an entirely false impression, and you leave me no alternative but to explicitly repudiate your statement which I hereby do. Had you been content to say that you gave the general sense of what I said you would have done what you are authorized to do. But when you attempt to give my exact words not only do you what I explicitly told you you should not do, but you used tempt to give my exact words you was in no case accurate. Not one single sentence you quote is as I said it. Some of the sentences are sheer inventions, others are inventions to part, and some of the things I said are omitted.

"It is unnecessary to characterize such conduct on your part.

Yours etc.

## "THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

Representative Colle, of Ohio, a member of the committee remarked to Mr. Shields "Do you think the president would trust himself in the woods without a repeating rifle?" Mr. Shields answered that he thought he would.

## GREENSBORO GOLD BRICK CASE

Interest Revived by Appearance in Greensboro of Wife of One of the Criminals.

There is considerable speculation here as to the object of the presence of Mrs. Hawley, of Chicago, wife of the gold brick man, now serving sentence in the penitentiary for trying to swindle Paul Garrett into several years ago. While the attorney who formerly represented the gold brick swindlers says they have not seen the woman and do not believe she is here, officers who know her declare that she has been here a week, and put her out while she was walking down Main street. While the presence here of Hawley was sent to the penitentiary influential parties north have been trying to get him pardoned. Two appeals were made to Governor Aycock, and at the last term of the legislature a tremendous pressure was brought to bear on him before he vacated the office of governor to grant a pardon.

Enlisted in this pressure were the names of several prominent northern congressmen, senators and capitalists, principally from New York and Chicago. As Hawley is the fellow that acted as the expert assayer and gave the opinion that the filings from the hole drilled through the gilded brass were gold.

The fellow that acted the "injun" said to have been the biggest rascal in the bunch and who believed here was pardoned by Governor Aycock. The presence of Mrs. Hawley here is thought to presage a move for pardon on Governor Glenn, but if any such action is contemplated Hawley's old attorneys here declare they have no such intention.—Greensboro Correspondent of Durham Herald.

## LIFE INSURANCE MATTERS

Jerome Asks Dowling to Call a Special Grand Jury to Investigate.

New York, March 29.—District Attorney Jerome today requested Supreme Court Justice Dowling to call a special grand jury in May to investigate the life insurance matters developed by the legislative investigating committee. Mr. Jerome said that he did not want to ask an ordinary grand jury to examine the testimony of the legislative investigation in addition to its usual work. Justice Dowling took the matter under consideration until tomorrow.

Mr. Jerome stated to the court that he had been somewhat uncertain as to the proper procedure in insurance matters, but that after consulting with the justices in the criminal branch of the supreme court he had decided upon the special grand jury. Justice Dowling asked Mr. Jerome whether he would lay before the jury any matters other than those relating to insurance. The district attorney replied that he could assure the court that nothing except insurance matters would be presented to the jury.

## FOR AN ENTRANCE TO THE GOLF

Pennsylvania Road to Acquire Control of the L. and N.—Greatest Coup Ever Undertaken by This Road.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 28.—From official sources it was learned here today that the Pennsylvania railroad is about to execute, if it has not already underway, the greatest coup in the history of the road, namely, the obtaining of an entrance to and an outlet from the Gulf, for the system which already operates or dominates the operation of over 20,000 miles of the most important railroads east of Chicago.

Expectation of participating largely in the traffic which is expected to flow into the Gulf ports when the Panama canal is completed; a desire to become a factor in the expanding business of the south, and equally potent as an influencing cause, the determination to checkmate moves in a southerly direction that have already been made by its great rivals, the Vanderbilt and the Wabash interests, are the great motives which have led the Pennsylvania to determine on its coup.

Th means by which this gigantic plan is to be carried out is the acquiring of a controlling interest in the Louisville and Nashville, railroad, of such a nature as to by which the Pennsylvania now dominates the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Norfolk and Western, and other roads in this way the Pennsylvania will be the first of the eastern trunk lines to get its own, or a controlled line to the Gulf ports.

The operation of the Vanderbilts in the same direction, it is admitted, was what first excited the suspicions of the Pennsylvania executives and finally led them to determine on a checkmating plan.

The first report that the Pennsylvania was purchasing a controlling interest in the Louisville and Nashville reached Pittsburg several weeks ago, but its full significance was not then read. It was admitted by a Pennsylvania official today, however, that the great activity in Louisville stock and the evidence that it is changing hands in large blocks is strongly confirmative of the report that the Pennsylvania is acquiring its control. The Pennsylvania's southern expansion plans mapped out provide that in addition to being one of the two strongest trunk lines between Chicago and New York, it must also become one of the leading factors in the Gulf trade and from the Great Lakes and the Central states, touching New York, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati Louisville and New Orleans with an outlet running south from Cincinnati and the Louisville, it is pointed out, the south could easily be reached by the Pennsylvania system from all the important points of the Great Lakes, from the western Pennsylvania and West Virginia bituminous coal territory, and from the manufacturing centres of which Pittsburg is foremost.

The Seaboard Air Line is building a new 30 mile road which, by a connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio will give it a connection from Cincinnati to a point on the main line of the Seaboard north of Atlanta. The Pennsylvania has influenced this.

Several smaller railroad projects in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana, it is significant, have also taken on new life recently with the assurance that increased traffic to the Gulf ports will put a premium on railroad terminals along the Gulf. The rivalry of the Gulf and Atlantic Seaboard lines has been increasing in the past few years, but the Pennsylvania management feels with the vast increase in volume of traffic which is soon to be divided between these rival lines, both can be kept busy and each will need the help of such a system as the Pennsylvania proposes to establish in the south, to help them handle traffic.—Special to News and Observer.

## TELEPHONES IN ENGINE CABS

Engineers Will Talk to Each Other Twelve Miles Away While Going at Full Speed—Bells Tell When Two are Near.

Durham, N. C., March 27.—J. W. Tatum, of this city, has secured patent on a device that, if successful, will prevent a great many railroad wrecks. The device of Mr. Tatum is in the nature of a telephone. There is something like a trolley wire arrangement over the railroad track and in each cab is a telephone. The gong on the telephone sounds when two trains approach within something like three miles of each other. Then there is another feature. An engineer can ring up and talk to another engineer 12 miles away when both trains are running at full speed. In this manner one engineer can ascertain at any time when there is another train on the same track, and from the engineer get the orders and intention of each man at the throttle.

Mr. Tatum has interested a number of financial men in his invention, and a company has been organized, the inventor retaining one-sixth interest. The first actual test of the invention will be made on the new Durham and Southern road from this place to Apex.—Special to Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## BIG JUG TRADE

Scenes on Saturdays on Arrival of Express Train in Greensboro From Danville.

The express office here Saturday night reminds one, who has seen it in days ago, of what the republicans termed "the election bull pens in the east." The approaches to the office door at the station were roped off and guarded. There was an ingress and egress avenue of ropes. Parties getting jugs or bottles of liquor coming from Danville and other Virginia towns, would have to take strict "smiler's turns" entering one way, in single file and emerging another. Besides being an impatient and unusually big and persistent crowd.—Greensboro Correspondent of Durham Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, were guests of The Orton last night.

## 600 VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE

First Days Session of the Blue and Gray State Organization—Permanent Organization to be Effected.

Atlanta, Ga., March 28.—The first of the two days session of the blue and gray state organizations was held here today, with the expectation that tomorrow will see the formation of a national organization, which will perpetuate, without distinction between north and south, the memory of those who fought on either side in that memorable conflict. A score of states, from California, to Maine and from Texas to Michigan were represented by nearly six hundred veterans, who listened to an address from the view point of those who were both uniforms. The utmost harmony prevailed and the keynote of all discussion was an earnest desire that the differences of the past, which were settled more than forty years ago, shall be forgotten in the unity of the future. The morning session was devoted mainly to addresses of welcome by Governor Joseph M. Terrell and Mayor James Woodward for the state and city respectively, and responses by General Julian S. Carr, of North Carolina, chairman of the national committee, and others.

The afternoon was given to addresses, the principal one being that of Corporal Tanner, commander in chief of the grand army of the republic. He spoke in a reminiscent way, illustrating many points with anecdotes of war experiences, which brought applause from the veterans of north and south.

Other addresses were made by Colonel A. M. Clark, of North Carolina, and Captain John C. Brian, who commanded several vessels in the Confederate service during the Civil war and who had the distinction of being the last prisoner held by the north to be released.

Letters expressing regret at enforced absence were read from Admiral George Dewey, General O. O. Howard, United States Senator James B. McCreary, of Kentucky, Colonel Henry Watterson, Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Galer, Episcopal bishop of Tennessee, and many others.

## CHURCH &amp; FACTORY WRECKED

Explosion of Benzine Caused Great Damage—Losses Will Reach \$150,000.

Philadelphia, March 28.—An explosion of benzine today resulted in a fire which wiped out the main portion of the Roman Catholic church at St. Francis Xavier, and destroyed the hat factory of Henry H. Roelofs and company at 24th and Green streets, entailing an estimated loss of \$50,000 on the factory and \$100,000 on the church edifice partly covered by insurance. The parochial residence and two dwellings near the church were damaged by flames and smoke. When the explosion occurred there were 75 children in the basement of the church who had gathered to attend Lenten devotions. They escaped without injury. About 700 pupils who were in the parochial school opposite the burning buildings left the school house in order. Several hundred workmen in the hat factory also escaped. Three firemen were injured by the falling walls, but their injuries were not serious. The explosion occurred in the tarring room of Roelofs and company's building. During the Civil war it was Sharp's Fire Arms factory. The force of the explosion blew the flames through the rear window of the church and set fire to the interior woodwork. Rev. Thomas F. Shannon, rector of the church, is traveling in the south and Rev. Edward Mellin and Rev. J. Fleming, the curates, at the risk of their lives, saved the consecrated host and the sacred vessels. Only the walls and tower of the church were left standing.

## BIG LIQUOR PURCHASE

Forty-Four Car Loads Bought by New South Carolina Dispensary Board.

Clerk Mobley announces the first quarterly purchases made by the new state board of dispensary directors. As there is already a stock on hand over \$200,000 in excess of the limit fixed by law, and in view of the large number of former favored firms black-listed by the investigating committee, much interest has been manifested to know what concern would be favored by the new board and how deep it would be in making purchases at first, while there is scarcely room now to accommodate the stock already on hand. The purchases are said to be lighter than were usually made by the old board and confined mostly to cheap goods. But the total is not to be sneezed at, as it is. It amounts to 1,200 barrels of whiskies and brandies, 12 cars of beer and 4,425 cases of case goods. It would require two trains of 22 cars each to move the quantity bought. No glass was bought, though there were bids in from a number of concerns. The investigating committee may have something to say about some of the purchases later.—A Columbia Dispatch.

## A Question of Roads.

Gaston county, N. C., has voted \$200,000 to build macadam roads. Rockingham, N. C., on May 12th will vote on a bond issue of the same amount for the same purpose. Mecklenburg county, N. C., has one hundred and fifty-six miles of well-graded macadamized roads, the result of the persistent effort and self-taxation of the people during the last twelve years. In this county the good roads have brought comfort, improvement and prosperity beyond description, and nobody regrets a dollar of the hundreds of thousands that have been spent.

These North Carolina counties show the way for Virginia. The last legislature gave us a start in the direction of good roads and committed the state definitely to the policy of aiding them. Now let the counties respond. It is time for the people living in the county to rid themselves of the timidity about taxation and of the feeling of poverty. They can be and should be induced to feel that they can make no other investment that will pay them so well as graded, smooth, hard and permanent roads. The farm whose taxes are \$20 a year could easily afford to double them to secure easy and safe communication with his market.—Richmond News Leader.

## SAD DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL

Miss Mayo, at the Ræford Institute, Passes Away After Short Illness.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Ræford, N. C., March 28.—Late Saturday afternoon, Miss Janet Mayo, a school girl attending the Institute from near Tarboro, died of the measles and heart failure. She took the measles about two weeks ago, and having heart trouble, it seems to have allied itself with the measles and caused her death.

Dr. Mayo, her father, and mother were with her about a week before her death. Dr. Mayo has been very ill of late himself, but is somewhat better.

Miss Leila and Kathleen, her other two sisters, have the measles now, but are much better.

Rev. Mr. Howell conducted the services in the Methodist church and at the cemetery. The death is a very sad one in many respects. None of the family were able to attend the burial.

## TRIAL OF THE NEW JERSEY

Big Battleship Makes Fine Speed. Will Probably Go in Commission in May.

Boston, March 29.—The performance today of the battleship New Jersey in maintaining a speed of 19.13 knots an hour in a four hour endurance off the New England coast, coupled with her remarkable speed yesterday over a measured mile at Rockland, Me., at a 19.48 knots an hour sail, places this product of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at the head of all American built battleships so far as speed is concerned. Today her average revolutions per minute reached 126.297 and from these figures the trial board announced that she had made an average of 19.18 knots an hour compared with 19.01 made by the Rhode Island and 19.00 by the Virginia sister ships at their trials a few months ago.

At one time today the New Jersey's speed reached 19.278 knots an hour for a period of 15 minutes. Her lowest for a similar period was 18.960. It is expected she will go in commission in May.

## A Judicial Privilege.

In a southern court one day, says a well known attorney, according to Harper's Weekly, one of the counsel paused in his argument, remarking to the judge:

"I observe that your honor shakes his head at that statement. I desire to reaffirm it, although your honor disents."

"I am not aware," coldly responded the judge, "that I have intimated how I shall construe the evidence, nor what my decision will be in the premises. Your remark is, therefore, entirely uncalled for."

"Your honor shook his head," "True," said the judge, "there was a fly on my ear. And I'll have you know, sir, that I reserve the right to remove a fly in whatever manner pleases me."

Mr. F. L. McNair, of Laurinburg, arrived in Wilmington last night.

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