

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL session of the Southern Baptist Convention was held at Birmingham, Alabama, beginning on last Friday and adjourning yesterday.

There are missions in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, China and Africa with 88 missionaries, 22 schools, 823 pupils, 67 churches and 2,377 members.

An appeal was made to increase the endowment of the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, and a subscription of over \$20,000 was at once raised.

The report of the Home Mission Board showed a great enlargement of the work, as follows: number of missionaries, 401; baptisms, 5,349, churches built, 143, and admissions to churches, 9,987.

A resolution was adopted asking that the World's Fair at Chicago be closed on Sundays.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, on the first Friday before the second Sunday in May.

THE PENSON LAW of this State was amended and improved by the Legislature at its late session. Heretofore only indigent widows, that is those who were utterly destitute, could have a pension, but now the word "indigent" is stricken out and widows are placed on the same footing as soldiers.

Another amendment is the establishment of a "County Advisory Board of Pensions" in each county, which board consists of five moderate soldiers, to whom shall be referred all applications for pensions.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME at Raleigh was formally opened, on last Monday, with appropriate exercises. In the presence of a large audience Gov. Holt made an appropriate address, formally opening the Home, which is situated at the old fair grounds near the eastern limits of Raleigh.

ITALIAN immigrants are coming to this country in greater numbers than ever before notwithstanding the late lynching at New Orleans. A ship left Naples last week loaded with 1400 immigrants.

Cleveland Invited to N. C. NEW YORK, N. Y., March 12, 1891.—Senator Ransom has come from North Carolina with an invitation signed by all the Democratic members of Congress and all the judges, and the leading citizens of the State to Mr. Cleveland to attend an educational convention to be held at Morehead city the first week of July.

The board of missions of the M. E. Church South, at its recent session in Wilmington, appropriated \$250,000 for mission work in Japan, Mexico, China, Indian Territory and the West.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1891.

Well, well! can it be that after all of Mr. Blaine's jingoism as to our rights in Behring Sea that we are tumbled back down? That's the talk here now. According to my information, Mr. Blaine has discovered that we have nothing to arbitrate and that Russia never set up any such claims as he has done when she was the owner of Alaska, and does not now recognize that the United States has any such rights.

A whole week has gone by without a new and entirely different statement from the preceding one of the condition of the Treasury having been given out. Last week there were three or four of them. Mum is the word now, while the Secretary and his expert accountants are preparing the figures for the presto vobis change statement, which if it meets with Mr. Harrison's approval, and of that there's little doubt, is to be given to the public on the first of June.

The first mutterings of a storm in the ranks of the republican party are being heard here. So far Mr. Harrison has apparently had it all his own way in his march towards a second nomination, and none of his party have seen fit to attempt to make any organized opposition to him, but smalls are ahead for him.

THE BLAINE men cannot be kept down much longer. They hate Harrison, and every time that Russell Harrison's newspaper in its sly attempts to make glory for Harrison, casts a slur upon Blaine that hatred is intensified.

From and after Wednesday, the first day of April, 1891, the change of freight rates for the railroads from their present rates, for the suspension of the sale of tickets, or the handling of baggage, or the use of such papers, will be permitted without the consent of the commission, provided that the rate of freight is not increased.

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Government officials decline to express any opinion for publication on the report of the New Orleans grand jury on the lynching of the Italians, but privately the universal verdict is "just what I expected," and many people have recalled the words of Edmund Burke—"A whole people cannot be indicted."

Chloroformed a Whole Family. St. Louis, May 9.—Burglars entered the house of Justice of the Peace James H. Wyatt, of East Louis, last night, and chloroformed the entire family. When the family awoke this morning every one complained of a headache, and the odor of the drug penetrated the whole house. The thieves secured a gold watch, \$50 worth of jewelry and \$23 in money.

Rules of the R. R. Commissioners

Raleigh Correspondent of Wilmington Messenger

The rules of practice of the Railway Commission were published today, and with the acts creating the commission and making it a board of appraisers for railways, and with the standard freight and passenger tariffs established, form a pamphlet of fifty-six pages. In this much of interest is to be found. The commission will hold its sessions on Wednesdays of each week for the hearing of applications, receiving petitions and matters other than contested cases. Special sessions will be held as occasion requires at other places.

The rates governing the transportation of passengers are interesting. The fare is 31 cents per mile for first class, 24 cents for second class, and 17 cents for third class. Each passenger is allowed 150 pounds of baggage. No more than the value of 100 cents of baggage shall be charged when the ticket office at any station shall not have been open for a reasonable time before the departure from a station of the train upon which the passenger intends to be transported.

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Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

Of the N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service, co-operating with the U. S. Weather Bureau, for the week ending Friday, May 8th, 1891.

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Cultivate Blackberries.

W. F. Moore, Raleigh, N. C. Extension.

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Advertisement for H. Waller, Raleigh, N.C., featuring watches, jewelry, diamonds, and silverware. It includes the text 'Watches, Jewelry, Diamonds, Sterling Silver and Silver Plated Ware'.

Advertisement for W. L. Douglas shoes, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE' and 'W. L. LONDON'.

Advertisement for a new store of goods, featuring the text 'NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!' and 'W. L. LONDON'.

Advertisement for a large lot of shoes, featuring the text 'Large Lot of Shoes' and 'W. L. LONDON'.

Advertisement for patents, featuring the text 'PATENTS' and 'C. A. SNOW & CO.'.

Advertisement for a sewing machine, featuring the text 'NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE' and 'B. F. THOMAS, JONESBORO, N. C.'