

The House Chaplain Prayed for Cuban Independence and Was Applauded After His Amen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—After a debate continued almost uninterruptedly over five days the general pension appropriation bill, for the year ending June 30th, 1897, was passed by the House this afternoon, which then adjourned until Monday. To-day's debate was conducted under the five minute rule, the bill being read by paraphrasis for amendment. None that was material was adopted. Mr. Bartlett, Democrat, of New York, enforcing his announced policy of opposition to further extension of pension legislation by raising points of order against them. By the same device he succeeded in having struck out of the bill the provision reported by the committee that "during the fiscal year it shall not be necessary for a widow, in establishing her claim to a pension under the provision of the act of 1890, to prove that she is without other means of support than her daily labor; provided, that before she shall be entitled to a pension under the provisions of said law she shall prove that her net income does not exceed \$500."

Mr. W. A. Stone, Republican, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the bill announced that its passage anticipated by fifty days the passage of a similar bill in either of the last two previous Congresses. Among the miscellaneous business transacted was the passage of a joint resolution providing for the distribution of undelivered sets of the Naval Records of the rebellion.

A message was received from the President asking prompt legislation to enable the Attorney General to prosecute litigation in reference to the granting of patents to lands lying within forfeited railroad grants. The cause of Cuban independence was the subject of Chaplain Conde's prayer at the beginning of the session and his invocation that this government would do what it could to aid in securing liberty to the Cubans, was followed by a wave of applause, probably the first time that such a demonstration ever followed.

Warren Greene, counsel for the receiver, says that the failure was caused by the unsettled condition of commercial and political affairs in Cuba. The firm is largely interested in contracts for the purchase and shipment of sugar from Cuba and the present disturbed condition has led to heavy losses. None of the property of the firm has been destroyed by insurgents, but their business has practically been ruined because of war.

A pauper 82 years old has been taken to the county home of Union to that of Stanley county.

Bad dreams distress the man whose digestion is out of order. Constipation creates more dreams than are in the infernal regions. People who are troubled with constipation sleep badly and restlessly. Sometimes they cannot sleep at all, and when they do sleep, the dreams come. It doesn't take so very long to wear a man out with that sort of thing. He gets up in the morning feeling worse than he did when he went to bed. He is restless and without energy. Chances are he is dizzy, has "heart palpitation," sees black spots before his eyes, has headache and is bilious. Sense it is to take a condition of constipation. Nine-tenths of all ailments in the world come from constipation and neglect of it. It is a thing to cure if you go about it. It's a bad thing and a serious thing if you don't take the right medicine. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are designed for cases of constipation. The "Pink Pills" are sugar-coated granules. One is a mild cathartic. Every one of them has a good effect. They have prevented many other ailments from settling on them. They will not try to

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Gea, whizz! Laint Marion Butler gaining notoriety. He's much man in Washington, but like unto a howling pup that has seen a strange face in old Lama and sits upon his tail for hours and hours, whining, only to hear the echo of his own pitiful moans from a distant wood. But the worst part is that the ones who sent this great man to Washington always cry, "news from the senate and nothing done." How in the dnee do you expect to get anything done when such fogies are put there to monopolize the valuable time of those who are far sighted and desire to do, or at least say something. I am truly glad that I shook the capitalist's dust from off my feet before he got there, or I would have been kidded to death. But then I can't say that I am glad I returned to Cabarrus, for I have recently been humiliated more than once by having it intimated to me that our representative in the last legislature figured conspicuously in the scheme to work this humiliation upon the innocent people. That's nice, now ain't it. Democrats, to work. Let's have no more of it. Let's do the combine this year just to show them a trick. It is a settled fact that the gubernatorial ticket will be of the Douglass cast—kinder mixed.

I do declare some women beat all the politicians I ever saw. They get things mixed up so badly, along about Christmas times my wife was describing to the children how old Saint Nicholas would look and how surprisingly he would appear, and it was so h deously pictured to the youngsters that their old dad has experienced the miserable ordeal of sleeping with them every night since. If you have ever "carried the banner" upon a mill hopper, you can slightly imagine what it is to stay with a host of kicking buckskins. She is to tell them about the "new women" in the spring. I'll be in or over the river. It won't matter then.

It seems to me that here, like other places, there should be christian charity enough in the town and community to have a relief fund for the poor, the sick and afflicted, and some one appointed to look after the condition of things in this respect. Winter is now upon us in full blast and when the demand is made for assistance in procuring these necessities essential to sweet existence, the assistance will be found wanting. Let some one take the matter in hand at once.

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Two Deaths at Home. Mrs. Polly Miller, an aged white woman died at the county home Thursday morning. Simon Harris, the unfortunate negro that lived on Mr. Shakespear Harris' place who, while suffering some spasmodic affection several weeks ago, fell in the fire and was severely burned, a notice of which appeared in THE STANDARD, died at the county home Wednesday night as a result of his fatal fall.

The Law Against Mesmerism. We desire to call the attention of school teachers and committeemen to the following section of the School Law of North Carolina. Let all who are interested in the matter read it and govern themselves accordingly. It is a matter of importance just now, and we feel that when the law is known, it will be promptly acted upon. Section 13 of Chapter 214, Laws of 1893, reads: "The school committees of graded schools, superintendents of public schools shall not allow any pupil to attend the school under their control while any member of the household to which said pupil belongs is sick of either small pox, diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, yellow fever, typhus fever or cholera, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend a certificate from the attending physician, city health officer or county superintendent of health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulations. A willful failure on the part of any school committee to perform the duty required in this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall subject each and every member of the same to a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars. Provided, that the instructions in accordance with the provisions of this section given to the teachers of the schools within twenty-four hours after the receipt of each and every notice shall be deemed performance of duty on the part of the school committee. Any teacher of a public school and any principal of a private school failing to carry out the requirements of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars.—Morganton Herald.

In conversation with a STANDARD reporter, Sheriff John A. Sims discloses the following facts concerning the collection of taxes for last year: "The total amount of State and county taxes for Cabarrus county amounts to between \$20,000 and \$30,000, outside of delinquent and special taxes. I have receipts from the county treasurer for the sum of \$21,825.85—school, county and road taxes, and from State Treasurer Worth receipts for \$7,591.12, making a total of \$29,417.97, leaving a balance due not exceeding \$1,000." The Sheriff seems to be very much elated over the success with which he has met in getting his taxes so near all in, the reason for which is probably due to the fact that farmers had more money last year than for several years previous. He also stated that a very practicing physician, lawyer and dentist in the county had paid the special tax that was imposed by the famous legislature of 1895. In this, Cabarrus seems to be in advance of some adjoining counties.

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TOWN AND COUNTY

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There are three means of attracting prominence in New York. One is to get married, the second is to get divorced and the third is to get married again.

Jesse Garmon, a good farmer of the Best Mill section of this county, has a performing horse which gave a free exhibition on Main street Wednesday afternoon.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning at the bride's home in Salisbury, Mr. Robert L. James was married to Miss Lily M. James. An elaborate wedding breakfast was served.

South Carolina's general assembly met yesterday (Wednesday) and it will be an important session, as the Legislators will have the task of adjusting the laws of the State to the new constitution.

Mr. H. McNamara has tendered his resignation as an attaché of the county chain gang to again become agent for the W. B. Marble Works, of Statesville. He will continue with the gang for a week or ten days.

Mr. James B. Denoon, superintendent of the telephone exchange of Charlotte, and who superintended the putting in of our system last summer, died very suddenly at his home in Charlotte on Wednesday. He was a highly esteemed citizen.

Rev. B. F. Davis, of this city, delivered an excellent lecture to the pupils and teachers of Mt. Ararat Seminary on Tuesday night, on the subject: "Some remarks concerning higher female education, and a few suggestions to the pupils of the seminary." The lecture was highly appreciated.

All's well that ends well. Augusta Seminary in Davie county was not burned, as the Salisbury World reported on information it believed to be reliable. It was an old free school house which burned. An attempt, however, was made to burn the Hodges' Business College. Mr. Davis, who lost his mind during the excitement, has since found it.

Officer G. W. Means spent Thursday in the business office of the revenue department at Greensboro.

The championship belt for fast running was awarded to one of our young clerks last Tuesday night, he having made a half mile in 2.30.

There is to be a wedding at Mt. Pleasant real soon. We have not seen any cards to that effect, but Madame Rumor has it that—well, wait for the names.

On North Main street there were only eight gates swinging out over the sidewalk, so says one of the early risers who ran against all of them before daylight, after the electric lights were out.

J. P. Sossamon, of Mecklenburg, was present at the county alliance meeting at Poplar Tent to-day (Friday) and delivered an appropriate address. A basket dinner was served.

S. S. Smyers and wife, of Newton, came down the Western last night and spent the night at Capt. J. A. Fisher's. They will spend some time in Cabarrus with their son-in-law, G. A. Fisher, before returning home.—Salisbury World.

Says the Salisbury Watchman: "We learn that Congressman Shuford is making an effort to secure a government building for Salisbury. The city is entitled to such a building, and let everybody pull for it."

There will be two eclipses of the sun this year—one February 13th, at 8:16 in the morning, and the other August 8th, at 10:57 in the evening. There will also be two eclipses of the moon—on February 28th and August 22nd.

The little daughter of Dr. Marrow, of Burlington, accidentally swallowed a screw Tuesday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, which lodged in her throat and she struggled to death before it could be removed. She was between one and two years of age.

Mrs. J. A. R. White, whose illness was noted in THE STANDARD several days ago, died Thursday night at her home at Cannonville. The funeral will be conducted from the house tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. R. Moore, after which the remains will be conveyed to Boger's chapel burying ground in No. 9 township.

Mr. J. L. Graham has traded his horse to Mr. M. L. Witherpoon for the building on the corner of the square opposite the Haynes House, which Mr. Witherpoon so long used as a law office. Mr. Graham has had the house painted inside and out and expects to use it for an office as soon as he gets license to practice law.—Newton Enterprise.

Mr. Alex. Summit, an aged and honored citizen of Newton, died Monday evening at the residence of Mr. L. Q. Yount. Mr. Summit was 84 years old and has been in failing health for some time. He has two daughters living, Mrs. J. A. Yount, of Concord, N. C., and Mrs. Rev. G. W. Callahan, of Mt. Holly, N. C. His remains were laid to rest in Newton Cemetery Tuesday at 2 o'clock.—Newton Enterprise.

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