

size of farms in the United States at 146 acres, and it is stated that 49 per tent of the farm land is improved. The total acreage for the entire country was \$841,201,546.

The number of farms in the United

these 104 passed. The returns from the other counties will probably bring the aumber up to 125. On the 3rd of September there will be entrance examinabe in all 500 students. It is quite reaconable to believe that in a few years of the necessary accommodations are provided, there will be 1,000.

of Cleveland by Senator Ward proviked spirited colloguy. tions at the college. It is expected that ber road, along Laurel run, two miles these will bring the total number of above Porterwood, W. Va., thrown freshmen up to 200 and that there will from a trestle into the creek, 10 feet

States has increased in every decade for the last fifty years, and so rapidly that in 1900 there were nearly four times as many farms as in 1850, and 25 per cent more than in 1890. The total acreage of farm land also has increased but up to 1880 less rapidly than the number of farms, thus involving a steady decrease in the average size of farms. Since 1880. however, the total acreage has increased more rapidly than the number of farms, so that the average size of tarms has increased. The total area of improved land had increased in every decade since 1850.

A comparison by States indicate that the most important States in the igriculture of the country are, beginning at the West, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana. Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Together they contribute 44 per cent of the total value of farm property and 38 per cent of the total value of farm products. Texas leads with the greatest number of farms, 352,190, and also with the highest acreage 125,807,017. But only a little over 15 per cent of the farm lands in Texas was improved, and the value of the farm land in Texas aws less than in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Missouri, low; or Illinois, being \$962,476,273. Missouri ranges second in the number of farms raving 284,886. Other States having more than 200,000 farms are: Alabama 223,220; Georgia 224,691; Illinois 264,151; Indiana, 221,897; Iowa, 228,622; Kentucky, 231,667; Michigan, 203.261; Mississippi, 220,803; New York 226,720; North Carolina, 224,-537; Ohio 276,719; Pennsylvania, 224,-248; Tennessee, 224,623.

Iowa leads the list in the percentage f improved lands, more than 86 per cent of the farm lands of that State being improved. Illinois follows with more than 34 per cent, Ohio comes next with 78 per cent, and is followed by Indiana with more than 77 per cent. Illinois occupies the first position in the matter of the total value of taim lands, the figures for the State being 2,004,316,897. Other State values are:

Tennessee, \$341,202,025; Texas, \$962.476.273; Virginia. \$323,515,977.

The live stock farm lands of the country are put down at a value of \$7,505,284,273, or more than 36 per cent of the whole; the hay and grain lands at \$6,378,543,543 or 31 per cent of the whole, dairy products over b per cent; cotton over 5 per cent There are 512 coffee farms in the country.

State Auditor Dixon is sending to each register of deeds a list of the holders of bank stock in that particular county.

J. C. Caddell, so well known all over this State, has for six months been sick at Wake Forest, his home. Inflammatory rheumatism was the disease. He will soon go to Georgia, where he will represent the American Book Company.

Webb Nominated By Acclamation.

Concord, Special.-The Democratic convention of this judicial district was called to order in the court house at 12 o'clock Friday by Mr. J. A. Anthony, of Cleveland county. Messrs. J. F. Hurley, of The Tribune, and G. B. Means, of The Standard, were the secretaries of the convention, and Mr. W. C. Mawell temporary chair man. On motion of Mr. W. G. Means, this organization was made permanent. Mr. J. L. Webb, of Shelby, was nominated by Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, of Charlotte, for solicitor of the twelfth judicial district. The nomination was seconded by Mr. R. B. Wilson, of Gastonia, and given Mr. Webb by acclamation.

James Tillman Called a Liar.

Columbia, Special.-At the political meeting at Gaffney, Jim Tillman was called a liar. There was no fight. Ed. H. De Camp, editor of The Ledger, in a recent article stigmatized Tillman as a "liar, a drunkard and a gambler." At Newberry, after Hub Evans had whipped a newspaper editor, Tillman declared that if any editor had insults to offer him, let it be done to his face. Today he was reading to the crowd and commenting sarcastically De Camp's editorial when De Camp mounted the platform and declared that Tillman was a liar and that it could be proved over Tillman's signature. He then produced letters from Tillman in response to letters from De Camp asking Tillman for a remittance for an account due for advertising. De Camp claimed that Tillman had lied in this correspondence. Pandemonium broke forth, and as Tillman was the last speaker the meeting was abruptly adjourned. Tillman was not without friends in the erowd.

and Engineman M. H. Hinkle was probably fatally scalded.

An ongine on Lentz & Shadler's lum-

chisement of the negro. Denunciation

The Merchants' Coal Company has taken nearly 100 foreigners, mostly Italians, Slaves and Polanders, to Tunnelton, W. Va., to work in their mines and at the present rate the full force will be at work soon.

Seven lawyers of Amherst, Va., have addressed a communication to the members of the General Assembly reciting the facts in regard to the recent assault of Judge C. J. Campbell on Rev. C. H. Crawford and strongly condemning the assault.

At The National Capital.

The State Department decided that a Filipino in a foreign country is entitled to diplomatic protection but not to a passport.

After a visit to New England Secretary of the Treasury Shaw says he bebelieves Fresident Roosevelt will be nominated in 1904.

At The North.

Capt. Putnam Bradlee Strong disappeared in New York, leaving notes saying he was going to kill himself.

President Roosevelt entertained Mayor Low, of New York City, at Oyster Bay, L. I.

Ohio's Attorney General began an action to cust the Cleveland City Council.

Hugo Poppenhuesier, a Philadelphia drug clerk, shot and captured a burglar who had broken into his room.

United Mine Workers, m .convention at Indianapolis, declared against a general strike and adopted a plan to aid the striking anthracite workers.

The steamer Belgenland, from Philadelphia, broke her shaft at sea, and after drifting four days, was towed into Halifax by the steamer Scholar.

From Across The Sea.

The Czar and President Loubet are expected to visit King Victor Emmanrel at Rome.

President Castro abandoned his plan of fighting near Barcelona, Venszuela, and will return to Caracas.

Severe earthquake shocks were again felt on the island of St. Vincent.

petition. This feeling is even run into politics, though some may regard it as of questionable taste to call attention to the fact. A number of leading Republicans would like to see Mr. McNamee nominated for the State Senate, and the impression prevails that he would accept the nomination; but politicians who follow public opinion are made to hesitate when they take into account the sentiment re part of the stock and furniture in the garding Mr. Vanderbilt. Of course the average visitor to Asheville would hear nothing of this feeling, but those who go about the rural districts know that it still exists.

want but many people in the coun-

try would be glad to see him leave for

good and all, principally because he

puts farm and dairy products on the

local market, thus giving rise to com-

Elopement at Greensboro.

Greensboro, Special.-Mrs. Ada Stafford, wife of John E. Stafford, of Greensboro, eloped Tuesday night with J. E. Harding, a book-keeper at the Revolution Cotton Mills. The couple purchased tickets for Washington, but it is thought that they got off at Lynchburg, Va., and went West.

Harding, who is unmarried, has been bearding at the home of the Staffords for some time, but no undue intimacy had been noted between him and Mrs Stafford, and it is believed their elopment was the result of a sudden infatuation.

Mrs. Stafford is a handsome woman of 35 or 40 years of sge and is the mother of four sons, the oldest of whom is 17 years of age.

The pair did not take anything with them belonging to Mr. Stafford. On the other hand, Mrs. Stafford left ali her jewelry in the house, with the exception of her engagement ring, which she mailed to her husband through the Greensboro postoffice.

The husband of the runaway womar called on Solicitor Brooks for advice He is giving the matter full publicity. and it is said will probably offer a reward for the arrest of the couple.

Third Annual Reunion of North Carolina Lutherans.

This great gathering will take place in the grove of Lenoir College, Hickory. N. C., Thursday, August 7th, 1902 The leading address will be by Prof Henry E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia, on the "Problem of the Lutheran Church in the South." There will be also a grand picnic as a part of the reunion festivities. Good

music is promised, together with general fellowship meeting. Special rates on callroads applied for.

Forty Houses Burned.

The mine managers are anxion

awaiting 70,000 or 80,000 natives,

are unable to secure more than ;

or 5000 a month.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.which broke out Tuesday morning Brookside, a town of 1,000 inhabitan situated in Jefferson county., 10 min from Birmingham, destroyed a numb of houses and about 40 residence causing a loss of \$50,000. The great burned buildings was saved, but on siderably damaged. The insurance light

Tillman Withdraws Charges.

Washington, Special.-Lieuten Governor Tillman, of South Carolin has telegraphed Fourth Assista Postmaster General Bristow that withdraws the charge that his ma had been tampered with in the po office at Pickens, S. C. The d alleged that valuable political p addressed to Mr. Tillman had bee tained from the Pickens postoff an unknown party. The case is in the hands of postoffice inspa for investigation, but no report been received from them.

\$50.000 Fire at Annopolis

Annapolis, Md., Special .- A fire the broke out in the heart of Annapa Wednesday morning destroyed buildings, including St. Martin's G man Lutheran church, and the lan general store of A. J. Ewell and cause a loss estimated at \$50,000. The started in the confectionary store B. Wiegard, in State Circle. An on heated bake oven is supposed to ma been the cause.

Teachers Killed in Cubs.

Washington, Special .- The War partment has received the follows cablegram regarding the school tead ers who have been missed from Ca. June 10th: "John E. Wells, 209 Mon gomery avenue, Providence, R. I. his cousin, Louis A. Thomas, same dress; Ernest Heger, 1413 Vine stre Cincinnati, O.; Clyde A. France, Ber O., missing from Cebu, murdered ladrones. Bodies recovered. Leader the murders killed; eight others of tured by the constabulary."

alued at \$1,932.912

To Oppose Swanson.

Roanoke, Special .- The Republican Congressional convention of the Fifth listrict met at Rocky Mount and nominated Hon. B. A. Davis, of Franklin county, by acclemation, to oppose Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Democrat, the present representative from that district. Several speeches were made denouncing the work of the late constituonal convention.

Says Strike Can Be Won.

Special.-President Indianapolis, Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, expects to leave Indianapolis for Wilkesbatte, where he will probably re-men strike heauquarters Thursday or Friday. . His intention, it is understood, is to remain in the anthracite region until the strike is settled. Secretary Wilson says he does not expect any more large donations 'until later. It is understood Mr. Mitchell and his asociates are convinced that they can win the, anthracite strike if they can hold out for ten weeks long-Pr.

Mr. Bryan in Maine,

Augusta, Me., Special.-An immense crowd warmly greeted Mr. Bryan and his party when they arrived here Friday afternoon. Mr. Bryan spoke in the city hall and was given a tremendous ovation. In his address he referred to the leading issues which the voters of Maine should consider hetween now and election day.

Stunned By Lightning.

Greensboro, Special.-In an incipient electric storm here lightning struck the residence of Mr. D. D. De-Butz in two places, on a chimney and the eaves of the house. His threeyear-old boy was lying on a rug in front of the fireplace and was stunned for half an hour, recovering without apparent injury. The little fellow was literally black from the soot that was hurled over him, and the chimney was as clean as if an electric broom instead of bolt had passed down it. The lightning striking the eaves of the house did slight damage, soon reaching a metal gutter, and going to the ground.

Governor Tart at Rome mentioned the name of Bishop George Montgomery, of Los Angeles, for apostolic delegate to Manila.

The Sultan of Bacolod, Philippines, who threatened to begin an insurrection in August, has written a friendly letter to the American commander.

The Paris Temps thinks the Vatican's reply to Governor Taft's last note on the friar question is a virtual rejection of the American offer.

M. Combes announces that he accepted the French Premiership in order to enforce the Law of Associations. King Edward attended religious services which were conducted aboard the royal yacht.

Salisbury's resignation is said to have been a surprise to the King, the Premier declaring that he resigned because he was losing his memory.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Several persons were drowned in three cloudbursts in New York State.

Represents Live William Sulzer says the Republican paty's record is against its anti-trust threats and predicts material Democratic gain in the next House of eRpresentatives.

Beigrade Postmaster Arrestea.

Newbern, Special.-F. N. Davis, postoffice inspector, had the postmaster at Belgrade, Onslow county, arrested and brought before Charles B. Hill, United States commissioner here, Wednesday morning. Mr. Davis found the postmaster, F. C. Henderson, short in his money order account over \$1,000. This is a very small office and was only made a money order office last January. Besides being the postmaster. Henderson is president of the Belgrade High School and Business College, ancial circles. president of the Belgrade Stock Company and editor of The Belgrade Courier. It seems that most of the money orders issued, were for the postmaster himself.

State News Notes.

The State charters the Zachary Mantel Company, of Raleigh, capital \$25,-000; A. D. Zachary and others stockholders. It will manufacture and deal in mantels.

A charter was granted Wednesday to the Elliott Chair Company, of Lexington, capital \$25,000. J. A. Elliott, of Thomasville, is a large stockholder.

Fatal Fire at Albany. Albany, N. Y., July 25 .- One fires dead, one in the hospital, said to dying, and a number seriously injuin addition to a monetary loss estim ed at \$250,000, is the result of a which broke out in the heart of business district, shortly before o'clock this morning. The dead man is D. K. Bishop, an auxil member of the insurance patrol prominent in the city's social and

Ex-Alderman Bound Over Richmond, Special.-Ex-Alder King, who was indicted by the spe grand jury on the charge of accept \$500 and other benefits from cont tors, in return for his vote in favor on their bid for city work. arraigned in the police court, and case was continued until next Mon His bond of \$1,500, given Friday al was renewed until next Monday.

Two American missionaries stoned and beaten by Japanese borers in Korea.