

We are greatly indebted to Hon. Walter L. Steele for a most valuable and excellent book, just received. It is a "Statistical Atlas of the United States, based on the results of the ninth census—1870—with contributions from many eminent men of science, and general departments of the government, computed under authority of Congress, by Francis A. Walker, M. A., superintendent of the ninth census, and superintendent of political economy and history, Sheffield scientific school, of Yale College." The atlas contains elaborate and beautifully engraved maps, giving the physical features of the United States, embraced in our river systems, woodlands, annual rainfall, and other natural features; population, social and industrial statistics, including the area and political divisions, density of population, &c.; vital statistics, including the age and sex of the living population, native and foreign; birth-rate, deaths from consumption and malarial diseases, the afflicted classes—blind, deaf mutes, insane and idiots, by age and sex, as well as a list of temples, and discussions, in regard to the subjects treated in the book.

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In this work we find, among a great many other interesting statistics, a table showing the relative population of the different States of the Union for every ten years from 1790 up to 1870. A reference to these figures shows that in 1790 the State of North Carolina had a population of 393,751, while the State of New York had, at the same time a population of 340,126; thus our population at that time exceeded that of New York by 53,625. Now the city of New York alone has as much population as the whole State of North Carolina. It appears, further, that in 1790 Virginia had vastly more population than any other State in the Union—747,000. Pennsylvania came next with 834,737, and Massachusetts next with 878,787; Massachusetts, was at that time, about 15,000 behind North Carolina, and now it has five to one of population. South Carolina, at the time we speak of, contained 207,778 people, and Virginia contained fewer people than any of the Southern States which were settled at all—82,548. Alabama, and quite a number of the other States of the South, along with a number of the now most populous Western States, had not at this time been organized at all, and Connecticut had about equal population with New York.

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SOME RECENT IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.—We print this morning the full text of the bill to extend the criminal jurisdiction of justices of the peace. It has passed both houses and is now a law. The bill authorizing the printing of 20,000 copies of the report of the geological survey, together with the proceedings of the recent convention of Northern settlers in Charlotte, has also passed both houses of the General Assembly, though the reports of the Raleigh papers upon the bill do not make this fact appear. The House has tabled the bill for the regulation of the fees of the clerk of the Supreme Court, and the fees of clerks of the Superior Courts, sheriffs and registers of deeds, and for the regulation of the pay of jurors; so that this matter may be brought before the House for its consideration.

The bill in regard to desecration of the Sabbath has passed the House and is hung up in the Senate, as we understand, without any prospect of action being had upon it.

We are indebted to Hon. A. M. Waddell for a copy of his speech delivered in the House on the 14th inst., on the subject of postal savings banks, the establishment of which, as Col. Waddell well says, "is a duty which Congress owes to the country and which it ought not longer to postpone."

We are indebted to our representatives in the lower house of the General Assembly for copies of important bills and other documents of a public character. One of these bills we print elsewhere this morning; the others we hold for future reference.

Investigations.

A perfect model of a large two-story house has been on exhibition at the postoffice for some time. It is the work of our ingenious young friend, Mr. James Lawson, who has produced with his pocket-knife, the miniature dwelling is a faithful model of a house from a plan by Hobbs the famous architect. It has piazzas, pavilion windows, bay windows, high steep-roofed windows, numerous ornate Gothic gables. It covers an area of 18 by 18 inches, and is 21 inches high, is weather-boarded; is covered by 1000 tiny shingles; and in its structure over 4000 nails were used about one and three-quarter pounds. It is really a work of art, and has done great credit on the young architect. From its front door steps to its chimney tops it seems to be built of wood. Mr. Lawson informs that he has purposes to construct appropriate out-houses and a garden, all to be enclosed by a fence.

Terrific Fall from the third story of a Hotel (to be published in the Richmond Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 25.—Major W. C. Murray of this city, fell from the third story of the Hotel Richmond, on the third story to the ground, and was fearfully injured. He will hardly survive, it is thought.

Forty-Fifth Congress.

Teller's Report—Randall Explains The Tobacco Bill Goes to the President—An Ex-Minister Summoned Before the Bar of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—SENATE.—Teller, from the committee to inquire into the alleged violation of the constitutional rights of citizens during the late elections, submitted a majority report in regard to the investigation in Louisiana and South Carolina, and said the minority of the committee reserved the right to submit their report hereafter. Ordered printed. He also submitted a resolution continuing the committee until the next session, authorizing it to sit during the recess with all the power and authority heretofore conferred upon it. Objected to by Bayard, and laid aside.

The Senate, by a vote of 25 to 41, refused to take up the Geneva award bill. The House bill, making an appropriation for the payment of the arrears of pensions, was then taken up.

At 1.30 P. M. the Senate went into executive session. The doors were opened at 5 P. M. when the river and harbor bill with amendments was reported and placed on the calendar.

The census bill as amended by the House was referred to the census committee. Pending the consideration of the House bill, making an appropriation to pay arrears of pensions, the Senate engaged in the exercise of a commemorative day in the anniversary of Douglas of Virginia, and then adjourned.

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MR. CROWELL. The Merchant Tailor, who has given such satisfaction to his customers here, will remain in the city only over Sunday, 29th March. Bring in your orders before he leaves. Feb. 28.—G. B. W. I.

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Miscellaneous. CLOTHING—HOLD YOUR ORDERS. Mr. HENRY M. CROWELL, of Newark, New Jersey, will know in Charlotte will visit the city about the 15th of February, with a full and handsome line of samples for dress and business suits, including the newest and most fashionable goods in the market. Hold your orders, and remember the date. Feb. 24.

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