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hen up, debated and passed without bendment. The feature of the bill, ide from the appropriation made, 's provision making statute law of the mous order of the President declar-grage conclusive evidence of dis-

ability.

Mr. Garrett (Tenn.) advocated higher pensions for Mexican war veterans. It would be a most graceful act, he said, to increase these pensions to \$20 a month. This would entail an added annual cost of but \$415,000.

A number of bills were passed at the close of the day, including one providing a penalty of \$5,000 and ten years imprisonment for the premature revenient of government information

of government information have a bearing on the of commodities, the same rice of commodities, the same being provided against gov-employes who speculate in ties regarding which the gov-furnishes statistics. The House adjourned until to-mor-

Washington, Feb. 8.—The House to-day passed a Senate bill authorizing the National Bank of Graham, Vir-ginia, to change its location to Blue-field, W. Va. House to Adjourn in Unavowed Honor

Washington, Feb. 8.—Although the Jouse of Representatives will not take fleight recognition of the wedding of diss Roosevelt and Representative Longworth on Saturday, Feb. 17, adjournment fill be taken on Friday, Feb. 16, until he following Monday without avowing he purpose. In this manner the House fill avoid establishing a precedent.

OLSEN-LINK CONTEST.

cial to The Observer. Asheville. Feb. 8.—The article of agreement for the Oisen-Link wrestling contest here March 7 have been returned from Baltimore, where they were signed by Charles J. Weiss, manager and trainer for "Shad" Link. Everything is now ready for the big "mil" next month. Link will be here about February 18 and those having charge of the contest are endeavoring to secure two or more bulls with horns for Link to train with. Thy desire bulls active and fierce and Link's exhibition with the Guils is expected to draw crowds every day he trains. Manager Weiss in his letter of yesterday, says that Link was never thrown by Frank Gotch, one of the great Asheville, Feb. 8.—The article of by Frank Gotch, one of the great American wrestlers. Gotch and Link wrestled to a draw after over an hour's work on the mat. He says that Link has offered to wrestle Gotch since that time but that Gotch had been unilling to meet the Baltimore man. elss says that his man has thrown armer. Burns and wrestled " Jenkins to a draw. Link has also thrown Joe Grant, the big Washington thrown Joe Grant, the big Washington wrestler; George Burlingame, champion of the South; Sebastian Miller, of Brooklyn, and more than a hundred other well known mat artists. Welss, in his letter, says that Link was thrown by Amerikus three years ago; that at the time Link was sick and was advised by his physician not to wrestle that night. A great deal of interest is manifest in the comsing match and this interest has increased since Olsen's victory over mine officials meet. They are as followed. creased since Olsen's victory over Wittmer at Cincinnati this week.

DISGRACED PASTOR SUICIDES.

ingregational Minister Arrested for Sending Obscene Letters Throws Himself Before Train in Presence of Crowd and Incurs Fatal In-

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Rev. Justin G. Wade, pastor of the First Congregational church, Wankegan, III., who was yesterday arrested by postoffice aspectors for sending obscene letters brough the mails, attempted to commit suicide to-day by throwing himself in front of a train on the Chicago & Northwesters, Railway, Wis in.

self in front of a train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. His injuries are fatal.

The minister rushed upon the track and when the engine was about 20 feet distant, threw himself flat upon his face. He was struck by the pilot of the engine and was hurled many feet to one side of the track. A large crowd of people waiting for the train saw the attempt at suicide.

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Mention of Name Merely Brought
Out Fact That Honorary Members
Are Barred.

ATE BILL PASSES, 346-7 A RAHROAD TRUST'S PREY SMOOT CASE NOT UNENDING RAHROAD WORK TO CONTINUE. A VERY REMARKABLE CASE ON HAMILTON AND MCALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS BI

r Senator Tillman—Interests of the West Virginia Mines Sub-cilinated to Those of Pennsyl-unis—Investigation to be Asked nices House Acts—Idee Condias All Over the Country, Says

rashington. Feb. 8.—There was a cral expectation that to-day would ness a revival of yesterday's excitoccurrences in the Senate over Mr. terson's caucus resolution, but it not realized and the large crowd racted to the galleries was disapated. Mr. Scott spoke on his billing telegraph operators of the civil rapensionable status, and the bill massed.

war a pensionable status, and the bill was passed.

Mr. Tillman again to day made reference to the charge that the railroads in West Virginia were discriminating against the private coal mines, and had read a letter from the Governor of that State charging that the Pennsylvania Company controls all the trunk lines in West Virginia to the disadvantage of the State.

Governor Dawson's letter says:

"It may be that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company does not legally own a controlling part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company, or the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, but I have no doubt that an investigation will show that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company practically controls these three great trunk lines which traverse West Virginia and which are the only means by which the products of this State, including coal, can be shipped either to the lakes in the West, or other markets in the East. Hence it is a fact that West Virginia to-day is in the grasp of a railroad trust which practically says what part of the State shall be develwhat part of the State shall be developed; how much coal shall be shipped out of the State, to what points or ports it shall be shipped, and when it shall be shipped. Of course, it makes its own rates and we are helpless. The Pennsylvania Railroad is very largely interested in the production of shipment of bituminous coal; it will naturally look after its own interest and the interest of the people along its lines in Pennsylvania and elsewhere first of all and therefore the interests of West Virginia are subordinated to the interests of these others, and our rallroads upon which we are depend-ent are controlled by an allen corporation practically in competition with

The Governor concluded by requesting an official investigation into the state of affairs, and Mr. Tillman said that he would move for such an investigation but for the fact that the House was moving in that direction. He said that as the letter came from the Republican Governor of the State, it was of transcendent importance and s of Agreement for Match at he did not see how an investigation will march 7 Signed—Link's could be refused, and unless the House should move in the matter he would ask the Senate to order an inquiry.

Mr. Elkins said that there was a class law affording an adequate remaining the state of the second state

edy by mandamus for such conditions as those represented, but that ship-pers hesitated to employ it. He sug-sested that the Governor's letter be regested that the Governor's letter be referred to the committee on inter-State commerce, and it was so referred.

Mr. Foraker expressed the hope that there would be an investigation along the lines suggested by Governor Dawson. He said that the Governor's complaint went to the heart of the railroad trouble all over the country and he expressed the opinion that a remedy for the cyll complained of would do more the evil complained of would do more to solve the problem than anything

The railroad rate bill was received from the House and referred to the committee on inter-State commerce. Senate adjourned until to-mor

ANTHRACITE MINERS' DEMANDS.

Intimations Are Unofficially Given at Wilkesburge-Eight-Hour Day and Slight Wage Increase in Pro-

mine officials meet. They are as fol-(i) An eight-hour day for the com-

pany hands.
(2) A trade agreement with (2) Slight increase in wages for all (4) Uniform scale for rock, slate, water and all other dead work. 1,000 Pennsylvania/ Miners Strike.

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Punalsutanwey, Pa., Feb. 8.—Af a mass meeting here to-day of miners employed by the Buffalo, Rochestar and Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company, the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company, and allied concerns with headquarters here, it was decided unanimously not to go to work again until all grievances between the men and the companies have been adjusted. It is alleged by the miners that the Altoona scale is being violated. About 1,000 men are affected.

CALL EXTENDED.

arion Presbyterian Church Asks Rev. C. F. Myers to Become Its Pastor—Washout on S. & W. Re-

pecial to The Observer,
Marion, Feb. 8.—At a congregational
neeting at the Presbyterian church last
light the congregation extended a
manimous call to Rev. C. F. Myers, now
liling a charge in West Virginia. The
neeting was presided over by Rev. Mr.

W. VIRGINIA'S PLEA TO SENATE INQUIRY TO END THIS SESSION

Adjourns — Introduction of Testi-niony for Accusers Likely to Close To-Day—Prof. Wolfe is Again Ex-amined and Testifies to Mormon Bellet in Poligamy as a Divine Institution—Not Allowed to Com-pete With Church in Business. Washington, Feb. 8.—The Senator moot case, so far as introduction of

counsel for the Senator. He denied charges by counsel that he had been intoxicated in several public places and that he had expresed contrition because of his retusal to pay tithing.

Wolfe said that in Brigham Young College Ovens Jorgensen and Florence Reynolds were the only students whom he knew to have become plural wives. He thought that children of polygamous relations looked upon polygamy as a divine institution. A number of songs, alleged to be hostile newspaper man, "Very well," came the rejoinder, "I don't want to see any newspaper man," "Very well," said the correspondent, "of course I won't the counsel of the course I won't the counsel of the course I won't t were put into the record, and said these songs were sung requently.

A. Smurthwaite, of Ogden, Utah, testified that he had been excommunicated by the Mormon Church in April, 1905. He is a director in the Beck Salt Works and told of having been called to Salt Lake City to see President Joseph F. Smith and members of the first Presidency, which held the controlling interest in the Inland Crystal Salt Company, Mr. Smurthwaite was told by President Smith that if he remained in the salt business in competition with the Church he would be ruined. No agreement was reached and he was exnunicated, he said, in consequence. Finally, he said, he publicly dis-claimed Smith's authority as a prophet, and spoke against his testimony on the subject of polygamous cohabitation, and was tried on charges of apostosy and unchristian-like con-duct and found guilty.

During his testimony Mr. Lawrence referred frequently to the lyranny of the priesthood that existed during his membership in the Church and Chairman Burrows asked if that tyranny been elected second lieutenant, and existed to-day. The witness said that Ruffin Powers has been promoted to there was more liberality shown, but that a man who desired to continue in good standing in the Church must bey the leaders in all things. He said that the revelation of polygamy must be believed by a good Church mem-ber whether he practiced it or not, for to suspend one revelation would be to suspend them all.

TOOLE BILL KILLED.

South Carolina House Votes Down Ten-Hour Imbor Bill Morgan Lo-cal Option Bill Made Special Order for To-Day in the Senate.

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In the Senate the Morgan local option bill was made a special order for to morrow, when it is expected that debat on the other dispensary bills pending be fore that body will begin. The Senat killed the bill to reduce the fertilizer to tax, all of which money soes to Clean son College. A motion to indefinitely postpone the bill providing for the estab-lishment of a reformatory for youthfu-criminats was rejected 22 to 17.

ANTI-PASS BILL INTRODUCED.

ator LaPollette Would Prohibit iranding of Such Pavors to All redernt Officials, Candidates for redernt Offices and Political Com-

ashington, Feb. 5.—Senator La Fol-to-day introduced a bill prohibit Federal officials from asking or ac-ing railroad or other passes and pro-ing railroads from granting them. I see penalties for violation of the law

junction Agoinst Raisigh & South-port Dissolved—The Much Ex-ploited E. B. Weed—Fayetteville

pecial to The Observer. Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, 'eb, 8.—Judge Justice having on Tuceday, at Lumberton, dissolved the injunction against the Raicigh & Southport Railroad Company, prohibiting it from the construction of its line through "Myrtle Hill," the estate of Mrs. Eva Cochran, the work will proceed at once. The company is required to give a justified bond of \$1,000, to protect the property of Mrs. Cochran.

The late E. B. Weed has filled so

Smoot case, so far as infroduction of testimony by the protestants is concerned, probably will be closed to-morrow. Chairman Burrows announced to-day that he would insist on cancelluding the investigation and making as report at this session. The defense has not announced the number of witnesses if expects to call nor when it will be ready to proceed. The hearing to-day dealt with alleged Mormon largefrence in business affairs and with the endowment house ceremony. Three witnesses testified that they had taken the obligation administered, and as the control of the country. At the time of his death he did not look to be more than 60 or 65 years old, with dark had obligation administered, and as witnesses testified that they had taken the obligation administered, and as they recalled it there was a variance in the form as it related to an agreement to avenge the blood of the prophets. Henry W. Lawrence, of Salt Lake, said he had been called upon to promise to avenge Joseph Smith, Byrum Smith, David Patter and Smith an ley P. Pratt. all Church leaders, who met death at the hands of mobs. This witness declared that no Mormon could go through the endowment house without taking the oath.

Professor Walter M. Wolfe was to-day subjected to a severe cross examination by A. S. Worthington, counsel for the Senator. He denied charges by counsel that he had been intoxicated in several public.

correspondent, "of course I won't write you up when you die." The cor-respondent did not then know that he

was prophecying. The engine room of the enlarged city electric light plant is about completed, and work on the foundation for the new engine began to-day. intendent Jones informs the corres-pondent that the improved light service will go into effect about the 1st of March.

Mr. John Ledbetter, of the Ledbet-ter Steam Laundry Company, has been carried to the Highsmith Hospital for treatment. The remains of Mrs. Mary Lee Caryer, widow of the late W. H. Carver, who died in Charlotte on Tuesday night, were brought to this city this morning, and the interment took place in the Gee family burying ground, two miles west of the city. She was a daughter of the late James Gee. First Lieutenant E. T. Watson, hav ing resigned on account of his de-parture from the State, Mr. E. R. Mc-Kethan has been elected first lieuten-

The late E. B. Weed has been usually spoken of here as manager of the Weed Distilling Company; but, as a matter of fact, he had no position in the company for some time before his death, having resigned as stock-holder and director early in 1905. As soon as legal requirements are com-plied with the name of the company will be changed to Standard Turpentine Company.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Asheville Woman Sues Southern and Pullman Car Company for Alleged Insult and Maltreatment.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 8.-Summonses have been served on officials of the Southern Railway Company and the Pullman Car Company in a suit instituted in Superior Court of Buncombe county by Julia Wilkinson. The plaintiff is represented by Martin & Craig, of Asheville, and although the complaint has not yet been fied, it is understood that damages in the sum of \$30,000 or \$40,000 will be demanded. It is said that the complaint will contain some sensa-tional charges. It will be alleged by the paintiff that, about a year ago, she was a passenger from Sallsbury to Asheville and that she rode in a Pullman car; that she was grossly insulted by some man in the car and maltreated; that this insult was due to the negligence of the Pulman Car Company in not properly separating the perths and protecting the passengers. District Passenger Agent Wood, of the Southern, said this morning that the instituting of the suit was the first that he had heard of the com-plaint. In answer to a question as to the Southern Railway Company's reaponsibility in the matter he said;
"The Pullman Car Company has a conductor and one or two porters on each car. The duties of these servants are to properly prepare all berths for passengers and one of them is sup-posed to be on duty and on watch night and day to see that no passenger is annoyed or subjected to insuit by anyone. This is a case where the Pullman Car Company alone is respon-sible and not the Southern Railway." BIGAMIST HOCH MUST HANG.

rolessional Wife-Murderer is De Rebearing by Illinois Supr Court—Receives News With Pi

IT WILL BE ARGUED NEXT WEEK

ase of Hicks and Jarrell, in Which Principal in Murder Trial Escaped Punishment While His Accomplice Was Convicted, Has No Parellel— To be Argued Before Supreme Court—Historical Commission Pre-paring Letters of Governors for Publication — Reunion of Mexican War Veterans February 22-23— Col. Olds' Son III in Texas—Raleigh News.

Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson street,

Raleigh, Feb. 8. In the Supreme Court next week Attorney General Glimer will make argument for the State in a very interwhich two negroes, sting case in licks and Jarrell, of Warren county, are the defendants. No such case can be found anywhere in the book, every feature of it being remarkable. The chief peculiarity is that there was a mistrial as to the man who killed King, a white farmer, when he was on ne with his team, while as to the man Jarrell, who was convicted of being an accessory to the crime, there was a verdict of 25 years in the penitentiary.

There was no argument in the Su preme Court to-day, the first district appeals having been disposed of yesterday.

The insurance commissioner says there are about 80 or 90 lodges of the

colored order of Sons of Giddeon in this State, these having an average membership of about 50 each. The Or-der of Good Samaritans, which is also investigation so far as its insurance feature is concerned, is of cours much larger, being the most powerful of the negro orders with an insurance

State Veterinarian Talt Butler left to-day for Columbia, S. C., to deliver an address before the Live-Stock Asociation of that State. Governor Glenn, it is announced, will be absent from Raleigh until next Monday, when he will be again at his desk.

COPYING GOVERNORS' LETTERS By direction of the historical commission, the letter books of all the Governors are being copied for pubtion. Two typewriters are at work, first of the letter books is that of Governor Pollock, which is private property.

Quite a heavy sleet began falling last night and the telegraph and telephone people, as well as tree owners, gave a great many looks at the fast gathering ice, remembering the ex-perience of ten days ago, when a sleet did so much damage in this section.
That sleet only extended a few miles south of Raleigh, not so far as Fuquay Springs. Yesterday there were merely a few flakes of snow here, while at Fuquay Springs, which is 22 miles from here, there was a fall of 22 inches. This afternoon, about 2:30, nearly all the sleet fell from the trees in a

REUNION OF MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

In a letter from Miss Jessica Smith, of Henderson, she sends a programme the reunion of the National Assoant of Company F. Second Regiment ciation of the reunion of the National Asso-of the State Guard; J. A. Brown has which will be held at Washington, adds, that he acted in the matter in Ruffin Powers has been promoted to at the National Hotel. The pesident benefit from the transaction, and that Colonel Louis F. Beeler; Mrs. Moore is Colonel Louis F. Beeler; Mrs. Moore Murdock is the secretary. Mr. Orren R. Smith is secretary of the North Carolina association of these veterans. The Dames of 1848 will hold their re-union at the same time and place. Mrs. Moore Murdock is the national com-mandant of this order. Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, is one of its members. There was quite an in-teresting reunion of the North Carolina Mexican veterans at the last State fair on the day when Mr. Roose-velt was here. He paid these veterans special attention.

Special attention.

Quite a party of Pennsylvania capitalists were here to-day and spent most of their time with Secretary T.

K. Bruner, of the agricultural department, who gave them much of his store of valuable information. The general public has little idea of the amount of work which Mr. Bruner has done in interesting capitalists and in bringing their money to this State in the shape of investments. One of hese Pennsylvanians here to-day was Mr. Gammago, who has traveled all over the world. He has made an in-vestment in piedmont North Carolina and is looking at some other proper-

Never was so much attention paid to North Carolina as a point for in-vestments. The number of charters granted corporations is an unerring ndex to what is being done. No part of the State is left uncovered by en-terprises, and the variety grows wider

year by year. Col. Fred A. Olds left this afternoon for Waco, Texas, where he was called by the illness of his youngest son, R. Douglas Olds, who is a sufferer with pneumonia. His lungs are affected.
Mr. Olds is associated with his brother, F. C. Olds, in the cotton business
and enjoys a wide acquaintanceship.

SECRET ORDER "BIG NIGHT."

Twin-City Lodges to Combine in Celebration February 19 — Poli-ticians Putting Their Heads Topecial to The Observer.

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Winston-Salem, Feb. 7.—Representatives of Damon, Salem and Wachovia longes. Knights of Ppthians, met last night and decided to hold a "big night" celebration in the eastle hall of Salem lodge Moniay night, February 19. This action is in accordance with the order issued by the State grand chancellor, requesting all of the lodges throughout North Carolina to hold a "big night" celebration on the date named above.

By H. F. Chreitsberger, Eav. E. S. Springfield, Iii., Feb. 8.—The Suprems Court to day denied a rehearing in the case of Johann Hoch, sentenced to be hanged in Chicago, Feb. 22, for wife murder.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—When news of the denial of Hoch's petition for a rehearing by the Supreme Court, was conveyed to Hoch at the jail here he was apparently unmoved, simply saying: "Oh, that is all right."

His voice was steady and his foatures firm. He thought for a few seconds, and then remarked quietly:

"I suppose that settles it."

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Whether the activity of the Socialist is responsible for it or not, politics and politicians are creeping out here and it's no unusual thing to see helf a dozen Democrats or a like number of Republicans with their "heads together." giving their views on this and that fellow's candidacy for such and such a position the people will have at their disposal this year in Forsyth.

SCATHING REPORT IS MADE ABOUT \$11,000,000 AVAIL

ommittee of Trustees of New York
Life Gives Directors Partial Result
of Its Labors, Passing Severe
Strictures Upon the Former Legislative Agent and the President of
the Company—Recommends That
Hamilton be Proceeded Against for
\$209,500 Believed to Have Gone
lato His Pocket—His Illness a Sham
—McCall Also Severely Blamed.

New York, Feb. 8.—The special committee appointed by the trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company to investigate the affairs of the company to-day made a partial report of its labors to the directors. This report deals only with the relations of Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent, with the company, and is a severe arraignment of his meth-

John A. McCall, late president of the New York Life, also comes in for a share of the committee's criticism. He is blamed for his methods in connection with "the bureau of taxation and legislation" during the last ten years and for allowing Hamilton to pay out vast sums without a proper accounting. Special attention s called to remittances of \$10,000 to Mr. McCall in London and \$124,500 to Hamilton in Paris in 1900. The purposes of these remittances, the committee says, it has been unable to ascertain and recommends that proceedings be instituted against Hamilton and McCall for an accounting or repayment. The committee says that an annual average sum of \$61,000 was paid to Hamilton from 1896 to 1905.

The committee adds that application has been made to Mr. McCall for information regarding the transactions, but that it is informed by Mr McCall's family that his physical and nervous condition is such that the subject cannot be taken up at present. As to Hamilton's health, which has been represented as being bad, the committee says it has been informed that he was physically able to travel and has exerted every effort to induce him to return to make a full disclosure of his payments, disbursements and transactions, but without success. The committe also holds both Mc-

Call and Hamilton responsible for \$75,000 advanced to Hamilton to pay the State tax and which the committee declares was used by Hamilton for his own purposes. The committee is advised that both are liable for this sum. The committee maintains also that it is a matter for legal adjudication as to whether George W. Perkins, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., is not liable for the payment of Hamilton's notes for \$59,310. Mr. Perkins paid this account, the committee holds, out of the New Yory Life Insurance Company's share profits in its participation in a United States Steel Corporation syndicate. The committee holds also that the payment of these notes by the company was unwarranted. 'It is only ndes, that he seted in the matter in entire good faith that he derived no his liability. If any, is a technical one. The committee recommends the law department of the company institute appropriate legal proceedings to carry into effect the findings

and conclusions of this report. The report is signed by T. P. Fowler, Norman B. Ream, Hiram B. Steele, Augustus G. Paine and Clarence H. Mackay and was unanimous ly adopted.

28 DIE IN MINE EXPLOSION. Exploding Pocket of Gas Wrecks Fan System and Leaves Nearly All Who Escaped Instant Death to Die of Suffocation—Entombed Men Principally Hungarians and Negroes.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 8 .- At least 28 men are supposed to have met death in a terrible mine explosion in the Parall Mine of the Stewart Colliers" Company, near Oak Hill. Thirty-nine men were employed in the mine and only 11 have escaped alive. At mid-night six bodies had been recovered near the mouth of the mine and it is certain that all the others in the mine

are dead.

The explosion occurred at 1:30 clock this afternoon and was caused by a pocket of gas which was struck by a pocket of gas which was struck in a fault in the mine. The explosion was terrific and it is thought that many of the miners were killed outright by the explosion. The system of fans was completely wrecked by the explosion and all air was a but off from the nines, leaving the men who had not been kiled by the explosion to smother o death. The mine is a shafter mine about 700 feet deep and the unfortun-ste miners had little chance of escape. Most of the miners caught in mine are Hungarians or negroes, who had little experience in mining. They were not expecting the pocket of gas, which is nearly always discovered in mine faults in the Kanawha region.

A MIDNIGHT BEAVE Two Houses Burned to the Ground at Villa Heights—A Beautiful Scene From the City.

Two cottages between Belmont Park and Villa Heights were burned to the ground last night about 1 o'clock. The houses belonged to Messrs. John R. Jarrett and L. H. Starnes, respectively, and the loss was between \$1,500 and \$1,500. Mr. Starnes lost his furniture also and carried no insurance. The furniture in Mr. Jerrett's house was anyed and his loss was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known

Mr. Starnes awoke about I o'clock and had just time to escape from the house with his wife before the roof fell in. The Jarrett house adjoined the Starnes place and it was doomed from the

first.

The fire made a beautiful picture from the city. It lighted up all that part of the country, making the ice-covered houses and trees very pretty. The hills, ice-covered and white, had the appearance of mountains and altogether the effect was like a mirage.

Charleston Bank Falls.
Charleston, S. C., Feb. 8.—After run which is said to have been propilitied by the anxiety of severe Greek fruiters with small deposit the Columbian Banking and Tructors made a general assignment of property and assets for the benefit of creditors, naming Edward W. Hughes perignee. As no quarter statement had been made time Newsmber, 1995, the figures of liabilities and small mail to children.

of the Outloo Salisbury Building—Mr. Blacks and the Holton Appointment Congressman Claud Kitchin to Guest of Honor at Sanquet North Carolina Society of

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

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1417 G street, N. W
Washington, Fet
Senator Simmons, as a memb
the committee on public building the committee on public buildings grounds to-day reported favors Senator Overman's bill appropriat \$75,000 for the erection of a publishing at Salisbury. Very few of this character are receiving fa able attention these days but wone does run the gauntlet of the control of the mittees, it is regarded with inte since the impression prevails that those bills favorably reported will be passed

THE OUTLOOK GOOD FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL Senator Overman said "the outloof for the public building bill is good, at beit it may not make available me than \$10,000,000 or \$11,000,000. than \$19,000,000 or \$11,000,000.
Salisbury and some other North Car-olina bills will, in all probability, pasthe House as well as the Senate, the bill received the favorable atte tion of both the House and Sena committees last year." There will no river and harbor bill, but Spe Cannon needed statehood votes and the face of this grim necessity, Un Joe promised the boys a small barrel." A sub-committee of the Ho committee on public buildings grounds has already held several sions, which indicates that Ho leaders have yielded to pressures from those members who did not regard th statehood bill with favor. Mr. Th a member of the committee, says that several North Carolina projects will be taken care of.

SPECULATION AS TO HOLTON'S CONFIRMATION. There was revival of talk to-day re garding the probability of opposition to the confirmation of the nomination of District Attorney Holton, 'Democrat of prominence will here to lodge an objection is firmly be-lieved by those who have looked into the matter to-day. Just what action has been taken by Congressman has been taken by Congressm Blackburn along this line is still i known, but the statement was mad to-day that he has more than one been seen to enter the rooms of the Senate judiciary committee, where the was closeted for some time chairman, Senator Clark, of Wyon and the chairman is reputed to he said that the papers would not be reported to the Senate for the present.

TO ADDRESS NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. Congressman Claud Kitchin has been invited to attend the banquet of Nork on the 27th instant, as the of honor, and to deliver the print speech of the evening. Mr. Ki who will respond to the toast "North Carolina," has written his accep

Judge Timberlake arrived here. day.

of the invitation.

THERE ARE BUT TWO. This the Number of Patients to be Discharged From the State Hospital at Morganton.

Special to The Observer. Morganton, Feb. 8.—A special meet-State Hospital here was held at that institution to-day. It was a meeting adjourned from the regular meeting in December in order to complete the in-vestigation then begun to ascertal how many of the patients have estates which would support them in private hospitals, or how many having no estates of their own, could be so supported by those legally responsible for

their care.
Governor Glenn and Mr. B. C Reckwith, of the State Board of Interns with, of the State Board of Internal Improvements, were present to-day as they were at the December meeting. Anterior to the meeting in December, and since, these gentlemen have prose-cuted diligent inquiry as to the status of patients whose financial circum-stances were regarded as doubtful, these investigations being conducted though sheriffs and clerks of the Su-cerior Court by correspondence with perior Court, by correspondence with private individuals and in some cases

by personal visits by Mr. Beck It was found, as a result, that there is one male patient in the Hospital who has no dependents and whose estate is amply able to support him in a private sanitarium, and one female patient whose husband is able to support her eisewhere. The dost of suppatient whose husband is able to sup-port her elsewhere. The cost of sup-port in a private institution runs from \$800 to \$1,500 a year, this taking is account of clothing, which must be furnished in addition. Those respon-sible for these two patients will be a once notified to remove them. The guardian of one and the husband of the other are of course now paying the State Hospital's charge for their care State Hospital's charge for their of in one case \$900 a year, because

in one case \$900 a year, because patient is so dangerous that he in have the attention of two attential and in the other the regular charge \$150 a year assessed against patie who are able to nay.

In addition to the above there two patients who have kindred friends who are able to pay for the keep elsewhere, and a third of which is probably true. But in none these cases are the kindred or friendegally bound and it is optional without them whether they remove the itients or not.

These were the net results of the vestigation. The Governor. Board Internal Improvements. Superin dent and directors co-operated a spirit of the utmost harmony in purpose to make it thorough and united in the opinion that this end been accomplished and that the I ings were just.

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