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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. Bill Introduced in the House to Re-

duce Homestead Exemption.

SPECIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

A Resolution Introduced Instructing Senators and Representatives to Secure Appropriation for Beacon on Pamlico Sound.

THE SENATE.

THE SENATE. FOURTH DAY. —The Senate met at 10 a. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel. Bills were introduced as follows: A bill to repeal chapter 316, acts of 1995; to investigate the Agricultural department and charitable institutions of the State; a bill to re-peal section 1906 of The Code; a bill to prevent fast riding and driving over bridges in Gaston county; to amend section 2373 of The Code by inserting "enrolling" after "derks;" to_repeal chapter 50, laws of 1897, relating to fish in Alleghany county; to change the time of holding courts in Nash county; to amend chapter 81, laws of 1897; also a bill repealing sections 19 and 41, of chapter 168, laws of 1897 Senator Fields requested leave to file additional evidence in the contested election cases before the Senate and was allowed to dos.

was allowed to do so. FIFTH DAX.—The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offsred by Rev. Dr. Gibbs. A communication was re-ceived from United States Senator Ma-rion Butler relative to the fish culture status in North Carolina and suggest-ing that the General Assembly pass an act similar to the one passed by the General Assembly of Tennessee. Smith (by request) presented a preliming to re-General Assembly of Tennessee. Smith iby request) presented a petition to re-fund money to Mount Pleasant Col-lege. Bills were introduced as follows: Giving relief to the sheriff of Alle-ghany; also a bill $\frac{10}{2}$ repeal chuyter 316, iaws of 1897; to $\frac{1}{2}$ be on the pension list the name of Junes Chandler; to issue bonds for Charlotte for water-works; regarding investigation of rail-road and telegraph charges; to amend chapter 45, laws 1895; a bill for the elec-tion of railroad commissioners by the chapter 45, laws 1895; a bill for the elec-tion of railroad commissioners by the f . . . The bill provides that the rail-road commission shall be elected in the same manuer; and at the same time as the members of the General Assembly; Fuller, colored, relating to the treaty of peace and other foreign relations. SIXTH DAY.—A petition of the citi-zens of Sampson county for the ap-pointment of a cotton weigher was pre-sented by Senator Robinson. A bill to investigate the agricultural and other departments was reported favorably, as

intestigate the agricultural and other departments was reported favorably, as were also a bill to repeal the act re-garding the distribution of dead bodies. Bills we're introduced as follows: To Hærtford; to appoint a cotton weigher at Dunn; allowing Reidswille to issue bonds for water-works reported favor-ably; to repeal chapter 311, laws 1895; to protect fish in Alleghany county: to to protect fish in Alleghany county; appoint tax collectors in Hertford; to protect fish in Alleghany county; to appoint tax collectors in Hertford; for the better government of Hertford county; to regulate the duties and pow-ers of constables and to validate pro-ceedings based on processes served by them; to appoint a tax collector for Sa-lem; to amend the charter of Salem; to amend section 2,831 of The Code; for the relief of A. T. Houser; to amend section 148 of The Code. Scantor Cock's resolution, that United States Senators be elected by the people, was unanimously adopted. At the request of Senator Wood, a bill introduced by him to establish a fish cultural station in North Carolina, passed its readings. It is to be a United States fish hatch-ery. Sonator Glenn introduced the following: "Resolved, That no bill of a private nature be introduced until after February 15th." Upon motion, Mr. E, B. Norvell was voted for en-rolling clerk, the vote being 45 yaes alter February 15th." Upon motion, Mr. E, B. Norvell was voted for en-rolling clerk, the vote being 45 yaes

and no noes. SEVENTH DAY-The Senate met at 10 o'clock, Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Marshall. A petition to place the names of Everett Dobson and Mike Byrd on the pension list was received. Byrd on the pension list was received. A favorable report was made as to Sen-ator Franks of the thirty-first district, holding his seat. Bills were intro-duced as follows: To amend chapter 165, laws of 1891; to arened chapter 168, laws of 1895, and to repeal chapter 189, laws of 1895, by Mr. Murray, to abolish the chain-gang system in Madison county. A resolution was adopted to investi-cate the Agricultural Department and A resolution was adopted to investi-gate the Agricultural Department and the charitable institutions of the State, A bill to repeal section 1,906 of the Code presed its third reading. A bill represent the law providing for the

522, laws of 1891, and a bill to change cer-tain school districts in Chetham county. The introduction of bills was next in order, the following bills being intro-duced: Jerome, to extend powers of justices of the pence, and to amend sections 872 and 873 of The Code; Bry-an, to provide for the cross-indexing of wills, also for the relief of Willham Watson; Hairston, to license foreign corporations, companies and associa-tions; Coolie, to repeal chapter 223, laws of 1897; Justice, (by request), to ratify the organization of the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. The calendar was next taken up, and the following bills passed first reading; That no bills shall be introduced after the 16th of February, 1899, unless by a two-thirds vote of the house in which it is to be introduced; to repeal chapter 16 laws 1895; to repeal chapter 155, laws 797; Upon motion of Justice, the Senate went into the nomination of a committee on appropriations, and the committee on appropriations, and the following Senators were elected to form the committee: Travis, Mason, Bryan, Jerome, Thomas, Campbell, Lindsay and Skinner.

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and Skinner. THE HOUSE. FOURTH DAX,—At 10 o'clock the House met according to the new rules and Rev. W. C. Norman offered praver. By a rising vote ex-Governor Elias Car was invited to, a seat on the floor. The Speaker aunounced Hoey, Fleming and Currie as the committee on enrolled bills. The following resolutions were introduced; to give Mrs. Margaret Bus-bee Shipp a position as assistant en-rolling clerk; to appoint a committee of threa to look into the matter of fees received by the Secretary of State in excess of his legal salary; to providefor a committee to call on the Governor and ask for the papers and evidence in the matter of the removal of J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson as railroad commissioners; to declare the golden we dat he the Cate Convert removal of a the matter of the removal of 5. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson as railroad commissioners; to declate the golden rod to be the State flower; raising a committee of three to inquire as to the payment of moneys out of the public treasury without authority of law. The following bills were introduced: To increase to five the number of commis-sioners of Edgecombe; to amend chap-ter 103, private laws 1897, allowing the Bank of Fayetteville to reduce capital stock; to incorporate the town of Man-teo; to amend capter 154, Iaws 1895, re-garding hunting in Yadkin; to repeal chapter 168, acts 1897, im-posing a license tax on lawyers, physicians and dentists; to repeal chapter 261, public laws 1895, in regard to hunting in Chatham; to repeal chapter 510, public laws 1897, creating a State board of tax equali-zation, to pay special venive men in threeduce to met Robart Brown and e rail-in the in the second state is a special venire men in treaty incoln; to put Robert Brown and Jacob Dellinger on the pension rolls; to amend the charter of Bingham School; to establish graded schools at as pro-bill to built to built second the charter of Bingham built have and the charter of Bingham built have and the schort be filed with by as the State Auditor; to ropeal chapter 331, built on special committee all builts relating to courts. The resolution was adopted to rofer s so to the special committee all builts relating to courts. The resolution was adopted eigher bissue gate the fees received by the Secretary of State. The resolution was adopted in to table. The resolution was adopted in to table. The resolution to declare the solder rot the State flower was laid on the table. The resolution to declare the solder of the state flower was laid on the table. The resolution to declare the solder of the State flower was laid on the table. The resolution to declare the solder of the State flower was laid on the table. The resolution to declare the solder of state. The second to Charter of state. The resolution to declare the solder of the State flower was laid on the table. The resolution to declare the sold of 1995 allowing a discount to Char-ham people who pay their taxes early, and imposing a penalty on those who delay; amending the charter of the Bingham School. The Senate bill ro-meand quest passed providing pilots for Old Topsail inlet and Beaufort harbor. Terrin Dar. —The House met at noon the duot a flower was taken up and passed without a dissenting vot. Bill passed providing pilots for Old Topsail inlet and Beaufort harbor. Terrin Dar. —The House met at noon the the the the tate flags be dis-played on the capitol; to create a joint cotion, or encor reprinting statutes. Bill and there is for flare to the state flags be dis-played on the capitol; to create a joint cotaring that the State flags be dis-played on the capitol; to provide for aying winesses; to ropeal charter of redmond, Bunco

Chapter 138 of the Code regarding inter-nal improvements; to prescribe short forms of crop liens and chattel mort-gages; to repeal the act creating the railroad commission; to protect the lives of property on railroads by pro-viding against incompetent employees; to establish the Vance Textile School, (appropriating \$15,000, the location to be at the place which gives a like sum) to repeal section 2, chapter 557, acti 1897; to allow Bertie to issue bonde and levy special tax; to alter the cor-porate limits of the town of Kelford; to amend chapter 288 public laws 1895. Courts; to promote the comfort of pas-

rendered as the stall of apply to taxes SIXTH DAY. -- A favorable report wa

was passed amending the act in regard to the working of convicts on roads in Anson county, amending chapter 252, public laws 1897. A bill to repeal al-public acts of 1897 was tabled. The bill repealing the act of 1897, providing for working Northampton roads by taxation passed. A resolution to raise a special joint committee of five to in-vestigate the penitentiary came up. (To investigate the management for the past four years, the committee being given wide latitude and full anthority). There was no debate. The resolution was adopted. A resolution was adopted asking the Sceretary of State what fees are allowed county officers under exist-ing laws. (It is all in the fee bill.) SEVENTH DAX.—The House met at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel. A favorable re-port was made on the resolution ap-pointing a committee to ask the Gov-ernor for his reasons for removing J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson as railroad commissioners; also all the evidence in that matter. Resolutions was passed amending the act in regard

railroad commissioners; also all the evidence in that matter. Resolutions were introduced as follows: Directing the State Trassurer to pay the em-ployes of the penitentiary for October, November and December, 1898, and set apart \$5,000 for this purpose; in-structing Senators and Representatives to secure an appropriation for a beacon in Pamlico Sound. Bills were intro-duced as follows: To give Swain com-ty the Supreme Court Reports from yolume1 to yoitme \$5; to incorporate

duced as follows: To give Swain com-ty the Supreme Court Reports from volume 1 to volume 85; to incorporate the African Aid and Burial Society of North Carolina; to abolish the Cum-berland county dispensary at Fayette villo; to repeal all laws regulating. elections in North Carolina; to amend chapter 135, acts of 1897; to provide for revising and digesting the public stat-utes; to amend the constitution, by reducing the homestead to \$150 per-sonal property and \$500 real property; to equalize pay of State's witnesses, sherifis and clerks; to amend section 21 of The Code so that a will may be caveated upon certificate that the ca-veator give bond. A bill was taken up to repeal chapter 163, public laws of 1997, requiring fire insurance com-panies not to charge a higher rate of insurance on farm prop-erty than is charged in Virginin. Many members joined in the discus-sion for or against the pending bill. Finally it was referred to the commit tee. Bills were passed incorporating the Southern Conservatory of Music and amending the Anson county road law, so roads will be worked by con-vict labor; increasing to five the num-ber of commissioners of Edgecombe county; to pay special veniremen in Lincoln county; tamend the charter of St. Mary's School, Raleigh; to repeal chapter 216, private laws of 1895, in re-gard to a turnpike between Buacombe's and Hickory Nut Gap; to clow Louischapter 316, private laws of 1895, in re-gard to a turn pike between Buncombe's and Hickory Nut Gap; to ellow Louis-burg to issue bonds for public improve-ments. A resolution was adopted giv-ing the Bagley Monument Association leave to place a monument or statute in memory of Worth Bagley in the capitol square; also a resolution asking the government to erect bencon lights at Hatteras and in Pamlico Sound, in the cape channel. The following was an-

Hatteras and in Pamlico Sound, in the care channel, The following was an-nounced as the special committee on judicial districts: Justice, chairman; Rountree. Allen, Stubbs and Craig. Erentre Dax,—In the House bills were introduced as follows: To provide white committeemen for white schools and negro committeemen for negro schools; to repeal section 22, chapter 168, public laws 1997, this being the section of the revenue act imposing purchase tax on merchants; to author-ize the nublication of the "Skatches ize the publication of the "Sketches of North Carolina Troops;" to make desertion for 12 months ground for didesertion for 12 months ground for di-vorce; to give magistrates final juris-diction in cases of carrying concealed weapons. By leave Mr. Hoey intro-duced a bill in regard to libel. It pro-vides that any action against a news-paper for libel shall be brought in the county of publication and that in crim inal action a refraction given equal prominence shall be sufficient, while if the action be civil damages can be agreed on. The bill also makes persons hable for misdemeanor who wilfully

agreed on. The bill also makes persons hable for misdemeanor who wilfully give libelous matter to a newspaper. (This bill was drawn by H. A. London at the instance of the State Press Assoat the instance of the State Press Asso-ciation.) By leave Foushes introduced a bill to exempt roller flour mills from the provisions of section 1887 of The Code, fixing tolls. NIXIM DAX.—The House met at 10 o'clock. The following bills were in-troduced: Overman, to authorize clerks of Superior Courts to issue execution against survive to issue execution inguinst survive to bonds to stay execution; Nicholson, to tax upon a convicted defendant in a larceny case the value of the stolen property, to be

speak for the majority of the House and say that no such amendment would be submitted to the people. The reso-lution was referred to the committee on constitutional amendments. Smith said that if Ray expressed the sontiments of the majority of the House he was entirely willing to with-draw the resolution, save that as to ne-gro representation on the committee. By leave, Hoey introduced a bill to repeal chapter 464, acts 1897, which gives the power to the Goundi of State to award the contracts for the public printing. Ho said the bill was intro-duced at the request of the two com-mittees on printing. The bill passed.

STATE SQUIBS.

RALEIGH-The grand lodge of Ma-sons did a most extraordinary thing. It remained in session from 8 o'clock Wednesday night until 5 o'clock Thurs-It remained in session from S o'clock Wednesday night until 5 o'clock Thurs-day morning of last week. From 11 o'clock until it adjourned it discussed the Oxford Orphan Asylum. There were two points at issue-one whether the gifts of Mr. Duke, of that great trust, the American Tobacco Company, to the asylum, should or should not be accepted; the other whether the ma-tron, a Massachusetts woman, should not be replaced by a North Carolina woman. After a spirited debate a res-olution was adopted setting forth that the acceptance of the Dake gift, which is more than \$10,000, was enlirely proper. Another resolution was adopt-ed to the effect that a North Carolina woman ought to be matron. The sal-ary of the matron is\$1,000. The grand lodge held a short session Thursday morning, and then adjourned until next January, to meet here. A vote of thanks was tendered Francis D. Win-ston for his gift of a handsome Bible. Grand Ma-ter Richard J. Noble, F. D. Winston, H. I. Clark, Walter S. Lid-dell, M. S. Willard and Beverly S. Royster were appointed as representa-tives of the grand lodge at the George Washington memorial ceremonies at Fredericksburg. December 19th, 1899. Seretary of State Thompson, before the instrance committee of the Legis-lature in Raleigh said there seemed to be a popular impression that he re-coived a great deal of money as per-

lature in Raleigh said there seemed to be a popular impression that he re-ceived a great deal of money as per-centage upon insurance currency paid into the treasary, but that his only fees were 50 cents ior issuing licenses to insurance agents and \$9 ior examining the accounts of insurance companies whose solvency was in question. He admitted that he knew of no statutere-pealing the provision that all money shall be turned into the treasury, and said he collected those fees because his

admitted the her work of host all money shall be turned into the treasury, and said he collected those fees because his predecessors had always done so. He said his fees from insurance companies amount to \$3,500 annually, adding to his salary, and he receives consider-ably more than \$6,000 annually. Action has been instituted in Wake superior court for the removal of Mrs. S. C. Dodd as executrix of the late James Dodd, and also for a division of the estate. The estate is a very largo one. The suit is instituted by Mrs. Dodd's daughter, Mrs. Cecyl R. Craig and her hueband. The complaint charges that Mrs. Dodd is under the influence of her brother, Mr. R. P. Howell, and that \$10,000 of personal property and \$12,000 to \$15,000 of reats and scentities have been squandered. NEWEENN.-Grave apprehension is expressed for the safety of the craw of the two-masted schooner Susan E. Porter, Captain Carron, which left Charleston, December 17, bound for this, her home port. She is two weeks over due and nothing has been heard of her since she sailed from Charleston. It is believed the crew of five men have perished. The missing schooner was loaded with phosphates. She is owned by Lupton Bros., and valued at \$3,000. Enemy.-The Chatham Manufactur-ing Company will add another story to

ELENN.—The Chatham Manufactur-ing Company will add another story to its large factory, thus doubling its capacity. The increasing domand for its goods makes this necessary. The Bailey Manufacturing Company, which manufacturing company, which manufactures cross-arms and pins for telegraph poles, is establishing braches at Mt. Airy, Aberdeen and Taylors-ville, in order to meet the heavy de-mands made upon it for these pro-ducts. ducts. Monroe led off a few years ago and

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band of equalization; Davis, to amend chapter 454, public laws of 1897; Trot-man to amend section 1897; Trot-mare for season of her colt; Moore, to amend section 2,079, of The Code, by striking out the words "in his county;" Moore, to amend sections 1,119 and 1,200 of The Code, by reducing from 28 to 8, the number of peremptory challenges; Yarboro, to repeal the \$10 House tax on horse and mule dealers; Thomson, to amend chapter 425, laws The Legislature has created a com-Grand miaster of Masons Noble

THE FILIPINOS DISCUSSED. Senator Mason Delivers a Notable Speech in the Senate.

LIMIT DEBATE ON CANAL BILL

The Diplomatic Appropriation Bill Passed by The House-The Bill as Passed Carried \$1,705,533.

SENATE.

SENATE. FIFTEENTH DAX.—When the Senate convened, Pasco. Democrat, of Flor-ida, presented a memorial from a camp of Confederate veterans of Ocala, Fla., protesting against the adoption of the proposition of Buller, Populist, of North Carolina, to pension ex-Confed-erate soldiers. At the conclusion of the routine business, the District of Columbia appropriation bill was taken up and passed. Mason, Republican, of Illinois, offered the following resolu-tion: "Wheres, all just powers of gov-ernment are derived from the consent of the governed, therefore bo it, ro-solved, by the Senate of the United States, That the government of the United States of America will not at-tempt to govern the people of any other country in the world without the consent of the people themselves or against their will." The House bill granting extra pay to officers and en-listed men of United States volunteers was called up and passed without amentent. STIFEENTI DAX.—This proved to be in interesting day in the Senate, the principal subject under discussion be-ing the constitutional right of the Uni-ted States to carry into effect the policy of expansion. The leading speaker was Mr. Hear, Republican, of Massachu-sates, who delivered a speech in support of the resolution introduced by Mr. Vest, Democrat, of Missouri, declaring it to be in opposition to the constitution for this country to acquire foreign ter-ritory to be governed permanently as conoines. The Nicargue Canal Bill was taken up aud Mr. Caffery continued his opposition to it. At the conclusion of Mr. Caffery's speech Mr. Morgan, Democrat, of Alabama, in chargo of the bill, made an effort to fix the time for beginning the vote upon the measure and the pending amendments. Ho

or arr. Callery's speech Mr. Morgan, Democrat, of Alabama, in charge of the bill, made an effort to fix the time for beginning the vote upon the measure and the pending amendments. Ho suggested that the time be 3 p. m. on the 1th instant, but Caffery objected. The Senate at 4:45 p.m. went into ex-ecutive session and at 4:55 p. m. ad-journed. SEVENTEENTH DAY. - Senator Mason, of Illinois, occupied the attention of the Senate for nearly an hour and a half, with a speech in support of the resolution declaring that the United States will never attempt to govern the people of any country without their coasant. In many respects the speech was one of the most notable ut-terances in the Senate thus far this session. Bacon, of Georgia, secured the passage of a bill for the construc-tion of a bridge over the Savannah river, from the mainland, in Chatham courty, Ga, to Hatchison's Island. At the request of Mr. Morgan the Senate unanimously agreed to the limitation of the debate on the Nicaragua Canal bill to 15-minute speeches, after 3 o'clock next Thursday. Mr. was then recognized to a Nicaragua Canal. He annot self as an advocate of a canal, that he was opposed to the reason the the appoint Paymaster Gen-eral T. H. Stanton a major general and rotire him at that grade. The Senate at 4 o'clock went into executive ses-sion. At 4:15 p. m. the Senate ad-journed. ENGHTEENTH DAY. -A climax was

sion. At 4:15 p. m., the Senate ad-journed. EIGHTEENTH DAY.—A climax was reached in the debate on the question of expansion which is in progress in the Senate. Heretofore, all of the speeches, with the notable exception of that of Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, have been in opposition to what is presumed to be the policy of the administration with respect to the acquisition of the Phil-ippines. Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, ad-dressed the Senate in opposition to the declaration of the Vest resolution that the United States has no constitutional power to acquire foreign territory to be maintained as colonies. Mr. Foraker had down the broad proposition that to adopt the Vest resolution was to de-clare that our fathers had brought forth a nation that was inferior to all natures regardless of the generally-mocepted regardless of the generally accepted idea that one nation was the equal of

100 pages still undisposed of. The House adjourned at 5 p. m. NINTTERT DAY. —The House im-mediately after the reading of the journal, resumed the consideration of the bill for the codification of the crim-nal laws of Alaska. A good many minor amendments were adopted and about 60 additional pages of the bill were disposed of. Only ten pages re-main. At 4:25 p. m., the House ad-journed. ourned.

journed. TWENTIETH DAX. — The House com-pleted and passed the bill for the cod-ification of the criminal laws of Alaska. An amondment was adopted providing a high license system in the Territory, with a species of local option. Liquor with a species of local option. Liquor dealers by its provisions are to pay a license of \$1,000 per year and the con-sent of a majority of the white citizens residing within two miles of a liquor dealer's establishment must be obtained before a license can issue. The Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Mr. Pitney, Republican, of New Jersey.

Progressive people wishing to find homes or make investments in any kind of enterprise in the finist section of the South will learn something greatly to their advantage by addressing John Patrick, Pine Bluff, N. C., or Dr. Bright, Ellenboro, N. C. A postal will bring the information bring the information.

Pledged Not to Support Quay.

A conference of the Republican Sen-A conference of the Republican Sen-ators and members who refused to take part in a senatorial caucus until Sena-tor Quay is acquitted of the conspiracy charges pending against him in the Philadelphia courts, was held in Har-risburg, Thursday. A new pledge binding the signers not to vote for Mr. Quay until he is acquitted was adopted and signed by the 43 Senators and members present.

Depew Nominated.

Depew Nominated. Chauncey M. Depew was unani-mously chosen as the candidate of the Republican party as represented in the New York Senate and Assembly, for United States Senator at a joint caucus held in the Assembly chamber in Al-bany. The Democrafs have renomi-nated Senator Murphy to succeed him-self. They are in the minority in the Legislature.

A \$15,000,000 Chewing Gum Trust.

A combination of chewing out Trist. A combination of chewing gum man-ulacturers of the United States has cocu consummated in New York, when the last contracts necessary to amalged mation were executed. The capital is volved in this combination amounts about \$15,000,000,

about \$15,000,000, Gov. Brooke's Cabinet. HAVANA (By Cable).-Governor Gen-eral Brooke has been carefully consid-ering the formation of a cabinet of civil advisors and has decided to have four secretarics, the first of State gov-ernment, the second of finance, the third of justice and public instruction, and the fourth of agriculture, indus-try, commerce and public works. Only prominent residents of the island will be invited to join the cabinet. The governor general has received accept-ances from two. One of the other, two may be a Spaniard, though the backstop and the fourth of the cabinet.

Another Deal by the Big Distilling Trust. A shecial from New York says the merging of the largest spirit distilling interests in the country under one coninterests in the country under one con-trol occurred, when the Standard Dis-tilling and Distributing Company, of New Jarsey, with head offices in New York city, at a meeting of its board of directors, took over the control of the Spirits Distributing Company of New Jersey. The Standard Company al-ready owns substantially all of the spirit distilleries in the United States, and also many of the distributing plants. The capital of the absorbed company is \$7,500,000.

Mayor and Eity Council Resigned. The mayor and the entire city could of San Juan Porto Rico have igned. This action, they assert, aken because of their inability to r

The Berlin correspondent of the As-sociated Press, after a thorough inves-tigation, accertains that the report that Germany is aiding the Philippines and

furnishing them with war material is absolutely baseless.

Courtship in Mexico.

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Critical Situation in Manila; An Accident Might Precipitate Trouble-The Eagan Row--Floods and Inundations.

WASHINGTON (Special).-Hou. Nel-son Dingley, of Maine, leader of the Republican side on the floor of the House of Representatives, and reprosent of a majority of the white citizons residing within two miles of a liquor dealer's establishment must be obtained before a license can issue. The Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Mr. Pitney, Republican, of New Jersey. TwENTY-FIRST DAX. — The Horse passed the diplomatic and consular ap-propriation bills to pass tho House. The bill as passed carries \$1,705,531 Seven budgets yet remain to be acted upon. During the general debate two set speeches ware made against impe-rialism by Messers. Carmack and Gaines, Democrats, of Tennessee. On motion of Mr. Lacey the bill to extend the scope of the fish commission to game there of the fish commission to game birds was sent to conforence, after motion to posipone the bill indefinitely. Twentry-SECOND DAY.—The Horse an-tered upon the consideration of the backing Aguinaldo was supposed to be receiving from Germany asid: "we may yet have to twhip Germany asid: "we may yet have to whip Germany asid: "we may yet have to twhip Germany asid: "we may yet have to twhip Germany asid: "we may yet have to whip Germany as we did balaine, Philippines, and referring to the backing Aguinaldo was supposed to be receiving from Germany said: "we may yet have to whip Germany said: "we may yet have to whip Germany said: "we may yet have to the finits contines, for the backing Aguinaldo was supposed to battle, entitled, "Was it Sampson, or was it Schley. Finest Section of the South. Trogressive people wishing to fini homes or make investments in any kind of enterprise in the finits tection of the South.

gin river, February 15, 1832. If e was the son of Neison and Jane (Lambort) Dingley. At 17 he taught a winter school in the town of China, 14 miles from home, aud be con-lege. Entering Waterville College (now Col-by University) in 1851, he remained there a year and a hail and then became a student at Darmouth College, from which institu-tion he graduated in 1855. After leaving college Mr. Dingley studied law, in 1855-565 with Merrill & Persenden, of Auburn, and in the lattor year he was admitted to the bar. Instead of entering upon the practice of law he decided to become a journalist, for which profession ho silways manifested a decided tasto. In September, 1856, he purchased the Lewiston Journal, of which he had been practically editor while studying law and to which he added a daily addition. In 1861, at the added a daily addition. In 1861, at the added a town to Estato Legislature, in which body he at once took bigh rank, was re-elected in 1862 and chosen Speaker of the House at the session of 1863. In 1873 Mr. Dingley was elected Governor of Maine by about 10,060 majority. In 1874 he was ne-elected by ever 11,000 majority, deciming a third nounication in 1875. He was one of the delegates at large from Maine to the Republican national covarention in

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was one of the delegates at large from Maine to the Republican national convention in 1876, served on the committee on resolutions and was one of the sub-committee of five who drafted the platform. In 1881 Mr. Dingley was nominated by the Republicans of the second congressional dis-trict of Maine to fill the vacancy in Congress caused by the resignation of Wa. P Frye, Ho was elected by a majority of over 5,000, nearly twice as large as ever before given to any candidate in that district. He was re-slocted ning times. His forst space in file for any candidate in that district. He was re-alected nino times. His first speech in Con-gress was made April 25, 1882, on "Protection" to American Shipping." Prosident McKibley tendered the position as Scoretary of the Treasury to Mr. Diagley, but he declined the offer, preferring to remain his position as shairman of the ways and meany amiliter M floor leader of the Republican angiority the House, Under his leadership the ouse, within sixteen days after the Fifty-station passed a bill revising the tariff. Mr., Dingley was a Congregationalist in religion. He was married June 11, 1857, to Miss Solome McKenney, of Auburn, Mo They have had six children, of whom five survive.

The Eagan-Miles Row,

The Eagan-Miles Row, WASHINGTON (Special). -- The Eagan-Miles controversy, or more properly speaking, the attack made by General Eagan on General Miles, has proved the sensation of the day in Washington. That an officer of the army should have so far forgotten himself as to use such blackguard language has astonished account by continue the should have gone this long without being called to account by continuation of the war investigating commission in sending back the testimony for revision

of the war investigating commission in sending back the testimony for revision is regarded as a severe rebuke to the commissary general, and it is cont-denly expected that a court-martial will follow, despite the determination of the investigation commission to pro-tect its witnesses from all harm.

Critical Situation at Manila.

MANLA (By Cable).—The situation here is undoubtedly critical, but Major General Otis has it well in haud and there is no such certainty of trouble as many believe. The rebels are concen-trated on the outskirts of the town and their leaves have found a triat orders their leaders have issued strict orders that they shall act only on the de-feusive. An accident might precipi-tate trouble, but the idea of a rebel attack upon Manila is ridiculous, as the Americans absolutely control the position. Againaldo has republished the second manifesto in reply to the proclamation of General Otis which was recalled on its first appearance, but it has proved ineffectual. their leaders have issued strict orders taken because of their mability to raise sufficient funds under the present tar-iffs. They are not satisfied with the so-called abrupt commands of military government, alleging that they have insufficient liberty. There is, however, no il faeling.

ides that one nation was the equal of another and all equally restricted. NINETEENTH DAX. -Little business was transacted by the Senate in open session. Sixteen bills on the private pension calendar were passed, and a joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Miss Clara Barton and other officials of the Red Cross Society for their beneficent work in Armenia and Cuba, was adopted. TWENTIETH DAX. -In the Senato Mc-Laurin, Democrat, of South Carolina, took strong ground in a carefully pre-

ment that it shall not apply levied prior to 1899 passed reading. A resolution to joint committee on judicial was adopted. Senators Gier and Speight were appointe committee on judicial district was introduced by Constan. ppoint a districts 112.01 A bii was introduced by Senator amend the public school lay uner, to 3 found

1897 and decide which of them are mer-itorious. There was also a favorable report on the resolution providing for a complete investigation of the peai-tentiary. There was an unfavorable report on the bill to repeal all the acts of 1897, and on the one prohibiting the employment of convicts on State farms. Resolutions were introduced as follows: Requesting information of the Secre-tary of State as to fees allowed county officers; Inviting J. B. Avirett to deamend the public sonool in in chapter 108, laws of 1837 EIGHTHI DAY-IN the Set of committees were favora following bills: To est cultural station; to repeat of the laws of 1895, and to umber of commissiones upter ease the of the laws of 1895, and to increase the number of commissioners in Jones county; and unfavorable as to bills to amend chapter 522 of the laws of 1891; to amend chapter 168, laws of 1897; to amend section 1906 of The Code; to re-peal chapter 316, laws of 1897; lo amend section 2881 of The Code. From the Governor a report was received regard-ing the executive salaries and expendi-tures and also his nomination of the following members of the board of ditary of State as to fees allowed county officers; Inviting J. B. Avirett to de-liver before the Legislature January 19th, "Lee's birthday," his address on Gen. R. E. Lee; Regarding the print-ing of constitutional amendments, re-quiring all of these to be printed. Bills were introduced as follows: To allow Morganton to buy electric light plant; To amend the charter of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, putting it in charge of the South Carolina, as well as the North Carolina Episoopal Diocese; to incorporate the North Carolina So-ciety of the Cincinnati; to amend sec following members of the board of following members of the board of di-rectors of the Asylum for the Deaf, Jumb and Blind; Pulaski Cowperin place of R. C. Rivers; W. M. Boylan in place of J. C. L. Harris, and C. B. Edwards to succeed himself. The re-rort was referred to the committee on finance. The following bills were in-**r**oduced: For better protection of la-borers and mechanics; to amend section 3650 159 of The Code; to amend section 3650 borers and mechanics to amoud section 159 of The Code; to amoud section 3635 of The Code; causing restrictions in case of larceny. A report from the elections committee deciding that Senator Franks, of the thirty-first dis-trict should retain his seat, was adop-ted. Upon motion Senators Osborne and Newsome were appointed to meet three members from the House, to form a committee to request the Gov-ernor to produce evidence as to the dismissal of the railroad commission-ers, J. W. and S. Otho Wilson. NINTER DAX. —The Senate met at 10

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made on the bill, raising a special com mittee to look at the acts of 1895 an 1897 and decide which of them are men 391, allowing executions in the stay

1891, allowing executions in the stay law; Curtis, to amend sections 1,846 and 1,847. The Code, so as to fix the same tolls for roller flouring mills as for other mills; Nicholson, to repeal section 1,833. The Code, in regard to buying or selling pretended rights or titles; Justne, to amend chapter 345, acts 1895, by striking out "French Broad;" Michatyre, to amend section 1,906. The Code, so that no clerk of courtshall ap-uoint himself or his deputy to mako sale of any property in any proceed-ings before him; also to give consent for acquirement by the United States of any lands needed for a acquirement by the United es] of any lands needed for a hatchery. The calendar was taken and the following was tabled: A o repeal chapter 203, public laws The following bills were passed. atchery. ad the following way repeal chapter 203 The following billy low the treasure of mathematical pay fo allow

Haywood county to pay school fund; to repeal chapter 510, public laws 1897, which created the State board of tax equalization; to change the name of Chocowinitty creek in Beaufort county

to incorporate the North Carolina So ciety of the Cincinnati, to amend see tion 590 of The Code, in regard to evi dence (it exclude evidence of any per son directly or indirectly interested i any transaction between himself and dead man, unless the dead man's rela tives offer evidence); to allow MoDowel to levy special tax; to authorize Dur ham to issue school bonds: to allow o Choco, river; to allow Bertie county to issue bonds and levy tax. o Choco liver; to allow liseries county to issue bonds and levy tax. The bill was taken up to remove the inscription on the corner stone at the white institution for the blind and for the colored deaf mutes and blind, and to place in these buildings bronze or marble tablets having the names of the directors who planned said buildings. The bill passed scond reading. Mr. Carroll then added an amendment, making it a misdemeanor for the directors to fail to carry out this law. This was adopted. Petree, Republican, offered an amendment that only the name of James II. Young be removed. This was voted down. A resolution was introduced by Smith, of Craven, regarding the committee on the care of the care of the solution was introduced by Smith. ham to issue school bonds; to allo exemption from taxation manufactur exemption from taxation manufactur ing entérprises which come to Nort Carolina; to make it a misdé meanor for railreads to kill cattle i Pitt county; to amend section 35 o The Code, by making bastardy a ciri action, allowing a woman to appea from a magistrate's decision. The cal endar was taken up. There was quit a debate on Julian's bill to repeal th act of 1897, which requires all officer a debate on Julian's bill to repeal the act of 1807, which requires all officers of State banks, railroads and other corporations to take and file cains. The bill railed to pass second reading, yeas 40, mays 71. A resolution declar-ing that Senators should vote directly for United States Senators, was taken up. It was adopted without discussion. A resolution raising a provid init of Graven, regarding the committee on constitutional amendments, asking that one colored member be placed on that committee. The resolution also asked that the negroes may have an oppor (unity to go before the committee anaring in regard to the matter il to give white taxes to white and aegro taxes to negro and aegro taxes to negro Ray, of Macon, said he could

The Legislature has created a com

mittee on election law. Mr. Stubbs is chairman. It desires to get the views of Democrats all over the State as to the best election law.

ASHEVILLE. - Marion Roberts post ASHEVILLE. — Mation Roberts post, G. A. R., has memorialized the State Legislature to make May 30 a legal holiday, instead of May 20. The post also adopted a resolution commending President McKinley's expressions in his Atlanta speech, and declaring that no soldier on either side would throw any obstacle in the way of the accom-plishment of the plan. The resolution says those who oppose the President's suggestions are traitors to their coun-try.

try. A young man named Harris was ar-rested in Fayetteville on instructions from the Chief of Police of Wilming, the stabiling \$200 from the Chief of Police of Wilming-ton, charging him with stealing 8300 from his brother in Wilmington. When arrested he had \$15 on his person, but upon being accompanied to his room at the LaFayette, he produced \$275, making a total of \$290 he turned over to the officer-all the money in his roseasion.

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possession. CONCORD. — The machinery for the Lippards & Shealy Cotton Mill has all arrived, and has been placed in position in the mill. The machinery, while not first-handed, is in: good running order, and was picked from different mills in the Northern States. The large 125-horse-power Corliss engine, together with the 80-horse-power baller is antirely new, and is already together with the 80-horse-powe boiler, is entirely new, and is already runniús

running. The Secretary of State has chartered the Carolina Northern Railroad, from Lumberton to Marion, S. C., 45 miles; capital \$500,000. All the stockholders are Philadelphians, and John C. Davis owns 2,500 shares. The president is Alfred A. Sparks; secretary, George Wertener. The State also charters the Goldsboro Drug Company, capital \$15,000.

\$15,000. CONCORD.—This being the month for a remittance from the Dodsou Ramsour Chapter of the Daughters of the Com-federacy a check for \$25 has been reat. ganization to the Soldiers Home at Raleigh.

Laurin, Democrat, of South Carolina, took strong ground in a carefully pre-pared speech against a policy of expan-sion by this country. In the course of his remarks Mr. McLaurin said: his remarks Mr. McLaurin said: "Botter than wealth, better than a territory upon which the sun never sets, is the transmission to our child-ren of a republic built upon the in-destructible rock of constitutional government." Mr. McLaurin occu-pied the attention of the Senate for an hour and ten minutes and was accorded good attention by both Sena-tors and people in the galleries. Allen, of Nebraska, introduced the following resolution: "That a commit-tee of five Senators, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same

whom shall be members of the sam of whom shall be moments of the same political party, shall be appointed to make full inquiry into the conduct of the late war between the United States and Spain." The resolution was refer-red to the committee on military af-fairs. The Indian appropriation bill

was taken up, but its consideration was not concluded before the hour of idvarument.

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HOUSE. SEVENTEENTH DAX.—The House was engaged on the legislative and execu-tive appropriation bill, and completed it substantially as reported, except the items for the civil service commission. The Philippines came in for attention, on the discovery of an item of \$12,000 for naval charts of the islands. The item was ruled out on a rout of order. item was ruled ont on a point of or EIGHTEENTH DAY.—The House versed the decision of the committee the whole last friday when the the legislative, executive and judi appropriation bil. In commit where members do not go on reco the appropriation was stricken out a vote of 67 to 61. When the roll v called the appropriation was restor the metion to strike out being done

the motion to strike out being detected 55 to 119. The House, by special or-der, decided to proceed with the con-sideration of the naval personnel bill as soon as the bill for the codification of the laws of Alaska was out of the way. About 70 additional pages of the latter bill was covered, leaving almost

If the young woman favors the suit she gradually advances, from occas-ional glimpsos of herself behind a half-closed shutter, to a position on the balcony at certain hours of the Then love is made in the most ant fashion, either by the finger alphabet or by a little telephone es

ourpose, one part of which the young irl retains while she drops the other to the lover waiting below. When she has signified her willingness he enters the home and addresses the parents. If they have no objections to him he is then permitted to visit the bouse perhaps twice a week and see his sweethcart, always in the presence of one or more members of the family, until the day of the wedding arrives. The breaking of an engagement is he rarest of all rare things in Mexco, and an insincere lover is an an-

Plenty there are who are not worthy and who are unsuccessful in their suits, because, often, of the wisdom of the parents, but the Mexican lover has nothing to gain by insi ions. York Tribune. by insincere atten-

Conscience-The part of a man that hurts him when his neighbor does

Russia and Afghanistan.

Russia and Afghamistan. The Paris correspondent to The London Morning Post says: Accord-ing to news from St. Petersburg, from a source usually trustworthy, a treaty of alliance between Russia and Afghanof aliance between Russia and Afghan-istan was signed on January 3, despite the streauous opposition of Great Britain, whose representative is al-leged offered the Ameer money and troops with a view of inducing him to enter upon hostilities against Russia.

American Troops Mutiny. A special from Madrid says, American Troops Mutiny. A special from Madrid says, the gov-ernment has received the following offi-cial dispatch from Manila: The American troops here who wore ordered to Holio mutined and refused to start. General Miller has been ordered to abandon Holio and return to Manila. All the American troops have been or-dered to concentrate here to start ation being of the gravest character." cially manufactured and sold for the

Rey. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of New York, has been offered the chair of English literature of the Donovan foun-dation in Johns Hopkins University.

Floods and Inundations, LONDON (By Cable) -- Widespread devastation on land and sea has been the result of the storm that has raged during the past few days and the aggregate los gregate losses of proverty are immense. Reports are gradually filtering through Reports are gradually filtering throag from the provinces, telling of di-mantled houses, overflowing dividing flooded, cattle and sheep drowned railroads disorganized and disasters t life and limb. London's parks an buildings have suffered heavily. Th Thames has overflowed along the up per reaches, with serious loss to the ondon's parl 'ored heavily, owed slong t serious loss Thames has overflow er reaches, with set wellers on the banks.

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