agislature. There was a bill making the changes indicated, and others of lemportance which passed both house and but for an oversight would have be ression, by some mischance the school bill failed of ratification, and so might as well have never been framed, introduced and passed, unless it be within the power of the President of the Senate The presiding officers have see being them, after the close of the session.

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Mr. O'Riely and Mr. James, of New York. California has no representative in the lower House, as her election for each Mr. Q. Weddell, and T. B. Womania of Pittsboro. He fied to the State of Virginia and changed his name, and was brought back upon a requisition from the Speaker. By the Democrats, Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, by the Republicans, Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, by the Nationals, Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania.

The vote stood, Randall 145, Garfield, 125, Wright 13. The point was raised that Mr. Handall had received less than a majority of all the members electricate.

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had got there the evening before, and everything was in readiness for the early beginning of the work of the term. The weather was not bad, but yet such as to give rise to apprehensions on that acore, the more especially as it rarely happens that the good people of Chatham are blessed with line weather at the spring term of their court. However, gloomy predictions of rain and show have not, so far, been verified.

it was the largest they ever saw,

MORINGS SPEECH Moring, Speaker of the House of Repre-sentatives, and a man of whom the peoered to his constituents an account as stewardship, in an address of more an hours duration. We believe people were pleased with his acts,

this correspondence, providing—That the Sec'y, of the Treasury be authorized to contract with Mr. John Gampee for the construction of a steel refrigerating mean vessel to be used at the quarantine of such of the Gulf Ports as may be recommended by the National Board of Health, with the consent of State authorities to distinct vessels and engoes to get a support of the State. may be necessary to be immediately available, is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated." There ought not to be any objection to this bill, which proposes to carry out a plan whose efficiency has been tested by the Government officers and is endorsed by many scientific men.

Durham Plant: The stamp tax paid by the tobacco manufacturers in Orange alone, amounted to \$25,435.76) for February, a falling off by average through the year, of about \$40,000, per month. This is plainly attributable in our judgment to the "Tax Question." The stamp tobacco tax for 1878 amounted to \$726,-940.80. There are twenty factories in the county and one eight factory; fourteen of which are in Durham. There are a large number of least desiers including four of the largest tobacco warehouses in the State.

the back of leadership in one of the Houses and the shortness of the session. [Short sessions when we become used to them in North Carolina will work admirably. In the case of the present Legislature we do not know that the browity of the session was a public blessing.] The late Assembly was an houset well intentioned body which clumsily went about its work, much of which was useful and will redouted, to the permanent good of the State, but other portions of which cannot fail to do harm as a repeal is impossible for two years.

A review of the measures perfected might be of some laterest, but as it would be necessarily imperfect, and as discussion of certain questions now would not be profitable, we make thes remarks on the closing of the session general, and especially forboar to censure where censure might barm the very

would not be profitable, we make thes remarks on the closing of the session general, and especially forecar to censure where consure might barm the very cause intended to be subserved.

As to the injellectual character of our recent Legislatures the truth ought to be told, even at the risk of giving personal offence in some cases. The ablest, the most experienced men in the State, as a rule decline to go to the General Assembly. A public service which ought to be an inviting field for the play of the finest minutes and gifts is thus rendered less efficient. Our strongest men ought to serve the State. The Sundoes not say there was an entire absence of culture and intellectual rigor in the last Legislature, for there were some men in both Houses of capital abilities. What we mean is that two many leading minds refrain from participation in public business, especially do they retuse to make laws for the people.

This is to the inconvience and the detriment of the State. There is no remedy for it short of creating a public sentiment which shall be powerful enough to draw out our ablest men from their retirement. How to do this is worthy of consideration, and will not doubt engage the minds of our people. Certainly nothing is more important in legislation, after houesty, than wisdoin.

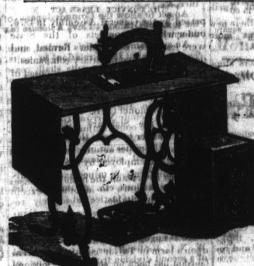
isinly would prevent many heartburnings and disaffections between the East and the West, and would prevent the passage of laws, which, instead of decourage, oppress and discontent them. Let's have the Legislature to assemble less frequently.

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