Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1889.

There is a general strike of weavers at Fall River, Mass.

The Farmers' State Alliance is now an incorporated body.

A horse with a man on his back going up in a balloon will be one of the attractions of the Paris exhibition.

No valuable information had been gained up to Monday last of the robbers of Farror's Jewelry store in Charlotte.

The reported rich placer gold mines in Lower California have been visited by the editor of the Evening Express, Los Angeles, and by him pronounced a fraud.

The "Le Cont Pear Alliance" of Ga. offers a premium of ten dollars to its members for the best crops of corn, cotton, hay, cane, potatoes, &c. produced on an acre of half acre.

The members of the Legislature were invited to visit Asheville in a body. Many of them accepted the invitation and went Tuesday. The city of the sky will no doubt make the visit very pleasant.

The Case of Cross and White, appealed from the Supreme Court of the State to the Supreme Court of the United States, will come up in Washington on the 18th inst. The argument will be heard by the whole bench.

At Milwaukee, Wis., March 11, a mob of about 2,000 persons were after two Chinamen, who were accused of inveighling little girls into laundries for immoral purposes. Failing to get hold of the Chinamen, the mob broke up their place of business.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad Co., have withdrawn their emigrant rates to the West, so that all who go will hereafter have to pay full passenger rates. This will operate against the negroes who are going West in considerable numbers.

A bad man named Hoover, is victimizing the negroes in Atlanta, Ga., by forming them in associations of a secret character, in which there are fees to be paid for certain degrees. He is an incendiary against the good order of society and a robber of the duped negroes.

The Farmers' Alliance has been the warmest advocates for a railroad commission, we believe; but it appears from an article in the Charlotte Chronicle of the 13th March, inst., that Senator Kerr proposes to prove that Capt. Alexander, president of the Alliance, was opposed to a commission.

The standing select committees of the Senate for the Fifty-first Congress were announced in the Senate, Tuesday, Mr. Ingalls acting as president *pro tem*. Our Senator Ransom was made chairman of the committee on private land claims; and Vance on Woman Suffrage; Sherman on Foreign relations; Paddock on Agriculture and Forestry.

It has been stated by ex-Railroad Commissioner Coffin, of Iowa, that 6,000 men are killed or maimed every year while coupling or uncoupling cars. This is indeed a very sad report, made in the face of the fact that not less than three hundred patents have been issued within the last four or five years for couplers which were designed to prevent damage to those whose duty it is to work them.

The "White Cap" brotherhood, we regret to see, is extending South. Two young men returning to their homes from the city of Richmond, Va., Saturday night last, were met by a party in White Caps and gowns, and severely beaten by them. The young men resisted the party, but were overcome, thrown to the ground, tied and severily beaten with sticks, and left tied. No raeson was assigned for the outrage.

The Legislature adjourned on Monday last. Among the last things done in the House was to send a delegation to lead the Doorkeeper, Mr. David Julian, into the immediate, confronting presence of the Speaker. He didn't know what it was for—possibly to hear a sentence of condemnation—but the formal presentation of a gold-headed cane in recognition of his faithfully performed duties during the session, was a most pleasant surprise: and hereafter when seen with it, it should be remembered as worn in honor of those who thought him worthy of such a distinguishing mark of respect.

Mississippi farmers are taking steps to provide for the manufacture of cotton bagging of a material other than jute. They may use a low grade cotton or any other material which investigation may discover. The main point with them is to establish their independence of the jute monopoly. They will raise the capital for the proposed factory, or factories, by subscriptions of stock, fixing the shares at a low price, within the means of the humblest farmer.

The Alliance men of Caswell county, N. C., have endeavored to obtain a less per cent. for the selling of their tobacco in the Danville market; but their agents found all the warehouses in the city firmly bound together in opposition to any reduction of the rates heretofore charged, and it now remains to be seen what the farmers will do. They will probably take their tobacco to Reidsville or Durham, or establish a warehouse of their own, which, of course, they have the right and ability to do.

The Charlotte Chronicle reports the discovery in that city of a den for juvenile gamblers kept by Jas. A. Reeves, where gambling was carried on every night, Sunday not excepted, by boys of 15 years and upward. The police raided the place last Monday, and arrested Reeves, who was bound over for his appearance at the Criminal Court. By the testimony of one of the boys, who was called as a witness in the preliminary examination, as many as thirty boys have been in the den at one time, and Reeves was making about ten dollars a night out of his visitors.

A New Jersey farmer had a thrilling experience a few days ago, at Kingsland in that State. The old man was leading a bull through the streets when a dog ran out of a yard and jumped straight at the head of the bull. The bull plunged forward and struck the farmer and tossed him up. The farmer fell on the back of the bull and grasped him by the horns, and in that condition, with the dog swinging to the tail of the bull, ran through several streets, through a shed with a very narrow entrance, into a yard and thence down into a river under a bridge, where farmer Norton fell off or was knocked off, very much bruised and his flesh larcerated. Nothing could stop the bull, which crossed the river, and was finally shot to end its mad career.

Rogue's Harbor—Canada Tired of it.

The senior editor of this paper remembers when Tennessee was "rogue's harbor" for sheep stealers, murderers and other law breakers in North Carolina. But Tennessee, after a while, became unsafe for them and Arkansas was made the place of refuge. Arkansas filled up so rapidly with good people that it soon proved an unsafe retreat for the bad, and Texas was resorted to as the surest abode. But Texas also filled up rapidly with law-abiding people, and then *Canada* was found to be the last and best resort. But *Canada* is now writhing under the disgrace of being the harbor for all the rogues who run away from the United States, and is about to put a stop to it, by passing special laws for the arrest and return of criminals flying to her for protection against broken laws. Good for Canada and honest folks, but where will the rogues go next!

Mr. Thomas T. Bouve, Treasurer of the Glendon Iron Co., of Easton, Pa., explaining at length the condition of the company in regard to the recent notice of a reduction of wages, brings out an exhibit which shows that this old company (established in 1840), with a capital of $1,500,000, and for many years a successful institution, has reached a point in its history at which it not only ceases to pay, but if run at all, must do so at a continual loss. The Treasurer assigns its failure to competition from iron works in the southern States. The production of iron in these States has increased very rapidly of late years, and iron is laid down in northern markets at prices which pay the producers and the freights on it, but defies the competition of the old establishments of Pennsylvania. This, then, is another result of the "late unpleasantness" by which the South ceased to be wholly devoted to agriculture and turned her attention and capital into other channels.

Capt. F. W. Dawson Killed.

Yesterday morning brought the sad news of the death of Capt. Dawson, editor of the Charleston News and Courier. Dr. F. W. McDow surrendered himself to the policemen as his slayer. The killing was done in McDow's office, whither Capt. Dawson had gone to remonstrate, it is thought, against McDow's improper intimacy with a nurse girl in Capt. Dawson's employ.

The Railroad Commission

failed by the obstinate opposition of the Senate. Some very potent view, or argument held this body in defiance of the well known sentiments of the the lower house in favor of some measure of restraint on Railroad discriminations and freight charges.

Sheep Husbandry.

The act of the Legislature which provides that a man whose sheep are killed by dogs may recover the value of his loss by warrant before a magistrate, is a feeble effort to encourage sheep husbandry. Suppose the owner of the dog has nothing, then what? And much the larger part of the dogs are owned by people in this condition.

Experiment Station.

Under date of March 9th, Mr. H. B. Battle, Director, writes thus: "While it may be too late now to compost for the present crops, yet it is never too late to begin to save and utilize for the next crop the materials at home, now possibly going to waste."

This is a valuable suggestion to farmers, and it is altogether too common a practice to put off preparations for the crop which must succeed the one on which they are now employed.

The Governor's Mansion.

The Legislature did a good deal of talking about the Governor's Mansion but finally left it where they found it. The Senate passed a bill to sell it, but the House laid the bill on the table. They could not either vote an appropriation to finish the House or to pass a bill for its sale. The people of the State has at least one consolation: it is not their job: they have not paid a cent on it, and the late Legislature could not agree to put it on them in any shape or form.

Loss of Cotton in Charlotte.

A fire broke out among the 1,700 bales of cotton on the large platform in Charlotte, Monday, and although it seems to have been discovered quite early after it started, yet, says the *Daily News*, four hundred bales were destroyed before the fire could be arrrested. The loss is divided among several owners, all of whom were insured. The *News* represents the scene as a very exciting one while it lasted. Several fire companies with their engines were quickly on hand and flooded the place with water.

Big Robbery in Charlotte.

There was a burglary and heavy lift of valuables made in Charlotte on Thursday night of last week. Mr. Farrior's jewelry store was entered through the sky-light, and property to the value of $4,500 carried off and, from the silence of the Daily News on this point, the bloodhounds did not take the track. The rascals got away with the plunder and left the people of the town in utter amazement. The News' account of the incident leaves no room to doubt that the town was visited by veterans in the art. There were two of them, and they were thoroughly equipped for the job. Mr. Farrior had locked up all his valuable watches and other jewelry in a strong safe and that one he locked up in a larger and stronger one. The thieves broke into both and cleaned them out. Eighty fine, gold watches, a tray of diamond ear rings and finger rings, and 35 or 40 solid and plated watch chains, in all worth the above sum. Mr. Farrior is a young merchant, and the loss is to him a serious one.

Who'd a-Thunk it.

Mr. J. P. McAnaly is discussing education and statistics in the Montgomery (Ala.) Mail, and brings out some facts which will be very distasteful to a portion of the country at least. He sets forth that the five New England States have only one illiterate in every 342 natives, while the six southern State—Maryland, Delaware, Georgia, Virginia and the two Carolinas—have one illiterate in every 112 natives. Now for the moral effect of this difference, which, according to wise teachers, ought to be largely in favor of the highly educated States; but the very opposite is the truth. In New England there is one criminal in every 1,084 natives. In the five southern States named, but one in every 6,670. In New England there is one pauper to every 178. In the five southern States, one to every 345. In New England, one suicide to every 13,285. In the five southern States, one to every 56,584. Deaths from venereal disease, one to every 84,737, against 128,729 in the southern States.

Mr. McAnaly lays the blame of this difference on the public schools, which omit to teach religion as part of a child's education.

Let the South be admonished by this array of startling facts and rigidly require the moral and religious training of her children in the schools; for "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world [of knowledge] and lose his soul."

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 11th, 1889.

Harrison will be a dead man in less than three months if the horde of greedy office seekers do not cease persecuting him. Already his right arm is lamed and his complexion has the suspicious chalky white appearance of ill health. But the crowd still comes marching on, fairly falling over each other in their eagerness to reach the ear of the President. Such a gang was never before seen in Washington. It was thought at the beginning of Mr. Cleveland's administration that the pressure for office was great, but compared with that now going on, it was as a summer zephyr to an untamed Dakota blizzard. Every man except those that have died, that ever held office under a republican adminstration is here clamoring for vindication in the shape of an appointment to his old place or to a better one, and in addition there are thousands of men who are after getting their first taste of official life. These last think the Government service needs a liberal infusion of new blood, provided, of course, that they furnish it. Between them they are making a torment for Mr. Harrison as great as any that ever existed on this earth, and there is little chance of a change until everything worth scrambling for is given out. In the meantime Mr. Harrison's worst enemy could not wish him worst punishment than he is daily undergoing.

Senator Hampton thinks that ex-Governor Thompson will be nominated as the democratic member of the Civil Service Commission. He was nominated by Mr. Cleveland, and would have been confirmed and his name been sent against any more political confirmations.

Ex-Secretary Whitney has sold his Washington residence to Postmaster General Wanamaker for $80,000. Mr. Whitney will take a two months trip to Europe before settling down to work in New York. The rest of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet except Ms. Endicott, are still here. Mr. Dickinson went to New York with Mr. Cleveland's party last week, but he has returned.

There's a big row in the republican camp already. It is a question of veracity between Harrison and Ex-Governor Alger. Alger told the Michigan delegation that Harrison had expressed great regret on account of having to leave him (Alger) out of the cabinet, and that as a slight compensation the President had told him that he might name a man for Solicitor General. He named H. M. Duffield, who he asked the delegation to endorse, at the same time assuring them that it was only a formality; that the appointment would be considerd personal, and would not be charged to the State. The delegation endorsed the application and carried it immediately to Mr. Harrison. The delegation was struck dumb when the President told them he knew nothing about the matter, and that they had filed the application with the Attorney General. What transpired when the delegation got back to Alger is not yet known.

Representatives Townsend, of Illinois, died suddenly on Saturday. He caught a severe cold last week, and on Tuesday it had developed into pneumonia. He was one of the most popular men in the House.

Mr. Harrison's cabinet, with the exception of Mr. Blaine and Mr. Windom, is regarded as very weak. It is Blaine all over. All the members are intense Blaineites except two—Miller and Wanamaker, and these two can hardly be said to count, Mr. Miller being appointed solely because he was Harrison's law partner and personal friend, and Mr. Wanamaker because he held Mr. Quay's order for the Postmaster Generalship, for which he paid $100,000 in cold cash.

A gentleman says he asked Mr. Harrison if he intended to call an extra session of the Fiftieth Congress, and that the President replied: "No indeed. I want to get these fellows away, not to give them an excuse for remaining.

Queer lot, the republicans. The man who helped Mr. Quay in all his underground work—J. S. Clarkson—is not good enough to get an appointment in the cabinet, and he was turned down, notwithstanding the able backing he received from such men as Senators Allison and Quay.

The extra session of the Senate has done nothing except confirm the cabinet officers, but a number of nominations are expected this week. It has been about settled that no other business will be touched. This is somewhat disappointing to the bloody-shirtters, who wanted to pass the Hoar Southern election investigation resolution.

It will be a long time before any administration attains the social success of the last one. Mrs. Cleveland as the idol is not likely to have a successor for many years to come.

Great Scott. Let Them go if They Want to.

The negro exodus fever instead of abating as some papers have intimated seems to be raging higher every day. Scores of negroes are emigrating every day. Nearly one thousand left over the Richmond and Danville road during February and the present month to all appearances promises to double the number.—Most of the imigrants go to the cotton plantations of Mississippi and Louisiana.—*News-Observer.*

The Reading Iron Works, one of the largest establishments of the kind in America, has failed on account, it is said, of dullness in the iron trade. The liabilities are estimated at $1,000,000. At a meeting of creditors to be held on Thursday, shareholders will be asked to take stock or bonds in exchange for their claims.