THE TELEGRAMS

NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Argument in the Florida (ase Closed: **Decision Expected** To-Day.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

NEGOTIATIONS.

CASE AGAINST BELENAP DIS-MISSED BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

Noon Reports.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 .- The stunning effect of the party decision of the commissioners on the main question yesterday, is somewhat dissipated this morning. The Union olaims that in all essential particulars the question is before the commission in the shape judicated and described by Mr. O'Connor in his opening statement. The Commission has convened to

open the session of Justice Clifford's proceedings now in order orders adopted yesterday. Mr. Green, the counsel for the

Democrats, called Geo. P. Roe, of Florida, who was sworn.

Q.-Were you present when the writ of quo warranto was served? Mr. Evarts objected to the question as not being within order. The court sustained the objection to the

Mr. Green then presented a certificate from the Clerk of the Court statup to January 24th, 1877. Mr. Green then appounced that that was all the affirmative evidence they proposed to offer.

Humphrey being sworn, produced Wood's letter accepting his resignation, and another letter read dated October 6, 18/6, from Charleston, requesting the witness to turn over the books, papers and his office to Mer-rick. He objected to the last paper. Clifford announced the case ready for argument. Two hours to each side. The argument commenced by Judge Hoadley.

The Privileges and Powers com mittee of the Sepate, examined Albert Peysor, Democratic elector, who is a Pole, and he alleges that he was born in New York.

The Howe Louisiana committee have examined Judge Davis. Nothing important.

The Privileges and Powers committee took a recess on account of Field's being before the commission. Governor Wells had a chill this

Indge Waite quoted yesterday proceedings. They are merely pre liminary and furnish no indication

Dan. Vorhees, quoted a black eye Nothing serior

House. -The treatment of the Returning Board is now under disons sion. It came up under the recolu tion by Hale, that the Sergeant-at arms had placed them in other quarters than those assigned them by speaker Randall.

The Senate during the morning discussed the House bill for the payment of Jan. B. Eads, for the con nction of jettees at the South Pass of the Mississippi river.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 8 .- The remain of Col. John O'Mahoney,a late Fenian leader, will be taken to Ireland for interment.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Fob. 7 .- A [dispatch says: "Last evening ex-Gov. Grover arrived at Salem overland from the Hant. Mr. Grown, after formally turning over the executive office to Secretary Chadwick, now Acting Governor, will return immediately to Washington to assume his seat in the Senate on

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The British steam r Satil, from Belboa for Newport, Wales, was wrecked on the 19th and

An explosion in a colliery near Balton, killed ten persons.

Parliament meets to-day. Grave differences reported between Lord Salisbury are in circulation.

Constantinople advices reiterate the statement that the dismissal of Midhat Pasha does not imply a change in Turkey's foreign and interal policy.

The Register in Bankruptcy has deeided in favor of the United States on an appeal from a decision of the trustee in liquidation of Clews, Habicht & Co. This decision will enable the United States to prove a debt of \$29,-980 which the trustee rejected on the ground that it was due from the New TURKEY AND BERVIA CONTINUE York house because the London house had not yet received the remittance at Bland objected. the time of Henry Clews & Co.'s failure. The answer was that Henry Clews & Co. received the remittances

> Co. The decision of the trustee was overruled with costs. The session of the British Parliament for 1877 was opened by Her

Majesty the Queen in person to-day. The weather was fair and mild. Her Majesty left Buckingham Palace shortly after one o'clock in the royal state carriage, attended by a brilliant suite. The royal escort was composed of a detachment of household troops. Her Majesty alighted at Peer's entrance of the Parliament building, where she was received by Deputy Lord General Chamberlain and the great officers of state and conducted into the House. The Prince and Princess of Wales were present and there was a brilliant assemblage of ladies. All the foreign dings now in order under the ministers and Chinese and Ja-

pan Embassies also present. The Earl of Beaconsfield carried the sword of State before the Queen. The Marquis of Selisbury was not present until after Her Majesty had taken her place on the throne. Lord High Chancellor read the royal speech. The Queen says: "The hostilities which, before the close of the last session of the Parliament, had broken out between Turkey on the one hand, and Servia and Monmost serious attention, and have anxiously awaited for an opportunity when my good offices, together with

of which was ultimately entertained by the Porte." Her Mejesty then refers to the basis, which in course of negotiation in concert with other powers, she deemed it expedient to submit to the Porte, for the restoration of peace and the Porte's action theron. While proceeding to act in this mediation, she thought it right, after inquiry into facts, to denounce to the Porte the excesses committed in Bulgaria, and expresses her reprobation of their perpetrators.

Her Majesty next speaks of a mistice and conference in which she was represented and says: In tak ing these steps her object has been throughout to maintain the peace of Europe and bring about better government in disturbed provinces without infringing upon the independ ence and integrity of the Ottoman Empire. She regrets that proposals have not been accepted by the Porte, but the result of conference has been to show existence of general agreement smong European Powers which cannot fail to have material effect upon the condition and government of Turkey. She trusts that the armistice yet unexpired will lead to the conclusion of an honorable peace, She has acted in cordial co-operation with her allies, with whom as with other foreign powers, her relations continue friendly. Papers on those subjects will forthwith be laid before Parliament, Her Majesty, alluded to her assumption of Imperial title at Delhi, which was w loomed w th pro fessions of affection, and the famine

source will be employed. The remainder of speech is devoted to colonial and home matters.

in India to arrest which every re

Sr. Louis, Feb. 8.-John T. Donglass, President of the Colum bis Life Lusurance company and Edwin W. Beyant, Astnary, are held for making and awearing to-false statments as to the Columbia Life Insurance Company of Borton.

Night Reports.

WASHINGTON, Peb. 8 - HOURE -Hale presented a communication from J. Madison Wells and Thomas C. Auderson, stating that they were confined in a damp, dark cell, where their health was being undermined on account of dampness and it ventilation of the cell. He offered a resolution directing the Sergeant-atarms to remove the prisoners to s better room. After debate, the resolution was referred to the committee on Louisians election. The committee asked leave to affer a rea olution directing, that the much as the electoral commission had refused to receive evidence taken by the southern committee, that the members of the Louisiana retaining board be released from custody.

The deficiency appropriation bill was raported from the commistre of

the whole, but was not sated upon.
The treaty for the Nicaragua ship merely as agents of Clews, Habitch & canal was nearly ready for transmission to the Senate, when Henry Meigs sprung the contract with the Nicaraguain government to build the canal over the route indicated by the

The Rear Admiral, Charles Wilkes, is dead. Aged 76,

The appropriation committee fe making its items for the military appropriation bill on the basis of 22.

The case of the United States against Gen. Belkuap han been die missed on motion of the District Attorney by the direction of the Attorney General, for the reason the evi dence would not sustain the prosecution. The action was taken by the direction of the President.

Mrs. Mary S. Oliver, a citizen of Pennsylvania and a clerk in the Treasury. Las instituted suit against Hon. Simon Cameron for breach of promise of marriage. Damages, \$50,000." The respective ages of the

parties are 35 and 78. The argument in the Florida case is closed, each side used their powers in the argument which was very close and technical. The co.amission will take the case into private consideration early to-morrow morning. during the day. The Democrats have but little hope for anything more favorable to them than the those of my allies might be usefully throwing out of the vote. The contest interposed. The opportunity prein the Louisiana case will be over the sented itself by the solicitation of legality of the returning board itself. Servia for our mediation, the offer It will be claimed that there has been no canvass of the votes and that no electors have been appointed. The same excellent idea which furnishes these rather discouraging foreshadowings expresses absolute confidence that the commission has inaugurated a line of procedure that must throw out the

vote of Watts, the Oregon postmaster. SENATE .- The Eads' bill was indefinitely postponed-yeas 30, nays 24. (Note .- It is understood that this action was in accordance with Ead's wishes, and that the Secretary of the Treasury will now have a requisition of the Secretary of War in Eads' favor for \$500,000 in bonds.)

The Indian appropriation bill, with amendments, which carries it back to the House, passed. Adjourned.

MASSACRUSETTS.

Boston, Feb. 8 -Oliver S. Chapman, of Branton, Massachusetts, a well known railroad conductor, and fir home time a Director of the Union Pacific railroad, fell dead this morning.

CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, Feb. 8 .- The deficienov in the Farmer's and Mechanics National Lank is estimated at \$500,-000. The liabilities are not endangered. It's capital is \$1,100,000; and a surplus of nearly \$500,000.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb, 8 .- There are reasons for believing that the wrecked steamer is the George Cromwell instend of the George Washington .-Both belong to the same lire.

FOREIGN.

LOND N. Feb. 8 .- The short horn oow, of the touth Duchess of Genevs, is dead. It was bought by Lord Bective at ow York Mills in 1873, for over \$80,000

The Queen made no allusion in all are profitable. her speech to the American extradi-

A Vienna dispatch says: the new Grand Vigier has given special instructions to continue the prelimi-

nacy negotiations with Servia. The Prince of Montenegro telegraphs the Grand Vizier his willingness to negotiate, but desires the negotiating to be conducted with the oltomen

ambassador at Vicona. THE STATE GRANGE.

From the Goldshoro Mes

Gодовоко, Feb. 6, 1877. Morning Session - This body con-v ned here t-oday, Dr. Columbus Mills, Master, in the chair twenty A committee on order of business

was next appointed; af er which the reports of the officers of the State Grange for the past year were called for. Master Mills and Secretary Lewience responded, giving an en-couraging account. Treasurer was Col. Folk moved that a committee

of five be appointed to confer with the opposition appointed by the Legislature and by the N. C. Agricultural Society, relative to establishing a Department of Agriculture &c.

Evening Session .- The Master announced the following gentlemen to constitute the committee to be appointed under Col. Polk's motion, vis. L. L. Polk, J. R. Thigpen, Japper Stow, J. M. McDowal, and Jac. W. Albright.

W. Albright. Col. N. B. Whitfield, chairman of the special committee on Agriculade an able and instru report which was received and order-ed to be printed together with the proceedings of the Grange.

A resolution offered by Mr. H. T. Mial was adopted instructing the committee on Department on Agreculture to report by 3 o'clock p. m Wednessay evening, and that the report be made the special order for that home

The proposed amendments of the National Grange were then taken up; and the lat and 2ud adopted, but the Meet 3rd rejected. WEDNDSDAY, Feb. 7, 1877,

Morning Session.—The committee on permanent location of Grange Headquaters reported Greensboro as the place. The report was concurred in. The report of the committee rela-

tive asking a loan from the State of \$15,000 was debated at length and the vote on the question resulted 804

yeas, 531 nays.

The committee having in charge the subject of a Grange organ, reported progress and saked further A very interesting and instructive

account of the organization was given by Mr. A. T. Mial, after which the Grange took a recess to 3 o'clock Evening Session.—The report the committee on Department

s, 7, 8, and 2. /8, 9 w adopted, but section 9, relative to renending to the General Assembly that fertilizers be taxed, created con-siderable discussion, Messrs Polk, Thigpen, French. King, Alexander and others participating in the debate. Section 10 was passed with the pre Or motion the report was adopted

The report of the committee appointed last year on the subject of life insu-

radce was taken up, pending which our reporter closed his minutes. Narrow Gauge Railways-Ches

Transportation.

if the two notes you have pub it had in your issues respectively, of been given of the relative advan-tages of the system of chesply conarruoted and cheaply operated Rati-Railways, have attracted the attention of the practical business men of our State or city sufficiently to caus them to investigate and really inform themselves, we may hope the committee of the Legislature hav-ing the "speedy completion" of the Western North Carolina Railroad in charge will look into the subject fully, and thoroughly, and give the State the benefit of their investigations in the shape of reform and re-trenchment in the art of building that Railroad.

The reduction in cost of constructing the line to Asheville would be considerable, while that of the two lines from Asheville North and West

be much greater. The saving thus effected would not only enable the transportation to be done at a greatly reduced cost, but would shorten the time required to build the road at least thirty-three

per cent. The somer North Carolina com-The somer North Carolina com-pletes the cheapest transit line across the mountains connecting the great rivers of the West with the seaboard the scener will she begin to reap the benefits of her favorable position for foreign and demestic trade.

The narrow Gange Ballway tem has fully demonstrated all that I have asserted a to cheap construction and cheap operation. One of the longest lines in operation in the United States is the "Dequer and Rio Grande Railroad," which is more than two hundred miles long with a branch of forty miles in length. This road is paying better than any of the Western lines, where

anob evidence an ould not besitate to re-

Bemains of Cornelius Harnett. We are glad to ceronicle-as we did in Sunday's issue the action of the Board of Directors of Oakdale Cemetary Company, and the subsequent action of the Bistorical and Scientific Society, on Monday night, in reference to the removal of the remains of Cornelius Harnett, distinguished not only in the annals of North Caroling, but in those of the whole country as well. The querand the erection of a fitting monument to his memory, serving by the frequent recurring pilgramages to the hallowed inclosure, to remind the visitor of the greatness inurped within its bosom, was first mosted by the Ladies' Memorial Association at their last annual meeting. They thought that in his "day and generation," he had served the interest of his Country with as much devotion and singleness of purpose, as those, the preservation of whose deeds and memories, they, by their own volition, are especially charged. The

want of means at their disposal, and other pressing and more immed ate demands being forced upon their attention, deterred them from consummating what they earnestly desired The initiat ve then in this matter, which has since elicited the or-operation of the community, will be most freely accorded to the la-

Meeting of Stockholders of the Bank of New Hanover, Mr. A. H. Neff was called to the

chair, and Robert S. Henning sppuinted Secretary.

The committee appointed to verify proxies, having reported a majority of stockbolders present, either in person or by provies, the President submitted his annual report, which was accepted and approved.

On motion an election of Directors for the ensuing year was entered into and the following gentlemen were declared unanimously elected, (the old Board) viz: John Dawson, D. R. Murchison, Donald MacRae, Vollers, R. B. Bridgers, J. W. Atkinson, C. M. Stedman, L. B. Grainger, Jas. A. Leak, R. F. Little. B. Borden, M. Weddell.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Sent to the Penitentiary. The following persons, all colored, were convicted of crime at the last term of New Hanover Superior Court, and duly sentenced to the penitentiary, were sent to Raleigh by the Sheriff yesterday:

Winslow Gause, 5 years; James Shepard Thompson, 3 years; Richard Moore, (alias City Dick) 3 years; Geo. Rowe, 3 years; Robert Shaw. 3 years; William Hoke, 3 years; Samuel Collier, 3 years; Samuel Man ning, 3 years; Henry Farrow, for 5 years, was too ill to go, V II O

2d and 3rd Wards. A' meetings of the second and hird ward Democratic Clubs, held last night, the following nominations were made: Mr. Norwood Giles, for the "Board of Audit," and Mesars, Jno. S. James, Sol Bear, Henry Nutt and D. E. Bunting. for Magistrates, from the former. Mr. R. J. Jones, for the "Board of Audit," and Messrs. J. L. Cantwell H. A. Begg, Henry Schulken and Jaz. W. King, for Magistrates from the latter.

Concert.

The concert, both vocal and instrumental, will be given in the Opera House to-night. Those who took part in the one two weeks ago, will appear in this A crowded house greeted them then, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Judging from the number of seats "marked out" on the diagram there will be another full house, evincing the high appreciation of the last concert.

The Usury Bill.

This bill, which passed the Senate few day's ago, passed the House yeserday by a vote of 57 to 38. It allows eight per cent. under contract, and makes the penalty for taking overthe legal mie a forfeiture of double the interest.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was ob served at the signal office in his city

Augusta.64; Charleston, 57; Galves ton, 65; Jacksonville, 61; Mobile, 63; New Orleans, 65; Norfolk, 42; Bayar

Owing to the absence of the paster, Rev. S. Mendelsohn, who has been called to Norfolk, Va., to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Seldner, wife of his former president, S. W Seldner, no ser vice will be held in the Temple this afternoon or on the Sabbath. Sneak Thief. Some one entered the residence of Mr. Robert Morrison, on Front, Inc. tween Mulberry and Walnut streets, on Wednesday, during the early part of the night, as it is supposed, no noise having been heard, and stole tion of the removal to a suitable spot therefrom articles of a considerable value, Mr. M. remained in "blissful ignorance" as to the loss until yes

THE COURTS.

erday morning, and is still in that

state as to the thief.

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were disposed of by His Honor, the Mayor on yes terday morring: A. Bloom, disorderly conduct;

flued \$10 and costs. Calvin Freeman, drunkenness

fi sed \$10 and costs. John Melvin, stealing a bunch of

ish; bound over to the Superior Court in the 1um of \$100 justified

Magistrate's Court.

Before T. M. Gardner, J. P. : State vs. Thomas Johnson, (col.) for digging under the smoke house and stealing the bacon of Moses D. Mott. Hold to bail in the sum of \$200 justified bond for his appears ance at the next term of the Superior Court.

CITY CURRENCY.

Yesterday was certainly one of the dull days in commercial circles.

Indications for the South Atlantic States-rising barometer, cold Northerly winds and clear weather will prevail to-day.

of the Bank of New Hanover and its branches is published in our adverising columns this morning. Two gentlemen were exercising at the pastime of hand ball, on the

wharf yesterday afternoon. We

Afull statement of the condition

counted 76 persons looking on, including ourselves. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held on yesterday, Capt, L B. Grainger was recommended to the Governor, as m director in the

Western N. C. R. R. destad annual Col. J. G. Butr's lecture on Local History, recently delivered before the Historical Society, is to be repeated next Friday evening for the benefit of the poor of the city, at the Bryan, 5 years; Geo. Fox, 5 years; request of the Ladies' Benevolent

Society. The ball given at Meginney's Hall last night by Orion Lodge J. O. O. F. was like all similar entertainments, under the direction of those gentlemen, a very pleasant and agreeable affair. They have the "knack" of catering for the pleasure of their guests.

Index to New Advertisements. Heury Erchbech, Rec. Sec. - Attention Howard Relief Fire Engine

Co., No. 1. Statement of condition of Bank of New Hanover, including Branches, on Feb. 1, 1877.

A. D. Cazaux, Agent,-Clyde's New York and Wilmington, N. C., semi-weekly Steamship line.

A. D. Cazanx, Agent-Clyde's Ba'timore and Wilmington, N. C. Steamship Line.

P. Heinsberger-A new imports

Giles & Murchison-Blacksmith's

The University has sustained a serious loss by the burning of what was known as the "Old Chap-L!" Tuesday morning at about clock the building which bas recently lean fitted up for the lectureroom on physics, and which e intained all the apparatus for demonstrat-ing the laws of physics, was dis-covered to be on fire. It is thought that the fire originated in the ceiling, ca ching from in the stove early in the morning. All the instruments were removed from the room, but were somewhat damaged by rough bandling.

The pecuniary loss is not large, but the many friends of the University will be grieved at the distruc-tion of this old monument of by-gone days.

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EDWIN FITZGERALD, Gen. Agt., Corner Lee and Light at STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

BANK OF NEW MANOVER, EN-CLUDING BRANCHES, ON REB-RUARY 1, 1817. vitao medidaq RESOURCES.

Office Furniture Bonds and Stocks, Check Books, Cash in other Banks subject, Cash in other Banks subject, 151,543 84 noclaster. to Check, Cash on hand, 58,406 18 209,055 09

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Undivided Profits, Bills Payable,

Statement of Condition of Bunk of

Capital Stock,

Wilmington, February 8, 1977. RESOURCES, AL BITAVA Real Estate, 73,449,79 Office Furniture and Safes 8,849,66 Office Furniture and Sales Bonds and Stocks, 170 Hat 11,831 23

to Check, Cash on hand. 125,517 73 28,987 73 8777,205 87

LIABILITIES. Estat. 'D.

410,869 43 \$777,205 87 I, S. D. WALLACE, Cashier of the Bank of New Hanover, do solemnly swear that the above stat, mant is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. D. WALLAUE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this th day of February, 1867. I feb 9 2t 1. BATES, Notary Public,

ATTENTION

TOWARD RELIEF FIRE ENGINE by ordered to appear at your Eagme House THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING at three (3) o'clock prechely, in full uni orn RADE AND ENGINE TRIAL.

By order of Foreman. HENRY EHRRKOK,