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WILMINGTON'S CHIEF NEED.

The first and most important thing for Wilmington, after securing all possible railway and waterway communication, is a large, elegant, well amointed hotel. If Wilmington is to grow there must be in all respects a first-class hotel here. If Wilmington would have hundreds and thousunis of Northern travellers to stop over for a few days there must be a hotel equal to the Northern hotels in the large cities. If Wilmington would have five hundred well to do Northern people spending six months each year here then Wilmington should offer the needed accommodations. It should be remembered that the people from the North know what fine botel accommodations are. and that they have the money to pay for the best. If they cannot get the bes here they will not stop, but will stop farther south or make the trip without stopping over. We know that Wilmington is regarded as a

What a change it would make in the business of Wilmington if there were live or six hundred visiting women and children in our city from October to April! The churches on Sabbath would be filled, the business generally would be much livelier and the aspect of the town would be business-like and pro-perous.

most favorable point for the place of

rest between New England and Flo-

rida. We have the evidence that

satisfies us that a hotel of elegant and

commodious appointments would

soon attract and be filled all the win-

We have a pamphlet issued by the Scaboard Line, to which we referred the other day. Out in the woods in Vance county stands the Davis Hotel. There is a picture of it in. the pamphlet. It is handsome and large, with verandas all around, the upper one being enclosed with glass, we believe, so that invalids and delicate people can take their regular exercise the severest weather. There is nothing to attract in the neighborhood but a climate that is mild compared with that of the North. But that is much, and the accommodations are excellent, and by July of each year the applications for the ensuing winter have exhausted the capacity of the building. This has been done by an enterprising Bostonian who knows "how to run a

If some capitalist would come to Wilmington and erect a \$250,000 hotel, and then have it conducted in the best style, there is "money in it" we verily believe. Now who is the man? Where shall he be found?

It is useless to take old buildings that were never designed for a hotel and try to convert them into a first-class establishment for the accommodation of a wide-awake and discriminating travelling public. A new, well constructed, well arranged, handsomely furnished, cligibly located, excellently managed hotel, large enough to accommodate six hundred guests, is what Wilmington must have if it does not mean to remain a sort of wayside station.

This is the age of enterprise, of activity, of reaching out in every direction-to the North, to the South, to the West, and our people must in no sense be behind the age, behind the people in other sections. But the first step towards real progress is to have that new hotel. Charleston, Savannab, Atlanta are all building Must Wilmington be content to do nothing? If the capital cannot be raised here, and we suppose it cannot, then let steps be taken to induce others that have the capital to come and build.

If you would see what a political hotch-potch the Democratic party is on the Tariff only scan the papers and watch the action of politicians, There is a large majority of Tariff Reformers in the House and yet a man opposed to Tariff Reform and in favor of the War Tariff is made Chairman of the Congressional Campaign Committee. A Republican Reformer will be slow to trust the sincerity of any party that thus acts. And then behold Randall and his

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A MATTER REQUIRING INVESTI-GATION.

The Philadelphia Ledger, an Independent Republican paper, has let the cat out of the wallet. Referring to the recent election in that city it says that there were some "exceedingly disreputable frauds." Hear it, and we call Senator Vance's attention to it that he may consider the propriety of sending John Sherman and some of the other smellers and outrage mill feeders to the "City of Brotherly Love" to investigate. Says the Ledger:

"There were false circulars, forged tax and naturalization paper notices intended to intimidate voters, and low tricks of sundry other descriptions, intended to lead the un wary into traps. The people of Philadelphia, as well

s of some other cities are capable of intimidation and frauds and rascalities that are every whit as disreputable and violative of a free and pure ballot as anything that occurs in the South. There is another Northern paper that does not hesitate to condemn. The Chicago Current, discussing the Philadelphia methods and comparing them with those of Mississippi, says:

"After all, the difference between such elections as that held in Philadelphia and that in Copiah county, Miss., seems to be in the use of semi-barbaric physical force, in the latter case, to intimidate voters; the rinciple of unlawful obstruction and the raudulent motive are identical. And in oth cases the fraudulent processes were rected by the little gods of the political machine, who can read and write. Perverted intelligence, not illiteracy, wrecks the ideal use of the ballot."

Let Senator Vance move for an investigation and send Sherman but also send two honest men with him

MAIL CONTRACTS.

The Pittsboro Record calls attention to the fact that the Post Office Department gives the successful bids for carrying the mails in North Carolina for four years beginning on July 1st, 1884, to people living yond the State. It says:

"In this county there are nearly a dozen mail routes, and not a single citizen of the county has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail on any one of them, although there were bidders from the county for every one. Already the successful bid ders are writing here for the purpose of sub-letting their contracts, and thus pocket whatever profits there may be and make others do the work. We hope that no one of our citizens will accepts one of these sub-contracts, but compel the contractors to do the work themselves. No man can take a sub-contract in this county at the prices offered by the non-resident contract tor and supply the proper service."

Here is a matter requiring the attention of our members in both Houses. There is doubtless fraud in these transactions. If not, how can non residents nearly always be successful, and how can they get pay enough to allow them to sub-let and still make money? We join the Record in the hope that no North Carolinians will agree to take the job off the hands of the successful bidders at reduced rates, but force the foreigners to come to the State and fulfil their own contracts. Fair, square dealing is at a discount in these days. There have been so much rascality and jobbery in the postal service that it would be well if Gen. Cox and Senator Vance would make some inquiries as to how non-residents are so fortunate in securing contracts in Southern States.

LET THE ISSUE BE JOINED. It begins to look like business in

the House of Representatives. The committee on Ways and Means by strict party vote has agreed to reort Morrison's bill as amended. This shows unanimity in both paries as far as the composition of the Committee is concerned. The majority are favorable to Reform. The minority declare that the War Tariff must remain, and that too in the face of the staring fact that the Republican Tariff Commission recommended that the very monstrous robber Tariff should be reduced 25 per cent, and it has not been reduced but a little more than 2 per cent., and, according to Mr. Nimmo, it is very doubtful if it has been reduced at all. Now let the Committee bring the question before the House and force Randall and his little squad of Democratic Protectionists to take their positions. Randall openly declares that he is opposed to the reduction, and he asserts that this opposition was known when he was a candidate for the Speakership. There was some egregious blundering and misrepresentation of the facts during the pendency of the contest because the following young men: Alexander Mchey swore that Randall was all right and was with his party.

Mr. Randall is kept in the Congress by the Republican Protectionists of Philadelphia. This fact has been known all along and when Southern Democrats supported him for the Speakership they did so well knowing that he would kill off all Tariff reduction if elected.

We hope the Democratic Reformers in the House will stand firmly by their colors and never lower them to either Republican or Democratic on ponents. If they are to go down let them go down in defence of sound economy and right principle.

Hewitt says he has not seen Til den since last July and has not said anything about his feebleness, as re-

The "jig is up" with Arthur in North Carolina. Keogh-"Kurnel" Thomas Keogh-was his candidate for the Marshalship of Western Carolina. His claims were warmly pressed. The "Kurnel"-upon the peace establishment—was hot for Arthur, and still it did not work well and now the news comes from Washington that the Arthur boom has met with a severe check and Keogh's nomination is withdrawn, and it is thus confessed that Arthur has met with a decided check in his hopes and aspirations. Edmunds, Hoar and Ingalls are the bloody triumvirate who slew Keogh at the very foot of the throne, and "great was the fall,

defeat. It says: "North Carolina is almost the only debatable Southern State, as matters now stand, in a Presidential election. In giving up his hold there the President acknow-ledges to a bad set-back as to the Southern votes in the National Convention.'

New York Times explains the im-

William Rhodes, brother of Lieut. Rhodes, eloped with the prettiest girl of North Madison, Conn. Her name is Lottie Redfield and her father is the richest man in that section. The old fellow has altered his will and has cut off his daughter entirely. A special in the New York Times from New Haven says:

"Lottie Redfield has been the acknowledge." edged belle of the balf-dozen charcoal towns within eight miles of her father's farm. She has sung in all the concerts of Middlesex county. She has posed in the tableaux of all the Sunday school entertainments, danced at all the country fetes, and made half the youth of Eastern Con-necticut mad with admiration for her pretty face and comely figure. It was never suspected that William Treadwell Rhodes was a favored suitor until recently. His brother's bravery made him famous, as it made all the family famous, and to fraternal heroism in Gay Head's waters was due, perhaps, more than to aught else, the fact 'that the fair Lottie discovered attractions in the attentions of William."

The following, from the Washington special in the Richmond Dispatch, concerns local mail contrac-

"The House Post Office Committee will meet to morrow and will probably take up the bill to prohibit the sub-letting of mail contracts. The indications are that the committee will agree to report it. The object of this bill is to give local bidders for mail contracts a chance. Under the present system there are wholesale bidders who get a large number of contracts all over the country and sub-let them to local parties at a profit. This, it is contended. militates against the efficiency of the mail

A gentleman wishes to know what is the meaning of "Crofters" as applied to the Scotch immigrants from the Island of Skye. Croft means a small farm, or land enclosed around a farm house. Hence, we suppose, Crofters, those who work small farms. It may have a local meaning of which we are not informed.

THE SCOTCH CROFTERS.

How They Were Received and What Has been Done for Them-Partial List of Names-Immigration Agent for the Seaboard Air-Line, &c.

Mr. J. L. Cooley, who has taken such an

interest in the introduction of Scotch immigrants into this section of the State, was in the city yesterday. From him we learn that the Crofters who recently arrived at Laurinburg, where they met a cordial reception and welcome, have all been furg nished with suitable homes and the most of them have gone to work. These appear to give entire satisfaction, and the Crofters themselves are as well pleased as any number of men, women and children could be expected to be under the peculiar circumstances in which they find themselves, so far away from their fatherland and among a strange people. Mr. Cooley says they are a fine, healthy looking set of people, and that he has failed to detect a solitary sickly looking one in the whole lot. It is their intention to provide themselves with homes of their own as fast as they become able, and it is intended to facilitate their efforts in attaining this object as much as possi-

Following we give a list of the party naming the heads of families and the young men: Malcolm Finlayson, aged 32, wife aged 25, and 2 children; John Finlayson, aged 41, wife 43, and 2 children; Alexander Finlayson, aged 39, wife 40, and 6 children; Alexander Finlayson, Sr., aged 72, and wife, aged 73, father and mother of the above; John McKinnon, aged 35, wife 30, 4 children, and Miss Alexander Nicholson Neil McMillan, aged 29, wife 24, and 1 child; Donald Matheson, aged 40, wife 40, 1 daughter, aged 20, and Alexander Matheson, nephew, aged 13; Angus McMillan, aged 41, wife 33, 5 children, and Miss Catharine Matheson: Donald McPherson. aged 45, wife 45, and 5 children, aged from 9 to 21; Roderick McKinsey, aged 42, wife 34, and 8 children; Alexander McDonald. aged 35, wife 33, and 3 children. Also, Kinsey, aged 20; Duncan McKinsey, aged 20; Murdo Murray, aged 20; Murdo Mc-Donald, 20; John Nicholson, 18; James Nicholson, 24; Donald McPherson, 24, and

Donald McIntosh, 40. In this connection we would state that Mr. Cooley has just received the appointment of Immigrant Agent of the Seaboard Air-Line, embracing the Carolina Central, the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line, the Raleigh & Gaston, and Seaboard & Roanoke Railroads, with headquarters at Laurinburg at present, and that he will look out for the interests of those families who have already arrived, and make provisions for increasing the number, there being twenty families already booked who will be sent on as soon as the necessary arrangements

can be made. Mr. Cooley will give the matter of introducing these desirable immigrants and providing them with houses his earnest attention, and we may expect the most favorable results from his efforts in this di-

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MACRH 14, 1884.

IMPORTANT ACTION. Joint Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and Board of Trade - Consideration of Various Matters of Importance to Wilmington-Resolutions Passed by the Meeting, &c.

At a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and Board of Trade, held yesterday, Col. Roger Moore, President of the Produce Exchange, explained the object of the meeting to be to take some action relative to bills now before Congress looking to the erection of a ed by Mr. Marsden Bellamy for the same suitable building in this city to be used as | side, after which Mr. Cutlar closed for the a U. S. Court Room and Postoffice, and to city. The speeches were all good and were the securing of further aid from the government in carrying on the works of improvement of the Cape Fear-River and Harbor. Col. Moore then moved that Hon. A. H. VanBokkelen, President of the Chamber of Commerce, be called to the my countrymen." The following chair, which was done by a unanimous from the Washington letter in the vote, and Col. J. L. Cantwell and Mr. C. P. Mebane were requested to act as Secre portance of the Keogh and Arthur Col. F. W. Kerchner offered the follow-

ing preamble and resolutions relative to the Revenue Marine Service of the United States, which were unanimously adopted WHEREAS, This Chamber is fully impressed with the importance of the Revenue Marine and the efficient and valuable service it has rendered to the govern

ment and to the ocean, lake and river com merce of the country, as well as in saving he lives and property of hundreds of those ngaged therein; and WHEREAS, There is no provision of law whereby those who may become disabled by age, injuries or other cause in said ser ice, may be retired, as is the case in the

naval and military service of the govern-ment, which in the judgment of this Cham-ber, should be remedied, therefore, be it Resolved, As the sense of this Chamber that the bill [H. R. 4488] now before Congress, entitled "A Bill to promote the effi-ciency of the Revenue Marine Service," is one which commends itself to us as a wise and just measure, and one which we would be glad to see the Senators and Represen-

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from North Mr. J. H. Currie offered the following resolutions which were unanimously

tatives from the State support,

Resolved, By the Chamber of Commerce Produce Exchange and Board of Trade of the City of Wilmington, assembled in joint convention, that, in their opinion, the exi- worthy man, and the announcement of his gencies of the public service demand the death will be received with very general erection in this city of such a building the use of the several departments of the administration as shall be commensurate with the dignity of the Federal Government, and in keeping with the large and growing commerce and population of our

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Senator and Representative n Congress from this State, with the rejuest that they individually and collectively give all the aid in their power to securing such appropriations and legislation as may be necessary to effect the object desired. Resolved, That Messrs. D. G. Worth, F. W. Kerchner and Jas. Sprunt are hereby ppointed a committee to take this matter charge and push it to a successful conclusion by such measures as to them may

Col. F. W. Kerchner moved, and th notion was seconded, that A. H. VanBok kelen, Esq., President of the joint meeting, be authorized to appoint a committee of his own selection to visit Washington, D. C., at such time as he may judge best, to urge such action on the part of Congress as may be necessary to secure the continued prosecution of the important works for the improvement of our bar and river, including the upper Cape Fear river.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Col. Kerchner was appointed to take the necessary steps towards meeting the expenses of the proposed visit, if made. Mr. Wm. Calder offered the fellowing

resolutions, which were adopted: Resolved, By the Chamber of Commerce the Produce Exchange and the Board of Trade of Wilmington, N. C., that the con-tinued obligatory coinage of silver by the General Government, is a standing and daily increasing menace to the best commercial and industrial interests of our country, and should be suspended as soon as possi

Resolved, That a copy of these resolu-tions be sent to each of the Senators and Representatives, in Congress from this State. An amendment offered by A. H. Van-Bokkelen, Esq., to the effect that the word uspended, in the above resolution, be erased, and the word limited placed in its stead,

A discussion in relation to the proposed extension of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad to this city then took place, participated in by Messrs. A. H. VanBok kelen, Don. MacRae, F. W. Kerchner, J. H. Currie, and Col. Roger Moore, after which the following resolution, offered by Mr. J. H. Currie, was unanimously adop-

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meet ing that it is extremely desirable that this city should be made the eastern terminus of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, and that we look forward with deep interest to the completion of this road in this direction, and we will use every possi ble effort to bring it here.

The meeting was largely attended and nuch interest was manifested in the pro

Pender Thiel Comes to Grief. Charles Croom, colored, was brought here and lodged in jail Friday night, under commitment from Justice Wm. W. Larkins, of Lincoln Township, Pender county, charged with the larceny of a hog. He will be held for a hearing before the next term of the Superior Court for Pender county, in default of the bond required of

him by the committing magistrate.

Helping the Sufferers.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city, has recently, certainly, responded nobly to the calls for help in our own State and in the Ohio Valley. Besides contributing cash to the Relief committee the members of the church contributed articles of clothing, food, etc., to enable them to send five boxes and two barrels to Rockingham, containing over 300 various articles. A box of chothing was also sent to Wheeling, W. Va., and a neat sum in cash. Mayor J. A. Miller, of the city of Wheeling, in acknowledging the receipt of the contributions, in a letter to Rev. Mr. Peschau, after referring to the fact that all was distributed as directed, says: "On be half of the sufferers, we extend to you and your Wilmington friends sincere thanks for the contribution and for your words of sympathy. Our hearts are touched by the kind words and helping hands that were extended to us in our distress from so many distant parts of our country." We are glad to report, that the Southern Express Co. kindly, promptly and gratuitously shipped each of the above boxes, etc., to their destination.

Continuation of the Investigation be FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. fore the Police Commit The investigation before the Police Com FIRST SESSION. mittee of the Board of Aldermen, in the Memorial from Labor Organizations matter of Sergeant Davis, was continued

morning. The court room was again crowded with spectators and listeners. After some preliminary discussion the argu-SENATE. ment for the defence was opened by Mr. Martin, who was followed by Mr. Strange for the other side. Mr. N. A. Stedman then spoke for the defence and was follow listened to with much interest. At the close of Mr. Cutlar's, speech the Court adjourned, the Committee reserving their de-

members, His Honor, Mayor Hall, and Aldermen J. L. Dudley and Valentine Howe: "The opinion of the Committee is, while here are many mitigating circumstances connected with this transaction, yet from the evidence adduced, we are satisfied enough has been proved to show that the defendant is not a proper person to be on the police force. Therefore we grant him privilege of resigning."

We learn that Sergeant Davis sent in his resignation, to take effect to-day.

cision, which was subsequently announced

as follows, the same being signed by the

yesterday, commencing at 10 o'clock in the

Death of Our County Treasurer.

Owen Burney, our colored County Treasurer, who was stricken with paralysis on the night of Saturday, the 23rd ult., died yesterday morning, at his residence on Mc-Rae, between Walnut and Red Cross streets. Deceased was a member of the Chesnut street Presbyterian Church and was aged about 58 years. He came to Wilmington from Bladen county many years before the war with Col. Burney, afterwards a merchant of this city, to whom he then belonged. During the term of the late Owen Fennell, Sr., as Sheriff of this county. Owen Burney served as jailor. Since the war he has been among the most prominent of our colored politicians, and his name has several times been before the Republi can nominating convention as a candidate for the Sheriffalty. He held for several years a position in the Custom House, but at the last general election he was chosen by the Republicans to fill the place of County Treasurer. Deceased was a very

A Fraud and a Cheat.

Reuben Thompson, colored, had a pre liminary examination before Justice J. C. Hill, yesterday, charged with cheating and fraud. It appears from the evidence that the defendant went to the house of a colored man named Wm. Davis, living about three miles from this city, recently, and offered to take his mule and exchange him with a party who would give him for the same \$85 worth of cattle and hogs; he to receive \$5 as compensation for making so desirable a bargain. He carried the mule off, and actually did exchange him with a man in Brunswick county for a number of cattle and hogs, brought them to this city, sold them and spocketed the money. making no return to Davis, the owner of the mule, who had also paid Thompson \$1 in advance on the amount of compensation. He was required to give a justified bond in the sum of \$100, in default of which he was committed to jail. Thompson is said

to be a South Carolina darkey.

A Call Extended. We find the following in the last Charlotte Observer: "The congregation of the Presbyterian church in Concord has made out and tendered a pastoral call to Rev. C. M. Payne, at present the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. The call was unanimous on the part of the members of the church, who guaranteed a salary of \$1,200 and a parsonage for Mr. Payne's family if the call is accepted. It is believed in Concord that Mr. Payne will accept the charge." We have only to say that Rev. Mr. Payne and his charge are very much in "Concord" just now, and have been ever since he came to Wilming-

Clinton and Point Caswell Railroad. The Directors of the Clinton and Point Caswell Railroad met in this city Wednes day and awarded the contract of nine miles of the road to Mr. A. P. Holland, which will complete the grading to Mr. John D. Kerr's store, on Black River. Mr. Holland has constructed eleven miles of the road for the company, and, being an expert in his profession, the friends and patrons of the enterprise can rest assured that it will be pushed through with vigor; a consummation that should be gratifying to the people of Wilmington, which will be benefitted to a considerable extent, upon its completion, by the trade which will be drawn hither from that source.

Wilmington (M. E.) District Conference-The Presiding Elder. The Wilmington District Conference is ann sunced to meet at Goschen, in the Clinton Circuit, on Thursday before the fourth

Sunday in July. We regret to learn that Dr. Bobbitt, the Presiding Elder, has been sick at Elizabethtown for some eight or ten days with fever and nervous prostration, at the residence of Mr. C. C. Lyon, but was expected to fill his appointment in the Cokesbury Circuit last Sunday.

Shall We Have the Hotel?

The impression seems to be general that large first class hotel would be a good investment here, and the only excuse urged for a failure to take hold of the matter at the lack of the necessary capital. If it is possible that we have not enough monied men in Wilmington to make up the necessary amount to construct and furnish such a hotel as is needed in our rapidly growing city, the best thing to be done is, to select ome suitable person to go and endeavor to induce some of the Northern capitalists, who are seeking a profitable investment for their money, to come down here and put portion of it in a good hotel. The advantages of such an enterprise in our midst have already been fully set forth, and that it would pay is a fact so patent that not one can be found to indulge a doubt on the subject.

Have we not among us a public spirited citizen who could do Wilmington this great service and at the same time add to his own fast accumulating fortune. We hope to

A first-class hotel is certainly one of the essentials to Wilmington's future prosperity, and we indulge the hope that some defi nite action will be taken in the matter at an early day.

-The Senate Contingent Fund-Committee Reports-The Naval Appropriation Bill Passed by the House,

WASHINGTON, March 6 .- Among the emorials presented was one by Mr. Cockrell, from the United Labor organization of St. Louis, which protests against the at-tempts of employers, as illustrated by re-cent events in connection with the glass blowers and other trades, to reduce the compensation of American labor to a point on a level with the pauper labor of Europe and praying the passing of laws to restrict the wholesale emigration intended to effect a reduction of the wages of American workingmen. In presenting the memorial and moving its reference to the committee on Education and Labor, Mr. Cockrell took occasion to commend it to the serious consideration of that committee. It was so re-

The action of the House on the joint resolution appropriating ten thousand dollars for the Senate contingent fund in appendng a proviso that the amount must be used for investigations heretofore ordered, was declared to be an unjustifiable interference of that body with the independence of the Senate. A vote by yeas and nays was ta-ken and the Senate unanimously decided not to concur in the amendment, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Sherman, Wilson and Butler, was appointed to confer with a like committee of the House on the subject.

Favorable reports was made from the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. on the bill fixing the rate of postage to be paid upon mail matter of the second class when sent by other than publishers or news agents. If fixed the rate on transient newspapers at one cent for four ouncesthe present rate being one cent for two

ounces. Placed on the calendar. The Senate resumed consideration of Mr. Pendleton's bill providing a system of courts for the exercise of extra territorial jurisdiction of the United States in foreign countries, and after a short debate the bill was passed, substantially as presented-yeas 31, nays 11. The Senate then went into executive

After an hour spent in executive session the doors were reopened and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills upon its calendar. The bill reported from the committee or

Claims appropriating \$200,000 to Col. Albert Emery for the invention and construction of a machine for testing iron-clad steel, was taken up and after debate was Mr. Logan called up the bill introduced by himself and reported favorably from the

mmittee on Finance, prov funding to Frailey & Deverne, of Chicago. the sum of \$15 erroneously paid to the United States. Mr. Logan explained that the amount had been paid under a misapprehension of the trademark law, and as the money had been covered into the Treasury, the officers of the Treasury could not return it without the authorization of Con-

Mr. Morrill, in saying a good word fo the bill, remarked that it certainly was the smallest which had ever received the consideration of Congress. The bill was read three times and passed

Adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Speaker announced the appointment

of Mr. Manzanares, of New Mexico, upon the committee on Coinage, Weights and The morning hour having been dispensed with the House went into committee of the Whole, Mr. Converse, of Ohio, in the chair, on the Naval Appropriation bill. Amendments were adopted authorizing

letail of line officers in the navy to act as instructors in State universities and agri cultural colleges, and amending the clauses prohibiting officers on the retired list from accepting positions in the civil service of the United States, by exempting from this clause all officers below the rank of major in the army and commander in the navy The committee then rose and reporte the bill to the House and it was passedyeas 259, nays 1-Mr. White of Ky.

The request of the Senate for a confercontingent fund of the Senate was agreed o, and Messrs. Randall, Holman and Ryan were appointed conferees,

Minor Matters in Both Houses-Ap propriation for a Hall of Records-Senate Bill Concerning the Supreme Court-Private Bills in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- Mr. Williams noved to discharge the committee on Miltary Affairs from the consideration of the bill to regulate the retiring of army officers t was the bill, Mr. Williams said, which had been introduced by Mr. Beck, who supposed he was acting for him (Williams) and the name of Williams had been noted as having introduced it. He (Williams knew nothing whatever of such a bill, and lisclaimed all responsibility for it.

Mr. Beck explained that he had intro duced the bill for his colleague, as he sup posed. A young gentleman had come in looking for Mr. Williams, and saying that he Senator had agreed to introduce the bill In Mr. Williams absence he (Beck) had introduced it. But he now found that there were provisions in it for which neither he nor his colleague would consent to be re sponsible. He supposed they had been im posed upon. The committee were discharged from the further consideration of the bill, which was

laid on the table. The Senate then took up and after t short debate passed the bill authorizing the construction of a fire proof building of brick and metal in the city of Washington to be used as a hall of records. The bill as passed appropriates \$250,000 for the pur pose. In the course of the debate Mr. Vest stated that the upper part of the capi tal is filled with papers and if sparks should fall among them it would result in fire, which though it might not perhaps de stroy the capitol, would probably result burning up its roof.

The Senate took up, and after reading third time, passed the bill constituting a majority of the Judges of the Suprem Court of the United States to be a quorum of the Court, instead of six Judges as here ofore required by law. The bill also pro hibits Judges who heard a case at circui from sitting on the supreme bench when the case comes up for appeal.

The Senate then adjourned until Mon

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The entire day in the House was devoted to the consideration of bills of a private character, principally for the relief of

individuals. The bill which occupied the great part of last Friday's session, that au-thorizing the retirement of Alfred Pleason ton with the rank of colonel, came up s unfinished business, and was finally dis posed of by being recommitted to the Mili ary Committee without instructions. The House took a recess until 7:30, the evening session to be for the consideration

Senate Not in Session-Reports from House Committees-A Motion to Consider Revenue Bills Defeated-The Postoffice Appropriation Bill. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Senate was

not in session to-day. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Speaker laid before the House a let ter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the earnings each of the U. S. Marshals from 1873 to 1883. Referred.

Under the call of committees the follow By Mr. Turner, of Ga., from the com mittee on Elections, a resolution confirming the right of Thos. G. Skinner, of North Carolina, to his seat in the House. Laid

The committee on Shipping reported ad

foreign-built ships by United States citizens for use in the foreign carrying trade. Mr. Slocum, of New York, presented a minority report in favor of the above

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Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, moved that the House go into committee of the Whole on the revenue bills pending, while Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, moved that the House go into committee on general ap The Speaker stated that a vote would first be taken on Mr. Morrison's motion,

and Mr. Randall, of Penn., demanded the yeas and nays. Mr. Reed, of Maine, inquired whether if the motion were carried, the committee would be required to consider internal reve-

The Speaker replied that it would be re-quired to consider bills raising revenue, if there were any such on the calendar.

The chair did not decide whether there were any such bills or not. The object of Mr. Morrison's motion was to take up for consideration the "Bonded Extension" Whiskey bill. The House, however, refused to adopt it-yeas 115, nays 127. This was in no sense a party vote, as a large number of Democrats voted in the nega-tive with Republicans and an almost equal-ly large number of Republicans with the body of Democrats in the affirmative. Nor can it be considered in the light of a strict test vote on the whickey bill, as the fact that it was antagonized by an appropriation bill induced many members to vote against, who will probably support it when it comes squarely before the House, and several Re publicans voted for it for the purpose of immediately moving to strike out the en

acting clause.

The House then went into committee of the Whole, Mr. Blount, of Ga., in the chair, on the Postoffice Appropriation bill. Several speeches were made upon the bill, but beyond this no progress was made, and

WASHINGTON.

Condemned Naval Vessels-The Lasker Resolutions-"Lincoln" Terri-

tory, &c. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, March 7 .- Proposals are again invited for the purchase of condemned naval yessels. The only one in a Southern port is the Pawnee, at Port Royal, S. C.,

appraised at \$3,200. The German minister said to-day that he had just received from the German Govern ment resolutions of condolence passed by the American Congress on the death of Lasker, and would forward them as well as the accompanying letter of transmittal from Bismarck to the Department of State in a few days. He added that he had had no communication or understanding whatever with the foreign affairs committee in regard to the matter. He proposed to deal entirely with the Department of State. The letter of Prince Bismarck returning the victims. One of the parties had a leg lished in substance in the newspapers, having been cabled from Europe, but in addition it expressed Bismarck's regret that he felt compelled under the circumstances to

return the resolutions. The House Committee on Judiciary to day directed a favorable report to be made on Representative Holland's bill prohibiting Courts of the United States from releasing on writ of habeas corpus any person sentenced by a State Court.

The Senate Committee on Territories has agreed to give the name "Lincoln" to the new territory which it is proposed to make out of the northern portion of the present

The House Public Lands Committee today decided unanimously to recommend the forfeiture of unearned and unprotected lands granted to the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Co., amounting to about forty million acres Disagreement on the Appropriation

for the Senate Contingent Fund. WASHINGTON, March 8.—Conferees or the joint resolution appropriating \$10,000 to the Senate contingent fund, with which it is expected to pay the expenses of further investigation of the Danville, Va., and Copiah courty, Miss., affairs, held their first meeting to-day, and after discussion they disagreed. The House conferees would not recede from the clause restricting the use of money to investigations already ordered, and the Senate conferees refused to agree to it, saying that the unanimous vote of the Senate against it was equivalent to instructions to them to oppose it. Upon adjourning it was understood that another conference will be held, but it is not thought probable that an agreement will be reached by the present conferees.

ILLINOIS.

Railroad Paymaster's Safe Robbed of \$27,000-Suicide of a Penitentiary Convict.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, March 7.-About one o'clock last Saturday afternoon, Paymaster C. S. Bartlett, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincey Railroad, left his office for lunch without taking the precaution to close the combination of a large safe in which the money for payment of employes was deposited, leaving the room without awaiting the return of other attaches of the office, who had also gone to lunch. Before his return the safe was robbed of all its contents, with the exception of some packages of nickels and small change; the total amount taken, as near as the company's officials can estimate, being \$27,000. On the facts becoming known and an investigation being instituted, Paymaster Bartlett was discharged from the service of the company for negligence, and the matter was placed in the hands of detectives. An effort was made to keep the affair quiet, in hopes that the detectives would be facili tated in their work; but upon the matter becoming known, and in the belief that an exaggerated statement would be published concerning the robbery, the officials showed a willingness that the exact facts should at once be furnished to the public. The theory advanced by the treasurer of the company is that the robbery was accomplished by a sneak thief. Two doors led to the cashier's office from a vacant room, one of which was found ajar on the paymaster's return. The paymaster's room is located in the general office of the company on the second floor of the building, and was constructed expressly to guard against intrusion or theft, but in this

pear to have been ignored. CHICAGO, March 7.—A message from Joliet, Ill., states that Frank Rands, a desperado, who made an attempt upon the life of Deputy Warden McDonald at the State penitentiary last Saturday night, and who was placed in a solitary cell, last night succeeded in ending his career by hanging himself with a portion of his under-clothing. He was found dead when his cell-door was

instance the most ordinary precautions ap

VIRGINIA.

Sale of a Contraband Cargo Destined for Hayti-Murder in Floyd County. IBy Telegraph to the Morning Star 1

RICHMOND, March 7.- Under a decision of the United States District Court, Marshal Hughes to-day sold at public auction munitions of war seized here several months ago on board the schooner E. G. Irwin as contraband; they being intended for the insurgents in Hayti. The seized articles were sold about two weeks ago. in one lot, to New York parties, who were said to have been the origina shippers, but the court refused to confirm the sale and ordered a resale in broken lots. The sale to-day realized \$3,430, which, with \$300 received for powder previously sold, makes the total amount nearly \$1,000 more than was bid at the first sale. The original cost of the cargo was about \$7,000. A revenue informer was hanged last Saturday night in Floyd county, Va., by

The Wheeling Intettigence, a Republican paper, says that, on the Democratic side. West Virginia is Tilden's, if he wants it, and that on the Republican side West Virginia isn't committed to anybody

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Andrews, J. R. Brooks, Dr. Whitfield and Dr. Robey. - The Wheeling Intelligencer, a versely a bill authorizing the purchase of

noonshiners. The name is not given.

Spirits Turbenting

- Laurinburg Exchange; Sixty-one more of the Scotch, making in all 73, arrived last Saturday morning. — Investigation shows that 44 per cent. of the number of persons in the track of the cyclone in Richmond county were killed. Is there a battle recorded in history showing such a per centage of death ?

- Wilson Mirror: The residence of Dempsey Trevathan, near Rocky Mount, was destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The residence was a neat one. — One of the sweetest pictures of domestic economy is a poet blacking a white stocking so that it won't show through the fissure of his boot.

- Raleigh Visitor: The possiilities of Eastern Carolina in respect to truck farming are just beginning to be appreciated. Farmers have been making money in Craven, Carteret, Jones and other counties around New Berne and Goldsboro for several years, and their number has been quietly increasing-very quiety, but steadily. Like most successful business men, they kept their business to themselves as long as they could.

- Rockingham Spirit: We are glad to learn that Mr. Asbury Sandford and his son, John, and Mrs. Rebecca. Sandford, victims of the cyclone, are all better of their wounds and in a fair way of recovery. The two former were seriously hurt, and for several days great fears were felt for their recovery. — The wounded in the late cyclone are doing as well as could be expected, considering the character of their wounds, but at least three may

-Asheville Advance: Dr. Charles Candler, of Leicester, died at his resience on the 27th instant. Another of Suncombe's best citizens is gone. -Gen. Johnstone Jones returned yesterday from Washington City, where he has been for several weeks, trying to recover a fund of some \$23,000, lost to North Carolina under an act of Congress passed in 1875, and originally due on account of appropriations made by Congress for arms and equipments for the militia. He got bills introduced by Senator Vance and Gen. Scales, restoring the amount, and secured the recommendation of the War Department, and the favorable report of the Committee on Military Affairs, headed by Gen. Rosc-crans, that the bill become a law. We earn from him, also, that while he was in Washington the Senate passed a bill increasing the annual appropriation for the militia from \$200,000 to \$600,000, which would give North Carolina about \$15,000 a year, instead of \$5,000 as at present.

- Charlotte Observer: We understand that Mr. Joseph H. Young, a prominent dry goods and hardware merchant of made an assignment on Monday for the benefit of his creditors -Seventy-three hydrants were inspected by the Mayor, yesterday afternoon, in com-Works, which completes the present pipe line ordered by the Mayor and Board of Alderman. — A difficulty occurred in Wadesboro a few day ago between a man named Bruner, of that town and a Mr. Cooper, formerly of Charlotte. The former used a pistol but bad markmanship makes our local shorter than it might otherwise have been. - Three more deaths are reported from Cabarrus, of parties injured the recent cyclone. Mrs. Elizabeth Robeson, Mrs. Ferguson and daughter Lizzie, all living near Pioneer Mills, are the broken, another an arm, and the other was injured about the head. Lizzie Ferguson, one of the victims, leaves two small orphan children, one six months and the other two years old, without any one to care for them

- Favetteville Observer : The last term of Harnett Court sentenced three criminals to the penitentiary-two for five years and one for three years. --- We are glad to hear that several fish ponds are being prepared near Favetteville in which will be propagated some of our native breeds of fish, especially, trout and black perch. This is a good move. The experment costs but little. -- We are glad to hear that the peaches have not all been killed. Many of the pretty gardens of Fay-etteville, however, have suffered from the unexpected cold. -TOKAY.-Improvements are always going on at this cele-brated vineyard. The acreage in vines is being increased every year. The capacity of the wine cellars is immense. Col. Green s holding most of his vintage, although large quantities are being shipped every week to all parts of the country. These wines have a national reputation. - We learn that the residence of Mr. Geo. W Lawrence, 24 miles North of town, on the Raleigh stage road West of the Cape Fear, caught fire on the roof. Damage slight,

and covered by insurance.

- New Berne Nut Shell: J. L. Rhem, Esq., the pioneer truck farmer of this section, told us this morning that the peas he had seen were hurt on an average about fifty per cent., some on light land being cut off entirely while those which were standing would not make one quarter of a crop and that taken altogether he did not think there would be more than a half crop made. - This morning, as the mail train was turning the curve at Queen street, Mr. J. W. Morris, formerly freight agent here at the railroad while the Midland Company were in Lower, was seen to fall from the platform of the second class coach. When he struck the ground he stretched his legs out thus thrusting them over the track and in a moment more the wheels would have taken Mr. Morris' feet off but Caswell Fisher, a colored man who was standing near, jumped forward and drew the gentleman from under the wheels of the first class coach. Mr. Morris is supposed to have fallen while ill; when he recovered he complained of feeling very leepy. Mr. Morris, we understand, continued on his way to Goldsboro.

- Pittsboro Record: A few days go our polite young townsman, Mr. C. C. Hatch, was painfully kicked-not by a young lady, but by a pony. — Our County Board of Education has received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction \$1,213 35, that being the amount apportioned to Chatham by the State Board of Education. — Our huntsmen, both big and little, have had splendid sport nooting robins and cedar birds, which have recently been about here in great ies. Frequently from 15 to 20 birds were killed at one shot, and one of our ownsmen killed 330 in one day. - On last Thursday night Mr. Edward Harris, of supper and went to bed in his usual health, out before day he was a corpse, having suddenly died during the night. - Mr. J. C. Blake, of Williams township, a noted bird hunter, was painfully but not seriously wounded a few days ago, while attempting to extricate a primer from a loaded shell with his knife, which caused an explosion that blew the knife from his hand indicting an ugly cut, at the same time a fragment of the shell took him right between the eyes. -At the last meeting of the County Commissioners a petition was presented signed by the requisite number of voters, asking for an election to be held here on the first Monday in May for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not spirituous iquors should be sold in this township. - Goldsboro Messenger: The mea-

sles are somewhat abating, but we hear considerable complaint that "chills" are marring the happiness of a large number of our citizens. — The Goldsboro Oil Mills our citizens. — The Goldsboro Oil Mills have already sold over 600 tons of their At last we are to have the city surveyed, with a view to putting down effectual and permanent sewers. — We hope to be able to present the Messenger in enlarged form on Monday, the 17th inst. -- Five dead bodies passed through this city on the North bound express train last Monday, destined to various cities in the North. They were those of individuals who had gone to Florida seeking resto-ration to health, and found it not.

— We understand that Gen. Gaston Lewis has opened a bed of the Duplin phosphate on the farm of Mr. I. W. Best, near Warsaw, from which he proposes to ship a large amount, about 60 tons, we think, to Dr. Hogg, at Castle Hayne, to be ground up in the latter's mill, and distributed among the farmers to test its virtue as a fertilizer. — The funeral of Mr. H. F. Grainger from the Methodist Church, last Monday morning, was the largest at-tended ever known in this city. The church was literally overflowing, and the sorrowing concourse was composed of all ages, colors and classes of our citizens, a striking testimony to the sterling worth of him