A POINTER FOR THE SOUTH. It is the opinion of experts that

while the prices of meats may go somewhat lower than they are now, we have reached the era of high prices, and that the tendency will be upwerd rather than downward. The reason for this is the steadily decreasing supply of edible animals while the population of the earth is steadily increasing. But in discuscussions of this kind it is permissable to dismiss from consideration a very considerable portion of the human family, at least half of whom are not meat eaters or eat it in but small quantities. The Chinese, the people of India, the natives of Africa, and of the tropical regions on both hemispheres eat very little meat, their main and with many of them the only food being vegetables and fruits and, when near the sea, fish. But eliminating these countries, the meat problem is becoming a serious one for the meating eating nations of Europe

Baltimore Manufacturers' Record Mr. John F. Hobbs, of New York, an expert on such matters, dis cusses this subject. From the most reliable statistics furnished he figures out that all the European countries combined have 100,000,-000 cattle, 165,000,000 cheep, and 57,000,000 hogs, while this country has 67,000,000 cattle, 62,000,000 sheep and 62,000,000 hogs, a much larger number in proportion to its population of 76,000,000 than in Europe, with its population of 385, 000,000. Figuring on the cattle in pounds, he shows that this country has 603 pounds per capita, against but 186 pounds for Europe. But the population of Europe is not increasing as is the population of this country, for the steady stream of emigration tends to keep that down, while it adds to the increase in this country, so that in course of time the per capita supply will not be any larger in this country than it is there, but the probabilities are that it will grow less in both.

There is but one European country where there is any prospect of much increase, and that is in Kussia, or rather in Russia's Asiatic territory, where there are vast plains and abundant pasturage for most of the year It is on this region that Europe will have to depend chiefly for supplies of meat when the sup plies from this country become insufficient. Argentina and Australia will add their contributions, but in the meantime our population will continue to increase, while the number of stock will not only not increase in proportion but will probably decrease. Mr. Hobbs shows from statistics that the number of cattle in this country per hundred people was 81 in 1860; 71 in 1880; 84 in 1890; 82 in 1900, and 71 1902. There is now he says 1,000,000 fewer cattle than there were in 1900.

Very high prices might stimulate cattle raising and increase the herds for some years to come, but the prices will hardly run high enough to stimulate to extraordinary effort, so the probabilities are that there will be no extraordinary movement in this direction and that there will be no increase in the relative figures, but rather a still greater decrease, for which there are very good and

The herds upon which this country depended mainly for its supplies of beef and the flocks upon which it depended mainly for mutton were pastured on the plains of the West and Southwest, much of these grazing lands being government lands or reservations on which a practically nominal price was paid for grazing privileges. But these lands are being opened to settlement, are being taken up, fenced and converted into farms, so that it will be but a question of a few years when the wide ranges will have disappeared, But they didn't all agree with him and there will be an end to the business of raising cattle as they were once raised on these plains, in herds of thousands. There will still be cattle and sheep raised there, and more hogs than there are 11,000,000 men, assuming that all old now, but it will be a few on the enough to bear arms are physically farm, which in the aggregate will able to tote 'em.

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tionists are not going to do that until

by it if she catches the point and

the South millions of uncultivated

acres which will make splendid

could feed for most of the year,

requiring but little feed from other

sources. There could be with sys-

There are millions in this for the

South and fine incomes for the men

who engage in it and follow it up.

TO THE HAGUE.

After much palavering, play and

counter play, in which Minister

Bowen played his hand splendidly

against the other three players, the

Venezuelan dispute goes to The

Hague tribunal, as was first pro-

posed by Mr. Bowen, and partially

The attempted settlement with

out reference to this tribunal might

have succeeded if the allies had not

put in a claim for preferential con-

sideration, which aroused the an-

tagonism of France and other na-

tions having claims as much entitled

to respect as those of the three debt

collectors, and threatened to put

the question in a much worse shape

than it was when the trouble began,

for these three persons found them-

selves confronted not only by Ven-

ezuela, but by other powers which

had to stand by her to protect their

own interests. This made it necessary

for the allies to take water or take

The proposition to take the mat-

ter out of Minister Bowen's hands

and refer it to President Roosevelt,

while having an appearance of fair-

ness, was simply a ruse, a play to

popular sentiment in this country,

which they might have known could

not have been accepted for the

double reason that it would have

been involving this country to some

extent, and because Americans have

claims against Venezuela. He has

therefore done what was proper and

what was expected in declining to

The Hague is the proper place for

it, for there all the powers interest-

ed can be heard, and that being

presumably a disinterested and im-

partial tribunal will hear all claims,

Two or three young toughs un-

dertook to break up a church meet-

ing in Kentucky a few days ago,

but they ran up against a tough

preacher. He expostulated in vain

and then exclaiming, "if I must

fight, the Lord be with me," grabbed

a tree limb, lit into those toughs

The German ambassador Von

than he has of colonizing the moon,

which is probably a diplomatic way

of saying that the Kaiser is no luna-

The squabble over the Venezuelan

uestion is already raising the cry

for a big navy, and commercial

bodies are passing resolutions in

favor of it. The ship subsidy fel-

lows will also doubtless take ad-

vantage of it to boost their subsidy

Silver veins lie around so promis-

cuously in Honduras that one can

go out before breakfast and strike

one. Some of the veins carry both

silver and gold. But they do not

President Eliot told a lot of news

boys in Boston, the other day, that

it was a misfortune to be born rich.

that it was good to miss a fortune in

If it comes to a tug of war this

country could muster an army of

do revolutions.

that way.

sumed his discourse.

and decide without prejudice.

accede to that proposition.

assented to by the allies.

Nebraska.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1903.

bear no comparison to the great CRUM HUNG UP

numbers that have been and are Would be Collector Crum will not now raised upon those plains. come up as an issue in this Congress In the meantime the population because his case has been practically will continue to increase at the rate pigeon-holed by a vote of ten to of a million a year or more, and this four in the Senate Committee on will necessarily mean a greater short-Commerce, ten Senators being age in the meat supply, and instead opposed to the consideration of his of lower, higher prices. This might case to four who wanted a report be checked somewhat by repealing made. the tariff duties on meats and animals for slaughter, but the protec-

This virtually disposes of the case for this Congress, and turns the matter over to President Roosevelt, they are driven to it either by the who can if he sees fit give Crum a high price of meats or by popular recess appointment, and let him clamor which high prices may cause. take the office and draw the salary. All this is a pointer for the It remains to be seen whether, in South, which will profit immensely view of the fact that this appointment is not approved by some of the gives attention to cattle raising, sheep leading Senators of his party, he raising and hog raising, for each of will take the bit in his teeth and which she has advantages not only put Crum in. equal but superior to the stock regions of the West. There are in-

It was thought by some that he would not be much disappointed if Crum was turned down, for he made his play to the negroes by appointranges for stock and on which they ing him and the responsibility for his failure to get in would be put upon the Republican Senators who turned him down.

tematic attention within a few years It may be noted in this connecmore catte, sheep and hogs raised in tion that while Roosevelt is playing the territory south of the Potomac Crum, among the four Senand Ohio rivers than there are on ators who were standing by him in the plains of Colorado, Kansas and committee was Mr. Hanna, who doesn't propose to let Roosevelt distance him as the friend of the

In discussing this question a few days ago the New York Herald suggested an easy way out, which was that Crum withdraw and thus open the way for another and more acceptable appointment. But Crum didn't see it. He has his eye on the job, and is thinking more about that than about Roosevelt's com-

Jas. J. Hill, President of the Northern Pacific Railway, says the removal of the tariff duty on coal will save his road \$4,000 a day. The removal of the duty from steel rails would save it several thousands more

The profit-sharing system adopted by the U. S. Steel Trust seems to take well with its employes. So far, 27,633 men have subscribed for 51,125 shares. Of these subscribers 12,170 earn \$800 a year or less.

CURRENT COMMENT

- The South Carolina news papers are beginning to wonder if the Hon. John L. McLaurin is an admirer and supporter of the negro policy of the negro administration. We fear the South Carolina editors are disposed to make it a trifle embarrassing for the eminent leader of the Commercial Democracy. - Washington Post, Ind.

-- The result of the Vermont election on the Prohibition issue onght to be satisfactory to both sides, for local option will give the opportunity to every locality to carry out its own idea on the subject without violating the law wholesale by selling at retail under mean disguises, as has been the case ever since Prohibition was adopted—on the books -fifty years ago. - Brooklyn Citizen,

—— It might be supposed that the prevailing high prices for meats of all kinds would cause vegetarian societies to prosper and expand as never before-in fact, to flourish like unto green bay trees. But in some things this is undoubtedly s perverse generation, and total abstainers from flesh food are still few and far between, except among infants and invalids. The consumption of beefsteaks and chops continues to be enormous. Americans want hearty meals, even at high

prices .- New York Tribune, Rep. — Minister Bowen is talking back at the allies, who are making demands upon Venezuela, just as and lambed them until they forgot bravely as Castro himself might declaim, but with much more impreswhat they came for and became as sive style, and with a backing of docile as pet lambs. Then he resome large account. Mr. Bowen is speaking for Venezuela, but he has the power of the United States in his hands. The allies will hearken unto him and say, as Isaac said of Sternberg is quoted as saying that "The voice is Jacob's voice, Kaiser William has no more idea of but the hands are the hands of ignoring the Monroe Doctrine by Esau." And they will take more planting colonies in South America heed therefore. - Charleston Post

> UTLEY'S ESCAPE AND SURRENDER Jailor Pate Reinstated-Change of Cells

Regarding the Utley escape and return the Fayetteville Observer of yes-

Application for Prisoner's Bail.

terday afternoon says: "Jailor Pate has been reinstated by Sheriff Marsh and returned to-day from his country home, where he has been since his suspension. He says he will keep all the doors of the jail

locked hereafter. Sheriff Marsh, who was so de lighted over Utley's return, allowed him to occupy his old cell, but since the prisoner's declaration that he can get out despite the doors and locks, Sheriff Marsh has had one of the cells in the steel cage on the third floor prepared and the prisoner was placed in it this enjoy mining half as much as they afternoon. It is much smaller and not so desirable as the one on the second floor, but it is considered absolutely safe.

"One of the many subjects discussed by the public on the Utley escapade is what effect his escape and subsequent surrender will have on his application for bail, pending the Supreme Court appeal, notice of which was given at the trial after sentence, and which Judge Cooke promised to consider and hear argument on later. Judge Cooke was to have heard the attorneys on both sides and given his decision at Lumberton, where he is holding court this week, but this was, of course, frustrated by Utley's escape. Meantime the appeal proceedings will be prosecuted,"

Compromise Measure lutroduced County Returned to Fayetteville Yesterday.

ACCOMPANIED BY A FARMER.

the liberty of the young man.

the Sheriff's office by himself and held

out his hand to Col. Cook and bade

him good morning. Mr. John Holmes,

who is acting jailor, was the only other person in the office. Both Col. Cook

and he were so astounded that it took

them some time to recover their

breath Sheriff Marsh and Deputy

Sheriff Monahan were, at that moment

looking for a clue to the escaped pris

oner, and did not return for an hour

afterwards. Their surprise may wel

be imagined when they heard that

The prisoner was seen in his cell this

afternoon by an Observer reporter, and

talked freely of his escape, with the stamp of truthfulness on every word

he always had a reputation for strict veracity. He said, in substance; Worrled over the trial, impatient with the restraint of jail life, I

felt like I had to get out. This intention once formed, I at once put

t into execution. At twelve o'clock

Friday night, I opened my cell door

and walked out. I did not use a saw,

file or keys on the locks. I will not

say how I got the padlocks off, but I

got them off myself. I then went and

pulled the boards off from under the

steps, returned with them to my cel

and wrapped them up in a blanket to

resemble a human form. I waited

about half an hour and then crawled

through the hole under the steps and

lowered myself to the floor beneath

with a blanket. Then, ascending the

steps, I went out of the outer door on

When outside the prison bounds,

out getting my bearings. In fact,

and walked till daylight, when I sat

down on a log in a swamp about six

miles from Fayetteville. It was rain-

ing and I got wet and cold. I spent

the day in this swamp, and at night

started off again. My movements from Tuesday night, I would rather not tell

Thursday morning, about noon,

came upon Mr. McGirt's house, and

went up and approached Mr. McGirt

with an offer to buy a house. After

some negotiations, I bought one with

saddle and bridle for \$150. Leaving

the horse and telling Mr. McGirt

would be back in the evening for it,

went to sleep.

went into the woods, built a fire and

When I woke up I got to tainking

of the awkward position I had proba-

bly put Sheriff Marsh and the other

officials in, and of the uncomfortable

position of being a fugitive, and I de-

ided to give myself up. So I went back

to Mr. McGirt's at 7 o'clock, and, tell-

ing him who I was, I gave him a pis-

tol I had and a considerable sum o

money (enough he said to take him

all over the world) and told him I surrendered. I took supper with him and went to bed. He treated me most

Neither Mr. Pate nor any of the

officials had any knowledge of my

escape, nor did they have any reason

When asked if any of the prisoner

He said that the lock he took off his

cell he carried away with him, and the

locks found on the door next morning

he took from the adjoining vacant cell

and locked the top one, but the bottom

one would not snap together. He said

that he got away by a method that no bloodhounds could have tracked him.

The financial part of the Hutaff

damage suit compromise in the Su-

perior Court was settled yesterday. Each of the three legal firms for the plaintiff received \$600 for their ser-

vices and the remainder of the \$4,000

after about \$200 cost was settled, went

Hutaff Damage Suit.

to Mr. Hutaff.

in the jail had any knowledge of his

escape, he said he refused to say.

to think that I contemplated escape.

Ut ley was back in his cell.

Said That It May Supplant Watts and Gave Himself Up to Mr. J. H. McGirt, London Bills in the General Assem-Who Says He Will Take None of the bly-Local Option the Strong Reward-Prisoner Tells of His Peature Claimed for It. Escape from the Jail.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. O., February 6 .- Murphy, of Rowan, has introduced in the House and had referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances a "Whiskey Bill," embodying many features of both the Watts and London bills, now pending, but in a much less drastic form, which, indications are now, will come much nearer meeting the approval of a majority in both branches of the Legisature than any other bill yet intro-

in Legislature Yesterday

by Mr. Murphy.

TO BE CONSIDERED LATER.

While providing for counties or localities to adopt prohibition, dispensary or saloons, they are left to a vote of the people as is also the question of confining distilleries to incorporated towns, it being provided that counties vote on this question.

Ample election machinery is provided for any county to vote on manufacturing, saloons or dispensary. A tax of from \$4 to \$16 per month is to be paid by distillers in counties where distilleries are allowed, the tax to be scaled according to the capacity of the distillery.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6.-In the Senate to-day more than an hour was devoted to discussing the Justice "whistle bill," requiring railroads to ring bells and blow whistles until noticed when trains are approaching and pedestrians are on the track. The railroad people declare the result of such a bill would be to greatly impede now under control to much loss time. The opposition succeeded having the bill re-referred to the

Notable bills passed were: To amend the charter of Jacksonville, Onslow county; to incorporate Abbottsburg. Bladen county; to incorporate Bladenboro, Bladen county; to provide for restoring estates of cured inebriates; to prohibit manufacture and sale of liquor in Harnett county.

London's bill to make insuring the lives of infants unlawful was tabled. Gov. Aycock sent a message to the Senate with the special report from President Venable, of the State University, urging the necessity of a special \$35,000 appropriation for perma-

Important bills introduced in the Williams, to give justices of the peace jurisdiction in cases for carrying concealed weapons.

Abell, to amend the law, so permit persons travelling in the in-Foy, to improve public roads. Among the bills passed were:

To exempt train dispatchers from To allow sale of old court house property of New Hanover county. To prevent the manufacture and sale of liquor in Robeson county. To eliminate the oath in primary

elections, except in cases of challenge.

Resolution of respect to the late Congressman Moody. When bills 13, 14 and 15 were reported favorably in the Senate Thursday Senator Marshall, (Rep.), in each presented a minority report. These are the bills affecting the county government of Sampson county, providing for four additional county commissioners to be named by this General Assembly, dividing the office of sheriff and treasurer and naming a treasurer by this Legislature and pro-

viding for the future election of these

officers by magistrates to be named by

the General Assembly. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7 .- The Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances considered the London Anti-Saloon bill this morning, and after a warm executive session, referred it to a sub-committee, composed of Vann, Beasley and Brown, to be re-modelled and reported back next Thursday. The vote for references was a tie, Chairman Vann breaking the tie, with a vote to refer. There is to be an entire remodelling of the bill. This is believed to be the fatal side-tracking for the bill, as the Murphy and Watts bills will surely be en-

mittee. A great flood of local bills engaged the attention of both branches of the Legislature to-day. The Senate tabled a bill to regulate the practice of opticians. A bill prescribing the duties and liabilities to inn-keepers and boarding house keepers was made the special order for next Wednesday. It limits the liability to \$100, except where the guest gives notice of the value of the property. Hotel keepers are not required to take jewels or other valuables for safe keeping in excess of \$500. Hotel keepers, however, are liable for the full value if the loss is due to their

acted before it is reported from com-

negligence.
The Tarboro dispensary bill was ratified. The Senate passed a bill to revent the shipping of liquor in Robeson county. To amend section 1,274 of the Code applying to Brunswick and other

Notable bills introduced: By Reinhardt, to amend Chapte 332. Laws of 1901, to provide widows of Confederate soldiers with pensions.

By Glenn to abolish the Board of Examiners of State institutions. Reinhardt's bill to allow railroad

companies to file petitions as to the

rate of speed in passing through towns

where speed is regulated by ordinances. Noteworthy bills introduced in the House to-day: Blount, to estabish and enlarge rural school libraries. Drewry, relating to the investiga-

tion of fires. Morton, in reference to oaths of sheriffs. King to require registration of books sold in the State. Important bills passed were: To facilitate and stimulate improvement in public roads. To Incorporate Raleigh

ern Railroad Co. -

Southern Railway.

- The new charter of Greensboro reduces the number of Aldermen from twelve to six and provides that each shall receive a salary of \$200 per year. Frequently during the past twenty-five years the STAR has advo-To ratify, and confirm and approve cated a somewhat similar plan for the charter of the Carolina-Tennessee Wilmington.

THIRD LIQUOR BILL. UTLEY SURRENDERED YOUNG NEGRO KILLED CONTEST IN SENATE.

Escaped Murderer of Cumberland Found on the Street This Morning by Police and Died at the Hospital.

GENERAL GAMBLING FRACAS.

Dan Shines Lost His Life in Cato Boney's "Ranch," Where a Came of Cards Was Presumably in Progress, Brunswick, Near Ninth St.

The community was none the less As the result of an indiscriminate surprised three days ago when it was fight among negroes in what the deniannounced that Ed. Utley, under a 20zens of the place choose to call "Cato ve ir sentence for murder, had escaped Boney's ranch," on Brunswick befrom jail at Fayetteville than it was tween Eighth and Ninth streets, Daniel esterday at noon when it was flashed over the wires from Cumberland that he had returned and quietly given top, was gilled last night about 12 o'clock. The nature of the wounds himself up. It was known that he which caused the death of young Shines will not be known until an auhad almost any amount of money at topsy is performed this morning by

his command and that he had strong and influential friends who would Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner. perhaps view the situation that a The particulars of the row in Cato panishment for life from his home for Boney's place were not ascertainable one of his circumstances would be almost an equivalent punishment to the the affair was captured by the police 20 years to which he was sentenced to and he refuses to talk beyond giving the penitentiary and would therethe names of others who were in the fore let him go. Utley had other "ranch" at the time. The first intimation the authorities had of the diffisurprises in store for the public, however, and before the authorities had culty was a message to the police stahardly recovered from their astonishtion at 12:30 o'clock this morning, sayment at his disappearance, he was calmly sitting in the sheriff's office, telling the story of his escape. He reurned on the Bennettsville train at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in company with Mr. J. H. McGirt, a farmer Janitor Reville quickly hooked up the | ton, on account of resignation. living near Wakulla, Robeson county, patrol wagon and rushed to the aid of to whom he had given himself up. the injured man He was taken to the Hospitel and three minutes after Utley exonerates Jailor Pate and all others of complicity in his escape and he was laid on the operating table, he McGirt says he will not touch a cent was dead. In a crowd which had colof the \$1,000 reward, placed by the lected about the wounded negro State, county and Sheriff Marsh upon on Bladen street, Officer Martin found Dave Anderson, colored, who appear-The following account of the sured to know something of the difficulty render of Utley is taken from yester- in which Shines was injured. Ander- B. McLean, Robeson; Jno. Y. Smith, son works at the Powers & Gibbs fac The first the officials knew of Utley's tory up the river and he was forthwith surrender was when he walked into

As soon as Shines died at the Hospital, Dr. Jos. Akerman, surgeon in charge, made no further examination of the negro's wounds and notified the coroner. Dr. Bell telephoned Dr. Akerman that he would go out to the hospital early this morning, perform an autopsy and hold an inquest. Dr. Akerman found a superficial wound on the negro's neck as if he had been shot, but he felt satisfied that another wound would be found that caused the death. The nature of the latter will not be known until the autopsy is held. It is said that the negro was also shot in the back.

Anderson gave the names of six or seven negroes that were in the "ranch" where Shines was injured and Police Captain Williams and a squad of officers were out rounding them up all night. Anderson said a general fight ensued in the place, which is supposed to be a gambling joint, and that he saw Dan Shines "fall back." Then he was dragged to the street by some one and later he was dragged a block or more to the shed under which he was found. The police have been unable to get any deeper into the affair than that. Shines was from a good colored

the second floor and descended to the ground by the outside steps. I went family, and early last night his father out of the small wicket gate in the was told that his son was at Cato's "ranch." He is reported to have said that he told his son to keep away from was dazed by the electric lights and addled by the novelty of the situation. that dive, and he hoped he would get For sometime I wandered about withkilled among the crowd of associates for building a cofton mill. This en he found there. The dead negro is was lost for awhile. When I finally located the surroundings, the one about 25 years of age. o'clock train, which I intended to board, but without any definite purpose in view except to go, go, had gone HIS SKULL WAS CRUSHED by. I then took a main road leading in a southerly direction from town

Fearful Accident to Pender County Farmer Wednesday Morning-May Die.

While engaged in logging for the Acme Tea Chest Co. up the Cape Fear river Wednesday morning, Mr. J. M. Marshall, of Berts, Pender county, received a severe blow on the head from the lever pole of a log wagon, which resulted in the fracture of his skull. The wounded man was taken on an improvised stretcher to his home, where at last accounts he was not expected to live. Mr. Marshall, with a number of laborers, was engaged in hoisting a mammoth gum log on the wagon and the lever in some way flew back and dealt him a severe blow squarely on the head. He fell lifeless and at first it was thought he had been killed instantly.

Mr. Will L. Miller, manager of the Acme Tea Chest Co. in Wilmington, was notified of the accident. Mr. Marshall is a brother of Mrs. Thad Smith, of this city, whose husband is employed at the Atlantic Coast Lineshops. He has a wife and one child, and is a well known citizen of Pender

Carnival at Fayetteville.

Cumberland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, yesterday closed a contract with the Hatch-Adams Carnival Company to furnish the attractions for a gala week to be held at Favetteville. March 30th to April 4th. The management is safeguarding itself from the very start from immoral shows and a

big "week of it" they expect to have.

pproaching Marriage.

Mrs. O. C. Sasser has mailed handomely engraved invitations to friends announcing the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Annie May, to Mr. James Thomas Lanier, Wednesday evening, Feb. 18th, at 6 o'clock, No. 319 North Seventh street, this city. Both are popular young people of Wilmington and have many friends who will be interested in the announce-

Mountain Republican, Arrived in Raleigh, Claims Election by Three Votes.

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW.

W. P. Gafford and Woodus Kellum, Wilmington, Among the Number. Thirty-five Out of Forty-six. University Trustees.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7 .- W. M. Buckner, of the Thirty-sixth Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Madison, Mitchell and Yancy, ar-Shines, a young negro of Wilming- rived to-day and served notice on Senator Griffith that he will contest his seat. The election was held January 20th to elect a successor to Senator Wilson, who was killed by his brother, Buckner claims that two Mitchell county precincts were not counted before Griffith was given his certificate of election. These give last night. Only one eye witness to him a majority of three ballots over Griffith. Under the law Griffith has

> the assembly will adjourn. This is the only contest in this

thirty days to answer and in that time

egislature. Governor Aycock to-day sent a special message to the Senate, giving the ing that a negro was lying under a shed on Bladen, between Sixth and Seventh streets, and that he appeared to be gasping for breath as if he was dying. Hall Officer J. A. Martin and

The Supreme Court to-day an nounced the successful applicants for license to practice law, who stood the examination Monday. Thirty-five were successful out of a class of forty-

Among those receiving licenses were: Frank M. Wooten, Pitt; Jona-than Peele, Scotland; Jas. A. Lock-hart, Jr., Anson; Nathan Lunsford, Jr., Person; Jas. L. Woodall, Johnston ham; Walter P. Gafford, New Hanover; Woodus Kellum, New Hanover Eugene D. Davis, Cumberland; Thos G. McMichael, Mecklenburg, Robert Godwin, Harnett; Tola D. Maness Union: Pritchard S. Carlton, Duplin Amos P. Spell. Cumberland

Heretofore the court has not taken into consideration defects in spelling or handwriting, but will do so hereafter It thinks an applicant for law license as a part qualification should at least be able to spell words ordinarily in legal use and write a legible hand. Geo. Lane, of Wake, is the only negro out of six to receive license.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Richmo Headlight: We saw, last Friday, 23 wagons at the depo-loaded with cott of seed. H. C. Wat son has shippe Fover 100,000 bushels

- Lumberton Argus: We reget to hear of the death of Mr. J. Fletcher Bridgers, of Elrod which occurred Tuesday. Mr. Bridgers was about eventy-five years of age.

- Louisburg Times: The drop in the price of tobacco, in consequence of the combination of the two tobacco trusts, will no doubt cause our tobacco farmers to reduce their crop this year.

- Wilson News: The case of the State against Mr. J. D. Farrior for homicide was this Thursday morning representations made by the prosecution that under all the circumstances connected with the case they could not hope for a verdict of conviction. The

State entered a nolle prosequi. - Lincoln Journal: Grounds are being cleared near the Seaboard depot terprise is being promoted by Mr. J A. Abernethy, one of the former own ers of the Lincoln Cotton Mills, and s mill man of experience. This mill will operate about 10,000 spindles, and will turn out a fine grade of yarn.

- Pender Chronicle: Information has reached us of an exceeding sad death that occurred near Willard this county on last Saturday. The little twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. Major English was in the field playing near a burning pine stump, when her clothing became ignited. He father heard the cries of the little girl and ran to her rescue, but before he could reach her, the little girl's entire clothing was burned from her person, leaving her body burned and charred in a orrible manner. Mr. English carried the little girl to the family residence where she received every attention that her parants and a skilled physi cian could bestow. In spite of their efforts in her behalf, she died on Saturday evening about nine o'clock.

- Newbern Journat: Ad Harris, an employe in the saw mill of the Pine Lumber Company, which is located at Hawkside, met with a terrible accident Thursday morning, while engaged in attempting to adjust the thumbscrew on some part of the machinery. His othing caught in the belting and not seing able to extricate himself he was sarried around the shafting at the rate of at least 100 revolutions a minute and it is asserted that the unfortunate man must have been carried around the shafting for fully one minute is not longer. The shafting was close to the ground and as he was carried around in a forward motion his head. chest and legs were brought into contact with the ground, producing fearful injuries. In spite of all these inuntil put under the influence of an anesthetic in this city Thursday night. The doctors consider the case very serious but not altogether hopeless.

SOUTH GAROLINA HOMICIDE.

Truck Parmer Shot and Killed by a Magistrate in Colleton County. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 7 .-Henry W. Blitch, a truck farmer of Meggets, Collete county, was shot and instantly knied there yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Behling. There had been some dispute between and instantly kand there yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Behling. There had been some dispute between them about a land transaction. Behling advanced toward Blitch with a shot-gun. Both men were armed, but the magistrate was quicker with his weapon, and fired twice, a load of buckshot ripping Blitch's heart. Behling surrendered to the sheriff of Colleton county.

In the part of the county jail here to-day and lynched.

Hall was captured yesterday and brought here and jailed. Threats were made early in the night, but later the excitement somewhat abated. Soon this morning, however, a mob forced the jail officials to deliver the prisoner, whom they carried a few miles from town and hanged. Sheriff Orawford is reported to-day to be barely alive.

GERMANY AND ITALY IN SECRET ALLIANCE

An Important Development in the Venezuelan Situation-Old News to Bowen, Having Leaked Out at Garacas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-Disclosure of secret alliance between Germany and Italy constituted the most important development in the Venezualan situation to night. This fact has been made known to the British ambassador, and it will put all of the negotiators more closely on their guard in drafting the protocols which they hope to submit to Minister Bowen during the next few days. The German-Italian alliance was old new to Mr. Bowen, the fact having leaked out in Caracas before he left there. Generally speaking the allance is in tended to secure to Italy the same treatment in the allies' settlement with Venezuela as that received by Germany and Great Britain. Mr Bowen has made it plain both to the British ambassador and to the German minister, Baron Speck von Sternberg, that he cannot affix his signature to any protocols they may present to him which are not substantially of the same character as those to be submitted to the Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor des Planches. All three of the first set of protocols to be signed. which will contain the conditions precedent to the raising of the blockade and the provisions for referring the question of preferential treatment to The Hague for decision, have been received at the British and German emassies, Their contents are not known to Mr. Bowen, nor have the allies' representatives here been acquainted as yet with the details of each others' conrentions. A number of important con ferences have occurred throughout the day at the British embassy in an effort

Satisfaction in London.

to reach an agreement upon the proto-

LONDON, February 7.—The an-nouncement from Washington that the Venezuela protocols are in course of preparation, confirming the hope-ful views of the situation expressed here, has created great satisfaction. During the latter part of the week official circles here evinced quiet confidence that in spite of alarming reports settlement was in sight. There have been private expressions of intense iritation at Minister Bowen's alleged breach of etiquette, but these have never been allowed to interfere with the determination voiced by both the British and the German diplomats to secure a termination of the difficulty

through any feasible channel.

Ambassador Herbert's strictures found sympathetic support in Downing street and apparently formed the subject of exchanges of messages between Berlin, London and Rome, whence the representatives of those ed to present a united front and prevent the recurrence of the publication of news of the nature of which he had

complained. Beyond some comparatively slight leliberations over the wording of the protocols, no further trouble is exected here, where the raising of the lockade will be regarded with almost as much relief as it will in Venezuela.

AFFAIRS IN SAN DOMINGO.

Public Meeting Held to Consider Demands of the United States for Settlement of the Clyde Claims.

SAN DOMINGO, REPUBLIC OF SANTO DOMINGO, Feb. 7.—A public meeting has been held under the auspices of the Dominican government, to consider the demands of the United States made through Minister Powell for a settlement of the Clyde Line and Ros claims. The meeting declared that the United States should not interfere in hese cases and that the Clyde line and Hos should settle their differences with the Dominican government in the courts here. It was decided to send the minister of finance, Senor Emiliano Tejera, to Washington, to announce his decision to the government of the United States. Meanwhile, Mr. Powell continues to demand a settlement of the claims, refuses to accept the terms proposed," and has announced that he will not submit to any further delay. It is asserted here that the Dominican government is seeking to ment of the American claims.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Two Men Killed and a Number of Others Injured, Two Perhaps Patally.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Feb. 7 .- In a head-on collision to-day between a passenger train and an extra train on the Vandalis, two miles east of Terre Haute, Ind., two men were killed, two others so injured that they are expected to die, and a dozen passenger more or less hurt. The dead were Engineer Kullen and Fireman Alchoss both of Effingham, Ill., both of the passenger train. The seriously hurt were F. Kelly, express messenger, who was hurt internally, and Chas. McKee, of Marshall, Ill., bruised about the chest and head, and badly hurt. None of the passengers were seriously hurt. All were taken to Terre Haute. Both engines were demolished and the baggage car was overturned.

THE KILLING OF GONZALES.

Notice Given That Tillman Will Make Application for Release on Ball. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 7 .- Congressman-elect George W. Croft, of Aiken, Tillman's partner, and P. H. Nelson, a leading criminal lawyer of Columbia, attorneys for the accused will ask next Thursday that James H. Tillman, charged with the killing of Editor N. G. Gonzales, be released on bail. They served notice of their in-tended action on Attorney General Gunter and Solicitor Thurman this afternoon. A hearing upon the writ was granted to be held on Thursday Chief Justice Pope at his re in Newberry to-day. The proceedings will probably be held in Newberry court house.

LYNGHING IN GEORGIA.

Negro Who Mortally Wounded Sheriff Crawford Taken from Jail by Citizens. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WRIGHTSVILLE, GA, Feb. 7.-Lee Hall, colored, who shot and mortally wounded Sheriff D. A. Crawford, of Johnson county, last Wednesday night, was taken from the county jail

and North America. In a paper in a recent issue of the