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CLAP TRAP AND STAGE THUN-

A few days ago we published from

the New York Sun an editorial congratulating President Roosevelt on his failure to carry his anti-trust programme through Congress. It pro nounced his surrender to the trusts the "greatest service he had ever rendered his country." The Sun. which shines for the trusts, was talking from trust standpoint; and while its congratulations to Mr. Roosevelt were of an ironical character, they expressed the sentiments of the people who are opposed to antitrust legislation. The Sun was one of the very few Republican organs which had the courage to oppose that kind of legislation to which most of the leaders, including Roosevelt, had committed themselves and pledged themselves in the campaign last Fall. It regarded those anteelection pledges as demagogic and when Mr. Roosevelt declared that they should be carried out he denounced his utterances as demagogic and revolutionary, as attacks on the constitution of the United States size of it. They have, to make it and on the rights of men who chose to put their money together to do business in a corporate capacity. But Mr. Roosevelt at the eleventh | and after much labor have given us hour changed his views, modified his demands, heard the friends of the ready on the statutes, have brought trusts, compromised, virtually surrendered to them and the Sun congratulated him. It was speaking for there were three of thom the

for the trusts. There are other papers which substantially agree with the Sun that the proposed legislation is failure, but they do not congratulate Mr. Roosevelt or the Republican leaders on it; on the contrary they denounce the fake. They speak for the people, whom these leaders have been trying to humbug with their fraudulent so-called anti trust legislation.

The New York Herald is an independent paper, which speaks for about curbing the trusts not one of no party, but for or against any or | them ever thought of trying the all, according to circumstances and effect of reducing the tariff on trust the acts of these parties. It is one controlled articles, nor would they listen to a suggestion of that kind. of the papers which believes the trusts ought to be held under legal restraint and that the Republican representatives should have kept those priving them of the monopoly of anti-election pledges and their faith with the people, and thus voices its look too much like business and disappointment and condemnation:

Are the gentlemen who assemble daily in the Capitol at Washington | believe measures, which the Herald fools? Or do not they think the American people are fools?

To one question or the other an a firmative reply must be made by every citizen who notes the course that pursued with respect to anti-trust legislation.

As the result of many months of speech making, agitation, debate and legislation, what has been accomplished? Congress has passed the Elkins bill re-enacting a portion of the Intertate Commerce act-which has been h the statute books for fifteen yearsand created in the new Department of

Commerce and Labor a bureau having authority to investigate corporations and make public so much of what it learns "as the President may direct." Roosevelt dwelt with special emphasis upon enforced publicity as a cure for many evils, and as the first and necessary step toward intelligent action for restraining the abuses of greedy and unscrupulous combinations. Fairly capitalized and honestly managed corporations do not fear the light, and some of the industrial combinations voluntarily issue statements showing their operatious and financial

On all sides it was agreed that whatever else should be done or left undone in the way of regulating the trusts, some measure for letting the light into all dark places should be enacted this winter. Even the most cautious and timid souls who feared that drastic restrictions might interfere with our industrial prosperity were unanimous in demanding publicity. As Attorney aspirant for public position. If he General Knox pointed out, many of the most flagrant trust evils have their origin in overcapitalization, and it was agreed that publicity should be given to the relation between capital assets and that there should be periodic pub lication of income statements and balance sheets so that investors and consumors might know the financial con-

It is a fact that legislation for enforcing publicity is what the furtive species of trust most fears. Why? Because is is practicable and can readily be enforced. High sounding prescriptions and interdictions with dread ful penalties they are less afraid of, because experience under the Sherman act and the anti-trust laws of the severai States has shown that it is difficult to obtain legal proof that they have done the forbidden things. But a law requiring the periodic filling and filing of itemized blanks, with the affidavit of responsible officials, and giving the against unlimited suffrage for the

dition and operations of these giant

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that the bill was being perfected with the aid of advice from Attorney Gen-

eral Knox and would embody the

President's views. After two months

it came out of the committee room in

the shape in which in which it passed

seing made to apply only to corpora-

tions "hereafter to be organized." In

other words, any one bold enough to

compete with the existing mighty com-

binations is to be pilloried for their

benefit! After that it is scarcely worth

while to discuss the rest of the bill, but

it lodges dangerous private inquisito

rial powers in the commission to

harass the possible competitors, not at

all for the information of the public-

all the publicity enjoined is the yearly

issue of "a list" of corporations with

'an abstract" of their formal returns The value of this is obvious, since

the returns even in full, made to the

commission call for copies of articles

of incorporation and similar informa-

tion that is now of public record, but

includes neither income statement, nor

balance sheet, nor one lots of informa-

tion as to operations, earnings or finan-

cial condition. It is just such a bill as

the worst class of trust would proba-

bly have framed themselves had the

work been entrusted to them with a

view to their own protection and the

prevention of any infringement on

their monopoly. Last stage in "this

strange, eventful history" of this bur-

corted to the Senate from its Commit-

tee on Judiciary with amendments

making it app y to corporations now in existence and imposing severe pen

alties, but no provision for that simple

publicity which was admitted to be

"the first step toward the remedy of

trust abuses." And, meanwhile, the

trusts' organs and henchmen, with

scarcely concealed grins, keep up a

busting" legislation.

of the cases in the courts.

England might pass.

trust people much, for they are in

this country like Daniel O'Connell's

"coach and four," which could drive

through any law that Parliament of

All the time they were talking

That would have been a powerful

help in curbing the trusts by de-

the home markets, but that would

hence they let that alone and con-

fined themselves to a few make-

pertinently characterizes as "clap-

trap and storage thunder," which

will not fool many people, and are

not giving the trusts much concern.

REPUDIATED BY REPUBLICANS

Newport News, Va., Friday night,

was addressed by a nephew of John

S. Wise, and by Hon. Harry K. Wal-

cott, another prominent Republican,

both of whom repudiated the in-

cendiary utterances of John S.

Wise and the policy of President

Roosevelt as to the pegro. Their re-

pudiation was applauded by the Re-

publicans to whom they talked.

These men were not talking for

themselves only but for the white

Republicans of Virginia, and there is

little doubt that they would be en-

dorsed by an overwhelming majority

of the white Republicans of the

South, whether they are known as

We have never yet met a South-

ern white Republican who would

admit that the negro should be put

upon the same plain with him as an

were to admit it and pretended to

speak for his fellow Republicans,

their practice would give the lie to

his admission, for they have never

treated the negro as their political

equal in anything save casting a

ballot, and they did that only be-

cause the negro's ballot went for

them. Long before there was talk of

drawing the color line in the Repub-

lican party it was drawn. The

drawing of it by Senator Pritchard

and others was simply a public an-

nouncement of what had been for

The impression that John S. Wise

and others with whom he is acting

would convey is that the movement

years the invariable practice.

"lily whites" or not.

A meeting of a Republican club at

House bill was yesterday re-

the House the House the other day,

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essential facts as to the financial connegro is supported only by the dition and results of operation, would be simple, direct and rather difficult Democrats of the South, and that, to juggle with. Trusts that work evil were anxious indeed to prevent such legislation as this. And it seems they therefore, it is simply a political movement intended to make the Democratic party in the South See what has been done. On the irresistible and give it permanent first day of the session Mr. Littlefield control of the Southern States. introduced a bill which provided that Whether that be the motive or not 'every corporation engaged in interstate commerce" should every year file a large majority of the white Repubjust such a statement as above delicans in the South agree with them scribed - income statement, balance sheet and full information. It was rein it, and agree with the two speakferred to the Committee on Judiciary. ers alluded to above in their con-From time to time it was intimated demnation and repudiation of John

THERE IS MERIT IN THIS.

S. Wise's insane talk and of Roose

velt's scheming negro equality policy

The representative in the Legislature from Anson county has in troduced a somewhat novel bill, which provides for the voluntary working on the roads or other public works of prisoners confined in the jails awaiting trial. It does not compel the prisoner to work, but leaves it optional with him, pro vides for his proper guarding and for clothes to distinguish him but different from those worn by convicts. Volunteering to work is not to be construed os a confession of guilt, and if convicted the number of days he works are to be counted as constituting part of the time to which he is sentenced.

This is a novel bill but there is merit in it, for it would relieve the congestion of our jails, which sometimes become crowded, and it would give the prisoners outdoor exercise. which would be much better for them than close confinement in cramped quarters. There would also be compensation to the counties for the cost of feeding, which amounts to a considerable item when there are many prisoners.

terrible charivavi about the frightful But the bill as far we have seen ly "drasuc" character of the "trust does not provide for any compensa-What a performance! Clap trap tion to prisoners who on trial may and stage thunder from first to last. be acquitted. It has always seemed We don't really believe that the men in Congress are embeciles-neither are to us an injustice to a prisoner accused of crime, who may be inno-The mountain labored and brought cent, to keep him locked up someforth a mouse. That is about the times for many months and be turned loose without any redress or comappear that they were in earnest pensation for incarceration or loss and thus humbug the people, made of time when sometimes the prisoner much pretence of curbing the trusts so held may have a family dependent upon him. It, therefore, seems enactments, some of which were alto us that the bill introduced by the representative from Anson should forth the mouse, and a very little provide that when a prisoner is acmouse, too, or rather little mice, quitted of the charge against him he be allowed compensation by the county for the time he worked, so Elkins bill, the publicity bill and the Knox measure to enable the much per diem, deducting the cost Department of Justice to follow up of feeding. This would not amount to the violators of the Sherman law a heavy tax on the county, for which and promote the speedy prosecution it had received an equivalent in work, but would be justice to the But all this isn't troubling the

innocent prisoner.

A year or so ago an old fellow died in the poor house at Duluth and left 160 acres of land that nobody knew he owned, and that he apparently forgot. Before he died a rich deposit of iron ore was found on it, but he died without knowing that. It is estimated to be worth from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Lots of "heirs" turned up, and among them two "widows." But these were all turned down, and the right heirs were recently found in five Bohemian peasants living on the border of Moravia, in the Austria-Hungarian empire. All some people have to do is to jog along and fortune comes right to them.

A Pittsburg minister deplores the fact that ministerial disputants, who engage in verbal discussions, do not treat each other as courteously as do the pugilistic fraternity, who always shake hands before and after fisticuffs, and harbor no resentments, no matter how hard the mutual punching may be. But then the ministerial combatants don't go out, as the pugilists do, with a pocket full of ring money to keep them in good

Secretary Root wants to have the public schools in Washington equipped with rifles and ammunition so that the boys can practice shooting at targets during recess. If this pans out he may follow it up by recommending the establishment by the government of shooting galleries in our towns. That would be a daisy thing for the boys.

A Pennsylvania school board has decided that spanking is an aid to education, but the teacher must not strike the pupil on the head or the | the mean time Haywood went to the mouth. The teacher who would spank a pupil on the head or mouth should be summarily bounced as an incompetent spanker, utterly deficient in the first rudiments of the fired point blank at him. He missed, spanking art.

Senator Morgan commented very sharply the other day about "leaks" in executive sessions of the Senate, and yet he would probably have been much disappointed if some of those grief. leaks hadn't got into print.

Truth may be "at the bottom of a well," but with some Republican editors, judging from the small quantity they use, it must be at the by the Supreme Court the third week bottom of the ocean.

TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH

Ludlow Skinner Shot to Death by Ernest Haywood, a Prominent Lawyer.

SPECULATION AS TO CAUSE.

Domestic Troubles Thought to Have Bee at Bottom of the Affair-Genuine Sensation Created - Insanity May Be Pleaded at Trial.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C. Feb. 21-Earnest Haywood, one of the best known lawyers of Raleigh, shot and instantly killed Ludlow Skinner, of the firm of brokers, this afternoon about 4 o'clock. Both are of social and business promiafter the shooting but refuses to make any statement and having waived examination was committed to jail without bail.

The two men were seen at the postoffice entrance in earnest conversation few minutes before the shooting. Skinner had turned away and was moving toward the street ten paces away when Haywood fired the first shot. Skinner quickened his pace as though trying to get away when Haywood fired a second shot within probably fifteen seconds of the first, the ball taking effect just back of the left arm and penetrating the heart.

The assertion that Skinner was shot in the back, aggravated the feeling against Haywood among Skinner's friends and there was talk of violence and while there is no guard at the jail to-night a sharp look out is being kept to prevent any demonstration.

Raleigh never experienced so severe shock as the killing has created, and the town is rift with supposed explanations as to the cause. It is conceded that complications between the families of the two men are at the bottom of it. It has been common report going for some months that Haywood and Mrs. Gertrude Winder Tucker, widow of the late Wm. R Tucker and sister-inlaw of Skinner, were secretly married in New York several months ago. This he denied. Mrs. Tucker was treated in a Baltimore hospital recently and it is out of these conditions that the shooting has grown, though there can be no comprehensive statement of the case until developed in the trial.

Dr. T. E. Skinner, the venerable retired pastor of the First Baptist church and father of the murdered man, declared this evening that Haywood had written an insulting letter to his son's wife. Mrs. Skinner said, when told that her husband was shot, that she tried to keep him from going down after dinner, and telephoned to Johnsou & Thompson's office for him to keep off the street.

These statements, than which there is nothing more definite, now indicate that there was an old and bitter score between the two men to be settled. The coroner held an inquest and autopsy to-night, finding that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Haywood. It is understood in-

sanity will be pleaded. Jas H. Pou and T. M. Argo, the best lawyers here, have been engaged for the defence. Haywood has a

brother in the insane asylum.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 21 .- A special to the Observer from Raleigh says: The greatest social and criminal sensation Raleigh has ever known developed at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon when. on Favetteville street, Ernest Havwood shot and killed Ludlow Skinner. The prominence of both families is marked. Haywood is a grand son of the late State Treasurer John Haywood and son of the late Dr. E. Burke Haywood, and one of Raleigh's leading lawyers. Skinner was a grand-son of the late Mr. Ludlow, of New York, and a son of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. skinner, of Raleigh, one of the best known Baptists in the South.

At least a hundred persons must have seen the shooting, certainly that number saw the victim of Haywood's revolver as he reeled and fell upon his face on the car track in front of the ostoffice and Yarborough House and not forty yards from the court house. Hayward was taken by Deputy Sheriff Separk to Haywood's law office, and was there for about two hours guarded by deputies and in conference with his attorneys, James H. Pou and Argo & Shaffer. Later he was taken to the court house, where Magistrate Marcom had a preliminary hearing, taking only Separk's testimony upon which he committed Haywood to jail without bail for murder.

Skinner's wife is a daughter of the late Major John C. Winder. The rumor here is that the tragedy grew out of a reported secret marriage in the family of one of the men concern-

RALEIGH, N. C. Feb. 21.—Haywood, who is now in jail has as yet made no statement. The testimony at the pre liminary hearing before Justice J. C. Marcom this afternoon is as follows: Earlier in the day Skinner called at Haywood's office. What occurred there is not known. When he came out he started for the postoffice. In court house. As he returned and was near the middle steps of the postoffice, he saw Skinner on the sidewalk, and called him, saying: "Ludlow come here, I want to speak to you.'

As Skinner approached, Haywood and Skinner turned and ran. When he reached the car track Haywood fired again, and Skinner stumbled for a second and sank to the ground. He was taken into Jas. I. Johnson's drug store in an unconscious condition and died within a few minutes. Later the body was removed to his home. The wife of Mr. Skinner is prostrated with

-Fayetteville Observer: 21st:"The hearing of the Utley case on appeal, was concluded before Judge Cooke this morning. The case will be heard in March."

REV. BENJ. R. HALL DEAD. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Leading Methodist Preacher, Once Pastor Here, Died Priday Night at Payetteville, N. C.

Friends in this city-and they are numbered by the score-will hear with deep regret of the death of Rev. B. R. Hall, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District M. E. church, South, which occurred at the Marsh-Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville Friday evening at 7:10 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Hall was stricken with apoplexy Friday morning at 4 o'clock and he never regained consciouness lost at that hour.

Rev. B. R. Hall was in the 52nd year of his age, having been born Sept. 25th 1851. His parents, Henry G. and Mrs. Emily B. Hall, are still Johnson. Thompson & Co., cotton living and make their home at Shelby, N. C. His is the first death in the family. Mr. Hall was nence. Haywood gave himself up married in 1876 to Miss Fannie Stedman, who, with four children, survive him. He also leaves three brothers and a sister to mourn their loss, as follows: Mr. Edward Hale Hall, of Waco, Texas; Mr. Heman R. Hall, of Fayetteville; Rev. John H. Hall, of Rockingham, and Mrs. C Roberts, of Shelby; Rev. John H. Hall, who has just retired as pastor of Fifth street M. E. church, this city. His aged mother and his sister, Mrs. Roberts, expected to reach Fayetteville last night.

Deceased has been a presiding elder in the North Carolina Conference for eight years, and for the past three years had been on the Fayetteville District. At one time he was pastor of Wilmington Fifth Street M. E church and was universally esteemed here. He joined the conference in 1875 and has never since that time missed an annual session of that body. He was a graduate of Trinity College and a preacher of great ability, having served some of the most important stations in his church, Trinity church, Durham, St. Paul's, Goldsboro, being among the number of leading charges

FEDERAL POINT FENCE LAW

Full Text of Bill Exempting a Portion of New Hanover from Stock Regulation-Township Tax

Below will be found the full text of the bill recently passed by the General Assembly, repealing the no fence law as applied to Federal Point township, this county: An act to repeal the stock law in Fed-

eral Point Township in New Han-The General Assembly of North Caro-

lina do enact: SECTION 1. That from and after une 1st, 1903, chapter 290 of the Pubc Laws of 1899 shall not apply to that portion of New Hanover county south and west of a line starting at a point on the Cape Fear river where the water course from McIlhenny's mill pond empties into said river, and running with the stream and mill pond to the head of clay bottom and running behind W. P. Oldham's fence southeast to the old Federal Point road, running thence west side of said road to the sound road, running thence west side of the sound road to George Roger's Lane; down said lane to the sound and also including that portion of the beach south of a pond opposite where this line touches the

SEC 2. That before May 15th, 1903 the Board of Commissioners of said county shall cause a good and sufficient fence five feet high to be constructed and maintained along the boundary line above mentioned, with suitable gates at all crossings of public roads and other places where necessary; Provided, that the said Board of Commissioners may at any time and from time to time declare any water course along the line of said fence to be and constitute a part of said fence; Provided further, that the Commissioners may have the right, if in their judgment it is necessary, to run this fence a little south of the point where it touches the sound in order to touch the sound at a deep water point, and for the purpose o this act the said Board of Commissioners may let out the construction of said fence and gates by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, giving twenty days' of such letting out b public advertisement in at least two daily papers published in the city of Wilmington, or in their discretion he said board shall deem it advisable that they may employ an agent to construct said fence under such terms as they shall prescribe; and for defraying the expenses of constructing said fence and gates the said board may draw upon the county treasurer of said county of New Hanover for a sum sufficient therefor out of the general fund of said county; and may thereafter levy on all real property. taxable by State and county in said territory so fenced out, and collect a tax sufficient to replace the amount so drawn from the said general fund, and in addition thereto may from year to year in like manner levy and collect a tax sufficient to maintain said fence and gates.

Sec. 3.-That all laws and clauses of aws conflicting with this act are here by repealed. Sec. 4 .- This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified January 29.

Compliment to Wilmington Firm. Goldsboro Argus: "Thus far this week Messrs. Best & Thompson have bought 960 bales of cotton for Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, the noted cotton exporters of Wilmington, who have for years been a vital energy of incalculable benefit to the cotton farmers of North Carolina-not only as purchasers of the fleecy staple at the highest market price, but also as intelligent, vigilant and fearless cuampions of the farmers best interests in promptly and persistently fighting the nsidious round bale trust.'

-The STAR office cat's tail pointed northeastwardly Saturday, and the weather during February and March.
When it comes to forecasting the weather, the STAR office cat's tail beats the ground-hog's shadow out o' sight.

of 224,000. In amounts apportion of a splin apportion of a splin apportion of a splin apportion.

Raleigh Asylum, \$163,100; Goldsboro Asylum (colored), \$107,766.95; Dangerous Insane in the State prison, \$13,500. Total, \$541,266.95. The bill

Consideration of London Bill in the Senate Deferred Until This Week.

THE WATTS' BILL SENT UP.

Revenue Act is Being Discussed in the House-Bond Issue Must Be from \$400,000 to \$500,000--Local Bills as to Bastern Carolina.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 19.-The House this afternoon passed the bill providing a code commission of three members, who will receive \$1,000 per year, \$1,500 being also appropriated for expenses; their work to be the codification of the laws of the State. The bill was ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

The Senate also passed the bill to es ablish a Historical Commission to be appointed by the Governor and be authorized to spend \$500 annually in gathering and preserving data of

Under the new revenue bill as reported, but not yet acted on by the Legislature, retail liquor dealers will be required to pay a license tax of \$300 per year to the State and \$300 to the county, payable half on the 1st day of January and half on the 1st day of July of each year.

The tax now paid is \$200 per year to the State and county—an increase of \$400 per year, or triple what the State and county taxes now are. The purchase tax on liquor dealers remains the same as now, viz : two per cent. on the total amount of purchases in or out of the State for cash or credit. The method of payment, i. e., on the first days of January and July each year, also remains the same. Should the revenue bill pass in its

present form, the total amount of license paid by the retail dealer in Wilmingion will be \$889 per year, divided as foliows: State, \$300; county, \$300; charter of Rose Hill; Carlton, to in- the sheriff. One would be surp United States \$25. The amount paid by each retailer now for the privilege of doing business in the city, county, State and United States is \$489; so that it will be seen that the bill now pending is an important item with the dealers. to say nothing of the London, Watts, Murpi y, Smith and other bills about which so much is being said in the General Assembly.

The wholesaler's and rectifier's State and county tax is doubled ,in the new bill, viz: \$800 for each per year, instead of \$400 per year as now. The license tax on malt liquors is also inreased from \$100 to \$200 per year to

the State and county. The other changes in the revenue two per cent, on the gross receipts of dispensaries is imposed, the same to be paid direct to the State Treasurer. The only change in the merchants' license tax provision is the rate which is made on sales not exceeding \$50,000, forty cents on each thousand dollars; on sales over \$50,000 and less than \$75,000, thirty cents on each thousand; on sales over \$75,000 and less than \$125,000, twenty-five cents on each thousand, and on sales over \$125,000, twenty cents on each thousand.

The tax upon druggists selling iquor is reduced from \$50 to \$25 per

Oil tanks of over 500 gallons capacity are taxed \$50 per year instead of \$20, as heretofore and an additional tax of \$5 is imposed upon each sale and delivery wagon. Tanks of cotion seed

oil mills are exempt. A new tax of \$100 is imposed on packing companies each in county where

business is carried on. Cotton compresses are taxed \$1 for each thousand bales of cotton compressed, instead of the manner hereto-

The tax on lightning rod agents goes up from \$20 to \$50 in each county. The tax is reduced from \$25 to \$15

on horse dealers. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20th, 1902. In the House to-night the Watts bill passed final reading, the vote being 48 to 30. Much time was consumed with | Arrested for Embezzlement. roll call ballots and arguments on amendments exempting various counties. The roll calls were by insistence of Morton, of New Hanover, who has led the fight against the bill. Thirty amendments of this kind were offered and it required from 8 to 11:30 o'clock

A joint resolution was introduced in the Senate by Godwin, at the request of the New York American, providing that application be made to Congress under Article 5 of the U. S. Constitution, for a constitutional convention to amend the Constitution by making Senators elective in the several States by a direct vote of the people. It provides that the Secretary of State ask the co-operation of the Leg-

to vote them down and get to the first

islatures of other States. The committee appointed to investigate complaints of the had condition of the convict camp at Dover reported that they found the quantity of food sufficient, but lacking in variety. The bedding was filthy and unfit for use; but they did not find Superintendent Mann in any way blamable for the

poor condition. The Child Labor bill, in the Senate, was passed on third reading, with an amendment by Brown, that the clause requiring that 66 hours constitute a week's work, apply only to persons under 18 years of age.

The committee on Insane Asylums to-day completed the appropriation for these institutions. The amount asked for was \$786,199.95, while the amount appropriated is \$541,-266 95, which represents a scale down horse editor says this means much bad of \$244,833. The amounts apportion-

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making the appropriation was intro-duced in the House by Stevenson... RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21. -Senator London made a motion in the Senate this morning that further consideration of the London bill be deferred until Monday at 11 o'clock and that a final vote on the measure be taken at noon, Tuesday. The motion was adopted. This was in order that time could be gained to clear the calendar of accumulated bills to which

to day's session was devoted. A great number of local bills passed One of general importance was to empower the N. C. Corporation Commission to hear complaints of demurrage charges by shippers against the rail-

The Watts bill came over from the House and was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Three hundred copies were ordered printed.

The House spent a good portion of to day's session in committee of the whole, considering the Revenue bill. Discussion of the first section brought out the statement from Doughton, the had disappeared, and have not yet introducer of the bill, that the estimated additional revenue would be \$159,000.

The first section defining the objects of taxation was adopted. During the discussion of the second and third sections, Graham said much property is escaping taxation. Thirty-three coun- gave him the full limit for murder in ties show no revenue from cigarettes; fifty-eight no tax on horse dealers and sixty-one no tax on pistol dealers. He insisted on taxing gross earnings of convinced that unless we do somerailroads and increasing the valuation from \$42,000,000 to \$107,000,000.

Sections 2 and 3 of the Revenue Bill were adopted without change. This after shut off from market. provides \$1.29 poll tax; an ad valorem tax of 21 cents for the State; 4 cents for pensions and 18 cents for schools, making 43 cents on the \$100 valuation. Further consideration of the Revenue Bill was deferred until Monday at 3 P. M.

Incidentally there was a discussion of the necessity of a bond issue, the concensus of opinion being that provision must be made for from \$400,000 to \$500,000 in bonds.

Notable bills introduced in the House were by Abell to prohibit the manufacture and sale of adulterated illuminating oil; Carlton, to amend corporate the Elizabeth City Through Line Railroad Co.: Carlton, to incor porate the Bank of Warsaw, and Wil lis, to incorporate the Brothers' and Sisters' Union, of Bladen county.

held to-night for passage of local bills exclusively. Hon. R. A. Dough ton, presided and put through fifty bills. Those of interest in East Carolina were to create a new school district from portions of Cumberland and Robeson counties; for the drainage of roads in Robeson county; to sell the oyster steamer Lily and regarding withess fees in Cumberland county.

Died Near Ivanhoe.

Mrs. Harriet Johnson Corbett, one of the most active and useful members of Black River Presbyterian church, died at her home near Ivanhoe bill have been referred to from time to | Sunday, February 15tb, in the 73rd time in these columns. A new tax of | year of her age. She is greatly missed and mourned in the church and community. She was left an orphan at a very early age and was reared and trained in the family of her uncle, the late Mr. Dougald McMillan, father of Wilmington's esteemed townsman, Dr. W. D. McMillan. She attended the Front Street, now the First Presbyterian church, of this city. She married Mr. William Corbett in 1859 and they had lived happily together and were lovingly called by every body "Uncle William" and "Aunt Hattie." An unmarried sister, Miss Mary Johnson, lived with them. Besides, there is another sister, Mrs. George Bannerman, and a brother, Mr. Cornelius Johnson.

Norfolk Truck Damaged

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, 20th: "Reports from the Western Branch trucking section show that the early crops have suffered considerable damage from the cold snap. Radishes, which were getting to be pretty well advanced in growth and would have been on the market by the latter part of March, are reported to be entirely killed out, and will have to be re-sown. Peas are also badly affected. The early planting of potatoes seems to have weathered the cold spell without damage. The thermometer dropped yesterday morning to 14 degrees and marked the coldest weather of the

Upon a warrant from Chadbourn, N. C., Luke Duncan, a young white man, who formerly drove a delivery wagon for the Standard Oil Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox. The warrant was sworn out by T. B. Smith, of Chadbourn, who telegraphed that an officer for Duncan would arrive to-

Money!

us the amount you owe.

Remember, that a newsceries.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Orford Ledger: Who says raising males don't pay? Mr. Louis de Lagroix shipped one car load of 2-year old mules to Richmond Monday, for which he received \$100 each. He is successful in raising mules.

- Burnsville Eagle: We learn from a gentleman just from Madisor county that Mrs. Bud. Boon who lives at Georgtown, gave birth four children a few days ago. This same mother gave birth to three children two years

- Littleton Reporter: Mr. J. T. Turner, who accidentally shot himself several weeks ago, died at the Spring Park Hotel last Wednesday night. His condition has been critical from the time of the shooting, and but little hope of his recovery was entertained by his physician. For the last several days he has been growing

- Salisbury Truth-Index: George Goodman has returned from Idaho, where he has been for the past three years. Mr. Goodman was induced to sell his farm, go West and cast his lot with the Mormons. His experiences were not what he anticipated, and becoming disgusted, he concluded to return home.

- Fayetteville Observer: The police are looking for Matilda Watson, who was recently discharged from Cumberland county jail, with a warrant charging her with kidnapping the 14-year old child of Mary Smith. After leaving jail the Watson woman spent the night with Mary Smith, and the next morning the latter left her her child in her care while she went out on some business. When she returned home the woman and the child

been found. - Raleigh News and Observer: Sandy Stevenson, tried in Winston, was sentenced to the State prison for thirty years for the murder of John Miller, on December 21st last. The prisoner addressed the court and pleaded for mercy, but Judge Shaw second degree. - The roads throughout Vance county are simply impassable and the people are now. thing for better roads and have a permanent system for working them, the country and its produce will be here-

- Sanford Express: A modern new hotel is soon to be built at Elise, this county, by Northern capitalists.

Mr. W. J. Talley, Superintendent of the Cumnok coal mine was in town Friday and told The Express that they are now getting out about one hundred and fifteen tons of coal per day. This coal is in great demand. much of it being used by plants in this State. — It is claimed that people from the North who settled in Moore during the past ten years have added a fourth to the taxable value of all property in the county. We are told that such is the estimate made by know how many Northern people have permanently settled in the county. They have built up the towns of South ern Pines. Pinehurst and Pinebluff There are also Northern people living in about all the other towns in the

SUICIDE NEAR TARBORO, N. C.

Middle-Aged Parmer Took Laudanum and Ended His Life-Despondency. [Special Star Telegram.]

TARBORO, N. C., Feb. 20.-John R. Pitt, residing on the James Wiggins place, several miles from town, died this morning from the effects of laudanum taken last night with alleged suicidal intent. An empty laud anum bottle was found by his side when discovered by his wife and in his coat pocket was another bottle un-

Physicians were summoned, but all effort to arouse him was futile. Despondency was presumably the cause Deceased was a farmer, forty-eight years old and leaves a wife and three

A FATAL AFFRAY.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Killed and Another Man Dangerously Wounded.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK., Feb. 21. -In a pistol duel on the streets of Jasper, Newton county, to-day, Deputy United States Marshal J. D. Keys was killed and W. A. Shudson was dangerously wounded. Shudson, who is a resident of Jasper, was discharging a pistol on the streets, when Keys and City Marshal William Allen attempted to arrest him. He opened fire on Allen, who returned the fire, shooting Shudson through the body. Allen, though uninjured, dropped to the ground. Shudson then fired at

Keys, shooting him through the

body. Keys walked several blocks

to his home and died a few hours

HOMICIDE AT HAMLET.

H. Williamson, of Monroe, Shot and Killed in a Bar-room by Henry Young, of Rockingham-He Escaped.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.-J. H. Williamson, a well known druggist. whose home is in Monroe, this State, was shot and killed by Henry of Rockingham, N. C. closed bar at Hamlet, last night. Xc. and a friend went into the sa drinks. A dispute arose with Yo who cursed Williamson's friend Williamson asked Young to desist and Young, turning, pulled his gun and fired, inflicting a wound from which Williamson died in thirty minutes. Young then fired two shots

wild. Young then fled and made good CHARGED WITH ARSON.

at the bar-keeper who was trying to

stop the shooting, but the bullets went

rested Near Winchester, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21.-As the result of two mysterious fires, a man, his wife and two unmarried daughters and four other men were arrested Are you indebted to THE at Middletown, near Winchester, late last night, charged with arson and were jailed at Winchester to-day, after when you receive a bill being given a hearing before a magistrate. The persons in custody have all hitherto been respectable people. The married woman of the party is a sister of the sheriff who made the arrest.

Wm. J. Bryan last night addressed the students of the Georgetown University law school on "The Value of an Ideal." Mr. Bryan made several allusions to his political experience, and said that "it is better to have run

and lost than never to have run at