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## BRIGHT W MAN'S IXPERIENCE

AS A HOUSEMAID. The servant problem is one of the

most serieus in this country to day. The experiences of the employing people in the cities of the South as wel. as the North are the same, and the newspapers everywhere teem with accounts of the inconvenience an oyar ce and unsatisfactory conditions not only on account of the scarcity of house help of all kinds, but doub less more on account of the nefficient and ureliable help that offers for employment. It is truly a problem that practical peoplt are setting about to solve. Wilmington s deeply concerned in it, and nouseholders will be interested in the eff rts of Miss Jane Seymour Kunk to study the situation and of-

Miss Klink, a bright and practical y ung woman, in order to make a study of the perplexing servant problem, hired herself out and engaged in the work to get a clear in signt into it, with a view to writing of the subject from an experienced standpoint After a period of practical education as a servant, she giv sher couclusions in an entertain ing and va a able article in the At lan is Minimis for March. It is a thoughtfut, interesting and helpful art ele oal concer ed in the entj c which a ear entertainingly treats

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but-s Ki k shows us that the pro em w ich c ofronts society is as o flicant as t is important. The firet co diti s are that thousands of wes are to n ed of cooks and hou emants She fi de that as ru . e wages offered are better than hose in the factories and in many of the de ar ment stores. Her Observation, as d there is no doubt of It, I. I at the cook and the bouse mail are be ter f d than any other clars f wor women While she was saiting in a B ston Cafe, she made e reful observation and writes

"I nav- sat night after night in Bos on cafe and s en women and gir s c-me in and dive with unfailing regularity off rea and rolls, costing lo cents. Yet they had been working hard all day, and, to judge by their looks, needed something more inbetantial And many more have not even that, but cook in their rooms, reducing the cost of living to that of simple existence The dom-stic, on the other hand, is as a rule well ted. well housed, and the labor, while continuous, is not usually hard or exhausting And Tet employment is offered in thousands of homes and there are no applica ts, while "factories are over whelm d with applicants for work, swests ops fl urish on cheap and abundant lab r, department stores turn away thousands of would-be ga esgirls, typewriters are legion, there are more teachers than there are places

The Baltimore Sun gives us this further yie w of Mi-s Klink's article and her rem dy for the trouble:

In their x remity families are con-p lled to accept the services of dir y and incompetent servants to Whom it is to object to please, be can e they know if they lose one place they can get another without any trouble Strangers without characters are taken into the homes, trusted with children and of bland faith that is astonishing. And even the negro "ramp" seryauts are so hard to set that homes are b oken up and families are go ing into bearing houses and apartment hopes, or are buying chesp

meal tickers here and there. that is the remedy ? For there must be sone, It is to elevate domestic service and to make it more attractive, so that girls and women of decent perent ge can engage in it without any feeling of social discredit Miss Klink savs that domes- named in the deed is \$10. The propersics, above at else, object to being ty is described as beginning at a stone of social inferiority to which the of the railroad, 784.6 feet south of Sta-American woman will never subject herself if she c n avoid it. Rather than do so she will submit to the indignities and hardsnips and starvation of other employments. It is not a question of wages that figures in the difficulty of getting domestics. At the present rate of wages a cook can clothe herself comfortably, have something is the savings bank. That is what few factory girls can accom are we to elevate domestic employees as good as that of those who work in factories, that of those who work in factories, are now and the plant of those who work in factories, again.

Cumberland, the question of stock law; by Hollowell, to amend charter of Goldsboro; by Little, to incorporate who were bringing now in the river and weeks and went to an a visit when he got in trouble that of those who work in factories, again.

Cumberland, the question of stock law; by Hollowell, to amend charter of Goldsboro; by Little, to incorporate which atruck a snag and went to authorize Wake to issue bonds for pleces. plish. The problem to which society

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for example. When that is accomplished housekeepers will have complished housekeepers will have competent and self-respecting women around them whom they can trust and who will not have to be re- Large Number of Local Bills Inproved and watched; who can get through their work in half the time it takes an incompetent, and will thus have shorter hours of actual work. There are thousands upon thousands of women and girls who want employment, and as soon as domestic service can be entered into by self respecting women without any more feeling of social discredit than when they go into a factory or into a department store, then there will be no scarcity of cooks and housemaids. Let the keepers set to work upon the propo-

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George F. Bowder, of Waterloo. Iowa, who was jilted by Miss Effic Curtis, of that city, has sued her for \$10,000 for breach of promise. If some men could get that amount for every time they have been given the mitten they would be in a position to endow a university.

Berlin has a sensation because Count von Baudissin is guilty of shoplifting. He stole a pretty shop girl and ran away with her. The Count visited America with Prince Henry, of Prussia, and is quite a prominent figure among the pobles.

The world is now looking on see how Kansas will come out in her fight with the Standard Oil Company. "Bleeding Kansas" can kick against being bled, but she will evidently have to get a supply of new bandages.

An heiress worth \$1,250,000 is advertisng for an houest man for a husband. e are honest, and if our shape and physiognomy suit the heiress, a matrimonial alliance between us would make our combined wealth \$1,250,000.30.

A New York physician advocates the drowning of -all weak minded people and idiots. The idea is monstrous but of course nobody is the House continuing its session until going to protest against, it on the 11:30 o'clock to-night. The substiground that they are liable to be que for the Wilmington pilotage bill

tired about the investigation of the Standard Oil Company, but just so long as the flings are of a light character the trust can stand it.

People who build castles in the air are never disturbed by the thought that the plumber will ever have a chance to get up that high with his kit of tools

As long as the lamp holds out to burn, No Oil Trust will ever give a darn; "Turn on the light," the sage magnates say, "We are simply turning night to day."

"Why not raise the President's salary?" asks the Norfolk Landmark. Well, we wouldn't mind giving him a raise if we could get in the game with him.

The Standard Oil Company srys it courts investigation. We have known all along that the company was willing to have the light

turned on. A New York man was fined \$95 for giving his horse a pint of whiskey. He'il know better next time

not to waste any of it on a horse. The man who stands on his dignity is apt to sit down on anybody that reflects on his standing.

It is a lucky Senstor that can get up in the morning without that indicted feeling.

## Prohibition in Camberland.

Y sterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "A petition has been a circulation through the city for the mat day or two, asking the State sentor and representatives of Cumberand county to use their best efforts in ne Legislature to secure the repeal of o much of the local prohibition act or this county as will put the city of Fayetteville on the same footing as other towns in the State under the Watte law-in accordance with the resolution offered by Major J. G. Hol ingsworth, and passed at the last spenen. We learn that the petition is very generally signed by the business men and property owners,"

ite for New Pavillon. By deed filed for record yesterday ne Ocean View Company transferred o the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co., the site for the new pavilion now being erected on Wrightsville Beach. The consideration on the eastern edge of the right of way tion No. 6, having a frontage of 200 Ouslow, to amend Section 1005, of the

test on the ocean. - Little John Cunningham, the waif of a white boy, who has given he authorities no end of trouble by his misdeeds and who has slways resched the age of accountability, is peace in Robeson; by Lockhari, to reached the age of accountability, is locked up at the police station under a charge of taking \$10 in money from a lady at the Colonial Inn. Lately the voters of Cross Creek township, in

to law regulating sale of cotton at

wanted to go on record as opposing the bill at this time, as he thought the

bill was being passed too precipitately. Murphy's bill regulating the sale of stocks of goods in bulk and to prevent

fraud in the sale of the same, came up

on its second reading. Mr. Winborne

county of Heriford, which was passed.

Several other amendments excepting their counties were offerd, but these amendments were lost. The bill passed

second reading, and went over.
The bill allowing newspapers to make

heir own contracts with railroads in

regard to transportation, passed its

Toe bitt preventing the operation of

who are their customers. This amend-

ing days of grace came on its second

reading. Mr. Woodard asked that the bill go over until Tuesday. Mr. Biggs opposed postponement, saying he had postponed the bill once

for the gentlemen of Wilson, and it was time to consider the bill. The

motion to postpone was lost and the bill passed its second reading.

currence in House amendment.

and 1904 passed its third reading.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

and in committee of the whole con

sidered those sections of the Revenue

and Machinery bills which had been

changed from the acts now in force.

About the only change, of note that the House made to night in the Reve-

nue act is to make the license tax on

is expected that there will be night sessions throughout next week. The

Revenue and Machinery bills would

to night but for the fact that no quo-

rum was present when the committee

TO REORGAN ZE THE BANK.

Stockholders' Meeting in Payetteville

Haigh and Myrover Cases Continued.

FAYETTRYILLE, N. C., Feb 23

Justified bonds in the sum of \$10,000

each were yesterday tendered in the Su-

perior Court by Cashier Jno. C. Haigh

and Teller George G. Myrover, of the

closed Bank of Fayetteville, and their

cases were continued until the May

term of court. Simultaneously with

this disposition of the cases in court

the gratifying news that the bank will

probably open for business again very

At a meeting of the Board of Direc-

tors of the Bank held yesterday a reso-

lution was unanimously adopted set

ting forth that whereas it is the opin-

ion of the directors that it is, and will

be to the interest of the depositors and

other creditors, and the stockholders

of the bank, as well as to the conven-

ience and interest of the community,

that the receivership should be disco

tinued and that the wank should re-

open its doors and resume its business

under some plan to be devised and ap-

proved by the stockholders; that a

special meeting of the stockholders of

the bank be ordered for 1 P. M., March

15th, for the purpose of considering

and taking action upon methods and

plans for the continuance of business

by the bank, under an increase or re-

duction of the capital stock, by surren-

der, scaling, purchase or otherwise, or

by some other plan of reorganization.

and to consider offers for the purchase

of the assets, franchise and good will

of the bank, and for the transaction of

In accordance with that action of

the directors, Dr. H. W. Lilly, presi-

dent of the bank, has called the meet-

ing as recommended and all stock-

EX-JUDGE GEORGE HOWARD

at His Home in Tarboro, N. C.

[Special Star Telegram.]

friends throughout the State and else-

row the sad intelligence of the sudden

death of ex Judge George Howard,

which occurred here to day after a

o'clock Sunday morning.

Rescued Distressed Raftsmen.

the steamer at the Custom Honse

wharf and went up the river to Point

Peter where they reseued a white and

Died Rather Suddenly Yesterday &ftormo

come before the meeting.

holders are urged to attend.

tory also passed in the House.

Mr. Woodard, of Wilson, sent for-

The bill to require the payment of

econd and third reading.

troduced and Passed in Both Houses.

REVENUE & MACHINERY ACT.

Sections Taken Up at Night Session of House -- Bucket Shop Law Goes Now to Senate-Hall of Records Appropriation Palled-Notes.

BALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.-By vote of 70 to 31 the lower house of the General Assembly to-day passed the bill of Mr. Laughinghouse, of Pitt, regulating passenger fares in North Carolina. The bill came up as the special order. It provides that the railroads charge not more than three cents per mile on first-class fare; not more than 24 cents per mile for second

The Senate passed the general school bill, striking out the section which provided that members of county school boards hold for six instead of two years.

RALMIGH, N. C., Feb. 24 -The fight over the Wilmington Pilotage bill which has been waged vigorously in committee and among members of the Legislature generally for several weeks came to a dramatic and, for the bustness interests of Wilmington, a very gratifying termination this afternoon. during the hearing before the Judiclary Committee of the Senate, in that an agreement was reached between the representatives of the pilots and Wilmington business men, whereby all laws and clauses of laws relating to pilotage at Wilmington and the bar below Southport are to be repealed and the port made absolutely free to the world. Tais includes the abolition of the present Board of Navigation and Pilotage and all compulsory pilotage fees, making Wilmington the only ab solutely free port on the Atlantic coast south of Maine.

chock-a-block with business to-day, passed both houses during the day and will become law when ratified within Lots of slick paragraphs are being the next day or two; the Woodard bill preventing the operation of bucket shops in the State passed final reading in the House; the Senate killed the bill providing a hall of records for State documents; the House passed the bill abolishing three days of grace on regottable paper, and some progress was made during the afternoon and evening on the Revenue and Machin-

> ery Act. Sensior Emple introduced during the day a bill "for the revision o iquor license law to New Hanover." It was at the request of the County Board o' Education and provides that after Dec-mber 1905, half of the liquor license funds coming in the county treasury shall be devoted to the school fund, this not to affect at all the city

In the House Mr. Boney introduced a bill to legatize primary elections in New Hanover. It is modelled after the Charlotte and Mecklenburg county law and is to take effect as to Wil mington on June 1st, so as not to affect the coming May election and will apply to city and county primaries, which must be held not more than 60 or less than 30 days before the regular election and 20 days' notice must be given of a primary which is called by the chairman of the party desiring it. This will pass all readings to-night in the House and will be sent to the Senate. Mr. Boney also introduced to-day

bili to exempt Pullman car conduc tors from jury duty.

## Regular Proceedings

The Senate opened with prayer by Dr. Moment. Among bills introduced were: By Arendell, by request, to amend charter of Newbern; by Scales, to prevent fire insurance companies from limiting commission which agents receive from other companies; by McCulloch, to establish free ferry across Cape Fear river; regarding time for holding Superior Courts in Bla-den; by Williams, to abolish pilotage laws, later passing final readings; by Eller, appropriating \$50,000 for ex hibit at Jamestown Exposition. The anti-jug law was made the spe-cial order for Monday, and the bil

taking \$10,000 from the A. and M. College was set for Tuesday. The bill increasing the salary of the origadier-general was made the spe

al order for Tuesday. Among bills which passed third reading were: To permit Tarboro to saue bonds; to improve roads in Pitt county; to form certain school nistrict n Cumb-rland; to amend charter of Dunn; appropriating \$150 for Moore's Creek Monumental Association; re-ating to school districts in Cumberland and Robeson; to amend charter of Payette ville; regarding cotton weigher at Dunn; to amend school law of See land; to amend prohibition is w of Cumberland; to prevent manufacture and sale of liquor within five miles of White Oak Academy; to amend law regulating veterinary practice in the State; regulating build ing and loan associations in State; to pay school claim in Bladen; regulating courts in E ghib Judicial District; able. He rested well until noon toto eat biteb line between Gumberland and Bladen; to allow Hickory to donate \$10,000 for schools; to amend the general election law so thet sheriff shall post in May the names of those

by Rev. G. B. Starling. Among bills introduced were; By Koonce, of Code, making carrying a consealed weapon a felony; by Britt, for relief of P. A. Fore and Aims Lumber Co.; by Branch, to allow C E. L'nton, ex-Confederate, to exhibit magic lantern and phonograph show; by Austin, to regulate pay of commissioners in Nash and to amend stock law; by Fisher,

who have paid poil tag,

Negro Prowier Around Presbytorian Manse, The substitute bill repealing all laws relative to pilotage at the port of Wilmington passed its second and third reading. Mr. Taylor said he Lleverly Captured by Minister, Was Given Trial by Mayor Yesterday.

The negro Arthur Beatty, captured Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of evident attempt to break into the Presbyterian manse, at Third and Orange streets, was arraigned in the police court at noon upon a charge of treapass and an attempt to commit a felony. The negro was sent to jail in default of \$350 justified bond to appear at the April term of New Hanover Superior Court.

The case proved to be one of the bucket shops in North Carolina came up on its second reading. Mr. Hutchison, of Gaston, sent forward an most interesting that has developed in the police court in some time. Dr. Wells told of having been awakened amendment that the act should not at the early hour by Mrs. Wells. debar dealers in spot cotion or grain who told him somebody was on in executing orders of actual dealers the back porch up stairs, near ment failed to pass. The bill then passed its second and third reading.

The bill amending the law abolishthe room in which they were sleeping. Dr. Wells secured pistol and went out on the porch to investigate. The negro was no where to be seen, but Dr. Wells extended his search to a closet in one corner of the plazza, and while groping his way around in the darkness of the rather narrow confines of the small room, pistol in one hand, he put the other ward an amendment excepting sight rafts, which was accepted by Mr. Biggs, and the bill passed third read-ing and was sent to the Senate for conhand on the negro. Twice he commanded the intruder to come out under threat to shoot, but the negro made no answer until a third time, when the threat was made more insistent. The segro then made reply, and arrears of taxes by telephone and tele-graph companies for the years of 1908 while Dr. Wells held him at bay with the pistol, afterwards closing the door Graham's, of Lincoln, bill to promote the publishing and use of school books relating to North Carolina hisand locking it upon him, Mrs. Wells telephoned to Mr. N. B. Rankin's residence nearby and had the message sent to the police station, to which Sergeant George Smith responded. The House was in session to-night until 11:30, passing many local bills,

taking the negro to the police station. At the trial yesterday Beatty told a very improbable story of being at the train came in: of having been met on RALMIGH, N. G. Feb. 25.—Both mittee had fixed it at \$35 for travellers scared to go home and asked him to among the business mens' committee courses of the General Assembly were on foot and \$50 when in vehicles. It accompany her; of having compiled say the conditions will be wonderhave been passed on second reading cook lived elsewhere in the city.

> dergeant Smith, who made the arrest, said the negro was either half intoxicated or feigned that condition. Though the back portion of the piszza was enclosed, it was not locked and a case of burglary could not be made out against Beatty. He is the same negro who was recently picked up one morning in the southeastern against the officers of the bank, comes section of the city, more dead than alive, from having lain out in the coow the night before. He had been employed by Stone & Co., on the wharf, and his employers had given bond for him pending his trial for being drunk and down upon that occa-

> > sion. When the graver charge was

brought against him yesterday, the

"drunk and down" charge was, of

course, abandoned. Negro Held For Porgery. Jim Whitted, the negro with a penchant for forging orders on merchants and others of the city for anything that he is able to turn to good account, was arraigned in the Mayor's court yesterday upon a charge of forg ing the name of Mr. Clayton Glies, Jr., to an order upon The Orton Bar for a bottle of "the best" whiskey. The negro secured the bottle of liquor from Mr. J. T. Quarles, the bar-keepsuch other business as may lawfully er, and converted it to his own use. Subsequently it turned out that the order was a forgery and Whitted was arrested. Chief Furlong also had a lorged order that had been "worked" the same day at the store of Mr. N. B. Rankin for two dozen eggs in the name of Mr. Giles, but that charge was not pressed. The negro was held for the April 23rd term of Superior Court and went to jail in default of \$200 bond. Whitted has already served time for forging the name of Mr. TARBORO, N. C., Heb. 24,-A host of Clayton Giles for eggs on the Wilmington Grocery Co., and Mr. W. J. Meredith several months ago. The where will receive with profound sore negro makes a specialty of Mr. Giles'

tive of his was employed as a servant

name because of Mr. Giles' responsis

billiy and because at one time a rela-

prief illness of two days. Judge Howe by Mr. Giles. ard was stricken with strangulated berois Wednesday evening and an operation was considered necessary to Recovered Stolen Bicycle. save his life. He was taken to the During last December a bicycle was Pittman Sanitarium Toursday mornstolen from under the residence of ing where a very successful operation was performed by Dr. Johnson, an Mr. J. Spillman, 508 South Third eminent surgeon of Richmond, assisted street. Since that time Mr. Spillman, by local physicians. The distinguished while about the city attending to patient had survived and it was business had been on a still hunt for thought his charces were very favorthe machine until yesterday afternoon, when he saw it in front of a day when the life of the nocle, Ohristian man began to ebb and at 8 colored undertaker's shop on Second o'clock, he breathed his last. Judge street, near the postoffice avenue. Howard was 75 years old. He was one He applied to Justice Bornemann for of Tarboro's most public-spirited men and had contributed very materially to possession of the property and a visit The House was opened with prayer the growth and advancement of the to the shop disclosed the fact that the wheel was then claimed by L. B. Smith, a clerk in the shop. Smith said he got the wheel from a repair shop at the grocery store of John Murpby, colored, at Seventh and Engineer Joe Swain, Fireman Tracy Oburch a reets. Murphy has fur-Davis and Ed. Swain, a deck hand, all nished the name of the party from whom he secured the wheel and Juscolored members of the crew of the tice Bornemann is continuing the insteamer Southport, heard cries of disvestigation. In the meantime Mr. tress up the river last night, about 9 Spillman has taken possession of the o'clock, launched their life boat from

- The father of the Rev. C. H. Utley of this city died at his home near Apex, N. C., on Feb. 16th. Rev. Mr.

### roads; by Murphy, to provide for ins spection of water and electric light metres; by Winborge, to add peanuts CAPT. ABNER C. PENTON DEAD

Full Text of the Measure As It Passed Both Houses of Legislature Yesterday.

yesterday morning at 2 o'clock by the | DELEGATIONS | RETURNED. the First Presbyterian church, in an Effect of General Repeal of All haws Appears Problematical and Contingent Upon Action of Business Men in Puture-All Satisfied.

> [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 25.-The substitute pilotage bill was put through both the House and Senate this morning and is being enrolled for ratification, to be in full force thereafter. Here is the bill as passed:

> Section 1. That sections 3480 to 3508, inclusive, of Chapter 46, Volume 2, of the Code, and all acts amendatory and supplementary thereof, are hereby repealed. Section 2. That Chapter 183, of

Public Laws of 1883; Chapter 95, of the Public Laws of 1887; Chapter 46, of the Public Laws of 1889; Chapter 486, of the Public Laws of 1891; Chapter 121, of the Public Laws of 1897 Chapter 468, of the Public Laws of 1901, are bereby repealed. Section 3. That all other laws clauses of laws relating to pilots or pilotage on the river or bar of the

Cape Fear river are hereby repealed. Section 4. That this act shall be in orce from and after its ratifaction. The large delegation of Wilmington

ousiness men who remained in Raleigh until the substitute for the Wilmington Pilotage bill passed its each and every reading in both houses, returned to the city on the late Seaboard Air Line train last night. They were met at the station by one of the large suburban trolley cars and were given a triumphant entry, so to speak, into the city. All were jubilant over the turn the fight had taken. Members of the pilotage delegation who returned also last night likewise expressed satisfaction. The ef-Carolina Central station when the late | fect of the compromise, if so it may be regarded, appears to have left the street by a colored woman named the general public at sea as to Mary Johnson, who said she was the result. However, the leaders with the woman's request and of being | fully improved and that nothing has asked in at Dr. Wells'; that upon ar- happened before in a generation that riving there, the woman who had a will be as fruitful of so much good to bunch of keys in her hand, went in a Wilmington. On the other hand it is room and told him to have a seat in pointed out as was stated in these the room in which he was found; that | columns yesterday, that with all rehe supposed Mary Johnson cooked at strictions removed, the pilots will now the "white folks" house there. As a | be at liberty to fix their rates at what matter of fact, Dr. Wella' cook was they choose and may form a combinot named Mary Johnson and the nation or community of interest as strong as they like. To this it is anawered that the business men are fully prepared to hire competitive pilots, if necessary, and to follow this up by the purchase of one or more tugs in case an effort should be made to bar out competition by a combination of the present tug boats and any organization of the old pilots that may be attempted for other than strictly legitimate purposes. The general opinion prevails that time only and he determination of the shippers will tell what the result of the general repeal of all the laws will be.

# SALOON MAN ARRESTED.

Proprietor Starkey Charged With Permit-

ting Gaming in Excelsior Bar. M. L. Starkey, proprietor of the Excelsior Saloon, on Front street, opposite The Orton, was arrested last night upon a warrant sworn out, on information and believed by Policeman Frank George, charging him with permitting gambling in the pool and billiard rooms, conducted in connection with the saloon. The warrant was served between 11 and 12 o'clock and Mr. Starkey furnished bond with Mr M. O'Brien as surety in the sum of \$200, for his appearance in the Mayor's court at noon to-morrow. It is learned that the evidence upon which the warrant was served was secured by plain-clothes men, who have been at work on the case for some time.

EXTRA SESSION OF SENATE.

President Roosevelt Issues Proclamation Salling It for March 4th. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-The President to-day issued a proclamation convening the Senate in special session at 12 o'clock, noon, on March 4th next to "receive such communications as may be made by the executive." The proclamation follows: BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, public interests require that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive:

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Rooses velt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol in this city of Washington on the 4th day of March next, at 13 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take Given under my hand and the seal

the 33rd day of February in the year of Our Lord, one thousand uine hundred and five, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-ninth. (Signed) THEODORE BOOSEVELT.

By the President, John Hay, Secretary of State.

At Lowell, Lincoln county, yes terday a six year old daughter of A J. Clemmer was burned to death. Her mother was probably fatally burned and two other children seriously injured as the result of the wood heater containing areNO. 18

Venerable Citizen of Wilmington Entered into Rest Yesterday Morning .- Pauerel Will be Held This Afternoon.

Capt. Abner C. Penton, one of Wilmington's most venerable and highly there and a fellow hears many esteemed citizens, passed away at his home, No. 111 North Seventh street, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness extending over a period of several months. While Capt, Penton's death was not entirely unexpected the announcement will bring regret to many friends who knew him well when he led a more active life. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. Capt. Abner C. Penton was born in

Bridgeton, N. J. on March 4th, 1888, and he was, therefore, in the 73nd year of his age. During his earlier life he was a scafaring man and was master of a number of vessels along the coast. During the civil war he ran on one of the blockade fleet between Wilmington and Nassau and later, in 1875. moved to Wilmington to make this city his home. When fifty-six | plants will do for a town. years of age, Capt. Penton abandoned his career as ship master and for a term of years was United States shipping commissioner at the port of Wilmington. After that time he was unfitted for the more active callings, by reason of his age and failing health, and he led a retired life until his death. He was a man of and make recommendation, came to splended traits of character and was the conclusion after studying the held in highest esteem by all who knew him. He was married early in life to Mrs. Emily F. Blew, who preceded him to the grave on the 6th of last October. There are left surviving three sons, Messrs. Daniel H. Penton, of Wilmington; Baron D. Penton, of Lyons, Ga., and Harry S. Penton, of Mobile, Ala., all prominent in the business life of their respective communities. They have the sympathy of hundreds of friends in the bereavement which has fallen to them so soon after their mother was taken a few months ago. - Morning Star, 26th ult.

SHOT HIMSELP AT THEATRE. Young Man Applauded a Long, Arose and

Shot Himself. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. UHICAGO, Feb. 25 .- Suicide in the balcony of a crowded theatre was the method of death chosen by an un-

known man about 22 years of age, who shot and silled himself at the Chicago Opera House this afternoon during a vaudeville performance. The young man shot himself in the head. Death was instantaneous and the body fell into the lap of a woman occupying an adjoining seat. She and

several other women fainted but quickly revived. When the sound of the shot was heard many women screamed and left their seats, but ushers soon quieted the excitement. No one was allowed to leave the balcony. The orchestra struck up a lively tune and aided in averting a panic. The body was resoved to the county morgue, nothing seing found to identify the suicide. The young man shot himself during

the singing of a pathetic song picturing the scene in a country farm house. He had listened attentively and had applauded. At the third on core he stood up, hesitated a moment and then quies v drawing a revolver, shot himself and.

BIGAMIST PREASHER.

"Zev." Ben Ashley, Who Married a North Carelina Girl, in Tremble. By Telegraps to the Morning Star. KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 25 .- Rev.

Beni. W. Ashley is in jall at Newport. Tenn., on a charge of perjury and may also be prosecuted for bigamy. Ashley is a minister of the Christian church and on preliminary hearing has been bound over to Federal court. During the civil war Ashley served in the Union army and thirty years later became a pensioner In 1863 he married a North Carolina girl and lived with her until 1883. when he came to Tennessee and has since resided in this State. In 1888 t is alleged, without having secured a divorce, he married a Miss Miller at his new home. When Ashely applied for and received a pension under the act of 1890 his first wife applied for half of the pension. It was then that Ashley made affidavit that he never legally married wife No. 1. An in vestigation followed with the result bat Ashley is in jail charged with

SLAUGHTER AND ROBBERY.

More I han a Bundred Killed in the Racis Riots at Baku.

By Cable to the Morning Star. TIFLIS, CAUCASIA, Feb. 28.—Details of the recent street fighting at Baku

show that thirty-five persons were killed or wounded February 20th and that on the following day the racial bitterness between the Mussulmans and Armenians reached a climax. Street murders were incessant and firing lasted all day long. Altogether divorce. It is an open secret that a hundred people were killed or this new cause was added to meet a wounded. Bazaars and shops were plundered, and as the garrison was inadequate reinforcements of five bat- but one in which the suffering wife talions of infantry, with artillery, and two squadrons of Cossacks had to be called in and used their arms to suppress the outbreak. Further disturbances occurred February 22d. The tants were plundered and burned. The and that cause is one that has more governor traversed all the quarters of the city exhorting the people to cease hostilities, and the Armenian and Mussulman elergy met and embraced in public and expressed a desire for a reconciliation of the people. The rioting was thereupon suspended, but again broke out February 24th.

At Washington yesterday Representative Bartlets, of Georgia, presented in the House, with his endorsement, explosion of an oil can. One of the Peach Growers' Association last Wedchildren was pouring oil into a needay in favor of the regulation of 000 petitioners to this General Asprivate car lines.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. Raleigh Post: The bill fo put

the state records in the penientlary for safe keeping was probably in-tended as a reflection on the State officials having them in charge.

- Charlotte Chronicle: Our idea of it is that this whiskey business should have been left in charge of the Prohibition party. The Democratic party was never able to deny the fact that it stole the Populist platform, and now it has robbed the Prohibition party of about the only job that party had in the State.

- Raleigh News and Observer The Yarborough lobby these nights is a place of real interest. Many of the State's leading politicians are things that would not do to tell. To tell the truth it is worth a man's while to spend an evening there and study the characteristics of a modern politician.

- Raleigh Post: The whole State sympathizes with Senator Beasley, of Currituck, whose little son recently disappeared in some mys-terious way. No tidings have been received as to the whereabouts of the little fellow. Senator Beasley offers, through the columns of the Post this morning, a reward of five hundred dollars for the return of the boy alive to his parents.

-Charlotte Chronicle: A few years ago the boys hunted rabbits, in the vacant fields east and north of the depot at Concord. Now there are no vacant fields there. All have been built up in cotton mills and furniture factories. The vacant field to the south is now to be built up with a new electric power plant and cotton mill town. Concord is a fine example of what manufacturing

- Raleigh Times, February 25th: We are glad to see the sentiment growing in favor of enlarging the capitol. Looking at the matter from a plain, business standpoint, this seems to us to be the only wise course to pursue. The committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the subject thoroughly proposition from all sides, that it would be best for the State to enlarge the present capitol building rather than erect other buildings.

- Charlotte Observer: Some of Mecklenburg's leading farmers are selling hay on the Charlotte market. Many wagons, loaded with fine pea vine hay, pressed into bales, are seen on the streets every day. Mr. John L. Rae, Jr., of Providence township, and Mr. Robert B. Johnson, of Pineville, sold several loads here recently. The price runs from \$16 to \$20 a ton. An acre of good ground will produce from 14 to 2 tons easily. This makes the culture of peas worth the while. It would be interesting to know how much hay was made in the county last year, how much will be sold, and the greatest quantity grown on a single acre. These are questions people ask every day.

Among the new corporations chartered at Raleigh on Friday was the Durham Tobacco, Storage and aspection Company, of Durham The purpose of the corporation is to bay, re-handle, prize and deal in leaf tobacco. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000. Will commence business on \$18,000. The incorporators and shareholders are R. L. Dibrell 60 shares; H. L. Bootwright, 60 shares; Sterling Smith. 60 shares. The Thompson-Branton Company, of Shelby, was incorporated. The purpose of the corporation is to manufacture sash, doors, blinds and all manner and kinds of building material. The authorized capital stock is \$10,000. Will commence business on \$4,500.

- Charlotte Chronicle: "Lucky' Joe Wilson, of Watauga county, died in jail at Statesville, a few days ago. Governor Glenn had granted a pardon for the man, but when the pardon reached Statesville Lucky Joe was dead. The Landmark quotes Wilson's attorneys as saying that the sentence was excessive and illegal from the fact that he was convicted in three cases, one being an assault with a deadly weapon and the other two simple assaults. For the first he was sentenced to a year and for the others two years each, while they insist that he could not be legally sentenced to more than 30 days each for the simple assaults. But Lucky Joe, although wealthy, was known as a bad man, and it was to his bad reputation that his heavy sentence was due. - A dispatch from Statesville on

Friday says: "Mr. J. P. Burke received letters to-day from a number of relatives bringing the information that he and his sisters, Mrs. Carr and Misses Joe and Ada Burke, are among the heirs to property in New York city said to be worth \$300,000.000. In 1795 Andrew Hartsfield, one of the ancestors of these people; leased to the city of New York 160 acres of land, extending from Seventy-fifth street to One Hundred and Twenty-first street, and from the North river almost to the East river in New York. A great many of the heirs to the estate live in North Carolina. If the estate should prove to be a reality Mr. Burke and his sisters would probably get several millions. To day is the first time Mr. Burke ever heard of the matter and he doesn't know whether it amounts to anything.

- Raleigh News and Observer: After a splendid fight for a repeal of all the loose divorce laws in North Carolina, with a great victory assured, the House made a mistake in adding a new cause for particular case—a grievouse case, and board. If any additional cause is to be added, that particular case merit than any other one brought forward, but we do not believe that this Legislature ought to add any additional cause, and particularly that it should not make a general law to meet a single case of hardship. If that is done in one instance, others will follow and thereis grave danger that others will be incorporated and that the strong sentiment against loose divorce laws will not result in legislation that will meet the request of the 400,sembly.