Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs-The Cotton Markets.

Killed by Electric Car.

Asheville, Special.-As a result of injuries sustained by being struck by an electric car on south Main street Wednesday, Mrs. James Foster, of Liecester township, died at Mission hospital. Mrs. Foster, who is 62 years of age, attempted to cross south Main street just below Court square, and passing behind a wagon, stepped ing ear. But for the prompt action. and presence of mind of Mortorman Naughton, who quickly reversed with one hand while he reached over the front of the car and lifted Mrs. Foster to one side, the old lady would probably have been instantly killed. The contact with the moving car, though slight, threw her to the ground and caused injuries which though not deemed serious at the time, were sufficient, in view of Mrs. Foster's advanced age, to justify her immediate removal to the Mission hospital, where she received every possible attention. She failed, however, to rally and died Friday morning, paralysis, caused by the shock, being the direct cause of death. Mrs. Foster was a resident of New Found Creek, Leicester township about eight miles from Asheville. She had lived in that loeality for 18 years, during which long period she had never, until last Wednesday, left that immediate neighborhood. On Wednesday, accompanied by her son, she made her first visit to Asheville, and her unfortunate death may perhaps be in part attributed to the fact that until run down, she had never before seen an electric car, and probably miscalculated the speed at which it was running. There is no blame attached to the mortorman, who made every effort to avoid the accident.

Governor Says Willmington.

Raleigh, Special .- A letter was received recently by Governor Glenn from ex-Governor Heyward, asking that North Carolina co-operate with South Carolina in getting immigrants to come South; and also asking that the people of this state use their efforts towards making Charleston the port of entry for immigrants coming into the Southern States. Governor Glenn in reply stated that he would be very glad on behalf of the people of North Carolina to aid in the matter of getting immigrants, of a desirable character, to come South, but that Wilmington is the desirable port of entry for immigrants coming to North Carolina.

Crushed by a Belt.

Shelby, Special.—Blaine Dellinger, superintendent of the Verner Oil Mill at Lattimore, was caught in the main belting of the engine one night last week and was so badly injured that death resulted in about three hours. His remains were brought to Shelby fluenced by the public opinion and for burial. Mr. Dellinger was the son of J. P. Dillinger, a prominent citizen of Shelby, and proprietor of the Verner Oil Mill. He attended their applause in court. school at the A. & M. College a few years ago.

\$50 To Public Schools.

Prizes amounting to \$50 in money are to be awarded at the next state fair to the public schools which show the best methods in teaching agriculture. The prizes are only for the publie schools, the colleges and higher institutions being excluded from the

Bought a Mill Site.

Fayetteville. Special.-W. D. Mc-Neill, W. E. Kindley and S. H. Mac Rae have purchased from Mr. Neill Black very valuable property at Manchester. The purchase includes 129 acres of land, the splendid water power with five hundred horse already developed, on Lower Little river at Manchester, a saw mill, planing mill and several houses.

New Enterprises.

A whiskey distillery was chartered at Wadesboro-the Pee Dee Distilling Company, G. O. Fullenwider, P. T. Bennett and W. T. Mills, to mak? corn whiskey, the capital stock be-

A charter is also granted the People's Telephone Company, Taylors- will amount to 120 days. After convills, capital stock \$20,000.

Commssions are issued to the officers of Company M, Third Infantry, jail until the necessary amount could of the national guard at Sanford, as be certified. follows: K. B. Griffin, captain; A. W. Teague, first lieutenant; William Widdifield, second lieutenant.

Big Fire at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special .- The W. H. Sikes Lumber Company, among the most extensive operators in timber and lumber in upper Cape Fear, lost

VOL. XXIX. PITTSBORO. CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1907. 20 YEARS FOR HARRISON

Judge Allen Fixes Bond at \$3,000 and Harrison is Remanded to Jail Until Bond Can Be Certified— Sweep Through Forests Along Aside Verdiet and Arrest Judg-

Elizabeth City, Special.—The jury came in at 10 o'clock and returned a MUCH PROPERTY IS DESTROYED verdict of guilty. Harrison dropped his head at the jury's anouncement, stricken with surprise and grief. The court ordered him to jail for the night, after the usual motion for an appeal was made.

Court opened at 9:30 and ordered the disposal of the case of the State against Joshua Harrison. Governor Aycock arose and asked that the verdict be set aside on account of the illfeeling and prejudice against the prisoner and especially on account of the outburst of applause in the courtroom. He said that the wail of a child lost in the night thrills the directly in front of the rapidly mov- that reason is blinded and some one hearts of men with such a passion must perhaps unjustly suffer. He said that they fled from the pass of Currituck to get a fair trial here, but that he found the Currituck had followed them and packed the courtroom; that Harrison had never seen note of pathos inquired as to who under no control whatever, though a the jury's verdict, and that his sised that the verdict had brought humiliation to the wife, disgrace to the children and hopelessness to the grand children of Harrison. He wanted time in which the truth could be discovered, free from passion and prejudice. He referred to the the conflagration is about six miles. deplorable applause and to the women who were the pink of the city been burned and the occupants barebreaking into applause; that the feel- ly escaped with their lives. At Pating of the people broke into the jury rick Springs, an ald established sum-

box and influenced them. No action | mer resort, four cottages located sevof his honor could take that influence eral hundred yards from the main out he said, and he asked him to come | hotel were burned. The main hotel to the rescue of the law and set is located in a valley with woods on aside the verdict. Solicitor Ward spoke breifly, cloquently, masterfully, in reply. He asserted that the good people of this county were the descendants of that sturdy old English stock that landed on these shores two hundred or more years ago, that the ease was of such a nature as to arouse interest and evoke a conflict of intellect, said that he thought that the jury would have brought in the same verdict if he had not spoken to them at all. He

declared that he was sensative to the charge of influencing the jury by promising upon a conviction the resto ration of the child to his mother's arms within six months, and vehemently denied that he intended any such thing. He referred pathetically to Mrs. Harrison, and then warmly denied that he charged her with perjury. "Perjury catches its inspiration from a low, debased source, but loyalty and love that prompts a wife to swear for her hus-

heavens. When her statement was of the world. placed on the Great Book above, the

Mr. Ward was followed by Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Pruden, who presented able arguments as to why the motion for setting aside the verdict should be denied. Governor Avcock again took the floor and reiferated his belief that the jury had been inpassion and prejudice stating that even refined, cultured women were clamoring for a conviction, expressed by

Judge Allen denied the motion Then followed a motion for an arrest of judgment, during the argument of which a number of alleged flaws in the indictment were found by defendant's counsel. Judge Allen overruled the motion. The judge then proceeded to pronounce the judgment. The court stated that if he had been on the jury there were a number of questions concerning which he would have had some doubts. Judge Allen referred to the testimony of the Norfolk witnesses. He stated that he was not satisfied with the evidence of the Norfolk witnesses, but these questions were for the jury to determine and that they had found him guilty. He was satisfied that the evidence was to them sufficient to convict him. "The judgment of the court is that he be confined in the penitentiary at Raleigh, for twenty years." The

sentence was pronounced at 11:40. The motion for an appeal to the Supreme Court and the question of bond was taken up. The judge stated that he would like to have the appeals settled before he left the district, which would be on the 15th of June. It was finally settled by the court that both the State and the defense would be allowed 60 days each in which to argue the appeal, which siderable discussion as to the amount of bail, the court fixed it at \$3,000 and the prisoner was remanded to

Story of the Crime. It will be remembered that Kenneth Beasley, 9-year-old son of State Sens tor S. M. Beasley, mysteriously distppeared during recess at the afternoon session of the school he was attending near his home at Poplar Branch, Currituck county, this State, Monday, swamps were thoroughly searched by its entire large plant, which has been hundreds of people, in a systematic burning all day, up to the afternoon. manner being divided into companies The loss is estimated at \$40,000, with with captains of each party. The

Southwest Virginia

Patrick County, Va., Being Swept and Already Much Property Loss Has Resulted -- Conflagration, Which Started Near Stuart, is Under No Control Whatever in Spite of Efforts to Cut Down Timber and Confine It to Certain Limits.

Danville, Va., Special .- A tremendous forest fire is sweeping the county of Patrick and heavy damage to property has already resulted and the lives of many are endangered.

The fire started Friday night, it appears, near Stuart, the county seal of Patrick, and the terminus of the Danville & Western Railroad, and has been raging ever since. Latest rethe boy in his life; and with a deep ports are that the conflagration is would tell his loyal friend Jarvis of large number of citizens and farmers engaged in an effort to cut down ter had perjured herself. He declar- trees and confine the blaze to certain limits.

> From Stuart the fire has spread southeast in the direction of Danville. Sunday night it had reached Critz, a distance of about 15 or 20 miles from where it originated. The width of About 30 farm houses have already both sides. It is in an open space and was saved only by this enclosme. The spings are located about two miles from Shuff, the railroad station, and several miles beyond Critz. As yet no fives have been reported lose, but there have been many thrilling escapes. The valuable dwelling houses of W. N. Martin, a prominent citizen, was destroyed together with its contents. The occupants fled for their lives and no effort was made to

save anything. The scene of the origin of the fire was on the plantation of the Stuart Orehard Company, which had many acres of apples and peach trees. All of the fruit trees of this concern. which is the largest of its kind in this section of the State, have been

Patrick county is a mountainous country located about 60 miles southwest of Danville and is famous for its timber lands, and as a fine fruit growing section. Apples grown in band, catches its inspiration from the the county are shipped to all parts

The fire is confined mostly to Bull Recording Angel dropped a tear and and No Business mountains. The first named mountain was burned several years ago. No Business mountain is a great timber land and the loss in this respect will be heavy. In the area of about 15 by six miles already swept only a few farm houses located in the valleys escaped destruc-

The Danville & Western, a branch ine of the Southern, is the only railway that runs through Patrick county. No damage is reported to have

been done to railroad property. It is impossible to get any communication to any of the points along the scene of the fire. The first news was brought here by the crew and passengers of a train arriving here in the afternoon. No trains run on the Danville & Western Saturday and Sunday, hence the telegraph offices are closed. The fires on the burning mountains illuminated this section for miles around, the blaze being clearly seen by those on the train.

By Wire and Cable,

E. C. Fosburgh, of Norfolk, was elected presient of the North Carolina Pine Association.

John C. Blair, Assistant United States District Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, died at

The Seventh District Educational Conference is in session at Wood-

A student of the Univerity of Virginia who was accused of cheating was acquitted at a public trial, five of the university's alumni sitting as

District Attorney Jerome submitted affidavits of alienists who consider Thaw insane, and asked for the Brig.-Gen. Theodore J. Wint of the United States Army, died in Phila-

California and cut a gap 80 miles in it. wide in a Utah railroad.

delphia.

John Alexander Dowie, who was buried Friday, left a posthumous sermon threatening to return and 'smite' his enemies.

J. D. Howbert, a Norfolk and Western official, admitted he was short in his accounts.

partial insurance, amount not yet known. Dwellings surrounding the plant were in danger, but were saved. search continued for two weeks or more and, as is well known, no trace between that country and the United States. ada to study the problems at issue

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Remains of White Man Found on Railroad Track Indicate Foul Play.

Durham ,Special.-The remains of Fred Williams, a white man, found about two miles out from Hillsboro Sunday morning, causes mystery in that it is not known whether he was killed by a train or murdered and This With One From Thaw's Mother then placed on the track to cover the crime. His head is badly mashed, but there was no blood scattered about to indicate that he was killed by a train, The only blood was a little that ran from the wounds on his head, and his hands was folded across his breast, something unusual in cases of kill ing by a train. The coroner's jury investigated the case and returned a non-committal verdict, simply saying that he died from wounds on the head. Many believe that it is a case of murder, and a telephone message from Hillsborn to this correspondent says that since the coroner's jury has adjourned that some facts have been discovered to show that Williams was killed, it being stated that two men and a woman were seen hiding in a cut near the point where the body was found, this being a short while before Williams should have reached that point.

Treasurer of Junior Order Short in His Accounts.

Concord, N. C., Special.-Chief of Police Boger has returned from War Eagle, West Va., where he had gone taint of insanity or epilepsy in the after L. C. Dry, who is charged with prisoner's family. She resents the embezzling funds of the Junior Order of this city. He brought his man, who is now in jail. Dry left here Thaw's behalf is signed Delphin M. can protectorate for Cuba. four months ago and after he left Delmas attaches to his personal stateit leaked out that he had done away ment a score or more of letters and apparent majority in the Election piciou. order. It seems that his books had during the progress of the trial. not been examined for four or five These writings of the defendant, Mr. years and he being a mill operative Delmas declares, clearly indicate his and not a bookkeeper was not familiar grasp of the proceedings and have with that kind of work. He bagan contained from time to time valuable an investigation to find out where he suggestions as to the course of the stood and found that he was short. defense. The amount was a small fortune in so that he fled.

A Collision in Tunnel.

Asheville, Special. - A collision between a work train No. 73 in the west end of Swannanoa tunnel resulted in the slight injury to several trainmen. The derialment of two engines, damage to four cars and the delay of passenger trains Nos. 21 and No. 11 from Salisbury. Accord- thus reducing toll collection; the high ing to the facts given out by the officials of the road the work train was backing up the mountain followed by of the failure. the first section of No. 73. The work train stalled at the west end of the tunnel and No. 73 ran into it. Both engines were derailed and several trainmen bruised and slightly injured

Millicious Prosecution.

Spencer, Special.-Capt. A. L. Pritchard, Conductor E. E. Tucker, J. H. Banks, E. H. Benson and S. P. Vaile, employes of the Southern Railway at Spencer, who were jailed at Greensboro last week on the charge of robbing freight cars in transit were acquitted of the charge. Court ordered a record of malicious prose- that he will recover. cution and the matter was dropped. A large crowd was present and the men were given an ovation at the conclusion of the trial. They returned to Spencer.

Kills His Brother-in-Law. Selma, Special.-Saturday evening about three o'clock Richard Cook shot and killed Gray Roberts at the home of Cook. It seems that Cook was abusing his wife who was a sister of young Roberts, and her brother interfered to protect her, whereupon Cook picekd up his gun and Roberts managed to get it away from him and set it down; but as soon as he set it down Cook grabbed it again and shot Roberts in the stomach or abdomen as the result of which he died about three hours later. A later report says that Cook gave himself up to an officer.

Fisherman Drowned.

Kinston, N. C., Special-Carl King, a negro man, was drowned in Contentnea river, near Grifton bridge, Thursday evening while "skiming" for shad. King had a "strike" and

Death of Two Prominent Men.

Wilmington, Special.-Robert S. Collins, secretary and treasurer of the Cape Fear Machine Works and a

Attorneys For Thaw Deny His Being Insane at Present

SHARP FIGHT ON JEROME'S MOVE

Supplement Unanimous Opinion of Defense Attorneys in Regard to District Attorney's Suggestion Looking to Appointment of Lunacy Commission.

New York, Special.—The attorneys for Harry K. Thaw filed answer to the suggestion made by District Attorney Jerome to Justice Fitzgerald that Thaw is mentally incapable of understanding the nature of the proceedings against him and is a subject for a commission in lunacy rather than for a jury which holds only the power of liberty or death. Supplementing their own unanimous opinion, that Thaw does understand the nature of the proceedings against him and daily advises intelligently with his counsel, the lawyers have filed affidavits from the medical experts employed by the defense and a farther affidavit by Mrs. William Thaw, the mother of the defendant. Mrs. Thaw, however, does not address hereself to the question immediately at issue. She takes advantage of the opportunity, she declares, to state that in the direct line of descent for four generation there has been no

'malicious misrepresentation and ! gross exaggeration", on the subject. The principal affidavit made in with about \$150 belonging to the notes he has received from Thay

his eye and the fact unnerved him Turnpike Co. in Receivers' Hands. Norfolk, Special.-The Consolidated Turnpice Company, owning a large majority of the county toll roads and bridges in Norfolk county, under a York, holding \$120,000 of the company's \$180,000 bond issue, has been placed in the hands of H. L. Page, receiver. The remainder of the company's bonds are held principally in New York. The paralleling of the company's tell roads by trolly lines, cost of improvement material and high labor are assigned as the causes

Kept the Lamp Burning.

Norfolk, Special.—Striken with paralysis and scarcely able to move Captain Fimerson, keeper of the White Shoals lighthouse in the James river, stuck to his post until relief came. Although striken early in the night he kept the light burning. His feeble cries for help could not be heard. He hung out a distress signal when daylight came. That was seen in the afternoon by a party of excursic ists from Smithfield. He were given a preliminary hearing at would not leave the lighthouse until Grenesboro Monday afternoon and relief came. Captain Fimerson's home is in Portsmouth. It is believed lecture Mr. Bryan addressed students

Shot in Drunken Row.

Clifton, Special.-Bud Cupples and Lute Brooks became involved in a drunken row at Cerro Gordo Saturday and Cupples shot Brooks just below the heart with a 42-caliber Derringer. At last reports little hope was held out for the recovery of

Timber Land Deal.

Dickson, Special .- A deal was consumated by which George Eleazer, a lumberman of this vicinity, gets possession of a large tract of timber in the Fifth Civil District, known as the Hall lands. The timber is very valuable and will at once be manufactured into merchantable lumber.

Negroes Suspected of Murder.

Norfolk, Special.-Charged with being implicated in the probable murder of Charles F. Ferguson, the Newsoms postmaster and business man, whose body, with pockets picked, was started to "prize," when his boat found in a lane here early Sunday Wesleyan mission near Ning-Po had appointment of a lunacy commission. turend over and though he was a morning, Thomas Tynes and Lee been destroyed and the missionaries good swimmer he lost his life. Par- Johnson, two negroes, have been arties who saw the accident went to his rested. The prisoners were seen comassistance, but could not save him. ing from the lane and on their per-Floods have isolated four States in They got his body, however, and sons keys and eyeglasses supposed to the Northwest, tied up railroads in pulled up the net found the shad still have been the property of the dead man were found.

New Steamship Line Savannah to

Savannah, Ga., Special-Announcement is made here by the Merchants' prominent young business man died and Mariners' Transportation com-J. D. Howbert, a Norfolk and Wesern official, admitted he was short
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Ambassador Bryce is going to Canada to study the problems at issue
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WASHINGTON.

Secretary Taft ordered the literal enforcement of the eight-hour law on all Government contracts.

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President Roosevelt issued orders for the exclusion of Japanese laborers from the United States and the dismissal of the suits against the San Francisco School Board. The President modified his recent

orders withdrawing coal lands from entry, ordering the opening of about 28,000,000 acres on which the Geological Survey had reported. Secretary Cortelyou took further

action for relief of the money market, the principal feature being an offer to redeem \$25,000,000 four per cent. Government bonds.

Secretary Cortelyou announced that the retirement of currency provided for under last fall's order would be postponed.

The Bureau of Ordnance has completed plans for a torpedo factory at Newport, R. I. After the Isthmian Canal Commis-

sion reorganizes the seven members will probably all live in the canal Mrs. Mary Manning, wife of the late Representative Van H. Manning, of Mississippi, died at Washington. First Assistant Postmaster-Gen-

al clerks for the New York Postoffice. OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS. Belief is growing in Cuba that there will be an uprising of negroes in the island.

eral Hitchcock allowed fifty addition-

The Philippine Government has voted \$1,834,000 for the construction of hydraulic works and for drainage works at Manila.

Mrs. S. N. Castle, an early missionary in the Hawaiian Islands, died at Honolulu at the age of ninety. La Discusion, of Havana, indorsed the suggestion regarding an Ameri-

Cuban Liberals are excited over the foreigners to vote in municipal elec-

Consul Baehr thinks that the 183 central factories in Cuba will reach a total sugar production of a million and a half of tons, provided they have good weather for the cane har-

DOMESTIC.

The Memphis Charter bill passed the House at Nashville, Tenn. It abolishes the city government of Memphis and gives Governor Patterson the power to appoint new city suit brought by Arthur Depue, of New officials. It has passed the Senate.

Five Massachusetts physicians of GOT \$90.748 FOR standing, after six years of experiments, declared the human soul to be a material substance, weighing from half an ounce to one ounce. William H. Tanner, who disap-

eared from Lenox, Mass., seventeen vears ago, revealed his presence in Chicago, Ill.

The Standard Oil Company adranced the price of all oils in Ohio ten cents a barrel, the new price be-

ing \$1.78. Withdrawals of steamers from Boson were announced by the Leyland line in that city.

Indeterminate prison terms have been given Gotef and Gnadtus Gnastus at Terre Haute, Ind., two blackmailers.

Mrs. Mary Eno Depue, said to be heiress to \$2,000,000, escaped from a sanatorium in Stamford, Conn., to which her relatives wished to have her legally committed. William J. Bryan visited at Boston

to keep a lecture engagement. He was received by Governor Guild at the State House, and addressed both the Senate and the House. After his of Harvard University at Cambridge. Nine little Japanese girls were admitted into the Redding Primary School in San Francisco,

Wireless messages were transmitted from Point Loma, Cal., to Washington and Pensacola, Fla.

Dr. Austin Flint, in answer, during the Thaw trial in New York City, to a hypothetical question containing 15,000 words and embodying Mr. Jerome's summary of the testimony, declared it his opinion that Thaw knew the nature of his act when he killed Stanford White.

The jury disagreed in the case in New York City against the Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad which was charged with having paid rebates to the Sugar Trust.

FOREIGN.

Nicaragua has seized more than a thousand rifles aboard a steamship destined for Honduras. A fatal case of yellow fever occurred near Paraje Nuevo, Mexico.

The Diet of the Duchy of Brunswick has decided to elect a regent, excluding the Duke of Cumberland and his son. The Appropriation Committee of

the German Reichstag approved the bill authorizing the issue of \$87,500,-000 in treasury bonds.

Restrictions on Japanese passports are believed by some Japanese lawyers to be unconstitutional and have caused irritation.

Lord Curzon was elected chancel-

lor of Oxford University, defeating Lord Roseberry by 1111 to 430. Anti-Hebrew riots occurred in Yelisavetgrad, Russia, but were checked by the intervention of the troops.

The taking of bodies from the hulk of the battleship Iena at Toulon, France, was completed, 103 being re-

AIR THREE GRAFT SCANDALS

Revelations at San Francisco, Harrisburg, and Albany.

Testimony Showing How Huge Sums Were Divided by Boodlers-Wealthy Men Involved

San Francisco, Cal.-Abe Ruef, the political boss of San Francisco, when he learned that he had been indicted on seventy-two counts in the gigantic bribe scandal, offered to confess if promised immunity. The offer was made to Detective Burns, who is guarding him in the San Francisco Hotel.

In all the amount of money involved in the disclosures will reach \$1,000,000. Of this sum nearly onehalf was given up by the city railroads for franchises. One telephone company, it is asserted, paid \$200,-

000, and another just half that sum. Two Supervisors confessed as soon as they appeared before the Grand Jury and the others soon followed their example. As told to the jury, the railroad fund of \$450,000 was so divided that Ruef got \$175,000. while the shares of the Supervisors ran from \$15,000 down to \$4006 each. The Supervisors got \$3006 each from one telephone company

and \$750 from a gas company. In the confessions made relativo to the actual taking of money by the Supervisors it was not brought out that Mayor Schmitz has direct connection with the deals made with the members of the Board of Supervisors. In the majority of cases Ruef dealt with one man, who passed the money out to his associates.

got an overhead trolley franchise. Ruef demanded \$450,000 to carry through the transaction. This money was drawn in installments calculated to be small enough to divert sus-

First and most important was the

deal by which the United Railroads

After giving \$85,000 to the Supervisors and \$85,000 for a person Ruef who may never have received the money. \$280,000 was left to be divided between Schmitz and Ruef. The corruption surrounding the

franchise granted to the Home Telephone Company was even worse. Another transaction was the prizefight hondle of \$20,000. James Coffroth. Willus Britt, Morris Levy and Eddie Graney, known as the "fight trust," each subscribed \$5000 to secure the exclusive privilege of prizefight permits for 1906.

WORK COSTING \$2060. Harrisburg, Pa .- The Capitol investigating committee resumed its inquiry into the cost of the new State Capitol. The testimony showed that John H. Sanderson & Co., of Philadelphia, contractors for furnishing the Capitol, were paid by the State \$90,748.40 for the rostrums in the

Senate and House caucus rooms. The sub-contractor for this work testified that he was paid \$2060 by Sanderson for these rostrums. The testimony of the same sub-contractor showed that Sanderson's profit on the finished woodwork in fourteen other rooms in the building amounted to \$126,645.60.

Murray Gibson, who was an unsuccessful bidder against Sanderson for the contract for decorating and painting the building, testified that there was a difference of \$1.99 1/2 cents a foot in favor of the State in his bid and that of Sanderson's, and that if the State had accepted his bid it would have saved more than \$600,-000 on this item alone and he (Gibson) would have made a nice profit.

JACKSON DEMANDS \$117,161

ALLEGED CANAL GRAFT. Albany, N. Y .-- Colossal graft connected with the \$101,000,000 barge canal work has occurred, according to Attorney-General Jackson. As a result, he has demanded that the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad Company refund the State treasury \$117,161, which the Attorney-General claims the last State canal board decided to pay the company without warrant of law for a bridge of the company, displaced by the big canal in Oneida County.

Mr. Jackson says the improvement of the canal necessitated the alteration of the railway and the rebuilding of the bridge across Wood Creek, and that it was the duty of the railroad company to do the work at its own expense, the State being under no legal obligation to pay any part of the cost.

THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH DEAD.

Suddenly Loses Strength After Partially Recovering From Operation. Boston. - Thomas Bailey Aldrich died at his home in Mount Vernon street, aged seventy.

Some weeks ago Mr. Aldrich underwent an operation at the Homoeopathic Hospital in this city, and although for a time his convalescence was extremely slow the past two weeks have been so promising that he patient was removed to his hom It was thought the change would prove beneficial, although it was rec-

ognized that his condition was still Early next day Mr. Aldrich suddenly became worse and gradually lost his strength. He died about 5

o'clock. ACCUSES A GOVERNOR.

Says South Dakota Executive is Implicated in Land Frauds.

Washington, D. C. — Representative Mann, of Illinois, has publicly charged the Governor of South Dakota, Coe I. Crawford, with being guilty of a premeditated scheme to defraud the Government of public leads and with avading public productions. lands and with evading punishment through political influence. Mr. Mann presents affidavits of agents of the Interior Department and others in support of his charges.