teaches, forty-one children. But their

visit her school on an average day, we

should find twenty-eight pupils present,

vanesd to study arithmetic, only seven

geography, four in grammar and two in United States history. Let us see what it costs to educate

children in the different States. The

average for the United States is \$18.98

a year for each child. We spend upon

each child only \$3.40 a year. This is

Carolina, which spends \$3,29. The

wealth of Massachusetts is five times as

great as North Carolina's, but Massa-

chusetts spends for each child at school

about ten times as much as we, \$33.98.

Seven Southern States spend for the

much as we do: New Mexico, Florida,

Louisiana, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas

largest, only six other States having a

heavier one. But when we come to

count the local taxes and the general

great farming States and settled only

about half as thickly as North Carolina.

Kansas has no State tax and Nebraska

for schools is two and a half times as

comes from local taxes. Arkansas'

school term is nearly twice as long as

excuse our illiterate condition.

ida, Virginia, Alabama) have a larger

share of negro population than North

Carolina, and they all have a larger

school term than ours, and all but Ala-

Public School Election, Aug. 10.

school fund in the township \$1,000. If

give \$300. If it raises over \$500, the

Any township that votes for local tax-

ation will, therefore, be sure to have

Col. J. S. Carr. of Durham, has

promised to give \$500 to the school

fund of the county that votes the largest

per cent. of its votes for local taxation.

Remember the day, August 10. Be

at the voting place and bring your neighbors. To stay away will be equal

to voting against this plan to get good

schools for only a small expense. The

tax of ten cents on the \$100 is only one

dollar on a thousand or five dollars on

five thousand. Surely every citizen

will see that thus the best schools can

be obtained cheaper than any other

information or to distribute, send to J.

TO WITHHOLD WESTAT.

tucky to Bring About Higher Prices.

bon county, was made chairman, and

William Steele, of Woodford, secretary.

A paper on the production and

price of wheat sent by J. T. Flynn, of Chicago, was read. He insists that

there is not a surplus of wheat, and the

Col. Tobias Gibson, of Woodford, made

a long speech urging the farmers to get

together and form a State association

and protect themselves from the manip-

ulators of the speculators. He offered

the following resolution, which was

the State be recommended to form far-

mers' associations at their county seats,

with a view to ultimately forming a

BODY FOUND TIED TO BUSHES,

Young Tennessee Girl Murdered

Near Her Own Home.

At West Point, Tenn., Miss Rene

Williams, a young girl, sister of David

Williams, a telegraph operator, was

found murdered and tied to a bush.

She left home to pick berries, and

There is little doubt that the mur-

derer will be caught, as the whole sec-

failing to return, friends went in search

She was horribly mangled and had

organizations are to be subordinate."

Lexington, Ky., Dispatch, 12th.

State organization to which the county

"That the farmers of the counties of

W. Bailey, Chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

J. W. BAILEY,

HUGH MORSON,

L. D. HOWELL,

C. H. MEBANE,

Committee.

D. H. HILL,

Let all strive to get this bounty.

the township raises \$300, the State will

State will add \$500.

first-class public schools,

and Arkansas.

of all but six.

less than any other State, except South

only thirteen of these far enough ad-



collected for its great leavening arough and healthfulness. Assures he hard against alum and all forms

.... A. LING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Scene Was Realistic. at Atlanta, Ca , in a play presented

amateurs in Pittsburg, a that city, John Singleton adel a part in which he was supposed dead by his rival, impersoated to Cary Brown. The scene was at faithfully and aroused loud which was turned into lamenation when it was discovered that meleton was really dead. The pistol nwn used, which was supposed to be real bullet instead.

A Great Landslide in Vermont, News has been received at Montpeiler, Vt of a big landslide that occurred on the little in the mountains near Lin-A stide half a mile wide came lown the side of the mountain, a dis-

tance of over half a mile, sweeping off every tree and movable rock, which were yilled into an immense heap of labris in the valley below. Several farms were partially covered. It was my a short distance from the big slide nat occurred June 8, 1827. W. B. GAITHER,

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ety of burial robes. NEWTON, N. C.

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Why Popular Education Has Failed in This State.

BY SUPT. LOGAN D. HOWELL,

Of Raleigh, Before the University Summer School-The Cost of Education, Etc.

The following is a brief synopsis of a paper read before the University Summer School by Superintendent Logan D. Howell, of Raleigh, on "Why Popular Education Has Failed in North Carolina:" In considering the results of popular

education in North Carolina, we must compare this State with all others in the Union. One of the results of education is wealth. Judged by this standand education in North Carolina has tax North Carolina drops to the lowest lamentably failed. For with the exceptions of South Carolina and Mississippi there is less wealth per capita in North Carolina than anywhere else in the Union. But South Carolina and Mississippi have over half their populatton black. North Carolina one-third

But the first object of education is to remove illiteracy. Judged by this standard our popular education has been an ignominious failure. In fact there is no popular education here. muted with blank cartridges, carried a For the people are not educated. More than a third of those over ten years of age cannot read or write. Our condition is worse than that of any other State or territory except six, namely: Louisiana, South Carolina, New Mexico, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. But all these States except New Mexico have a larger per cent, of negro population than North Carolina. Virginia and Florida also have a larger per cent. they raise all or nearly all their of negro population than North Carolina, yet their illiteracy is less than

These facts are unpleasant to admit, but the most humiliating is this, that our State was nearer being the most iana. illiterate in 1890 than it had been in 1870. It is true the whole and west North Carolina is well popuamount of illiteracy was somewhat ulated. Scarcity of population cannot reduced. But we have been more laggard than other Southern States. Florida which has nearly half its population black has gone by us, so that whereas in 1870 we ranked 8th in illiteracy, in 1890 we ranked 7th. At this rate it is only a question of time when North Carolina, the other States having educated their children, will be the home of the most illiterate people in the American Union. Shall we let this come to pass?

Already it is the home of the most illiterate white people in the United States except in the Territory of New Mexico. Our State ranks worse in il literacy when we compare the white people of the different States than we count the negroes. This does not mean that the white people of North Carolina does mean that the white people of North Carolina are the most ignorant of all the white people in the United States except in New Mexico, and that the negroes of North Carolina have more education than the negroes of several other States.

About one white person out of every four in North Carolina cannot read; to be exact, the illiteracy is twenty-three per cent. The enormity of this appears when we consider other States. Massachusetts and Nebraska have less than one per cent, of illiteracy among their native white population. There are seventeen States with less than two per cent. Counting the District of Columbia and excluding the Indian Territory and Alaska there are forty-nine State and Territories. There are thirty-sever of these that have only half as much illiteracy among their native white population as North Carolina. In other words the white people of North Carolina are twice as illiterate as the white people almost anywhere else in the Union, including the States of Maryland, Delaware, Missouri, Arizona Texas, Florida, Misrissippi and West Virginia. We have more illiterate white persons than South Carolina and Georgia combined, more than Alabama and Mississippi, more than Louisiana and Texas, whose combined white population is twice as great as North Carolina's. Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and Florida, together, fall short of North Carolina's number of white illiterates, but their

aggregate native white population is

over twice as great. The cause of this large per cent, of illiteracy is seen when we compare the school terms of other States with North Carolina. The report of the United States Commissioner of education for 1994 and 1895, gives the average length of terms of the public schools of the United States, one hundred and fortyone days, or over seven months. North Carolina's is the shortest term of all, sixty-three days. For twenty years we have been struggling in vain to teach four months in the year. All the other States except South Carolina, Alabama and Oklahoma, have more than a four months' term. The school terms in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachuetts, Maryland, District of Columbia and Connecticut are three times as long new wheat, and the farmers think as ours. There are thirteen States that have an eight months' term or longer, twenty-four States that have a seven nonths' term or longer, thirty-one States that have a six months' term or onger, this includes Virginia, Arkansas, and Kentucky; there are forty-one States (all but eight) that have five frost bites, and chronic sore eyes. months' term or longer, this includes | price will certainly go up between now Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, West Virginia, Texas and Florida.

. Our position a nong the sisterhood of States is then this: in per cent of illiteracy of the whole population, seventh; in per cent of illiteracy of the native white people, second; in length of school term, forty-ninth; in amount expended for each pupil, forty-eight; in amount of tax in proportion to wealth, forty-third; in salaries paid teachers.

forty-ninth. There can be only one excuse for such a condition-enormous taxes for other things. But taxes in North Carolina are not enormous. They are less than anywhere else in the Union, except in Nevada and Idaho. The tax rate for all purposes in North Carolina

the United States There is no pleasure in making pubic such humiliating facts about our State-except for the hope that they may arouse to action. For these conitions exist, and North Carolina must | been dead several hours. face them. Shutting our eyes to them will not remove them; denying them will not change them. But having seen the cause of our failure, we ought to know how to make our public schools

a success. Nearly half the school population did not go inside of a school last year. But what was done by the other half? Little

more than lear the A, B, C's. Not half the children studied arithmetic. The average white teacher in North Carolina enrolls during the three monthe she

attendance is irregular, and if we should South Carolina S. S. Association to Be Held at Camden.

FIRST REGIMENT ENCAMPMENT

Goes to Korea as a Missionary--Vacancies at Winthron -- Anderson's Growth -- Other Squibs.

Here is the official call for the annual convention of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, which is to be held in Camden this year, August 24th education of their children twice as to 26th:

The program for the State Sunday School convention is now being proposed and will be published in a few Our State tax is already one of the days. It is expected that some prominent Sunday school workers from abroad will be present this year and a practical, helpful meeting is hoped

There are objections that local taxa-tion may suit Maine, but it will not er, whether officer teacher or pastor, tion may suit Maine, but it will not suit our condition as an agricultural who desires to improve himself and people. We hear men saying that good | his school, miss this occasion. schools cannot be maintained among a The people of Camden are making population so scattered as ours. Local arrangements for loyally entertaining taxation is not peculiar to the North or | the convention.

to cities. Kansas and Nebraska are Let every delegate and worker expecting to attend notify Mr. C. Birchmore as soon as possible. Reduced rates on the railroads will be promulgated from junctional stations only three-tenths of a cent, but by local taxes Kansas beeps its schools open six in ample time.

County statistical secretaries are months in the year and Nebraska seven. Arkansas is not as densely seturged to at once proceed to perfect their statistical reports and forward tled as North Carolina. Its tax rate to Prof. R. O. Sams, State Secretary, great as ours, and two-thirds of it at Gaffney, S. C. County treasurers will also forward

to the State convention treasurer, Rev. W. I. Herbert, at Florence, S. None of the following States are so C., any funds due on pledges, etc.
The county vice-presidents will please thickly settled as North Carolina and see that the county convention is arschool funds by local taxes, and all ranged for, a practical, helpful programme prepared and assist in every have an average school term of from five to eight months: North Dakota, possible way to make it a success. Also let every county president prepare South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and forward to the undersigned or Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florid, Louisbring to the convention a report of the condition of the organized work in his Compared with other States south

county. "Organization" will be one of the principal topics for discussion at the Nor can we plead the negro as an approaching meeting. excuse. Seven States (South Carolina, Fraternally, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Flor-

CHAS. H. CARLISLE. Chairman Executive Committee, South Carolina Sunday School Association, Spartanburg, S. C. Great preparations are being made

bama have a heavier school tax. Georfor the encampment of the 1st regiment gia has 300,000 more negroes than of State Volunteer troops to be held at North Carolina and a school term ten Orangeburg for one week, beginning weeks longer. Virginia has 75,000 August 26. All the commands of the more negroes than North Carolina and regiment are expected to be in camp, a school term twice as long and a and commands from all over the State school tax nearly twice as great as ours. are invited to be on hand also. It is understood that the Governor's Guards, of Columbia, are endeavoring to make By act of the General Assembly an arrangements to attend the encampelection will be held in every township ment. Adj't General Watts has asked are more illiterate than the negroes. It in North Carolina in which there is no the war department to detail one comlocal taxation for school purposes, Tues- missioned and two non-commissioned officers to attend this encampment, and day, August 10, for the purpose of iminstruct the soldiers. This request, if proving the public schools by local granted, will put two commissioned army officers in charge of the encamp-The State of North Carolina has apment. Lientenant Stokes being alpropriated \$50,000 out of the general ready detailed for that service. Gen. fund to be apportioned among the Watts will very shortly forward to Orangeburg all of the tents that will be townships voting in favor of local taxation. If a township votes a tax of 10 necessary for the encampment. He is cents on the \$100 worth of property and confident also of securing a cent a mile 30 cents on the poll, and thus raises rate for the commands attending the \$500 in addition to the usual school fund, the State will add \$500 more. encampment. making the extra amount added to the

Grand Master Barron, of Columbia, assisted by the Masons of Spartanburg City and County, laid the corner stone of the new Spartanburg graded school building, with appropriate ceremonies. He used the silver trowel made for Lafayette, which Lafayette used in laying the corner stone of the De Kalb monument in Camden in 1825. That is now the property of the grand lodge of the State. After the ceremonies Mr. Barron made a short address, explaining that Masonary was not in conflict with anything, or any order that sought to make humanity better and

Dr. Mattie B. Ingold, of Rock Hill, expects to set sail from San Francisco on August 5, bound for Korea, whither she goes as a foreign missionary, being sent out by the executive committee of the foreign mission department of the Southern Presbyterian church. She has been under appointment for this work for about six years and has been spending that time in thoroughly fitting herself for the important and difficult work which she is to undertake.

N. B.-Those desiring literature for The following scholarships are vacant at this time at the Winthrop College, for women: Aiken 2, Beaufort 1, Clarendon 1, Charleston 1, Cherokee 2, Colleton 2. Georgetown 1. Greenville 1. Greenwood 2, Lancaster 1, Laurens 1 State Organization Proposed in Ken-Marion 2, Newberry 2, Oconee 1, Richland 1, Spartanburg 1, York 1. They Kentucky wheat growers met at are to be filled by competitive examination on Aug. 18th. Lexington to take steps toward with-

holding their present crop of wheat The assessed value of the property of from the market until the higher prices Anderson county, exclusive of railroad which they expect to become a certainproperty, as shown by the auditor's books, is \$6,451,448, an increase of ty. Millers are paying 62 cents for \$220,000 over last year. The assessed value of all property will approximate the price will be at least 75 in less than a month. John B. Kennedy, of Bour-

> The Congressional campaign for Mc-Laurin shoes is now on in the Sixth District. The candidotes are J. M. Johnson, L. S. Bigham, J. E. Ellerbe, D. W. McLaurin and F. D. Bryant.

The election of the new county of Edisto has been ordered for Aug. 18. The Pythiens of Charleston expect to

celebrate New Year's Day, 1898, in their castle hall. J. C. Hunter has captured the post- comment on Spain's finances. office at Union. He is a Lilly White

Republican. The Secretary of State has granted a charter to the Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Darling-

Newberry's electric light and waterworks plants are nearing completion.

The State Board of Pensions is rapidly getting everything in readiness for the payment of the State's pensioners. Abbeville's list has already been approved.

The Southern railroad is going to test the power of the city of Columbia to make it open ways for streets under or over its tracks—a right which the for her. They found her dead body and immediately searching parties were formed to look for the murderer. city has maintained.

Sheriff D. J. Bradham, of Clarendon county, has withdrawn from the Contion of country is being scoured by gressional race in the Sixth district. Failing health is the cause.

NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers. Mrs. W. J. Cocke, of Asheville, N. C., committed suicide while tempo-

Richmond, Va., wants the next convention of the Baptist Young People's

Emanuel Rich, a prominent Atlanta merchant, committed suicide by cutting his throat. The struggle over the proposed Tenessee constitutional convention has

At Charlotte, N. G., John Austin, aged 10, kills Kell Caton, aged 12; both white. The Inter-State Cottonseed Crushers' Association met at Nashville, Tenn.,

opened up vigorously.

and organized. The erection of altwenty-ton cotton seed oil mill will be commenced at Lania, Ga., at once. At Martinsville, Va., Wade Lester,

charged with the murder of young Davis, by poisoning, was acquitted. An ordinance to prohibit persons from pitting in street cars has been passed by the Charleston, (S. C.) city council. Miss Mattie R. Tyler, grand-daughter of the former President of the United States, has been appointed postmaster at Courtland, Va.

Wiley Barlow, who was arrested at Mt. Airy suspected of being the party who shot Mrs. Springs at Lexington, N. C., proved to be the wrong man. A lady on a train of the Georgia rail-

road was fatally injured by a piece of piping falling through a window of the coach and striking her on the head. An unknown Negro man was found leaning against a tree on the farm of Hon. D. E. Finley, about two miles from Rock Hill, S. C., dead. He was evidently killed by lightning.

George W. Fremont, a colored law-yer of Alexandria, Va., was convicted in New York City for fraudulent ob-taining money for the Fremont Poly-technic School in Alexandria, an insti-tution which has no existence.

A. J. Carmichael, a Georgia convict has sued the Georgia Penitentiary Company for \$20,000. Under threat of being whipped he was made to work in danger, and was mangled by a rock, is his claim in the petition for the above amount.

All About the North. Saginaw, Mich., is in the throes of

street car sttike. Three thousand troops were in inter-State camp at San Antonio, Texas,

Women are getting \$2 a day for driving teams in the harvest fields of Cow ley county, Kan. John Addison, a famous horse thief

was shot by pursuers, after a hard fight, west of Dallas, Tex. Frank McLaughlin, proprietor of the Philadelphia Times, died of rheumatism and gout at his residence in Phila-At Chandler, O. T., Miss Grace Allen

Miss Phronie Eches and her mother. Jealousy was the cause. Clearly acquitted of assaulting Minnie Latta, a girl, John Sims, an aged man, of Dutch Mills, Ark., was shot

is under arrest, charged with poisoning

and killed by the girl's brother. The next conference of the Epworth League will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., and the next session of the Baptist Young People's Union at Buffalo,

R. C. Heydlauff, ex-engrossing clerk of the Wisconsin Senate, who has figured in a sensational forgery case at Ashland, committed suicide by shoot-John P. Lovell, founder of the John

P. Lovell Arms Company, of Boston, Mass., has been stricken with paralysis at Cottage City and is in a critical con-

In a fire in Jearsey City, N. J., children were suffocated and a man became insane and tried to prevent the rescue of his family. Policemen and firemen did heroic work in rescuing people from the burning building.

Miscellaneous.

England is now having the first hot weather of the year. Spain will be asked to pay \$75,000

for murdering Dr. Ruiz. An aeronaut is to fly from the summit of Pike's Peak to Colorado Springs.

Twenty thousand delegates attended the Epworth League at Toronto, The delegates to the Pan-American

ongress have concluded their tour of this country. The window glass workers, about 5,650 persons, will again affiliate with

the Knights of Labor. The London Spectator thinks Debs

movement means a Western Populist for President in 1900. The Canadian Alien Labor law will

be strictly enforced against workmen from the United States. On the 19th Consul General Lee vis-

ited the jail at Havana, Cuba, and distributed money to naturalized American prisoners. Turkey has issued an ultimatum to Persia demanding the withdrawal of

cartain Persian troops from Turkish A Havana, Cuba, newspaper makes a vicious, but absurd attack on Consul

General Lee on account of his report The official statement of the Bank of Spain shows a note circulation of \$27,-

000,000 in excess of the authorized issue, and has increased the adverse Floods caused by the heavy rain of

the past few days have done great damage in the southern part of Quebec. Many people are homeless and much damage has been done to early crops. It is said that Mrs. Lease gives warning at this early day that she will not support Mr. Bryan for President in 1900 unless he positively agrees to make free silver the leading plank in his platform.

Washington Gossip. A Washington dispatch says that France and England contemplate the

completion of the Panama Canal. Senator Butler, of North Carolina has introduced a bill to make every post office a savings bank.

ment with the Government.

Women prisoners are not to be put The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of Terence V. Powderly, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner General of Immmigration. There is definite talk of accepting the

WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT

The Miners' Strike the Only Hindrance to Better Business.

G. DUN & CO'S REPORT, Harris.

Crops Helped By Abundant Rains. Still Large Stocks of Cotton Goods

Accumulated. R. G. Dun & Co's. report of trade for the week ending July 17th, says: Excepting the great coal miners' strike, which may terminate at any time, there is scarcely a feature of the business outlook which is not encouraging. The crop prospects have been improved and Fifty-fourth Tennessee Regiment. by needed rains, and foreign advices continue to promise a large demand. of Atlanta. He was captured in the In many home industries, particularly | Battle of Nashville and taken to Camp in building, there is more activity than | Chase, Ohio, where he was held until in any year since '92, and the week has brought a better demand in boots and shoes and in wooelns, whille the movement of freight, mostly iron ore, through the Salt Ste Marie Canal, is the leavest in its history. With is the largest in its history. With the money market unclouded, there is nothing in sight to hinder rapid improvement when uncertainty about

egislation has been removed, for the miners' strike could not last long if business and industries should become active. There is now much less apprehension of a failure of fuel supply than there was during the first few days, when prices rapidly advanced. Large quantities of coal from West Virginia have reached Northern markets, but some of the miners in that State have struck. The advance in wheat to 813 was as near a free trader as it was poscents was not due to Government esti- sible to be. Referring to the differences mates, which were followed by a de- of opinion which have developed among cline, but to foreign advices, and considerable buying for account. Demand is largely felt from Australia, South Africa, Brazil and even Argentina, while the present a few of the long series of years, and is in favor while the promise for European crops of tariff for revenue only. The Senais not considered bright. The disposi-tion of farmers to keep back wheat for higher prices may affect the outward movement, but Atlantic exports during

072 last year. Wheat closed four cents | ealiest possible moment. higher for the week and corn } cent higher. Cotton is a sixteenth higher, the closing or partial stoppage of important New England mills hardly neutralizing, in the market's estimation, apprehension of injury from drought. The cotton goods market does not yet reduce large accumulated stocks, as the curtailment of production shows, but is growing a little more healthy with-

out change of prices. Woolens for the coming season have not been generally shown, though in some low-priced goods an advance of 74 per cent. was asked and presumably will be asked on better grades. There is rather more business in re-orders and the tone is more confident. Speculation in the wool market continues with prices at all points stronger, at Boston advancing with signs of a boom among dealers, in which manufacturers are taking little part, at current prices, and at the West, where holdings are looking for a great advance. Imports at Boston were 28,862 bales in two weeks, and dealers are said to have brought 100, 000 bales more in London. Sales were 10,420,000 pounds at the three markets for the week, and 24,572,800 in two weeks, of which 12,607,200 were domes-

The output of iron furnaces July was 164,064 tons weekly, against 168,-380 June 1, but several furnaces have gone into blast since June 1, and the output is large for the season. Presumably an unprecedented share of it is to supply the great steel companies which are even now putting more furnaces into blast, and have heavy orders taken when prices were dropped, while the demand for structural shapes and plates is large, and for bars improving, though steel bars are now at the lowest quotation ever known in Pittsburg, 874 to 90 cents, with Bessemer pig quoted slight-

ly lower. Failures for the week have been 263 in the United States against 269 last year, and 27 in Canada against 39 last

MADE A DYING STATEMENT.

Woman Assaulted, Knocked in the Head and Thrown on a Bed. Major Terrell, a negro, criminally assaulted Mrs. Martin Thomas, a white woman living in the country, five miles from Elba, Ala. She was alone in her house with her six-month's-old boy. During the assault the woman was struck on the head and thrown on the bed beside her sleeping infant. Fagots of pine wood were then piled around her by the brute and set fire. The flames attracted the attention of some passersby, and they reached the woman in time to get her dying statement. The baby was roasted. Terrell was arrested and was being given a preliminary trial when a mob broke up the court, took him out and hanged him.

STILL ANOTHER CASE. A special to the Advertiser, from Elba, Ala., says: "Mrs. Thompson was found by her children burned to death. She was lying on the floor with all her clothes burned off and her body charred except the head. Cotton was stuffed in her mouth, and some bruises were found on the head. A negro named Terry, who worked on the place, was arrested on suspicion. He admitted staying at the house until midnight. One report says a mob took charge of the negro. but another special from Troy says he was not lynched. The location is many At Spencer, a suburb of Salisbury, are miles from the railroad.

The Tariff Bill Agreed On.

The Republican conferees on the tariff bill, representing the two houses of Congress, have agreed upon all the items of the bill, and the result of the he expects to see silver clubs organized liams, near West Point, Tenn., has partisan conference will be submitted to the Democratic members of the couference at the full meeting. Cotton bagging and ties are taxed, the stamp tax dropped, and the sugar schedule has been changed quite materially. It is thought now that an early adjournment of Congress is in sight.

Taxing Municipal Property, Under a decision by the Attorney General it is probable that all water and gas plants and all other forms of municipal property which pay a revenue will hereafter be returned for taxation in Atlanta, Ga.

Will Not Send Women to the Rock

to work on the rock pile in Kansas City, Kan. The Board of Police Commissioners who decided last week that this should be done, have rescinded their order in deference to public Pacific Railway's Reorganization Committee's offer of \$28,500,000 in settleopinion.

TURLEY APPOINTED.

cessor to Senator Harris. A dispatch from Johnston City to

Memphis Man Named as the Suc

ernor Taylor has appointed Thomas B. Turley, of Memphis, United States Senator, to succeed the late Senator Thomas B. Turley was born in Mem-

phis, Tenn., in 1845. His father was the late Thomas J. Turley. His mother was Mrs. Flora C. Turley, a daughter of William Jattle, one of the earliest settlers about Memphis. She died a few years ago. The membess of Mr. Turley's father's family were Virginians, and his mother's North Carolinians. He attended the various schools of Memphis up to the breaking out of the late civil war. He enlisted in the Rifles, Company "L," One Hundred He was wounded twice, once at Shiloh and again at Peach Tree Creek, in front March, 1865, when he was exchanged

After the war Mr. Turley passed two years at the University of Pennsylva-nia, where he was a law student. Since 1869 or '70 he has been practicing law in Memphis, and at present he is a member of the firm of Turley & Wright. He has never held office of any kind, He was married in 1870 to Miss Irene Rayner, daughter of the late Eli Rayner, of Shelby county. Five children

have been born to himself and wife, all of whom are living. July, flour included, have been 3,115,-443 bushels, against 2,953,817 last year, Turley is strictly in line with the realthough in the same weeks 4,659,315 | cent Chicago platform. The new Senabushels of corn went out against 1,574,- tor will leave for Washington at the

CHARLOTTE POSTOFFICE.

Mullen, it Seems, Has Been Slated by Senator Pritchard.

A special from Washington to the rumor that the governments of Spain Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, says: The and Japan have arranged an indications point to the early appoint- offensive alliance against the United ment of J. M. Mullen to the Charlotte States. The terms of the understandpostmastership. Mr. Mullen's case is in the hands of Senator Pritchard and that in the event of an actively agreswhile the latter is not discussing the subject it is believed that he has slated Mr. Mullen for the place. The other candidates, W. C. Cowles and Messrs. Leary snd Gordon, have not relaxed their efforts to land the prize but it looks as though they were leading a

forlorn hope. W. S. Clanton has been selected as ssayer of the United States mint at Charlotte. His case was considered by the Secretary of the Treasury and Senator Pritchard a few days ago and the appointment was practically settled. 'Ki" Gudger is to be made consul general at Panama, Acting Secretary of State Day addressed a letter to Senator Pritchard stating that the President has authorized the appointment of Mr. Gudger and the nomination will probably be made with the next batch of consular appointments. It was not to be made till after Congress adjurns, as the President has informed a number of Congressmen that he will make no more foreign appointments till after he returns from his summer vaca-

Half a Million From Tobacco. Bristol, Tenn., Dispatch says Major A. D. Reynolds, who starting from nothing has made \$525,000 profit as a tobacco manufacturer there in twenty tobacco manufacturer there in twenty an indignation meeting to protest years, sold his plant to a syndicate for against the threatened disgrace and \$30,000. Major Reynolds retires from the business because of his religious convictions, which of late have made the manufacture and sale of tobocco distasteful to him. It is probable that

he will engage in evangelical work. Union and Confederate Natives. The Navy Department has prepared for issue Volume 5 of the official records of the Union and Confederate navies in the war of the rebellion, carrying the history of the operations of the navies well into the middle period of the late war. The publication is sparingly illustrated with pictures of some of the most famous ships of the old wooden navy. It is to be had only upon application to Congress.

Dr. Ryder Probably Lynched. A special to the Constitution from Columbus, Ga., says: Dr. W. L. ago, brutally shot to death the sweetheart who had rejected him, was taken from the sheriff and is probably lynched. Only the news of the bare fact that he was forcibly seized and taken from the sheriff's custody can be learned at this time. This was his sec-

They Want to Hear Debs. Union men of Salisbury, N. C., have invited Eugene V. Debs, the labor stand. leader, to speak there at an early date, and it is understood that he will accept. located the principal shops of the Southern railway.

Will Organize Silver Glubs.

Chairman Keith, of the "national

silver party," in North Carolina, says in every township in the State before Calling on the President. Pittsburg councils in regular session

on President McKinley to use his good offices in settling the miners' strike. Tampa Bay Improvements. The Secretary of War has sent Congress an estimate of \$336,000 as to the

cost of improvements of Tampa Bay, Rush for Gold in Alaska. The stories of the rich gold discoveries in Alaska have set the people wild Normal Institute, \$25,000; Tuskegee,

be something wonderful. 500 Men Thrown out of Work. At Alexandria, Ind., by a strike of men are made idle.

the Commercial Appeal, says that Gov- His Dispensary Bill Gets Through U. S. Senate Without Opposition.

WILL HARDLY PASS THE HOUSE.

General Effect of the Bill Is to Carry Out the Provisions of the South Carolina Dispensary Law.

Senator Tillman has succeeded in passing his dispensary bill through the Senute without objection. The bill provides that all fermented, distilled or first year of the war in the Maynard other liquors transported into any State or Territory for use, consumption, or sale shall be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State, and shall not be exempt by reason of being introduced in original packages for private use or otherwise; and such States shall have absolute control of such liquors within their borders, by whomsoever produced and for whatever use imported, provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as effecting the internal revenue laws of the United States or of quors in transit through such States. The general effect of the bill is to carry out the provisions of the South Carolina dispensary law, notwithstanding the numerous decisions obnoxious to the enforcement of the said law. The bill passed the Senate without a word of discussion, by unantmous consent. It was reported from the commerce mmittee more than a month ago. Senator Tillman has been industriousat work upon it ever since. The trouble will come when the attempt is made to pass it through the House. Senator Tillman admits that he hardly expects to get the House to pass on it luring the present session, but he ooks for favorable action next winter. The position of the bill is improved by its passage through the Senate, although many bills have failed to become laws after being passed by one branch of Congress.

TO MAKE WAR ON U.S.

Spain and Japan Leagued Together to Protect Cuba and Hawaii

Paris, July 15. - (By Cable) - A dispatch to a news agency in this city says enquiry at the American embassies there has elicited a confirmation of the ing, which is for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii, provide sive movement on the part of the United States, tending toward interference in Cuban affairs, or persistence in the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, both Spain and Japan shall declare war simultaneously against the United States and shall make demonstrations along both the Atlantic and Pacific coast

lines of the country. NOT BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON. Washington, July 15, -(Special), -Little credence is piaced in official circles here, in the statement that the Spanish and Japanese governments have entered into an offensive alliance against the United States for the mu-

tual protection of Cuba and Hawaii. WOMEN ON THE ROCK PILE.

Kansas Women Threaten Vengeance If the New Order is Carried Out. The orders of the police commission-

ers of Kansas City, Kan., that women prisoners must work on the stone pile along with the men, has caused a great commotion, and has not yet been put into effect. Perhaps it may never be. The Current Eyent Club, an organization of women, has expressed itself as immeasurably shocked, and has called

degradation of women. The members threaten that enforcement of the order means the retirement of the police commission from office at the first opportunity, and as women vote in municipal elections, the threat is not regarded as altogether an idle one, and may have its desired effect. Their principle objection is to that part of their order compelling the women to work without skirts and to wear overalls instead. The police officials stand by their order and say that the first woman prisoners whose fines are not paid

will go to the rock pile. A STUBBORN FIGHT.

House Conferees May Concede Free Cotton Bagging and Fies. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, says the House conferees are making a stubborn fight against free cotton bagging and Ryder, who, on Easter Sunday a year free cotton ties, and the friends of the Senate amendment will have a hard fight to keep these articles off the dutiable list. The Senate conferees insist that these articles shall be on the free list, and the question may have to be fought out in open session again. Senator Bacon is of the opinion that the House will finally yield to the Senate on these two items. He says he has every reason to believe the duty on raw cotton imposed by the Senate will

> Ohio Valley Railroad Sold. Ohio Valley Railroad has been sold at Henderson, Ky., to Judge Humphreys, representing the Central Trust Company, of New York.

> Was Burned to Ashes. The Cincinnati Tribune says the murderer and ravisher of Miss Rene Wilpiated his crime in the streets of West Point, in the presence of 500 people.

The fiend was riddled with bullets and his body was burned to ashes. The on the 19th passed a resolution calling crowd fell back, and those who had pistols fired volley after volley at him. The crowd then gathered wood, and building a fire over him, watched the ghastly scene until the murderer was burned to ashes. To Distribute \$400,000. Nearly \$400,000 is soon to be distrib-

uted among various institutions by the trustees of a fund set aside by the late Miss Belinda Lull, of Roxbury, Mass , in part as follows: Hampton, Va, in several Pacific Slope towns. The Ala., Institute, 20,000 Calhoun, Ga., rush for the new Eldorado promises to University, \$10,000. Baptist Young People's Union.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., the seventh International Convention of the Bapthe bit-drawers at the plant of the tist Young People's Union of America, Kelly Ax Manufacturing Company, 500 began with about 4,000 delegates, and some of the most prominent Baptist reders in the country are present.