. DUNN, N C., FEBRUARY 10, 1897.

Bills General, Local, But All of Some Importance.

REID AND RANSON UNSEATED,

to Punish Train-Wreckers--Resolutions for a Code Commissioner --Protection of Wives.

SENATE.

longar. - Senate met at 4 o'clock. -vander presented a petition from izens of Mecklenburg to regulate ex of labor in the State and to prosect women and children. hills and resolutions were introduced

Walker- For the benefit of the pubhe schools in the State; provides that all voters shall show their tax receipts before they can vote, and by this means

percase the school fund. Hardison Pohibiting the sale or samufacture of liquor and sale of cigarettet in the State:

Pardisen-To regulate the hours of dor in factories. Rollins: To regulate the sale of con-

Ramsey To amond section 2150 of The Gode, relating to probating wills; to amend The Code in relation to teninta: also to amend The Code: in relahon to persons bringing suits who are net able to give bond.

Move-To define public schools and acrease their terms. Mardison To carry into effect the

educational provisions of the constituon the property and polls of the county to membran a public school in each school district four months. Bill to extend the time for the collec-

from of taxes in Asheville passed; also bill to amend the charter of the Carolina Mutual, Fire Insurance Company. There was discussion of a bill to regulate the probate of fees on crop liens. The original bill applies to Cleveland, but amendments were offered including Calen, Franklin, Chatham and Meckleaburg. These were adopted and the bill passed. If allows the clerk of the court or probate, judge 10 cents and the register of deeds 20 cents for probating and registering crop liens.

* Trespay. - Senate was called to order liv Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds. Among the bills and resolutions intro-

By unanimous consent resolution No. 313 was placed on the calendar. This resolution is to elicit information for the better information of railroad charges in the State; gives the Govcanor the right to call on all railroad, express, steamboat and telegraph companies so as to ascertain all those officers who receive over \$2,500 per annum

Move Bill to amend section 2823 of The Code in relation to the pay of clerks and employees of the General Assembly. Provides that the auditor may require a certificate from the proper officers that the work has been faithfully performed by said employes.

Hardison Bill to prohibit the sale, of immoral and obscene literature in the State

Hardison - Bill to protect the people of the State from fevers, etc., in secand hand clothing; also to prohibit the sale of liquor nuless under police super-

vision. Glark Bill to authorize mayors of towns and cities to solemnize the mar-

Person Bill to increase the public teh of fund from fees in Secretary of Ma'e's office. Alardison - Bill to increase the public second fund in the State.

The morning hour having expired. the special order set for today was taken up, the bill to repeal chapter 303, bows of 1895, locating the lines between Alamance and Chatham counties. The bill provides the running of new lines beginning at the Nattie Newlin place, running west to Randolph county and east to Haw river, which would give back to Chatham the land taken from her and given to Alamance in 1895. After considerable discussion for and against the bill a substitute was offered

and passed second reading. WEDNESDAY. - Senate met at 10 Gelock, Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds presiding. The following petition was presented:

Mr. Alsxander (by request) a petition from the employes of the Victor Cotton Mills, of Charlotte, for regulating the hours of labor. This provides 11 hours as a day's work.

Among the bills introduced were: Alexander (by request) -Bill to pro mile for the erection of a building for the deaf and dumb at Morganton. Mr. Maultsby-Bill for the relief of Pavid W. Powell, treasurer of Colum-

bus county, and his sureties. Mr. Person-Bill to prevent discrimination in passenger accommodations. Maxwell - Bill to provide for divorces in certain, cases of females under 18 years of age; also to amend chapter 45,

private laws of 1894. The bill to repeal chapter 303, laws of 1895 (the Alamance and Chatham boundary line) passed to a third reading. To fix the time for the qualification, of justices of the peace; provides that the term of office shall begin as soon as

they qualify. Passed second and third readings. To authorize the commissioners of Rébeson county to levy a special tax to pay the present floating debt of the

county. Passed second and third read-To pay registers of deed of the several counties 10 cents for each copy

sheet of 100 words for recording elec-tion returns. Passed second and third To elicit information for the better acgulation of railroad charges. This

resolution requests the Governor to call bu all railroad, steamboat, express and telegraph companies and ascertain all the officers that are paid more than \$2,500 per annum. The object is to reduce passenger and freiget rates. This

bill was re-referred. To provide that any note, bond, bill, mortgage, or any private obligation may be paid and discharged in any kind of money at its face value at the time of maturity; reported adversely by committee. Several Senators took grounds in favor of the bill and several against it, but it was finally passed.

THURSDAY. - Senate was called to or-

der at 11 o'clock, Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds presiding.

Among the new measures were: Scales - To establish and incorporate the North Carolina Veterinary Association and to regulate the practice of medicine; also to regulate the sale of fertilizers in the State.

Whidbee—To amend sec. 1285 of The Code, relating to divorces. This bill provides that the party who derires a divorce must be a resident of the State for seven years, before applying

Shaw-To extend the time for organizing banks in Maxton. Alexander (by request)-Bill in regard to bicycles and baggage on rail-

Following bills passed third reading: To allow the commissioners of Robeson to levy a special tax; to extend the stock law in Wayne county.

Bills on recond reading: To exempt

undertakers who are funeral directors from jury duty; passed second and third readings. To protect iron bridges in Macon county; passed second and third readings. To pay special venires in capital cases \$1 per day and no mile-age. By amendment the following counties were exempted from the bill: Rockingham, Durham, Franklin, Cleveland, Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Dup-lin, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Richmond. To amend chapter 263, private laws of 1891, relating to the students at Trinity Callege. Heretofore this act gave the students some power in the the government of the institution; the amendment strikes out this part of the

The Calendar: Bill relating to corporatfons; tabled. To amend sections 1199 and 1200 of The Code, relating to challenging of jurors; tabled. To enforce ordinances in towns and cities; tabled. To establish a scale of fees for registers of deeds in North Carolina; tabled. Bill fion; provides that the commissioners bled. To provide for the probate of wills in certain cases. This bill provides a statute of limitation. Mr. Justice offered the following amendment: 'Provided that this act shall not operate to prevent persons under disabilities from applying to prove a will in common five years after disability is removed:" tabled. To provide for the probate of wills. This bill allows a person to make a will before death and have it probated; tabled. To prevent discrimination against different kinds of money; tabled. To authorize county commissioners to appoint time and place for sale of property under process of law; tabled. To pension all ex slaves, who did service in the Confederacy. This oill appropriates \$5 per month. Mr.

McCarthy moved to table. Mr. Person demanded a roll call, which was sustained. Bill tabled-ayes 34, noes 11. To repeal section 3433 of the code and all amendments. This bill prevents the directors or manager of the peniten tiary from hiring out convicts in comf petition with free labor. On motion to table Mr. Person demanded the roll call. Sustained-ayes 36, noes 10. To amend section 503 of the code, relating to homesteads; tabled. To make witness tickets negotiable; tabled. To define the public school law and extend the time of teaching; tabled. To in-

crease the public school funds; tabled. At the night session the following was accomplished: To incorporate Hamlet; to authorize McDowell county to levy a special tax to pay for jail Passed second and third reading: To facilitate the trial of civil actions. This bill makes return term trial term also; also provides that when summons is served complaint is also delivered to

FRIDAT. - Senate met at 11 o'clock Among the petitions offered were: Ve Clark-From the citizens of Littleton

against a dispensary law. Scales - From citizens of Guilford county against the 10-hour law. Alexander-To work convicts on th

oublic roads. Parker-From citizens of Alexander county, asking the General Assembly not to make any more appropriations to State institutions, and to make no ap propriations for a reformatory unless voted for by the people of the State. Among the bills and resolutions in-

troduced were: Henderson-A bill to amend section 1754 of the Code, relating to the tenant Newsom -A bill to amend the insur-

ance laws of the State. Justice-A bill relating to the clerk of the Superior Court of Rutherford

Utley-Bill for the protection of educational and other interests in North Carolina. Abell-Bill regulating the duties of

clerks of courts in regard to books furnished by the State. Clark - A bill prohibiting certain games of chance. Justice-Bill authorizing the commis-

sioners of Rutherford county to levy special tax. Among the bills on the third reading

To allow Caldwell county to levy special tax and to build a jail; to incorporate Hamlet, Richmond county. Passed. Totallow the commissioners of Rich-

mond county to levy a special tax. To allow the commissioners of Mo-

Dowell county to levy a special tax, To allow the commissioners of Montgomery county to levy a special tax.

Passed. a To allow the commissioners of Wafauga county to levy a special tax. Passed.

Bills on second reading: To restore the office of treasurer of McDowell and to authorize the Governor to appoint a treasurer until the election. Passed second and third reading. To extend the time of holding the February term of Guilford

court. A message was received from the Governor relating to the offer of the Seaboard Air Line to lease the North Carolina railroad, and at 1:10 the Senate went into executive session and Governor Russell addressed the Legislature at some, length on the matter of the North Carolina Railroad. He sion roll; to amend the charter of charged the president and directors of that company with freezing out the Seaboard Air Line by refusing to consider the offer made for the road by President Hoffman. The message was the feature of the day's proceedings. SATURDAY. - Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut Governor Reynolds presiding. A petition was presented by the Women's Christian Temperance Union for the establishment of a reformatory. The petition was signed by about 1,000

prominent woment in all sections of the State.

ed was one by hardison to protect and encourage slicep-raising in the State.

The Edgecombe county road law was taken up and discussed. This bill provides that no person living in towns shall pay a road tax, but to be taxed for the improvement of streets in the cor-porate limits of a town. Person spoke to his bill; Moye opposed the bill as did also Alexander, saying that his county

- Mecklenburg—had the best roads of
any county in the State, and they were improved by taxation; that he would

vote against any measure opposing good roads. Finally it was seen that the op position was so great the bill failed to pass by the following vote: Ayes 1,

The calendar was then taken up and the following passed second and third readings:

To incorporate the People's Benevolent and Relief Association of North

For the relief of the sheriffs and taxcollectors in the State. This bill gives the sheriffs and tax-collectors of each county in the State the power to collect back taxes from 1889 up to and including 1896, excepting a few counties which were exempted.

To amend section 2, 102 of the code. This bill prohibits any person, persons or corporation being non-residents of the State, from catching fish by nets or otherwise, in any waters of the State without first obtaining a license from the Treasurer of the State, said license to be \$2,500 per annum. The violation of this act is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$100 or six months imprisonment, or both, in the discre-tion of the court, the fines and license fees to go to the public school fund.

Resolution for the appointment of a spécial committee to prepare a bill fixing salaries and fees.

HOUSE.

Monday. - House met at 3:30. Among the bills introduced were the following: Cox-To allow defendants in actions to plead the statute of limitation; to make it the duty of Superior Court clerks upon petition of 200 free-holders that county commissioners are improperly managing affairs, to appoint two

Ensley-To promote marriage in the State. Declaring all unmarried men aged 24 bachelors, who shall be taxed \$16 for the first year of bachelorhood and the tax to be doubled each succeeding year of bachelorhood, the tax to go to the school fund.

Cox-To give the Governor and not the Legislature the appointment of State Librarian. Cox-To fine defeated candidates for office who fail to file statement of election expenses \$50.

Cox-To fine cotton weighers \$5 who make errors in weighing cotton. Crews (Rep.)-Instructing Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure the repeal of the civil service law. declaring the latter unnecessary and contrary to the spirit of our institu-

Abernethy-To appropriate \$100,000 annually from the public fund for the common schools, to be divided pro rata among the counties so as to equalize as far as possible the school terms of the respective counties.

Lusk-To give all notaries public, ustices of the peace, clerks of Superior and Inferior Courts power to take acknowledgments and take the privy examination of married women.

Alexander-To make it a misdemean. or by intoxicated persons and others to interrupt school entertainments or political meetings.

Alexander-To repeal section 5 of the county government law and construe the law to mean that a majority of any of the present boards of county commissioners shall have full power to act on all matters coming before these boards without the concurrence of the one member who has been appointed by the resident or presiding judge.

Tuesday-House met at 12 o'clock. Among the bills introduced were: Sutton-To provide that the existence

of a life estate in any land shall not be a bar to a sale for partition of such

Dockery-To amend the charter of Laurinburg so the commissioners and

officers shall be elected by the people the fiest Monday in May. Bill to allow Marion county to levy a

special tax for the improvement of its public roads passed; also one to allow Montgomery county to levy a special tax, and one to allow Cherokee to levy Bill passed amending the act creating

the colored normal school at Fayetteville and maming new trustees and managers. Bill to amend the law as to registra-

tion of pharmacists was taken up. It provides that the word-"registered" be stricken out and the word "licensed" take its place. But, after considerable discussion, the House refused to commit the bill to the committee on health,

Bill to amend the charter of Edenton was taken up and after discassion passed second and third read-

Hauser asked leave to have the Senate's free silver instruction resolutions placed on the calendar. There was instant profest. He made a motion to susave and the Republicans no. The motion to suspend was lost.

McCrary's assignment act bill was Bill passed to change the corporate limits of Thomasville. McCrary lodged a motion to reconsid

er the vote by which the assignment bill was tabled. At the night session the following bills were passed:

To incorporate Wingate High School, in Union county; to allow Swain county to levy a special tax; to incorporate Whittier, Swain county; to change the date of the apportionment of school funds in Stokes to October 1; to put M. L. Tuttle, of Stokes, on the pen-

Mocksville. WEDNESDAY. - The House met at 10 o'clock. Bills were introduced as fol-

Price-To amend the law as to election of county superintendents of education, so as to restore the same. Frice-To allow Monroe's commissigners to elect a tax collector; to establish graded schools at Monroe.

Hare-To prevent the destruction of live trees by lumbermen. Renn-To protect wild animals in

Arledge-To incorporate Central In-

Among the many new bills introduc- dustrial Institue at Columbus, Polk | chartered by the Legislature to take an

Dixon, of Cleveland-To repeal the \$10 special tax on physicians. The assignment bill was taken up and re-committed and the judiciary com-mittee will consider the bill and if it is chartered by the State; to make chapter not in accord with the Supreme Court's decision to make it so.

A few bills passed second readings to allow different counties to build bridges, levy special tax, issue bonds,

Sutton's bill to prevent lynching by cases was taken up and explained, but tion.

rived the debate ceased. The bill to allow female notaries public was voted against by the House. At the night session a resolution was adopted urging Senators and Representatives in Congess to repeal the civil

Bill's passed to allow Randolph county to sell the county home in order to buy another site nearer Asheboro; to make the fee for impounding stock in the stock law districts 10 cents instead of 50 cents in Buncombe, Haywood, Surry, Davie, Wilkes and Madison. By a vote of 46 to 44 the House re-fused to reduce the salary of the State

Thursday. - House met at 10 o'clock. Majority and minority reports of the committee on privileges and elections were submitted on the Mecklenburg election contest case, the majority favoring Clanton and Williamson, the contestants, and the minority favoring Reid and Ranson, the sitting members. Bills and resolutions introduced:

Sutton-A resolution providing that the Speaker shall appoint a special committee of three, to which all bills relative to a code commission shall be referred; also a bill creating a code commission. (The resolution was, under a suspension of the rules, adopted.) Smith-To protect the lives of per-

protection of wives. entering or loafing in bar-rooms.

Lawhon-To assist tax-collectors to collect poll tax. Hancock-To provide for and promote the oyster industry of North Carolina. (Ordered printed.)

At the night session bills passed making it a misdemeanor for any person, intoxicated or otherwise, to interrupt or disturb any school entertainment, picnic, political meeting or any lawful assembly; to change the name of Griffinville, in Union county, to Marshville and make it a dry town.

Mr. Lusk said that the business of the session was about half done, and in order to expedite matters he made a motion that all engrossed Senate bills which come over be placed on the calendar without reference to committee. The motion prevailed. By leave, Mr. Cox introduced a bill to

prevent the spread of disease among live FRIDAY, - House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills and resolutions intro-

duced were the following: McBride-To include Robeson in section 2, chapter 202, Acts of 1881. White, of Randolph-To allow the commissioners of Randolph to select any certain day in December and June to hold their meetings, instead of the

first Monday. Cunningham-To, allow certain benevolent orders exemption from insurance tax and supervision. Peeters-To protect deer in Mitchell and Yancey counties by making it unlawful to chase them with dogs or to

October 15. Dockery-To change the time of holding courts in the seventh district. Dockery-Resolution that it is expedient that some method be devised for the protection of the youth of the State

hunt them between December 15 and

against the blighting influence of the deadly eigarette and its trust. Dockery-That the judiciary committee be instructed to prepare and present to the House for its consideration a bill to establish a general dispensary system for the State, somewhat similar to the Waynesville dispensary act, Dockery-To allow Richmond coun- though more intelligently constructed, ty to issue bonds to pay the floating regarding cigarette traffic and con-

> sumption. The calendar was taken up and the

following bills passed: To establish a uniform standard of time for the State; resolution raising a committee to consider the reduction of salaries to conform with the price of farm products; to remove obstructions in Big Dutch Buffalo Creek, Cabarrus county; to provide for the registration of land grants in territory which has been changed from one county to another. Bill to amend the road law so as to change the dates of meeting of supervisors to April and October, was

The Broughton-Young contest, from Wake, was taken up, fully discussed, and finally decided in favor of Young,

colored. At this juncture a special message was received from Governor Russell on and it passed second and third read- the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, which was read and 500 copies

ordered printed. Bill to make ten hours a day's labor in all factories employing over 5 persons, came up with an unfavorable report. Mr. Blackburn, chairman of the committee which heard argument on it. moved to table it. On this Mr. Dixon, of Green, demanded the yeas and nays, pend the rules. The Democrats voted The call was not sustained. The bill went to the table by a very large majority, and the "clincher" was put

upon it. SATURDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock. Bills introduced:

Sutton, of Cumberland-To amend the charter of Fayetteville by creating a police board. Ormsby-To give county commission-

ers more time for meetings. Murphy-To make bastardy a misde-Bills passed as follows: To leave to the people the question of the line be-

tablish a new township in Surry.

tween Alamance and Chatham; to es-

A bill to extend the stock law in Wayne county passed second reading. her of Chevenne and Arapahoe Indians The bill to pay special veniremen in capital cases came over from the Squate, the latter body having added several counties which were objectionable to the House. McKenzie made a motion that the House refuse to concur in the amendments, and that a conference committee of three be appointed. The Speaker named McKenzie and Cook

mittee of conference. Bills were introduced by Johnson, by request, to require all bankers or officers or directors of railroads and State banks or other corporations created or

official oath, the State Treasurer to prescribe the form of oath and send the blank forms to each officer on or before January 1st of each year; to regulate

494, acts of 1893, discretionary with the State Treasurer instead of mandatory. The bill to establish a dispensary at Waxhaw passed after considerable argument.

By leave Hancock introduced a bill to aid "North Carolina's Rolling Expoempowering the Governor to convene sition" by appropriating to it \$2,500, special courts instanter in extraordinary | the bill being accompanied by a peti

A South Carolinian Says It Don't Look Much Like War

IN HAVANA AND VICINITY.

The Soldiers Lounge Around Hotels, Eat Oranges and Smoke Cigars -- No

"R. S. M." writing from Greenville, S. C., under date of Jan. 29th to the Charleston News and Courier, in an interview with Mr. Sam D. Stradley, who has recently returned from a trip

Harm to Americans.

to Cuba, says: "Sam D. Stradley returned to the city yesterday afternoon, and, being approached by a reporter in regard to his trip to Cuba. said that he was in Havana from Monday until Saturday. That it did not look much like war in sons traveling on railroads; also for the | the city, the only evidence being that a great many soldiers were lounging Blackburn-To forbid minors from around and officers sitting in front of the best hotels, smoking cigars and chatting. He said he went out about ten miles from the city in the direction of Pinor Del Rio and saw nothing of the insurgents, although had been told that six miles from Havana he would find one of the headquarters of the rebels. But the only thing he saw was people working in the fields. Two gentlemen who went on the trip with him took the train and went sixty miles in the country, then got a conveyance and rode up the trocha for about fifteen miles, seeing nothing but the workmen who are building this part of the trocha, which is a bank of earth and stones about five feet high and wide, with a ditch on each side. Some distance from this bank are stretched barbed wire fences. This is to keep the Cubans from running over the country with

"In regard to the death of Maceo, it is stated in Cuba by both the Spaniards and Cabans that it was not an ambush at all; that he left his main force to cross the island and take charge of a new regiment. He had with him about 500 men, and met the Spaniards, 1,000 strong. Both sides were surprised, but got to work at once, and Maceo was

killed at the first fire. "Mr. Stradley says that the majority of the newspaper reports from Cuba are

"He also says that he does not be lieve that any harm will come to any citizen of the United States or any other country who wishes to visit Cuba; that he went all over Havana and out in the surrounding country by himself, and that nobody interfered with him or asked him any questions as to why he was there or what he was doing. Gen. Weyler had four prisoners shot one day while he was there. 'All the people in the city where he was are either afraid to say a word or have nothing to tell, as he could get very little out of them as to the status of affairs. The Spaniards make all kinds of excuses as to why they do not subdue the rebellion, but they are rather lame, to say the least.'

New Mills in the South.

The Textile World publishes the following record of new textile mills built in the United States last year in comparison with that of the three preceed-

1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 59 23 17 Knitting......85 40 10 Miscellaneous..... 8 . 16 23 207 198 114 172

Way of the Spendthrift. The comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the month of January shows that the expenditures exceeded the receipts by \$5,952,895. The receipts were \$24,316,994, and the expenditures \$30,209,389. Large interest payments, amounting to \$6,764,051, swelled the deficiencheey for the month. The exfiscal year, \$48,854,792. In January, 1800, the expenditures exceeded the re-

ceipts by \$3,291,670. Nearly a Century Old. At Washington Tuesday the Anglo. Venezuelan arbitration treaty was signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Senor Jose Andrade. the Venezuelan minister, in the office of the Secretary of State, at 4:30 o'clock, signalizing the amicable termination of a controversy that has lasted nearly a century, as well as the resumption of Holton wins the prize of United States diplomatic negotiations between the two countries, which had been suspended for ten years.

Indians Will Parade.

Agent Woodson of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians has received a letter from General Porter asking for a numto march in the inaugural parade at Washington on March 4th. A band of 50 reds will be sent to the Capitol as requested.

Capitol Building Burned,

The State House at Harrisburg, .Pa., was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday. and Parker, of Perquimans, as the com- Many valuable records were burned The Legislature was in session at the time the fire broke out. The loss is \$1,-000,000, and the insurance only \$200,-

Paragraphs On Vacious Subjects Boiled Down for the Fireside.

A MUCH DESPISED MAN.

Daughter of the Fire Company -- It Was Only Chicken-Pox--110 Years

Miss Lillian Brown has been officially adopted by the State Firemen's Association as daughter of the fire com-C. Her first appearance in Greensago, when she entered the Temalo Colwas assigned to play the leading role in | bales less than in 1894-'95, that the adthe college students' annual performboys. Soon after this, at the regular monthly meeting of the Eagle Hose Company, Miss Brown was formally adopted as the firemen's daughter, and 568,700 pounds. There has been only her name placed upon the honorary a slight stiffening in prices, but more roll of the company's membership.
Already the 'daughter of the company' boasts two medals for bravery displayed at fires, and several resolu-

on correspondent furnishes a very inbought and that Skinner is the most | year." despised man in the State and has a contemptible character. He also says that Watson's championship of Pritchard was no surprise because he had proved that he had preferred the election of McKinley to Bryan by voting for him. He concluded by saying that the Middle-of-the-road Populists supported Pritchard, and the fight has left the Populist party in a better shape than it has ever been since it was organized, especially so in this State. The appointment of the Very Rev.

ton, Del., will be a surprise to Catholics, as he was not one of the three men whose names were sent to Rome. He has been prior of the Abbey of St. Mary-Help at Belmont for the past eight years, and in addition has been professor of theology and philosophy there, pastor of the abbey church, secretary and chancellor of the vicariate apostollic, and one of the Bishop's con-The small-pox scare at Greensboro has not yet subsided, though it is claimed that Mr. Tucker only has a well-defined and virulent case of chicken-pox. The Benbow House is still

Felix Hinlemeyer, a Benedictine monk,

of Belmont, to be Bishop of Wilming-

take advantage of the grantine to thoroughly renovate and improve his hotel. No new cases have been developed, but parties from Greensboro say that there is quite a panicky feeling still prevailing among the residents of A charter having been granted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, it is announced that the capital stock has been subscribed and that a company will be organized to build twenty miles of railroad from Roar-

ing river, on the Wilkesboro road,

to Stone mountain. The road is to be

completed this year, Mr. G. W. Hin-

closed and probably will be for some

shaw, of Winston, it one of the leading spirits behind the enterprise. About ten days ago the 16-year-old son of Mr. J. L. Blanton, of Ruther fordton, got a cockle burr lodged in his throat, which rendered him speechless. Acting on the advice of his physician, he consulted Dr. Wakefield, of Charlotte, and returned home with the burr in his pocket instead of in his throat. It had lodged between the vocal chords:

The proprietors of the Lutheran College will hold a meeting on February 11th in Charlotte for organization and the giving out of contracts for construction of buildings, etc. The amount needed for the enterprise is \$70,000 of which Charlotte has conditionally subscribed \$13,000.

The Charlotte National Bank opens its doors on Monday, February 1st, with \$125,000 capital, and a good line cess of expenditures over receipts since of depositors to commence with, as it July 1st, 1896, the beginning of the really succeeds the old house of Heath | Yonkers Statesman, Brothers, bankers. Mr. W. H. Twitty is the cashier.

> There is an old colored woman living in Edwards township, Wilkes county, who has attained the remarkable age of 110 years. She is now busily engaged in cutting her second set of teeth. Her name is Judith Mar-The positive assertion is now made that Marshall Mott and not Chairman

attornevship of the western district, though Holton's friends say it was positively and absolutely promised him. Licenses have been issued to twentynine firms in Wake county to sell liquor.

There are as yet only eighteen of these who have paid the county tax. Fortysthree applicants to practice law were examined by the Supreme Court at Raleigh Monday. Among the number were three colored. Of these forty passed, two being colored.

The Charlotte Observer's Raleigh

correspondent says that Judge Norwood is sober and in that city and will ask for another chance to redeem himself from the whiskey devil. There are sixty-one fire insurance

companies doing businers in North

Carolina, seven of them being local.

COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

Number of Factories Starting Up Exceeds Those Stopping.

Messrs, R. G. Dun & Co., say: "No important change in business appears, but the number of manufacturing establishments starting much exceeds the number of those stopping during the week, and so much that the curtailment of working time in many cotton mills probably does not lessen the aggregate productive force, or amount of wages paid. There is a distinct increase in orders for woolen goods, some gain in the silk manufacture; a waiting condition, with gain in one branch of boots and shoes, and indications of better things coming in the iron and steel manufacture. Cotton fell to 7! cents pany. She was born in Fairfield, N. Fall River and other print cloth works became known, but recovboro was about three and one half years cred the quotation of a week ago, 7.31 cents, without further news. Spinning lege there. It so happened that she those of Northern mills about 400,000 the drama, "The Freman's Heart," at mitted narrowness of demand for goods has at present considerable weight. It appears that foreign trade is also someance. As Hyacinth Bradley, the pet what restricted by narrowness of deand "mascot" of the firemen, Miss mand. Sales of wool have been smaller. Brown captured every heart in the audience, and especially those of the fire far in excess of the consumption of all

tions have been passed and sent to her pears no embarrassment, and the large by different bodies of citizens who owe | sale of Northern Pacific and Oregon to her plucky work many thousands of Navigation securities to European capatalists, has given additional assurance that balances due to this country will The Charlotte Observer's Washing: not be cancelled for some months to come, so that the point of possible teresting interview with Marion Butler | exports is removed still further. Fail on the recent Senatorial fight in this ures for the week have been 311 in State. In the course of his remarks he the United States, against 311 last says distinctly that the bolters were year, and 63 in Canada against 67 last

NORTH CAROLINA MICA.

Prof. Holmes Secures One of the Largest Blocks Ever Discovered. A correspondent of the Charlotte (N.

C.) Observer, says: "State Geologist Holmes came down from the mountains a few days ago, where he had been investigating the mica industry, and reports having secured for the State museum one of the largest blocks of mica ever discovered in that region. The block weighs over 450 pounds, is about 34x26x18 inches in size. Usually the mica is gotten out in blocks from 4 to 6 and 10 inches in size. One of the curious things about this block of mica is that it is as large as the vein in which if was found; whereas, frequently, the vein is 10, 15 or 20 times as wide as the blocks of mica

found in it --"The mica industry is one of the most important in western North Carolina, but it has been seriously interfered with during the last few years, through the importation into the United States in large quantities of the East India mica, which is mined by the cheap East India last and sold as North Carolina mica. time. It is said that the proprietor will North Carolina has long produced much the larger part of the mica mined in the United States. For the five years from 1881 to 1885, inclusive, the aggregate value of this mica was \$1,345,-000, or an average of \$262,000 per year. During this time the total value of the mica imported into the United States was \$78,000, an average of \$15,000 per year. For the five years from 1891 to 1895, inclusive, the total amount of mica produced in the United States (largely in North Carolina) was only \$322,000, or \$64,000 per year, while during this time the value of the mica im-

ported was nearly \$800,000. Georgia Appropriates \$2,000, A resolution was passed at the seasion of the Georgia Legislature authorizing the expenditure of \$2,000 from moneys appropriated to the Agricultural Department for an exhibit at the Tennessee Exposition. One-fourth of this sum is for a women's exhibit.

The largest steamship afloat was racently launched in Belfast. It is the twin-screw steamer Pennsylvania. built for the Hamburg-American Steam Packet Company. Its deck measurement is 585 feet, 62 feet beam, and depth from keel to awning-deck, 42 feet, with a displacement of 30,000 tons. She will trade between Hamburg and New York, and will accommodate 200 first-class, 150 second-class, and 1,000 steerage passengers.

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