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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

Governor Russell issues a commission to John R. Smith as superintendent of the penitentiary, and he will take, charge today .--- It is said Governor Russell drafted the bill introduced in the legislature two years ago, to turn the North Carolina railroad over to Geo. W. Smathers as state proxy .--- Expectation is high as to what will happen in the house of representatives today; Some predict there will be no quorum.-The magistrates trying Lleutenant Governor Reynolds will

dismiss the case .--- There was a fierce contest in the house yesterday over the lease bill. DOMESTIC. Dun & Co., in their weekly review, say

the slow and gradual improvement observed for some time continued last week without material check, that there is better demand for most products, that the demand for cotton goods does not imgive a like amount prove, that there is still speculative buy-

Senator Grant said he believed local ing of wool, that the boot and shoe shiptaxation was the entering wedge toment's have been as large as in any previous year .---- President McKinley sends wards increasing the public school fund and usefulness of the system and he to the senate the nominations of his cabinet officers -At Peoria a mammoth grain elevator and 900,000 bushels of grain tion, schools could do away with state are burned .---- Worcester, Mass., has a \$400,aid.

000 fire .--- The republicans of the new Senator Utley amended by substituthouse of representatives will hold a cauing "districts" for "townships"- as radical and democratic parties have cus March 13th, to elect officers, etc .adopted. The Marblehead goes on a cruise along

Senator Ashburn offered an amendthe Florida coast in search of fillbusters. ment to strike out section 1 appropriat--Secretary Olney did not attend the in ing \$100 000 The roll call was demand. scause no position was assigned cabinet officers on the platform ed and resulted-ayes, 24; noes, 23. The and were placed behind members of the amendment was adopted which virhouse in the senate chamber during the tually kills the bill.

ceremonies there .--- Consul General Lee Senator McCaskey moved to table the cables Secretary Olney that the Spanish oill-carried. authorities have decided to try the Amer-Senator McCaskey moved to lay or ican prisoners in Cuba at once and those

the table the vote to reconsider-lost, found guilty are to be sent out of the and the vote to reconsider prevailed people alone. He said: "We would island.-Another big freshet in the Ohio and tributaries; many persons had to flee and the bill was again before the senfor life; much damage is done .- Exate. Queen Liliuokolani witnessed the inaugu-

Senator Grant moved to refer the bil ration from the diplomatic gallery; Sento a special committee-adopted, and and that it was such a 'ple' hunting ator Sherman requested Secretary Olney the chair appointed Senators Grant, to issue the tickets to her .- Secretary Justice, Utley and Atwater. Herbert issues an order assigning names to

the new torpedo boats .- The Fifty-fourth The house bill to place Cleveland and congress ended with forty-eight bills un-Gaston counties in the Seventh con signed by the president which were theregressional district and Yadkin and defeated: the number included three Davie in the Eighth district came up. the general appropriation bills .-Senator Move said he was told the rea-Southwest Virginia experiences a fearful son they wanted to change the districts cyclone, which destroys much property; was because Brower, representative in central Kentucky was also visited by a severe cyclone; much damage to railroad the house from Surry wanted to go to property by floods is done in the west .-congress and the only thing he had An immense amount of lumber was burndone during this legislature was to ined near Norfolk yesterday .- Ex-Presitroduce this bill and get it passed, dent Cleveland comes to North Carolina The roll call was ordered and the bill waters hunding.

failed to pass-aves, 22: noes, 26. FOREIGN. The revenue act was amended by The Greek cabinet hold a long conferstriking out five gallons and inserting ence and come to several important decisions; Greece will soon have 100,000 men one gallon and passed its third readder arms; two of her warships leave ng also the bill to incorporate th

THE LEGISLATURE. 🕅 PANDEMONIUM REIGNS IN THE HOUSE FOR A TIME.

The Most Disgraceful Scene Ever Witness ed in the Legislative Hall-Lease Bill to Come Up Today-Eastern Circuit Solici tor Bill Killed-Wilson Charter Bill Defeated-Asylums Spoliation Bill Passed by Vote of President Reynolds. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, March 5 .- The senate tool up as special order the bill to encour age local taxation for public schools

This is the bill which provides that an election shall be held in the townships of the different counties to decide whether they shall vote for a tax for any amount up to \$250, the state to

for a caucus that has affiliated with

ulist party? Why not go back to the radical or democratic party? I am opposed to turning out democrats or republicans if they are good officers." Senator Moye appealed to the populists to stand together and go with Senator Whedbee in this matter. He said the republicans and bolting popu-

lists should have hunted somewhere else for "pie" and let the poor insane never have had this legislature here today if the people of the state had

known such measures would be passed crowd, and I want to say that co-operationists shall not put the blame on

the straight populist party. If I could talk until this legislature adjourned I would do so, thereby killing the bill." He predicted that every one who voted for these measures would be sorry of it. He appealed to the populists to stand together and defeat this bill. Person's amendment was lost-ayes, 24; noes, 26. The bolting populists voting with the republicans.

Senator Butler opposed the bill, saying the only purpose of changing the asylums was to get rid of the superintendents. It was a stamp of infamy and shame to repeal the charter to get rid of these men, against whom no

large can be made

White republicans will find that they Blackburn and a score of others and which hence may not pass, and as a can't use the negroes hereafter as they Mr. Murphy put the motion. There have done on the last day of registra- was a volley of "ayes" and then, taking Mr. Freeman by the arm Mr. Murphy led him to the speaker's desk.

believed in all that was fair and Mr. Freeman did not take the chair, equitable. To take asylums from the but stood at the end of the desk. The assemblage was now a mob

The galleries fairly bulged with wild. excited spectators. The uproar reached man. The voice of the people should the senate, and senators poured into

the hall of the house. front and leaning over the desk at much power already delegated to the which the correspondents of newspapers were seated, raised his arms high above his head and in his loudes voice shouted as he looked at Mr. Freeman at the speaker's desk: "I protest am opposed to this measure and I want In the name of North Carolina I protest. This is treason. This is revolution. We ought to send for a force to clear this hall and to stop these riot-

the populists bolters to come here and ashamed of yourselves. Be men." All this was said with a rising voice to the Senator Atwater said this should not

which stunned the ear. Mr. Alexander, rushing up even nearer the desk, shook his fist at Mr. Freeman. His eyes flashed with anger: "Come down from that place," he cried. "You are a usurper. You are a

> The factions, all party lines broken, roared and glared at each other. Angry words passed and repassed.

while Mr. Freeman was speaking and you," he cried.

said: "Now boys lets all leave." Freeman said: "Don't get excited This is a small matter. The journal o'clock.'

Claud Dockery walked near the clerk's desk and said: "Gentlemen hear me. We will settle this matter at this session of the legislature and fairly, but I protest against this revolutionary business."

o'clock. The whole affair had occupied but nine minutes, but minutes seemed hours.

be impeached." There were others, "Cook must be impeached. He is not our speaker. He will not act fairly." There were loud curses of Cook, who by this time had left the hall, for his ignoring the demand for a division on

result the lease question will be dragged around the state in the mire of politics. He said this question was now a political question; that this fact caused today's disgraceful proceedings. He expressed doubt that there would be a quorum next Monday, He wanted the lease question settled now and squarely. He declared the commit-

> port today. He said the question before the house was Mr. Blackburn's motion that the bill be taken from the committee.

preliminary to the question whether the Southern railway should have the North Carolina railway at a less price than the people say should be paid; that it was said the supreme court would not file an opinion in twenty-four hours, yet is is desired to railroad the bill through the house. He said they knew the wrath of the people would smite them if they did not get it out of politics (applause). The substitute

as the Southern railway wants to settle it

Mr. Dockery said the bill was certainly not on the calendar. He wanted to give the supreme court time to give an opinion, and that Mr. Blackburn's otion be deferred until 11 o'clock tomorrow, and that at noon sharp the vote be taken; that the supreme court's opinion would, of course, not be judicial, but would largely influence his

resolution which was read by him as follws: "Resolved. That the substitute lease bill be made a special order for 1 o'clock tomorrow. That the special committee in charge of this substitute be requested and directed, and required to report the substitute bill at that hour, whether or not a decision of the supreme court shall have been rendered

this substitute bill not later than 2 o'clock of the same day. That the supreme court be requested to consider the legal effect of accepting the substitute bill and render decision as soon as possible for the benefit of the house.' It was 6 o'clock when the vote was

completed. The result was-yeas, 61: navs 55. There was some applause at the announcement.

Resolved by the house of representa-

posed by the committee, was then taken up and read as follows:





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men on earth and he has hung on like Is the word this Spring, but cheap regarding a bulldog. This criminal prosecution vas quite a surprise. Swinson makes quality. Everything is not cheap unless it demand for full pay for the entire legislative session. The members of the large delegation has quality to back it. Either THIS OR here from Goldsboro to protest against NEXT WEEK our stock will be fully in. If the passage by the house of the senate bill putting Goldsboro under control of we fail in SUITING you it shall not be our a police commission tried hard to get a hearing before the committee, but with

JNO. 8. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT.

fault.

tion and on election day. Senator Whedbee, republican, said he control of the people and place them

in the hands of the governor, power should not be delegated to any one be heard in this matter and the legislature should name the officers. It would be fearful. There has been too

SENATE.

done and what we are about to do. I to tell you there is a future and we will hear from the people about these matters. It is a high handed measure

ask us to endorse its action."

believed before long, under local taxa. be a political measure. These asylums should be governer by competent and just officers, regardless of their politics. He added: "If we are going to do

done what is the use of having a poptraitor."

Suddenly H. A. Gudger appeared

stood beside him. Mr. Freeman was entreating the house to be quiet, to listen to him. "I am not going to hurt

Gudger leaned over the desk and

shows we have taken a recess until 3

Mr. Freeman stepped down at 12:12

There were cries, "Freeman ought to

tee had not done its duty failing to re-Suddenly Mr. Lusk rushed to the Mr. Hartness said this fight was only

ous and revolutionary proceedings. Be accompaniment of yells and cries

says we will not rob you for ninetynine years but only for thirty-six. He said people ought to destroy those who seek thus to work against their interests. There is a fatal addition; that the matter is to be taken out of politics, not as the people wanted it taken, but

What will they do afterwards? Will any of them return to their party? They are now outcasts and absolutely de pend on the republicans for what they get.

Places have to be provided for these bolters. So yesterday when a bill was up to give to the legislature the election of the clerk of the railway commission. your correspondent asked a bolter who was to get this place. He replied C. C. Fagan. And so it is all the way. Every one of the twenty-one bolters will get

vote. He then prepared the following a place. The legislature has altered the license tax on insurance companies so it is \$200 for fire and accident, and \$250 for life

companies. It is the talk here that Governor Russell will see that his law partner, Dave Sutton, gets the position of mayor Wilmington. Sutton said yesterday he was thinking of going to Seattle. He remarked recently that he might run for congress in the Sixth district. affecting it. That a vote be taken upon The dispensary bills are passing. The liquor men have made a strenuous fight

against them. The bill for Asheville and Buncombe county is the only one checked. The scenes at the trial of the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house yesterday afternoon and last

night, in the mayor's office, were amus-ing and novel. A. L. Swinson, the exenrolling clerk, who caused their arres for breaking into his office, was on The resolution often referred to op-

hand. He is one of the most obstinate

governor by this legislature. He added: "Mark my words, we are going to he held responsible for what we have

the Piraeus under sealed orders .---- W. S. New Hanover Society for Prevention of Chambers, of Alabama, is to be chief justice of Samoa .- The prime minister of Greece says the Greek troops have gone to Crete to stay, that Greece had rather Bern.

he wiped off the map of Europe than draw back from the position she has taken .---Italy calls Turkey to account for firing across the bows of an Italian mail steamer in the Dardanelles .--- Albanians disarm two Turkish battalions and appropriate their arms. pany.

THE FIRST TO GET "PIE.".

The New Penitentiary Superintendent. Exciting Scenes Expected in the House Today-The Fight Over the Lease Bill Yesterday-Case Against Reynolds Dis-

(Special to The Messenger.) Faleigh, N. C., March 5 .- The governor today commissioned John R. Smith

superintendent of the penitentiary and he takes charge tomotrow. A wellknown republican informed me

that Governor Russell drew the bill mittee met which was intrduced in the legislature two years ago to place the North Car-

olina railway in the hands of George W. Smathers as state proxy. It is said tonight by people who pro-

fess to surely know, that the directors of the North Carolina railroad will ratify the thirty-six year lease, There was all sorts of talk this afternoon and

evening about what may happen in the house tomorrow. Some said it was not believed there would be a quorum. Others said it was the plan to load down the lease bill with amendments. It is learned tonight that the Magistrates who yesterday tried the case against Lieutenant Governor Reynolds still support the bill. and Speaker Hileman for breaking into

the office of the enrolling clerk will dismiss the case and discharge Reynolds. Hileman was discharged last evening (By Southern Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—The North Carolina railroad lease question was made a special order in the house of represen-tatives today at 12 o'clock. At that hour tatives today at 12 o clock. At that hour those opposed to the lease raised such a howi against considering the Grant sub-stitute, with Representative Cook in the chair temporarily, that the enemies of the bill were successful in adjourning the house until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At that session it was agreed to consider At that session it was agreed to consider the matter tomorrow, at which time the matter will either be disposed of or the present tactics of those against the lease to defer action will prevail and let it go by without legislative action, with the view of bringing suit by the governor against the contract with the North Car-oline reduced. lina railroad.

Cyclones and Floods.

Huntington, W. Va., March 5 .- The hurricane in southwest Virginia at 2 o'clock this afternoon proved far more disastrous than the recent flood. Hundreds of buildings were unroofed, and many of the smaller ones were upset. The south end of Marshall college building collapsed, of Marshall college building collapsed, causing a panic, and many ladies fainted and had to be carried from the building. In Central City every industry in the town suffered a heavy loss, while the massive chimneys on Washington school fell through the roof and went to the second floor. A dozen children were more or less injured. Several churches were hadly damaged. Louisville, Ky., March 5.-A cyclone did

badly damaged. Louisville, Ky., March 5.—A cyclone did considerable damage in central Kentucky this morning. At Winchester several buildings were unroofed and three new ones demolished. At Mount Sterling the great McBrayer distillery was unroofed. The Louisville and Nashville round house, at Rowland, was wrecked, and property suffered severely at Stanford.

at Rowland, was wrecked, and property suffered severely at Stanford. Southern Indiana was flooded last night by the heaviest rain in years. The Bal-timore and Ohio Southwestern has three heavy washouts near Seymour, and the Pennsylvania two. The bridge on the Tyanspille and Richmond, between Bed-ford and Seymour, is washed out. One train was wrecked by going through a culvert.

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Crime: also the bills to amend the charters of Laurinburg and of New NIGHT SESSION. The senate reassembled at 8 o'clock

Bills passed as follows: To incorporate the Bladen and Coumbus Railway and Lumber Com-

T incorporate the Duplin and Wayn Railway and Lumber Company. To create the state board of equaliza

The special order was taken up, be ng the bill to revise and consolidate the charter of Wilson.

This /blll was reported unfavorably by the committee on corporations. minority report was filed, recommendng its passage.

Senator Grant said the democrats were in the majority when the com-

> Senator Ray said not a single demo crat voted on the bill in committee either one way or the other.

Senator McCaskey said the demo rats voted by a rising vote. Senator Ray denounced it and de

fied any man to prove that a single democrat voted either by rising or viva voce. Senator Grant showed by his speech be taken up.

that he did not care whether the committee's report was unfavorable or not; that he would vote for the bill because it was a republican measure, and though the populists on the committee voted unfavorable he would

> Senator Anderson, republican, sai there appeared before the committee of which he was chairman, several persons, of different political parties,

who opposed the passage of the bill and that was the reason it was reported unfavorably; that prominen republicans and populists appeared before the committee and opposed the bill and he (Anderson) would stand by the report.

Senator Sharpe, of Iredell, said he did not know whether it was a good measure or not. From his speech it vas gathered that his object in wanting the bill to pass was it would make the representative from Wilson county one of the commissioners.

Senator Justice opposed turning over

tities and towns to negroes and irre sponsible parties and he expected do so as long as he lived. He asked Senator Sharp, of Wilson, who the person was who is named as one the police commissioners. Senator Sharpe answered he was a nember of the house from Wilson. "Who is Bach? "He is a citizen of Wilson." "How long he he lived in the town?" "Not long, I believe, but he has been n the county some time." . "Who is Peacock, named as a com

missioner?" "Oh, he is a colored man." "Well," said Senator Justice, "this is a class of people you want to rule your

town."

Senator Justice moved to table the bill and the motion prevailed.

The bill came up to take the asylums at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro out of present hands and give

Senator Justice said the democrats in 1877 would not turn out the republicans when they had a chance. Senator McCaskey called the previous question and the roll call was demanded. The bill passed-ayes, 25; noes, 25; the chair voting aye. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. There was the greatest legislative sensation here today ever known in

walked around to the reporter's desk North Carolina. It occurred in the and spoke of his hoarsness. He was house of representatives. At 11:58 very calm. o'clock Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland,

member of the committee to investigate the lease of the North Carolina railway, to which the senate substitute bill was referred, arose. Mr. Cook, who is chairman of that special committee, was in the chair. Mr. Lusk conduct made us ten votes.' presided during the earlier part of the

session and Speaker Hileman, who was Governor Russell was in his office so hoarse that he spoke with difficulty, sat on the left of Mr. Cook Mr. Sutton asked consent to call up the resolution asking the supreme court to give tomorrow its opinion in the matter of the substitute for the lease bill. the second floor. There he met the ad-

His purpose was to gain time. Mr. Blackburn sprang to his feet and as the hands of the clock pointed to really was.

noon declared that the hour set for the special order-the senate substitute lease bill-had arrived and that it must Both he and Mr. Sutton kept or

heir feet. Demands were poured at the speaker to recognize one or the other. Conspicuous among those who stitutions cried out were Messrs. Sutton of Cumberland, Hancock and Alexander. Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, said he wanted

the special order held up until the resolution was acted on. He wanted de-

Then the storm burst. Mr. Blackburn said: "You know that

under the resolution adopted by this house no resolution can be introduced save by unanimous consent. You know that the journal shows that the resolution was not introduced. I move that the house concur in the senate substitute.'

Then confusion broke loose. Twenty nembers were on the floor at once all shouting, all protesting, some one way, some another. The two factions arrayed themselves. For two or three minutes the uproar continued.

Mr. Person, of Wayne, moved that he house take a recess until 3 o'clock. There was a roar of protests: "Vote down, vote it down," and amid the din, the voices of Mr. Alexander, the two Suttons and Mr. Hancock could be heard seconding the motion. The aisles filled. Mr. Cook put the motion. There was a burst of "Aye," drowned by a sweeping rush of "No," which rattled to the dome and descended in a torrent of sound.

"Division," shouted Messrs. Black ourn, Murphy and forty 1.ore; but Mr. Cook declared the house had taken a recess until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Blackburn strode up the aisle "That is false," he cried. "I appeal from the decision of the chair."

The scene at this moment was indescribable. Mr. Cook left the chair as he gavel fell. He stepped to the rear

lobby. The uproar raged. Pandemonium broke loose. Members rushed to the front Some out on their hats and

the vote to adjourn. Mr. Cook's partisans declared he had a perfect right to declare the house adjourned.

Mr. Blackburn sprang on the desk and shouted: "Give us tair play. We won't be gagged.' The anti-Cook men declared he knew

the substitute supporters were in the majority and had won the fight. Speaker Hileman, as matters quieted,

By 12:25 o'clock barely a dozen members were in the hall. The lately gorged galleries were empty. The quiet after the storm was almost startling. Out from the capitol the people poured.

Groups of excited talkers were seen everywhere. Anti-Cook men said: "His

beneath the hall. At the first roar above his head he thought the building was falling. Then he ran out and up stairs; nor did he stop until he reached the head of the stairway on

> vance guard of the people rushing out of the hall and found what the trouble

AFTERNOON SESSION. At 3 o'clock Speaker Hileman called the house to order. The proceedings began tamely. The speaker was so hoarse he could scarcely be heard.

Mr. Parker, of Perquimans, sent in a report of the committee on penal in-Mr. Blackburn moved that the spe-

cial order be taken up as unfinished business-the senate substitute for the lease bill. Mr. Alexander at once said: "I move

o adjourn until 9 o'clock." Mr. Murphy seconded Mr. Blackourn's motion.

Mr. Hancock said: "A motion is made to take up unfinished business. Now I rise to question the motion of Mr. Blackburn, or to question the object of the motion. There was no unfluished business when the house adjourned."

Mr. Brower said he thought the legislature was acting under parliamentary rules; that the Reed rules were the latest; that these provided that the unfinished business shall be taken up that the unfinished business was Mr. Blackburn's motion to concur in the senate substitute to the lease bill. He

asked for a ruling The speaker said Mr. Blackburn's motion was before the house.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, said the substitute was not before the house; that it was not an original bill, but new bill.

The speaker said that while the sub titute was made the special order, the ommittee was not ordered to report the bill and no motion made to in struct the committee to report.

Mr. Cook insisted that a grave constitutional question was involved; that the bill was not constitutional is

now under advisement. Mr. Murphy said the bill was maid the special order for today; that the order was mandatory to the committee, express and direct, to report the bill today at noon; that the bill was

before the house Mr. Lusk said the committee should not be asked to report until it has the

tives. That the chief justice and assojustices of the supreme court be resepctfully requested to examine the bill now pending before the house entitled "an act to prescribe terms upon which foreign railroad corporations may become corporate in this state and for other purposes" and to communi-cate through the speaker of the house the exception of the North Carolina an opinion of the question whether i bill shall be passed by both houses and ratified, it will become operative before its ratification by the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company, and that the members of the court be further respectfully requested communicate their opinion to the

session of the house of representatives to be held on Saturday, the 6th inst. if they shall find it consistent with their duty to the public to do so. Resolved further, That the speaker of the house be requested to send a copy

of the bill, with these resolutions, immediately to the chief justice of the supreme court. The resolutions were adopted and the house took a recess

NIGHT SESSION

The house met at 9 o'clock. Mr. Cook asked leave to introduce a resolution in regard to the opinion of the supreme court in the North Carolina railway lease matter, but unanimous consent was not given, which under the rules,

is necessary. By leave Mr. Bryan, of Chatham, withdrew his bill, which passed its second reading last night, providing for the election of the clerk of the railway ommission by the legislature. He said the matter had been amicably settled. The programme was that C. C. Fagan. a populist bolter, should be elected clerk. The compromise must mean that commission will elect Fagan or that he is to be "given something equally as good." Mr. Bryan said the

ommission wanted to elect its clerk. Bills passed as follows: To charter the Bladen and Columbus Railroad and Lumber Company and the Duplin and Wayne railroad and Lumber Company.

To give the state treasurer discre

tionary power as to paying out appropriations so he can pay them quarterly or semi-annually, instead of annually. The bill to create the office of prose-

cuting attorney for the Eastern criminal circuit court was discussed. Mr. Hancock, whose bill it was, said it did not take away a single fee of a

superior court solicitor in the counties composing the district. Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, said the bill interfered very seriously with solicitors, as it took all criminal cases out

of their hands; that Solicitors Daniels, Sewell, Bernard and Richardson opposed it; that it was simply to create another office and make a place for

somebody. Mr. Hancock said there was politics in the bill. He said Bernard was not in the district, now that Vance was taken out; that all save New Hanover

and Craven were under democratic solicitors. He said as to Solicitor Daniels that he was elected by fraud. Mr. Cunningham appealed to the

house not to pass so unjust and unfair a bill and strike at the solicitors duly elected; that it was a gerrymander. Mr. Dockery offered an amendment providing that the solicitors now elect. ed shall have control of criminal dockets in their counties whenever they

are present-adopted, Mr. Hancock

railway lease bill no reference of senate bills which come to the house is made, and so the Goldsboro bill was on th alendar, where Senator Grant, its promoter, wants it to be. It is said Sena tor Grant is having this bill passed in spite against the people of Goldsboro. Revenue officers made a lively raid esterday east of here and captured hree illicit distilleries. Work begins in a few days on the

Public Schools of Edgecombe.

Mossenger Bureau, Park Hotel.

today that, outside of Representatives

Hancock, Sutton, of Cumberland; and

Sutton, of New Hanover; Governo

Russell had only two friends in the leg-

islature-Senators Sharp and Cannon

The attitude of the bolting populists

puzzling. They are of course after

what is in sight, but the statement of

their chairman, made yesterday, that

they consider their "contract" with the

republicans terminates the moment the

legislature adjourns, is interesting.

the latter a very recent convert.

new Presbyterian church here. It will e a costly building. The hearing of the matter of the leas

of the North Carolina railway before the house special committee did not end until 10 o'clock last night. The comtee gave notice it would be continue The counsel for the governor

(Judge Avery) wanted subpoenas for a majority of the private stockholders. The system of county supervision in augurated by Superintendent Scarborough was re-enacted on Wednesday last. The colored teachers of Edgecombe ounty made the chief effort for returning to the old system, many of its eachers wrote individual letters to

Senator Butler, and sent a special representative from among their numbe (C. M. Eppes) to Raleigh to secure friends for the bill. This representative is enthusiastic over the success of the school bill and is fulsome in his praise of Dockery and Young, republicans Cunningham, Dixon and Walters, dem ocrats, and names Blackburn, republ can, as the arch enemy of negro tion and the common schools. Eppes says the colored teachers of Edgecombe desire the people of North Carolina to know that the common schools of Edgecombe have been managed for eighteen years without the semblance of partisanship. The white people are as liberal as any in the state, and although they own the property, the

negro schools have averaged months while the whites run five and a half months. The colored teachers and intelligent element are perfectly satisfied with the past administration of their schools.

The Pugilists at Practice.

Carson, Nev., March 5 .- The "northwester" which blew up last night left the highways as dry as a board. All the pugilists were out on the road be fore noon and each of them worked out o the satisfaction of the critics. The chief interest centred about Corbett. He had practically loafed for two days and great things were expected from him. Nobody was disappointed. Break fast out of the way, Jim threw on a sweater and called out his dog, Laddie. Together they rambled over the hills in the direction of Empire, disturbing a few jack rabbits and dodg ing around innumerable boulders. Cor-bett does not fancy road work. He claims that it stiffens his legs and im-

OFFICE OF CHESNUTT & BARRENTINE him so many blows. Over at Fitzkimmons' quarters th regulation programme went through without a hitch. Bob took a morning Shoe Dealers, No. 30 Front Street, where we walk and a rub down and put in two

pairs his rapid foot work, which saves

ours in the afternoon, wrestling wit Roeber, sparring with Hickey and Stenseler, and punching the bag. Very few spectators paid admission to the gymnasium, and altogether it was a duft day all around the Cornishman

cottage A Big Lumber Fire

Norfolk, Va., March 5 .- Fire this af ernoon broke out in the lumber shed of the South Norfolk Lumber Company hree miles from this city and destroy ed 2,225,000 feet of seasoned pine lum ber, the property of the Courtland Lun ery and wharves.



