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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE It is found that the legislature passed

a separate act for appointment of for filing claims for refund of direct on file at that time will be paid-The at Mocksville, is burned.

DOMESTIC. Consul General Lee informs the state department of the release from-prison of the house of representatives has reof cargo of arms to Cuban ports; it had general would give no positive opinthe treasury department-The floods

FOREIGN. dent in Constantinople are planning

Time for Refunding Direct Land Tax Ex-

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., March 19.-The governor announces that all applications for refunding of the direct land tax. should have been made to him by or before March 2nd as the time then expired by statue, but that all on file before that date can be paid any time thereafter. About sixty are on file.

Asheville Police Justice Appointed. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 19.-It was discovered this afternoon, that an act proor of a police justice for Asheville was a separate act and is all right. The governor at once commissioned Eu-

Left Her Secretary \$40,000,000.

It is seldom that a private secreas Mr. John Scott Murray, who is of the day's debates recalled the found to have been constituted by the palmy days of the Fifty-first and Fifat about \$40,000,000. At the time when was ill concealed animosity between Sir Richard Wallace succeeded to the property of his brother, the fourth nority, growing out of the race for to the extent of \$18,000,000.

land. Scotland and Ireland, nor yet his | its history possessions on the continent, where he by far the larger moiety of his fortune was located abroad.

in 1890 he left everything that he possersed to his widow, and it is well known that he had vastly increased his great fortune during the twenty years that he enjoyed it by means of extensive sales of real estate. Lady Wallace now has died, and while leaving the magnificent and priceless art expression of their views, collections formed by Sir Richard Wal- Consent was given for the consent was given lace and by the late Marquis of Hertford to the Brisish nation, she has bequeathed everything else, not to her her widowhood.

ray was invaluable to both Sir Rich- ation under the five minute rule, the ard and Lady Wallace as private sec-retary. Not only did he possess pertact and excellent breeding, but, "he was so pleasant faced, 4 so comely, such an impersonification of | exubriant health and athletic vigor zell and Dingley, and opposed by that it did one good to look at him. Messrs. McMillin and Bland, whose Moreover, he was always good temper-ed, even when Sir Richard and Lady plause by his democratic associates; Wallace were most irritable and blue.

There has just died, in the Great Yar-

known to Methodist all over the world as " the Norfolk Bean Grower." The older generation of Methodists will remember the circumstances that gave him his curious nickname. Riches was at that time a prosperous farmer and which falled at the last session of concorn merchant, and the leading lay preacher in the eastern counties. Presiding one night at a meeting in aid and the Indian . of mission work, he received from some person in the audience a bag of beans, debate on each bill, the bills to be read with the request that any tenant of in extenso. Prelimianry to the discusland who was present should be invited

The first year's crop Riches kept for seed. The second year's crop was most prolific, and again he kept it. The Millin said: "The gentleman from Tenthird year his land was insufficient to nessee will keep cool and the gentle-grow all of them, but his zeal in work-man from Texas cannot heat him." ing out the plan enabled him to persuade several neighboring far hers to accommodate him with land. A very considerable sum was realized, and a North Carolina, voting against their great meeting was organized at Mr. Spurgeon's tabernacle, at which the resolution. proceeds were handed over to the mission fund. Riches's fame spread abroad | nays on this proposition brought out a and his portrait was sold everywhere. hot protest by Mr. Henderson, repub-Unfortunately he was overtaken by lican, of Iowa, who charged that it family troubles and business losses, was a violation of the agreement with and gradually sank into penury, ending Messrs. Bailey and McMillin, that no his life this week in a work house at the age of 71. He surely deserved at denied making any such promises, but lost and many persons were injured. the hands of his coreligionists a better the atmosphere was quite heated in fate.-Westminster Gazette.

Chicago's New Postmaster. Vashington, March 19.-The presigent has nominated Charles U. Gordon agricultural and Indian bills to be disto be postmaster at Chicago.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

SENATOR BUTLER INTRODUCES A BILL THEREFOR.

A Flood of Bills in the Senate-A Communication From the Governor of Oreigon-Confirmations by the Senate-Indications of a Lively Session in the House the House-Time Fixed for Passing the Tariff Bill - Two Appropriation Bills

SENATE. Washington, March 19.-The calendar

read setting out, in detail, facts to show that (the house of representatives not having been regularly organized) there has been no session of the state egislature since February, 1895. The object of the communication, which was referred to the committee on privileges and elections, was to prove that rapidly increasing; there are fears or the governor had the right of appoint-

most of them pension bills, were introduced. Among them was one by Senator Butler, of North Carolina, to establish a Postal telegraph system; and one by Senator Chandler as to first and second class mail matter.

.The resolution offered vesterday by Senator Gear 'directing the attorney general to furnish a copy of the record of proceedings in the foreclosure suit against the Union Pacific railroad was taken up and agreed to

A resolution was reported from the nmittee on contigent expenses and on finance to employ additional clerical On motion of Senator Davis, acting

proceeded to executive business, and at 4 o'clock p. m., adjourned till Monday The senate today confirmed the following nominations: Charles U. Gordon, postmaster at Chicago: John Hay, of the District of Columbia, ambassador to Great Britain; Horace Porter, of New York, ambassador to France; Henry White, of Rhode Island, secretary of embassy at London; Perry S. Heath, of Indiana, to be first assistant postmaster general.

Senator Allen occupied the first fifteen minutes of the executive session scolding the democrats and republicans for not organizing the senate and probusiness. His remarks were called out by the fallure of the senate to fill the existing vacancies in the committees, Senator Chandler replied that the senator from Nebraska knew very well the feal destination was Constantithat neither the democrats nor the re- nople. publicans had the power alone to organize the senate.

Senator Davis, after this little breeze had blown over, addressed the senate in favor of the ratification of the treaty of arbitartion with Great Britain. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The first legislative day of the house the Fifty-fifth congress gave every indication of an unusually lively session, and also of an intention to make a record for extraordinary rapid disposition of business. The out-The latter may be roughly computed opinion as to action and policy, there Marquis of Hertford, probate duty leadership of that party on the floor, was paid upon personality in England If today's proceedings may be taken as in any wise typical of the work of the This did not include either the ex- house, the session will take rank with tensive estates of the Marquis in Eng- the most tumultuous that have marked

The ball was opened promptly upon spent the major portion of his life, only assembling, in the presence of crowded rarely visiting England. Indeed, it was galleries. Mr. Dingley, from the comassembling, in the presence of crowded stated at the time of his demise that mattee on ways and means, returned the tariff bill, with a recommendation that it do pass, which, with the ac-At the death of Sir Richard Wallace | companying report, was placed on the calendar.

In connection with this, Mr. McMillin called attention to what he termed the "colossal injustice" done the minority of the committee on ways and means, in thus reporting the bill before they had had time to prepare an Consent was given for the minority

to file their views Monday. This having been done, Mr. Dalzell, grandchildren, but to the stalwart and ed a resolution from the committee on good looking young Englishman who rules providing for the consideration of after serving her husband for years the tariff bill. It called for general as private secretary fulfilled the same debate, beginning on Monday next, and including Thursday, the 25th in-became the inseparable companion of stant, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 11 'clock p. m., with a recess from 5 to It must be admitted that Mr. Mur- 8 o'clock. Then there is to be considerbill to be open for amendment until 3 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, the 31st instant, when the voting on the amendnents and bill shall begin.

This was advocated by Messrs, Dal-Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Bailey, of Texas There was much cross-firing in this discussion, a colloquy between Mr. resvener and Mr. McMillin affording great satisfaction to their respective partisans. The resolution was agreed to-179 to 132-a party vote, save that Mr. Howard, populist, of Alabama, voted in the affirmative with the re-

This being settled, Mr. Henderson reperied a resolution providing for the passage of the appropriation bills gress, in this order: The sundry civil the general deficiency, the agricultural

The resolution allowed forty minutes sion of this resolution, Messrs. Mcresolution. In conclusion, Mr. Sayers suggested that Mr. McMillin would do better to keep cool, to which Mr. Mc-The resolution was adopted after an nour's discussion-173 to 116, Messrs.

The demand for a vote by yeas and diliatory motions would be made. They consequence of their action. At Mr. Cannon's urgent solicitation

Tobacco Factory Burned. the house remained in session until a late hour and passed the sundry civil co factory of H. E. Robertson & Son, and general deficiency bills, leaving the tle insurance.

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

Corbett Talked in a Strange Way to Siles Before the Fight and Got "an Ever Break."

(Baltimore Sun.) Carson, Nev., March 19 .- Just before he fight an interesting conversation took place in Corbett's dressing room at the arena, between the ex-champion and Referee George Siler. Corbett

"George, I want to win this fight fairly?" "How do you think that you are gong to win it that you make such a

remark as that?" asked Siler.

"Oh, I don't mean any reflection on you," rejoined Corbett. "But there are ots or my friends from San Francisco at the ringside, and they will not stand it to see me lose. If Martin Juian goes into that ring, he will have the whole top of his head blown off." "That means, I suppose," said Siler that if I don't do just right the whole op of my head will be blown off." "Not at all," Corbett replied; "but my friends will not stand for me to

"I will tell you one thing," said Stier,"
"and that is, the very best you are
going to get out of this thing will be an even break. That is all you are entitled to, and it is all you are going to get. That is all Fitzsimmons has coming to him and he will get just that and nothing more. It is possible that I may lose my head and make a mistake, but I am going to be careful and I will see hat both of you will get an even break and nothing more." Corbett again declared that he had ot meant that any attempt would be

made to intimidate the referee, but that he feared the feelings of his friends could not be restrained in case hey saw him losing. The end of the fight, however, was so quick and so decisive that there was no room for argument on the part of seconds, Corett or any one else. Jackson and Walling to Haug Today.

Newport, Ky., March 19.-Jackson and are now safely locked up in a cell in the county jail. Everything is in readiness for the execution, which takes place at noon tomorrow. A telegram from Frankfort says that troops will eave Frankfort on the Midland road at 3 o'clock this afternoon Frankfort, Ky., March 19.-Governor

Bradley has again decided not to interfere with the sentence of the court in the case against Scott Jackson and both will take place tomorrow. He publicly announced his final determination in the case after carefully reading the confessions of the two men for chairman of the committee on foreign a second time, and studying over the relations, the senate at 12:50 o'clock record in the case until 3 o'clock this

Greek Uprising in Constantinople Feared Galtaz Roumania, March 19.-It is reported in Greek circles here that the Greeks in Gonstantinople, of whom 30,-000 are well armed, are plotting a revolt against the Sultan's government. The report says that advantage is being taken of the fact that apart from the Sultan's body guard, there are few Turkish troops at Constantinople, all available forces having been sent to the Greek frontier, and that in the event of an uprising at Constantinople it would be impossible to recall troops from the frontier in time to make them large body of Greeks left here, ostensibly for Greece, but it is now said that

An Important Building and Loan Decision Knoxville, Tenn., March 19.-Judge Clark of the United States court today and Loan suit by discharging all the receivers. He based his action-upon the report of Special Master Caldwell. The master's report was full and comof affairs had been reached. The assocition is declared solvent, and to probursts of partisan rancor in the course | tect it Judge Clark leaves his injunction standing, preventing other bills being filed. It was proven that Mrs. will of the late Lady Wallace, the ty-second congresses, while beside Johnson, who was the complainant in chief legatee of her enormous fortune. these not unexpected differences of the suit, had not complied with the the suit, had not complied with the by-laws, inasmuch as she had not given sixty days notice of withdrawal. The association will now continue business at the old stand.

Servia Takes a Hand Against Turkey Constantinople, March 19.-The serious attention of the porte has been called by the Servian minister here to the state of things existing in the province of Kossivo, where, the minister asserts, in consequence of mobilization of the Turkish reserves, the Christians have become panic stricken. The minister also calls attention to the resent attack of a Moslem upon the Austrian-Servian consuls in a cafe at Usukub, in the province of that name. Servia, he said, had maintained a perfectly correct attitude during the will put a stop to the existing situation; otherwise the consequences might

Conflict Between State and Federal Courts Richmond, Va., March 19.-Application has been made to the court of appeals on behalf of the railroad commissioner, General Hill, for a mandamus, compelling the Winchester and Strasburg Railroad Company to run its trains into Strasburg in compliance with the provisions of its charter. As the greater part of the stock of the Winchester and Strasburg railroad is owned by he Baltimore and Ohio railroad, a very interesting question is likely to come up regarding the rights of state courts to mandamus a corporation in the hands of the United States court. The bill is returnable April 30th.

Turkish Consuls Ordered From Thessaly London, March 19 .- According to a dispatch from Larissa, the Turkish consuls in Thessaly have been authorized by the porte to vacate their posts and 'return' to Constantinople should they deem such action advisable. This, the report says, is in consequence of the consuls having called the attention of the porte to the threatening attitude of the Greeks on the frontier.

Washington, March 19.4 The old flat bottom gunboat Monacacy, which usually rests in the mud at Tien Tsin, year in and year out, has successfully accomplished her longest voyage in sev-eral years, a cablegram to the navy de-district occurred at 7 o'clock this evland who was present should be invited to grow them and devote the proceeds to mission work. He accepted the idea to mission work. He accepted the idea to mission work. He accepted the idea to mission to the matter of continues of this resolution, Messrs. Most part and the matter of the mouth is 3.3 per cent. It is a cantegram to the navy department today announcing her safe south. Particulars are not available. Reports from other points in that section indicate restitive district occurrence of the mouth is 3.3 per cent. winter in the Pei Ho below Peking.

Vacancy in Mayoralty of Detroit. Lansing, Mich., March 19 .- The sureme court of Michigan decided today that the office of Mayor of Detroit became vacant when Hazen S. Pingree took the oath of office as governor of day proved incorrect, though tonight's Michigan, on January 1st. 'A new elecpolitical associates, who supported the tion must be held to elect another mayor of Detroit.

> Storms in Germany. Berlin, March 19.-High winds and

severe hail storms prevailed throughout the greater part of Germany last night, doing a great deal of damage in many places. Several lives were

Winston, N. C., March 19 .- The tobaclast night. The loss is heavy with litTHE WESTERN PLOODS.

THE MISSISSIPPI: SPREADING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

ppalling News From the Flooded Die tricts-The Whole Country Inundated. Levees Breaking and Whole Sections Deluged-Armed Men Guarding Levees List Rapidly Increasing-The Worst Not Yet Reached-The Waters Still Rising. Memphis, March 19 .- A further half nch rise, in the Mississippi means the devastation of property and probably loss of life unequalied in the flood history of this section. The rise is

be drowned fifty miles below Caruthersville, Mo. A stretch of country over 120 miles long, from a point 70 miles north of Memphis to a point 50 miles south of the Tennessee metropolis, is unerged in places to the depth, of ten feet. The fertile valleys of Tennessee and Arkansas are completely inundated and many lives have been lost and stock drowned, fencing and dwellings swept away, inhabitants destitute and homeless, and left to starve or drown by the remorselessly rising tide. rains and rapidly rising rivers, the floods from which will soon be emptied into the Mississippi adding to the danger, when hurled against the already weakened levees.

The levees are patrolled hourly by armed and desperate men, provided with sand bags to strengthen weak places or to close threatened crevices and rifles to shoot down any miscreant who would venture to cut the embankment and allow the waters threatening his plantation to find vent into the lowlands of his neighbors. The oods now partake of the nature of a As far as the eye can see, nothing

out water meets the gaze. Six hunthe Arkansas side of the river and taken to Memphis, but there are looded districts so situated that relief boats cannot reach the stricken island No. 39' 100 sufferers and

onsiderable live stock were rescued by the steamer Itasca. Neither man nor east had tasted food for over twentyfour hours. Human beings and help less brutes are huddled together, awaiting assistance all along the Iron Mountain and Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf tracks. Five hundred people vere forced to flee from the floods in Gavin, Ark., March 19 .- For many miles the country is flooded and the tracks. Hundreds of section hands are At every station the negroes are gathered, waiting to be taken away. Many get on the trains and are carried without pay. The list of fatilities is said to be long and probably never will be known. William Cartwright and Wil-

liam Cox, working on Judge Hodges' farm at Rosebud island, lost their lives Thursday by the upsetting of a "dug ut." Jake Carty was drowned at Gavin Thursday night from the same cause. Amanda Chipman, colored, just rrived from below, reports the death f six persons she could not name Charles Burkley, also, was drowned near Gavin. He could not manage a dug out. A mountain of household ion, while negroes, beg for help from every train crew. Houses along the road are submerged to roofs and catle standing in the fields with only their heads above water. Many corpses

Helena, Ark., March 19 .- The river at noon was within two inches of the nighest water on record here. The sun shone today after one of the most prolonged and heavy downpours of rain for many years, and the conditions are more hopeful. The observer urges people in the lowlands to move at once o higher grounds. The levees in front the city are having the attention of the officers of the city and the levees are being raised and strengthened. Heavy rains yesterday and last night have party inundated a portion of the northern suburbs of the city, but the water is now fast receding. The levees at Modoc are still holding, and, with the recent recruits to the already large of levee workers, there is a bright chance of maintaining the status quo. The levees on the Mississippi side appear to be in good shape. Cairo, Ills., March 19.—The river here rose four tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours and the prospect is which is 52.2 feet. The citizens have organized to be prepared to meet any emergency. Until the rise of the heavy rains are known, predictions as to the extent of the rise are impossible Birds Point is evidently under water, and the Cotton Belt and the Iron Mountain trains cannot enter Cairo. The steamer Mary Morton arrived rom the lower river this morning, reporting the levees intact from Osceola but momentarily fearing a break. The Morton rescued a large number of people and live stock. Nashville, Tenn., March 19.-The Sumberland river is rising. Rain fell all day yesterday and last night and

ontinued to come down incessantly oday. There is prospect of the greates: flood on record. The highest recorded water in the Cumberland river was in 1883, when it registered 55 feet, 9 feet higher than at present. Much damage has already resulted and more will follow when the flood increases. Large sections of east Nashville have been under water for several days. The river is already climbing to the business ouses on Front street. Boats are now anchored to the sidewalks and the prospect is that the first floors of outldings will be submerged. Dispatches from the southern counties of Tennessee and from northern Alabama eport tthirty-six hours of rainfall and terrible floods in the region. Great damage has been done to bridges and ences. Trains have stopped running on the Nashville, Florence and the Louisville, Ky., March 19.-A dispatch from Wycliffe, Ky., says that

part of the approach to the bridge over the Ohio at eastt Cairo, Ky., has been washed away, delaying traffic on the Illinois Central. More damage is ex-18 feet on the falls. One and thirtyeight hundredths inches of rain has expected. fallen in the past twenty-four hours. Memphis, Tenn., March 19 .- The latest break in the levee system in this than last year. The average of daily tion indicate positive distrust of a year and 50 in Canada, against 49 last great deal of system on the Mississlppi side, and other breaks are expected to occur at any moment. All that money, engineering and labor can do is being exerted, but the water pres-sure is very great. The break reported at Glendale, Miss., last night was tobreak is in that vicinity. The Carruth-ersville, Mo., break occurred about finance have begun the informal examdaylight yesterday morning.

Associations, urging them to agree to the volume of business from the cennot sufficient to warrant the periodical graphs relative to proposed changes reductions of rates made for these excursions, which are taken advantage that may be suggested in existing customs laws,

VIEWS OF THE EXPERTS.

A Clean Fight, They Say, and Muldoon Adds That Fitzsimmons Is the Better

Carson, March 18 .- Referee George Siler, in discussing the fight, said: "It looked for the first five rounds as if it was Corbett's fight. He had Fitz shaky and in the fifth I was forced for to Prevent Their Being Cut-The Death the first time to go in between the men to make Fitzsimmons breakaway. After that Corbett's blows were not as effective as before, and Fitz got stronger all the time. Barring a knockout by Fitz I believed that the only show Corbett had was to worry his man by degrees and follow him up until he was worn out. But the knockout blow

> "My construction of rule 12," said Siler, permitting hits in the clinches and breakaways made a fairer fight than the general public expected. The supposition was that it would be a rough and tumble fight and that the men would hug and wrestle, but I figured that if hitting in the clinches and breakaways was permitted, the men would be more than careful in clinches, and that there would be no punching at such times. I was correct. Muldoon, in describing the final blow, "The men had clinched in the corner,

> Corbett instead of stepping back, as he should have done, simply leaned the upper part of his body back. The movement caused the bone at the lower part of the chest to protrude. Fitz saw opportunity and quick as a flash delivered a right upper-cut. The blow caught Corbett right under this protruding bone and over the spleen. No man living could have stood up under the pain that such a blow must have

"It was the prettiest and best fight that ever occurred between big men. Corbett had plenty of steam in his part of Fitzsimmons' anatomy. should have finished Bob in the fifth My former criticism of Corbett's training methods still holds good. He practiced boxing with slow, poor boxers, while Fitzsimmons had the cleverest men to be obtained. Corbett is a beautiful boxer, but Fitz is a greater fighter. He is the better man of the two."

Charles White, Corbett's second:

advised Corbett to use generalship and keep away from Fitz, but he was so confident that he insisted on 'mixing up.' He is much the better man. The chance blow did it." Despite the defeat of his man White was congratulated on all sides for his work in putting the ex-champion into

the superb condition in which he entered the ring. "I consider it of the highest importance," he said, in explaining his system, "to get from a first-class physic striving to keep it back with dirt bags, cian an accurate opinion on the condition of the fighter before beginning work on him. Upon that opinion the tarining must be based, the work being to suit the man. The exercise must begin gradually, the speed and weight of the work being gradually increased up to within a short time before the fight. Then the different exercises must be shifted daily; so that those in which he is the weakest or slowest shall be used at wide intervals, thus bunching the kind of work in which the man

shows the best form.
"As the time for the contest draws near the boxing should be done at the hour at which the fight is to occur, and goods is piled up at every ratiroad sta- great care should be taken in the roawork to prevent injury to the wind. In training Corbett I hammered his face, arms and breast every night with small bags containing, a powdered preparation, which hardened the skin. hogs and cows are washed up by would certainly have beaten Fitzsimmons if he had practiced his usual ring tactics and stayed away. The infighting is Fitzsimmons' own game, and that is where he won."

Dunn & Co's Report. New York, March 19 .- R. G. Dun & Co., will say tomorrow in their weekly review of trade: Tough steadily increasing, business is still much below its volume in former years of prosperity, and many express disappointment. Yet there is some gain every week, with more hands at work, and more mills in operation, and the sure rise, with larger purchases for consumption, cannot be long delayed. In some branches ft is felt already. There is larger distribution of finished products, and the demand for commercial loans has harply increased, especially in dry goods and the iron and steel branches. The progress of iron and that it will go to the high water mark, steel industry is hindered by uncertainty regarding the cost of lake ore, for the coming year, though the repeated adjournment of producers' meetings is interpreted as evidence that an agreement will be ultimately reached. While there is no great activity in finished products, the demand steadily increases. Contracts for several great buildings at Chicago are pending and for a good many bridges and other railroad works, and the demand for wire nails, and for wire does not abate, nor the demand for black sheets required in the tin plate manufacture. very large orders, it is claimed, a prices below those generaly quoted.

Although shipments of boots and shoes are almost as large as in many previous years, it is announced that one or two of the largest works have closed for want of orders. At the same time many other concerns are taking No change whatever appears in quotations of leather this week, and the Chicago markt for hides fluctuate?

without definite tendency, although the slight changes reported are downward. While manufacturers of cotton goods are looking forward with much confidence, the present demand is not equal to expectations, nor has the curtailment in production of print cloths accomplished the desired change in condition. The buying of wool, mainly of a speculative character in expectation of new duties, continues remarkably large. Sales at the three chief markets of the past week were 10,891,-900 pounds

No great increase has yet appeared in the demand for goods, although a few more mills have found enough orders to start, perhaps in part antieipating a future demand. The expectapected. The river is rising here, with tion of new duties does not yet influence the goods markets as might be The volume of business indicated by

clearing house exchanges is smaller exchanges for the month is 3.3 per cent.

Taking Time by the Forelock,

ination of the measure. They will give the subject careful attention, and it Opposition to Home Seekers' Excursions is understood that their meetings are the crowds that always hover about tral Passenger Association lines have issued an appeal to the roads in the committee room when this subject is under investigation. The republican Southwestern, Western and Southern members have decided that no hearings Associations, urging them to agree to the withdrawal of home seekers' excursions entirely, on the ground that the withdrawal of home seekers' excursions entirely, on the ground that the withdrawal or type-written briefs which should be filed with the withdrawal trees. with the committee on finance. These traiPassenger Association territory is briefs should refer to specific paraA NEW DIRECTORATE

FOR THE ATLANTIC AND NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

The Old Board to Contest the Legality of the Appointment - Executive Department Officials in a Quandary-The Finest Crystal of Mica Ever Mined-To Endow St. Mary's School-Novel Prize Fight Bet. Death of W. G. Burkhead-Quoting Russell's Old Letters on Him. Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel,

Raleigh, N. C. March 19. Yesterday afternoon there was eeting of the board of internal improvements, at which Governor Russell and J. C. L. Harris were present, C. A. Cook, the other member, being came. It was one of the cleanest fights | at Washington. It was decided to apthat ever took place in a ring for the point a new board of directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina rallway, It was also decided that no information as to the mafter was to be given out until today, when the commissions were issued. Nevertheless, the news 'leaked." Today the following letter was sent each member of the old directorate: "You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the board of internal improvements, composed of the governor, Cook and Harris, held today, you were removed as a member of the

board of directors." Today commissions were issued to he new board, as follows: Robert Hancock (who is to be president), T. D. Hewitt, William H. Sawyer, Council Wooten, John F. Mewborne, W. J. Pope, E. H. Meadows. The old board will not retire without a legal contest and decision. Its mem-

ers claim that the new act, taking the road out of their hands, is unconstitutional in several features. The executive department people are a quandary as to the charter act. One of the great features of this was a provision that the governor should appoint a police justice. blows, but could not reach a vulnerable | who as far as all trials are concerned was to displace the mayor. But the plan to commission this police justice round, but he was not quick enough. fails, it seems. The act as ratified is not as introduced. The very portion which provoded for the appointment is gone. The private secretary who examined the bill says he cannot see that there is any power to appoint. Benjamin Knight, 60 years old, died it the soldiers' home this morning. During the war he served in Company H, Thirtieth regiment ,of Cumber-

> The largest and finest crystal of mica ever discovered was placed in the state museum yesterday. It weighs 104 pounds, and came from the Bowen mine, in Macon county. It is worth \$400. It has rained every day in save two. It is asserted that work was never more backward. The purpose of the three Episcopal dioceses in this state is to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of St. Mary's female school here.

At the term of court which begins here next week three persons will be tried for murder The most amazing wager on record in this state was made at Durham and was settled tonight. W. E. Holman, colored, agreed to eat a baked cat if Corbett was defeated in the Victor Dockery, son of Hon. Oliver H. Dockery, is appointed steward of the penitentiary.

Republican State Chairman Holton orney for the Western district. There had been a long contest for this between him and Marshall Mott. Late last night Willfam G. Burk head, of Whiteville, died here o Bright's disease. He was a lawyer and a son of the late Rev. Dr. L. S. Burkhead, a widely known Methodist preacher, and was 41 years of age. He was reading clerk in the legislature four terms. His wife is a daughter of the late Edward Gayle, of Portsmouth and Raleigh.
Some of the newspapers are publishing extracts from a letter of Governor Russell to The New York Tribune in 1888, in which he says of the

southern states that "the extreme

they have violated the fundamental

remedy is for congress to declare that

conditions under which they were readmitted to the union and remand them to a territorial status." President McKinley Studying Geography Washington, March 19.-The notice has gone out to office-seekers who are after high positions that geographical considerations are to govern and that states which are already represented in the cabinet will not be called upon t supply assistant secretaries of departments until other great states are eared for. This is thought to dispose for the present of candidates for the assistant secretaryships of state, war navy, treasury and interior departments, at least from California, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Iowa and Maryland. This would apparently rule out the following most prominent candidates for po sitions: Harrison Gary Otis, of California, for war; Judge O. L. Spalding. of Michigan, for treasury; Theo. Roose velt, of New York, for navy, and Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, for state, But these appointments have been considered slated for some time and it is said today that the present incumbent of these positions may be continued in office for several months in the hope that the geographical distribution referred to may be sufficiently equalized by that time to allow the carrying out of the original programme.

A Sounding Menance to the People London, March 19 .- In the house of ords today Lord Salisbury made a bitter criticism upon the speech delivered by the earl of Kimberley, minis-ter of foreign affairs in the Roseberry cabinet, at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Norwich, Wednesday evening, in which he asserted that "According to Lord Salisbury, the policy of France is also that of Great Britain and is based upon the mainte nance of the integrity of the Ottomar empire." This assertion, Lord Salis bury said, was wholly untrue. If, he continued, the policy of the liberal par-ty was to abandon the Ottoman empire t had been lately adopted. Lord Kimberley would probably again become foreign minister of Great Britain, and in that event, he asked, would his lordship then disregard the past policy of maintaining the integrity of the Ottoman empire? Lord Kimberley replied that he had intended what he said to be that the liberal party would depart entirely from its past policy regarding Turkey and maintain that the Ottoman empire was a standing ace to the peace of Europe. Cyclone in Texas.

Dallas, Texas, March 19.- Special telegrams received this morning state that northern Texas was swept by a wind storm last night which at times developed the proportions of a cyclone. The worst damage reported so far occurred Washington, March 19.-Without at Denton, where over 100 houses were vaiting for the house to take final acstruck by the storm and all more or tion on the tariff bill, the republican less damaged. It is believed that the storm in the vicinity of Denton has caused damage to the extent of \$100,000. It is thought that great damage to property has been done in the territory west of Denton. The storm also swept over the towns of Hutchins and Chicago, Ills., March 19.-The Cen- to be somewhere down town away from Itasca, unroofling houses and wrecking small buildings. At Fort Worth, the power house of the electric railway was unroofed and traffic suspended On Harding and Boaz streets, six or seven frame dwellings were blown down. The brick school house in the northward, was badly wrecked.

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