TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

Near Weldon Dr. A. S. Pendleton meets with a serious accident while riding his bicycle along the canal tow path-The state university and Lehigh college play a tie game of base ball.

DOMESTIC. J. J. Willis, deputy auditor of the state department has been removed; he was absent 234 days last week-The tariff bill will be submitted to the senate republican caucus before it is turned over to the democratic members of the finance committee; this is because the republicans have such a slim chance of getting the bill through the senate; England is one of the few foreign countries that has not made pretests against some clause or of the bill-The police are on the track of the men who committed the bank robbery and murder at Somersworth N. H.—The Laurada libel case at Wii-mington, Del., is postponed because there is no federal judge to hold court—Colonel Kellog, of the Fifth United States infantry, stationed near Atlanta, died yesterday—Street railway officials of Indianapolis are indicted for violating the I cent fare law-A bench warrant is issued against Spalding of the Globe bank of Chicago and ball is fixed at \$25,000-Congressman Milliken is dangerously ill. Senator Davis will urge action by the senate on the arbitration treaty-Congressman Grosvenor introduces a bill restricting the civil service and requiring examinations of all who while in office were given the benefit of the service by President Cleveland and placing them on the same footing as those standing the examination subsequently-The egrand jury at Frankfort finds true bills for bribery against Dr. Hunter and three others. The New York Sun puts a stop to the libel suit by the Washington Star by paying all costs of the suit and publishing retraxit of the libelous article .-A crevasse occurred in the Mississippi levee at Biggs, four miles below Delta last night, and at last accounts was nearly a mile wide and the water was spreading over the lands with great rapidity-Above Vicksburg the situation is improving; the water is falling; hundreds of people and cattle on the lower river are in need of food to keep them FOREIGN.

The Turkish ministery declares that a state of war exists and orders active measures against Greecelope, the German imperial chancellor tenders his resignation; the emperor insists upon his not resigning just now, but the chancellor is as persistent in insisting on his resignation being accepted-The United States tariff bill is just now the chief topic of discussion in the German press-The German interior department has issued a decree permitting only brief stay in Germany of Germans naturalized in America-The Roman to induce the pope to intervene between Turkey and Greece-The London Times points out the peril in prospect for the British iron and steel industry-The ing. Spanish government wishes to negotiate a further loan of \$20,000,000 to prosecute the war in Cuba and \$30,000,000 for the Philip- | 35.7 at 7 o'clock.

Serious Injury to a Bicyclist. (Special to The Messenger.)

Welden, N. C., April 17 .- Dr. A. S Pendleton, of Roanoke Rapids, met with a serious accident today. He was coming to Weldon on his bicycle and was riding the tow paths of the canal bank. He ran off at one of the waste ways and fell a distance of fifteen feet on the sharp rocks below. His hip was broken, two fingers dislocated, wrist sprained, and there are other injuries. He lay unconscious after the fall and was found by two young lady cyclists. Medical aid was summoned and he was made as comfortable as possible. He is a member of a prominent Warren county family.

Base Ball, At Norfolk, Va.:

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Snyder; Swaile and Herrick. At Chapel Hill, N. C .:

Carolina .. a 0 0 6 1 1 0-8; 9; 2 and E. Grace; Bailey and Williams. The game was stopped in order that both teams could catch the train for Winston where they play Monday.

Washington, April 17.—The Senators defeated the Bluebirds today by a score of 10 to 6. Washington0 1 3 0 1 1 1 3 *-10

'Richmond 0 2 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 — 6 of Delta is overflowed deeply, and plant Batteries—McGuire and Swaine: Fos- ers say that the water will back up to Batteries-McGuire and Swaine; Foster, and Schmidt.

Newport News, April 17 .- The Maryland university baseball club won today's game from Newport News.

Maryland 2 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 1-7; 10; 7 Newport News0 3 0 0 0 0 3 0 0-6; 6; 3 Batteries: Brooks and Pond; Applegate and Blandford and Magee.

Charlottesville, Va., April 17.-The university of Virginia easily defeated Tale this afternoon by the score of 13 to 5. Score:

Yale 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 5; 6; 5 and Bartley.



strength and healthfulness. . ssures

Royal Baking Powder Co., New York, home."

THE WORST BREAK

THAT HAS YET OCCURRED IN THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEES.

The Crevasse at Biggs & Mile Wide and a Perfect Deluge of Water Pouring Over Several Counties-The Situation Above Improving-The Water in the Delta Receding-Pumping the Water Out of Helena-People and Cattle Threatened With Starvation.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 17 .- (Midnight)-An official report says the crevasse at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., is nearly a mile wide at this hour, and the roaring torrent is spreading over the lowlands of Madison parish with startling rapidity. This is unquestionably the most destructive break that has yet occurred and the loss to property and livestock will be enormous. Madison, Tensas and Concordia parishers will be inundated, while the fine farms of Franklin and Catahoula parishes are in immenent danger. The fertile lands of these parishes have been prepared for this year's crop and in many instances cultivation is well underway.

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.-A break in the levee at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., which occurred at 10 o'clock last night, has widend rapidly and tonight solid stream of water is passing through an opening more than 1,500 feet wide. The roar of the water as it rushes through the crevasse can be heard for miles. The town of Delta is now inundated and the waters are spreading over the low lands and will soon cover many fine plantations in Madison parish. All the convicts who were at work on the levee, when the crevasse came, have been safely put on board a steamer and so far no loss of life is reported in the vicinity of this latest break. The outflow of water at Biggs will do much to relieve the levees on the Mississippi side. It will also hasten the passage of the flood ing a crop in that rich valley. There ar many weak spots reported in the Lousiana levee and another break may occur at any hour.

Throughout the flooded Mississippi delta today the situation is more encouraging. The backwaters are slowly falling, passing through the Yazoo into the main channel north of Vicksburg. At Helena the river has fallen nearly five feet since April 4th. In the northern part of that city which has been under water more than three weeks, the water has fallen sufficiently to allow many people to move back into their houses. The water inside the southern part of the city is fast dis-Catholics of Greece and Crete are trying appearing by means of gigantic pumps which are kept running night and day. At Rosedale, Friars Point, Grenville and other delta points, the river is fall-

> At Memphis a fall of one-tenth of a foot is recorded, the gauge registering At Cairo, Paducah, Cincinnati and Louisville the rivers continue to fall. A large amount of supplies were forwarded from Memphis today.

> The steamer Harbin carried provisions and food up the St. Francis river to supply the relief stations established there deutenant Carnahan went on this trip to superintend the distribution of sup-The steamer Rowena Lee left this ort with a cargo of supplies for the re-ief stations between Memphis and Ast Port. There will be several new stations visited by the Rowena Lee on this trip. Little Rock, Ark., April 17.-Governor Jones today received a telegram from his private secretary, who is distributing funds in the flooded district, stating that a most deplorable state of affairs exists n Monroe county. He estimates that there are 2,000 people and 1,000 head of stock in that county in need of imme diate assistance to prevent starvation. This estimate, he says, is conservative. The people have been temporarily relieved by the Memphis and Little Rock relief committees, but the stock is dying for want of food. No crops were made there last year on account of the drought and there is no feed in the county. Vicksburg, Miss., April 17.-The cre-

vasse in the Biggs levee, La., about six miles below this city, was 1,700 feet wide at last reports and rapidly widening. The water is rushing through with a roar like Bateries: Sechrist, Pfanmiller and Niagara and all day long refugees have been fleeing to this city with their stock other property. The water was fifteen feet deep against the levee when it broke, and the men who were on the spot say that it poured through in vast circu-Batteries: Carmon and Senor; White lar masses or whirlpools twenty feet high. A large part of Madison, Tensas, Catahoula and Concordia parishes were overflowed by it and the resulting distress will be very great. The number of refugees in the city has been largely increased, and they are coming on every boat. The water flooded the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad, in a fehours and the trains west of this place are abandoned in consequence. The town Millekins Bend, sixteen miles north Three white persons, two men and a wo man passed twelve hours in the midst of the furious waters of the crevasse perched in a tree. The water roused them from their beds and they had only time to seek safety in its boughs when the mighty flood was upon them. The made their presence known by pisto shots during the night and several attempts to rescue them were made, but it was not until 10 o'clock a. m., when an adventurous crew from the government steamer Etta Ethridge, Mate John Birdwell and Deckhands Frank Goodrich and Henry Hubbard, the two latter colored, put out in a yawl and rescued them. No further disasters have occurred and the crevasse is thought to have relieved the Batteries: Collier and McNair; Heck- situation of its worst features. The river er and Greenway and Finke, Deforest is falling here. The levee engineers will now endeavor to save the remaining

An English Ad and Answer.

levees, a task which is very hopeful at

Here is an advertisement that recent ly appeared in an English paper:-"A lady in delicate health wishes to meet with a useful companion. She must be domestic, musical, an early riser, amiable, of good appearance, and have some experiencing in nursing. A total abstainer preferred. Comfortable home No salary."

A few days afterward the advertiser received by express a basket labeled: "This side up-with care-perishable." On opening it she found a tabby cat, with a letter tied to its tail. It ran

"Madam-In response to your advertisement, I am happy to furnish you with a very useful companion which you will find exactly suited to your requirements. She is domestic, a good vocalist, an early riser, possesses an amiable disposition, and is considered handsome. She has had a great expe-Celebrated for its great leavening rience as a nurse, having brought up a state's representatives in congress for large family. I need scarcely add that fifteen years, is dangerously ill at his the food against alum and all forms of she is a total abstginer. As salary is adulteration common to the cheap no object to her, she will serve you faithfuly in return for a comfortable

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

How Our Governments' Officials Took the News of Declaration of War in Europe. Fears of a General European War to

Washington, April 17 .- The news of the crisis in the Cretan situation was the absorbing topic in official circles here tonight. The bulletins to the Associated Press were taken to the White house and to the members of the cabinet, leading diplomatic representatives and chairmen of the foreign committees in congress, so that those interested in the event received early information of the gravity which the situation has assumed. The expressions were general that the United States could not be drawn into the conflict and that the course of this country was plain in preserving strict neutrality It was felt on all hands among officials that the real gravity of the announcement was in the prospect that it would serve as the spark to start the conflagration through all Europe.

Secretary Sherman was seen at his residence tonight and shown the bulletins 'It is no surprise to me," said the secretary of state. "as recent events have seemed to make war inevitable and I have expected that result to come. Fortunately, the scene of the reported conflict is far from us, and the United States has little or no concern with the war. We will, of course, observe the strictest neutrality as between the parties. This is a natural result from the conditions prevailing and will require no specific declaration of neutrality. Our commercial interests with Greece and Turkey are very small, so that there is no ground for disturbance in that connection. Last year our exports to Greece amounted to only \$629,727, an insignificant sum, barely 1 per cent. as compared with the total exports. Turkey exported to the United States \$2,619,000 last year, showing a similar lack of important commercial dealings between the United States and Turkey. That being the case, our commercial geographical and political isolation from these countries leave us quite free from any possible entanglement in the con-

Mr. Sherman's attention was called to the reports some time since that the United States warship Bancroft might be minister, Mr. Terrell at Constantinople and the secretary was asked if the war was likely to renew the occasion for a warship in the golden horn!

There has been no talk of that of late. said he, "and I see no occasion for any change in affairs. The news tonight in no way changes the status of our ministers to Turkey or Greece. Their rights and immunities are in no way limited and their official position gives them asylum against all disorder. Except in the profound regret our people will feel that two nations are involved in war, we can be in no way involved in the con-

Senator Davis, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, read the bulletins with great interest and in response to a request for a statement said: The attitude of the United States will of course, be one of neutrality and a strict observance of treaties. The war can have little direct effect on us as our interests are so small in that part of the world. But it is of prefound importance to Europe and I fear it may be but the first step toward a conflict involving al Europe. It is almost certain to result un ess a quick and decisive victory schieved by one side or the other.'

The Turkish minister, Moustapha Bey Press at the Turkish legation tonight and read with great interest the dispatcher from Constantinople. The minister hopeful that an outbreak may yet avoided, although he fears that the in cursions of the Greek irregulars across the Turkish border may compel Turkey to take action. He is emphatic in his statement that Turkey is exhausting possible means of averting war.

Representative Hitt, chairman of th house committee on foreign affairs during the last congress, and the undoubted chairman of the new committee, read th early dispatches from Constantinopl and then commented briefly on the situa tion. "In the event of war," said he, "th duty of the United States will be plain to maintain neutrality and see that our treaty obligations are maintained. Th sympathy of our people will be wit Greece in this struggle. Compared with Turkey, she is weak in military resources But the Greeks are strong beyond their border and there is a large Greek popula tion within Turkey.'

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Representative Grosvernor's, Bill Restrict ing the Service and Requiring Examination of Those Over Whom the Service was Extended While in Office.

Washington, April 17.-Representative Grosvernor, of Ohio, who made a vigorous attack on the civil service laws in the last congress, today introduced a bill to declare the true intent and scope of the civil service act. The bill declares that the civil service act shall not be construed to embrace any of the employes in the government printing office or the bureau of engraving and printing, nor any person employed merely as workman or laborer, nor construed to allow the appointment to office or promotion in any classes of the civil service, covered by the act. of any person who has not passed competitive examination or is shown to be exempted from such an examination, and all appointments since March 4 1893, without a competitive examination, unless such appointes are special ly exempted, are declared illegal and contrary to the intent and spirit of the act. The bill proposes that all persons who have been employed or appointed in the classified service since March 4, 1893, without examinations shall appear before the civil service commission for examination within ninety days, the examinations not to give them preference over other citizens who are qualified to enter the service. This bill would compel all those now in office over which President Cleveland extended the shelter of the civil service act to pass examinations.

Russians Refuses to Fire on Cretans

London, April 18 .- A dispatch to The Russian officers who refused to bom- from all directions. bard the insurgents on the island of Crete were tried at Sebastopol and ac- dispatch from Larissa, dated at 9 quitted. The Russian crews threatened mutiny if the bombardment was undertaken.

Congressman Milliken Dangerously Ill. Washington, April 17.-Representative Seth L. Milliken, of Belfast, Maine, who has been one of the Pine Tree boarding house in Washington and today such grave symptoms appeared

DECLARATION OF WAR.

TURKISH MINISTRY DECLARES A STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

The Turkish Commander on the Frontier Ordered to Assume the Offensive-Several Fierce Engagements Already Had. Turkish Positions Captured by the Hurried to Montenegrin Frontier.

(Copyrighted by The Associated Press.) Headquarters of the Greek Army, in Thessaly, Larissa, April 17.-Details of the fighting between the Greeks and Turks, at Nezeros, just within the Greek frontier line, in Thessaly, and due south of Mount Olympus have been received. The fighting originated, according to the Greek reports, in an attempt upon the part of the Turkish forces to occupy an abandoned post of the Greeks. The movement was opposed by the Greek forces, whereupon the Turks opened fire and a sharp engagement, lasing four hours, ensued. The Greeks eventually retreated. Their losses are not known. This engagement occurred yesterday.

At 5 o'clock this morning heavy firing between the Turks and the Greeks near Nezeros, was resumed. The Greeks, in the meanwhile, had been reinforced by artillery, which they brought into play upon the Turkish post at Kotroni. The latter was eventually destroyed with dynamite.

It is reported as this dispatch is sent that the Greeks have occupied three Turkish stations and that the Turks tine, the Greek commander-in-cheif, and General Macris, were up all night to be the real cause of the situation. further news has been received from Macedonia, regarding the movements of the Greek irregulars. The weather is still bitterly cold in the mountains. Headquarters of the Turkish Army in

Macedonia, Elassona, April 17.-8 a. m. -News has reached here that the Greek band has attacked the Turkish troops at Karya, northwest of Nezerosa. A Turkish officer and two men were wounded. As this message is forwarded the fighting continues and a council of war is sitting here, under the presidency of Edham Pasha, the Turk-

ish commander-in-chief. Salonica, April 17.-A battalion of Albanians, stationed at Uskub, in readiness to start for the Greek frontier, has been sent in haste to Verana, on the Montenegrin frontier, and another battalion, now in course of formation, will follow as soon as possible. This unexpected movement of Turkish troops toward the Montenegrin frontier has given rise to the report that serious danger is apprehended in that direc-

Athens, April 17.-A telegram from Larrissa dated at 4:30 o'clock n. m., says that firing is still proceeding and that the cannon can be distinctly

10 p. m.-Orders were sent this afternoon to the Greek troops to keep strictly on the defensive, but to maintain their positions at all costs.

Constantinople, April 17.-The council of ministers after a session at the palace today declared that war had broken out on the frontier, owing to the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory, and Edham Pasha, the Turkish military commander, was ordered to assume the offensive. This announcement of the actual existence of a state of war on the frontier was at first misunderstood, reports that the council of ministers had declared was upon Greece being widely circulated. It was also reported that the council of ministers had decided to recall Assim Bey, the Turkish minister at Athens, to give passports to Prince Maurocordato, the Greek minister at Constantinople. These reports of the severance of all diplomatic relations between Turkey and Greece have been denied.

The situation is summed up in a detailed circular sent this evening to the Turkish representatives abroad. This circular recalls the week's invasion of Turkish territory and states that the newest incursion was participated in by Greek troops, thereby establishing war. The circular expresses the hope that the powers, in a spirit of justice will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, the circular adds and, as a fresh proof of pacific sentiments, the sublime porte offers to retire the Turkish troops on the frontier if Greece will retire her forces from the frontier and from Crete.

Athens, April 17.-Midnight-In spite of the fact that official reports indicate that firing on the frontier ceased at midday, a telegram from Larissa at 7 o'clock in the evening says that firing continued past 4 o'clock this afternoon. The line of fire extended from Mount Analipsis post to Klephtike Gentekia a distance equal to nienty mintes' march. The Turks, falling back, abandoned several stations, which the Greeks promtply occupied. The Greeks cannonaded the Turks from the Greek position at Tsamteja, in the rear. The cannonading caused much excitement at other points. Since noon strong bodies of the Turks have centered in the direction of Mount Analipsis. At 5 o'clock the firing slackened. It is expected that the Turks will attempt a night attack upon Analipsis, which was the central point of the battle. Greek reinforcements have arrived, and there is a general movement of troops toward th frontier. Reinforcements Observer from Athens says that four are being hurried toward the frontier

Athens, April 18.-1 a. m.-An official o'elock last (Saturday) night, says that the Turks under cover of darkness are assaulting the Greek forces at Mount Analipsis, with great fierceness. The Greek resistance, so far, has been magnificent and spirited.

He Lost too Many Days.

Washington, April 17 .- James J. Willis, of Florida, the deputy auditor for the state department, has been removed. It is stated that during the last that his wife and daughter have been | year Mr. Willis has been absent from his desk 234 days, with pay.

A CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The Chancellor Insisting on Resigning. Naturalized Americans Allowed Only a Brief Stay in Germany-Discussing the Dingley Bill in the German Press.

(Copyright by the Associated Press.) Berlin, April 17 .- Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, the correspondent of the Associated Press understands, in a letter dated from Baden Greeks-Turkish Assault Last Night on Baden, April 13th, forwarded his resigthe Greeks at Analipsis-Turkish Troops nation to Emperor William. A brisk exchange of telegraphic messages followed. His majesty insisted upon the chancellor retaining office for the present, in spite of the cogent reasons cited in Prince Hohenlohe's letter, urging that his resignation at this juncture would most seriously embarrass the

insisted that, apart from other serious reasons, his health just now is of the worst. Then, the prince suddenly went to Paris, where his wife preceded

As reasons animating him to resign, Prince Hohenlohe urges his inability to carry out his solemn promise to submit to, the reichstag and to the diet two bills, one placing the Prussian law regulating political meetings upon a more liberal and modern basis and the other reforming the procedure of military trials. The prince's inability to carry out his promise is said to be due to the extreme reactionary attitude of Baron von der Recke von der Horst, the Prussian minister for the interior. At this moment it is impossible to say how the crisis will end; but, in view of the critical situation of Europe, a change of chancellors would now be most unfortunate. The difficulty of including in the association bill the means of giving greater freedom of political meetings and at the same time proare retreating. Crown Prince Constan- viding measures to suppress socialism. which the emperor desires, is believed dispatching orders to the front. No | The United States tariff bill is just

now the favorite theme of the German The socialist Vorwaerts calls attention to Germany's bad faith in the past tariff dealings with the United States and says: "We pretended American products were frauds, denounced American pork and oxen as diseased and chased American insurance companies out of the country. Since 1890, while reducing our tariff, we have increased the duties on American products, such as cotton seed oil and fats. German workmen do not want a tariff war

with America." The Prussian minister of the interior has issued, a new decree, permitting only a brief stay here of any Germans naturalized in America, who returned to this country. They were formerly allowed to remain here permanently, providing no questions of military dereliction upon their part were involved. The liberal press points out that this decree amounts to a nullification of the treaty stipulation of 1868, whereby the permanent return of naturalized Ger-

The naval authorities have just concluded experiments, undertaken with the view of discovering the color best suited to render men-of-war inconspicuous, and have decided to follow the American example and paint their

vessels olive-green. The emperor and the imperial family will remove to the new palace at Potsdam at the beginning of May. The emperor on Tuesday purchased a number of fine American etchings here. While viewing them, his majesty remarked: "Great fellows, these Americans. They are the coming great artists of the world."

THE TARIFF BILL

To go to Republican Senatorial Caucus Before Democrats on the Finance Committee See it-Protests From Foreign Gov-

Washington, April 17.-It is probable that the tariff bill will be considered by the republican caucus before it is submitted to the democratic members of the finance committee. This course was not pursued when the McKinley bill was considered; but the democrats adopted this plan when the Wilson bill was in the committee on finance. The necessity for caucus on the Dingley bill is because of the narrow margin of votes which the republicans have to pass the bill, with perhaps no actual certainty now that the bill can pass the senate. The demands made by individual and groups of senators for certain rates has made the republican members of the committee feel that the only way united action by republicans is to be obtained is through caucus endorse ment of the bill as the republican members present it. The present intention of the committee is to have the bill reported to the senate by May 1st, although it

may go beyond that date. Great Britain is conspicuous for the al sence of protests which have been made against the tariff bill. The ambassador of Germany, France and Italy, as well as some other ministers of foreign countries have made protests against various features of the bill, which affect their products, but none have been received from he British ambassador.

The Countess of Balmoral. The only benefit which the queen enjoys from her "countess of Balmoral" incognito is that she is dispensed from the necessity of at once returning the calls which are made on her, nor is she embarrassed by state receptions, while her visitors can come to Cimiez in plain clothes, instead of being arrayed in full uniform with stars and ribbons, as would be required if her majesty was staying there as the queen empress. ington and secured the influence of During the stay of the emperor and empress of Austria at the Cap Martin hotel they maintained a strict incognito, being known as the Count and Countess Hohenembs, and the Archduke Francis Ferdinand is traveling as Baron Brown.-London Truth.

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recommends the use of the greatest of all tonics. "Malt-Nutrine," and guarantees the merits claimed for it. For sale by all druggists.

The Laurada Libel Case Postponed Wilmington, Del., April 17.-Today

was the time fixed for hearing the libel case against the steamship Laurada, in the United States court here, but as there is still no judge of the court to President McKinley.

THE ASYLUM CASES

CONTINUED AT INSTANCE OF THE NEW BOARD.

Text of the Federal Supreme Court Decision in the Ohio Express Cases - New Chapel for the Soldiers' Home-Attack on the Local School Tax Law-John Dancy Knocked Out in the District of Columbia Recordership-Eve Witness to Killing of William Manly by a Train. Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel.

Raleigh, N. C., April 17. Before the supreme court this merning it was expected that the cases involving the three hospitals for the insane would be argued. The court had arranged to hear the argument, on the Prince Hohenlohe again and again supposition that both sides were ready. But W. H. Day of the counsel for the new boards stated that they were not ready and asked that the matter be deferred until next Monday. The court so ordered. Dr. Miller, superintendent of the hospital at Goldsboro, was here with his counsel, C. B. Aycock and W. C. Monroe.

State Treasurer Worth today received the full text of the opinion of the United States supreme court in the Ohio express cases. He will lay the whole matter before the railway commission. It is the plan, according to the opinion, to tax the entire property as a unit and each state get its prorata. This is the statement which Treasurer Worth makes of the case.

The state auditor today sent a warrant for \$50 to a new agricultural society just established in Forsyth county. The law requires this amount paid

Work begins next week on a chapel at the soldier's home. It will replace the present very small one, which will

then be used as a cottage. One newspaper has already begun a fight against the proposed special tax for public schools, under the new acts, on which the people are to vote the coming summer. The voting will only be in such townships as desire to tax, so far as one of the acts is concerned. At the Church of the Good Shepherd here tomorrow it is expected to raise

\$5,000 more of the building fund, \$5,000 being already on hand. Persons who are here from Charlotte say the municipal contest there is the warmest in a great many years. There are two candidates for mayor, both wealthy and they are making matters

It is now reported that John C. Dancey, colored, is entirely knocked out so far as the recordership of the District of Columbia is concerned and that ex-Congressman Cheatham gets it. Dancy at one time thought he had the place certain. The fact is the position was promised a North Carolina negro. No names were then mentioned. The negro members of the legislature threatened to vote against Pritchard unless something was done for the North Carolina negroes. Pritchard's friends authorized the making of the pledge of the recordership to "some North Carolina negro." As Dancy had been telegraphed to come here and get the threatening bolters in line he quite naturally thought the prize would fall to him. He said he was sure of it.

Polk Miller, so widely known as an capital shot at birds, says the best shot in the United States, at partridges, is J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro. He makes no exceptions and declares that were he a betting man he would stake his last dollar on Jordan.

Applications are in hand for four new Odd Fellow lodges in the state. Grand Secretary Woodell says that 1896 was the most trying year the order ever had in North Carolina. Now the prospects are better.

Two years ago the state officials accepted plans for a "hall of records." It was never built. There is a great need of it. Valuable records are stored in buildings not fire proof, some of them rented. The state has a desirable site for a suitable building.

It is said that the names of 285 pupils to enter the Baptist female university as soon as it is ready for occupancy are already secured. It ought to be com-, plete by next winter. The new state directors of the North Carolina railway are called to meet

at Greensboro again May 7th, Avery Morris, a white man, who has been the engineer at the deaf-mute school at Morganton has created a sensation by runing away with a 17-yearold girl, a laundress in the same institution. He deserted a wife and three children. He and the girl, whom he had

ruined, were captured at Charlotte. If the supreme court decides as Judge Adams did in regard to the cases involving the management of the hospitals for the insane, Drs. Miller, Kirby and Murphy will serve out their full terms. The political complexion of the boards will change any way, as the terms of three of the members soon expire, the three being democrats, and of course the governor will fill these vacancies.

It is asserted in a letter just received that Mayor S. J. Meakin, of Bertie county, a democrat, has received republican indorsement for the place of postoffice inspector and has gone to Wash-Senator Pritchard and Congressman White, and that the local republicans are raising a big row because of these things.

It is conceded that fire insurance rates on farm property in this state are too high and they have prevented many farmers from insuring. It must be admitted that country risks have not proved a profitable class to most of the companies. The rates are now sure to be reduced and this will please the farmers.

It now turns out that an engineer on the Seaboard Air Line saw William Manly, colored, killed night before last, near the penitentiary. Manly was walking on the Seaboard Air Line track, and stepped off as the engine whistled. He stepped right on the act the case was postponed until a Southern track, which is parallel and judge shall have been appointed by was instantly killed by a shifting en-