Importance.

ARBITRATION TREATY INDORSED

North Carolina Railroad Directors Protest and Demand an Investigation -- Swinson Ousted.

SENATE.

Monday. - Senate met at 4 p. m. Among the bills and resolutions introduced were:

McCasky-To repeal all laws allowing grace on notes and drafts. Clark-To regulate the transporta-

tion of bicycles. Grant-A resolution in favor the arbitration treaty now pending in the United States Senate. Under suspension of the rules it was taken up and

Butler (by request)—A memorial from the President of the North Carolina Railroad and the directors, emphatically denying the truth of the statement of Mr. Hoffman in his letter to Governor Russell in regard to the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, It requested that a joint committee be appointed with power to summon witnesses to investigate the whole matter. A joint resolution to appoint such committee was adopted. Rill to require seats to be provided

for female clerks was tabled. Bill passed for the better protection of the traveling public from baggagesmashers and other employees; to prevent public drunkenness; (this applies only to Buncombe, Transylvania and Henderson counties.)

At the night session the bill providing that the fare on railroads be, first class, 2 cents per mile; second class, 1; cents, and a corresponding low rate on freight came up. A substitute was offered making the rate 2½ cents and 2 cents. On motion of Mr. Smathers, the whole latter was referred to the committee on

corporations. Bills passed: To amend the Code relating to chattel mortgages by providing for sale after 10 days' notice. (This only applies to perishable goods and live stock.); to allow an agent to make sale of land under mortgage but not to make a deed; to allow disabled Confederates on the pension list to own land or anything in value of \$500; to prohibit timber and other obstructions in Yadkin river; to incorporate the Levy

Bank of Rutherfordton. The bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within 200 feet of any church in the State was tabled. Tuesday. - Senate met at 12 o'clock

Among the new bills were:

Walker-To improve the public schools of North Carolina. Person-To prevent the hiring of con victs in competition with free labor;

also to pension all ex-slaves who did service in the Confederacy. Earnhardt -To regulate the fees of students and registers of deeds in of medicine in North Carolina.

this State; also to regulate the practice Scales-To incorporate the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the domain of North Carolina. Patterson - To appoint a cotton

weigher for the town of Laurinburg. Clark arose to a question of personal privilege that of the statement made by Swinson, enrolling clerk, to the newspaper correspondents-and he moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to investigate the charges made by Swinson. Adopted, and Clark, McCarthy, and Parker, of Alamance, were appointed as the committee, the said charges being that \$1,500 had been paid out during the first 30 days of the Legislature, when \$6 would have been sufficient to pay for the work done, the cause of the expenditure of so much money being that be had had forced on him more clerks than he needed, and if the work had been done outside, as heretofore, \$1,494 would have been saved. Not content with this, the officers and the General Assembly were trying to force upon him two additional (negro) clerks. Last night (Monday) the House passed a bill to abolish the office of enrolling clerk. This was done to oust Swinson because he would not appoint two negro clerks at an additional expense to

Resolution asking the treasurer to furnish information as to whether the penitentiary is self supporting; adopted. A bill was introduced to give certain dead bodies to medical colleges, but after some deb ate it went over to Wed nesday.

WEDNESDAY. - Senate met at 12 o'clock. Parker, of Randolph, presented a petition from citizens of High Point asking that the present lease of the North Carolina Railroad be not interfered with; Clark, from citizens of Littleton, against a dispensary.

Clark, for the committee appointed to investigate the statements made by A. L. Swinson, enrolling clerk, sent forward his report. After the report was read Parker, of Alamance, on motion, referred the matter to the same committee with instructions to employ a competent stenographer, and that al the evidence be taken and reported to

the Senate Thursday. Among the bills and resolutions in-

Butler-Bill to revise and improve the public school system of North Carolina, and on motion of Butler 500 copies were ordered printed. Ashburn-Bill to regulate the sale of

fertilizers. Ray-Bill to protect creditors and ignocent persons where property is mortgaged in other States.

Clark-Resolution that the special committee (Swinson committee) be vested with power to summons witnesses and employ such assistance as is necessary. Adopted.

Clark - A bill for a dispensary for the town of Littleton. Hardison-Bill to provide for the

treatment and cure of inebriates. Bill for the procuring and distribution of dead bodies, for the advancement of medical science was re-committed to the committee to draft a new bill on account of so many amendments being offered.

A petition was read from the North Caroltna Teachers' Association asking for a reformatory for youthful crimi-

THURSDAY-Senate met at 11 o'clock. There were several bills and resolutions

introduced, but were mostly of a local nature. Among the third reading billswere: To prevent the fishing with nets in Albemarle sound and streams emptying therein; to amend chapter Bills General, Local, But All of Some 156, laws of 1895, so as to add the county of Cumberland to the Eastern crimi-nal circuit. This bill creates a new office of judge, and the bill gives the Governor the power to appoint until the next election, when a judge for the said court shall be elected.

Resolution to advance the cause of good roads-that a committee be appointed to visit Charlotte and examine the roads around said city and the county of Mecklenburg. Adopted. The committee will leave Raleigh Friday night and examinine the roads the next

day (Saturday). At the night session the bill to prohibit the use of free passes of State officers passed second readings. The bill to oust Swinson as enrolling

lerk passed second and third read

FRIDAY. - Senate met at 11 o'clock. Alexander introduced a resolution enlorsing the Woman's Exposition at Charlotte. Among the bills on third reading were: To authorize Richmond county to issue bonds to pay outstanding debts; to incorporate the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad; to levy special tax for working public roads in Builford county; bill to change the Department of Agriculture and the A.

and M. College. The free pass and fare bills were made special orders.

Butler's bill to amend chapter 820, Acts of 1881, to provide for the general supervision of railroad, steamboat, express, telegraph and telephone companies doing business in the State, was made a special order for the 16th.

The bill to license foreign corporations, companies or associations was passed over.

The Senate met in night session at 8 o'clock., The calendar was taken up. Bill passed to facilitate the trial of civil actions, providing that no persons shall play or engage in any inter-collegiate or other football game in which such violence is used or required from the nature of the game as to endanger life, limb or health, was tabled. Bills passed requiring the registration of the names of partners, providing that firms havbe known; giving Yadkin two weeks sprine term of court instead of one week; resolutions for the encouragement of fairs. Hyman introduced bill to provide for woman suffrage in North Carolina.

SATURDAY. - Senate met at 11 o'clock. mong the bills were: Ray-Bill relating to Rocky Mount Agriculture and Mechanical Associa-

Hyat-A bill to provide an addiional term of court for McDowell Shaw-A bill to establish a normal chool in Robeson county.

Person-To protect the lives of prisoners or accused persons. The following bills passed second and third readings: To amond chapter 63 Private Laws of 1893, relating to con-

victs; to amend chapter 127, Laws 1895,

concerning the payment of scrip, checks, etc. Bills that passed their third reading: To incorporate Roanoke Rapids Company, Halifax county; to stimulte taxes in the rural districts; to authorize Richmond county to issue bonds to pay indebedtness; to amend the charter

road Company. HOUSE. Monday.-House met at 10 o'clock Among the bills introduced were:

of the Asheboro and Montgomery Rail-

Cox-To require owners of personal property to list at its full value. Rawls-To amend the landlord and enant act, chap. 40, the Code, by striking out in line 2 of sec. 1754 the words 'or oral.'

Sutton of Cumberland-To declare bicycles to be baggage (accompanied by a petition signed by hundreds of bicyc-Purgason-to make it a misdemeanor

to give or sell intoxicating liquors to an habitual drunkard. Several bills passed to allow several counties of the State to extend the time of holding court, to levy special tax, to

amend the stock law, etc. Cox, by leave, introduced a resolution that all private pension bills be retained and acted on so as to be incorporated in an omnibus bill. It was

Sutton's bill empowering the Governor in extraordinary cases to convene special courts for the trial of capital cases and to also convene the Supreme Court to hear cases, was taken up. It was so amended as to provide that the courts shall be convened only at the request of the sheriff and the chairman of the county commissioners of the county in which such court is to be convened The bill then passed as amended. Bill passed incorporating the Bank of Brevard (on motion of Schulken an

amendment was adopted making the charter 30 years.) Bill to amend The Code regarding

pauper suits was tabled. The bill regarding the giving of guardians' and administrators' bonds in security companies, allowing them to include in their charges against estates expenses amounting to not over onehalf of 1 per cent. for the giving of such

By leave, Grubbs introduced a bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of magis-At the night session a resolution, introduced by Hancock to abolish the office of enrolling clerk and oust Swinson, came up and caused a hot debate

between Populists and Republicans, the Democrats stood hands off. The resolution was adopted and Swinson was ousted. Resolut on requesting the North Carolina Senators to secure a ratifica-

tion of the treaty of arbitration was By leave, Parker introduced a bill to prevent minors from entering bar rooms and billiard rooms.

TUESDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills introduced were: White-To repeal the act of 1885 to establish a true meridian in the various and effect in law as if the woman so counties of the State for the correct retracing of surveys.

and mortgages to be cancelled of record within ten days after they have been Currie-To extend the corporate limits of Maxton.

Leak-To revise the charter of Mor-Dockery-To amend the law regarding of analyses of fertilizers. The bill to make it indictable to in-

terrupt a public speaker came up and ment for the criminal fusane is recom-

Monday in September (each two weeks); sixth Monday before first Monday in March and thirteenth Monday after first

Monday in March (each one week.) The resolution placing in the hands of the Governor \$1,000 to be applied to the erection of a statue of Geo. Peabody in Statuary Hall at Washington was indefinitely postponed.

WEDNESDAY. - House met st 10 clock. Among the new bills were: has property in this State, it can be atdamages.

McCrary-To create a short form of agricultural liens in North Carolina, allowing the creditor to sell enough of the property at public auction, after 20 days notice, to recover the debt and in-

Lusk-To amend the act of 1895 establishing a criminal circuit to be composed of the counties of Buncombe, Madison, Haywood and Henderson, by striking out the word "criminal;" that the judge in addition to his present jurisdiction, shall have also as to all civil actions and special pleadings and all civil business originating or pending in any of these counties concurrent equal jurisdiction, power and authority with the Superior Court judges; that there shall be two extra terms of Buncombe court, of two weeks each, beginning on the third Monday in June and the first Monday in October, these to be civil terms and to be presided over by the circuit judge as provided in this bill; that in compliance with request of commissioners of any of these counties to hold a special term, the judge to receive \$500 more annually.

Lusk-To restore the rules of evidence in the making of sales of real estate for taxes as they were prior to 1883. lease of the North Carolina Railroad, offering a substitute for the original bill, asking that it be adopted for the bill; asking that it be printed, and that it be made the special order for next Friday. Blackburn protested that this was too short a time. It was stated that the House would be light Friday, owing to the absence of committees. Cook then moved that the bill be made the special order for noon next Tues-

lay. It was so ordered, The bill of Hancock to place the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in the hands of the Governor psssed the House after considerable debate pro and con.

Crumpler introduced a bill to revise he public school system. Several other bills were introduced y leave, as follows:

McCrary-To create a school district on the line between Davidson and

Lyle-To provide for working public roads by taxation. THURSDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock. mong the bills introduced were: Currie-To extend the time for the organization of the Lumber River Railroad Company; to extend the time for the organization of the Bank of Lumberton; Allen-To incorporate Worth-

ville, Randolph county. The "fellow-servants" bill introduced by Hartness passed second and third readings. It gives any employe of a railroad the right to sue for damages and prevents any waiver of such right

to damages. Bill passed prohibiting bird hunting in Mecklenburg, Carteret, Beaufort, Rockingham, Union and Haywood with owners' consent, the penalty being \$5; to allow ex-Sheriff Grant, of Davidson, to collect arrears of taxes. Senate bill to allow pensions to per-

sons who hold over \$500 in property was referred to the pension committee. Bills passed to incorporate the Levy Bank, of Rutherfordton; to permit fish to be caught in any manner in Columbus county, Lake Waccamaw excepted. The bill appropriating \$5,000 to 'North Carolina on Wheels" was ordered printed. It was formallly re-

At the night session the Senate resothe matter of the last lease of the North Carolina Railroad came up. Blackburn moved to table and attacked the resolution, but withdrew his motion and the resolution was referred to the special committee on the lease of the road.

The resolution requesting the comcharges of bribery in the senatorial contest to report by February 13, came up, but it was shown that the report could not be made on that date, so the resolution then passed and the date was fixed as the 16th for the report.

FRIDAY-House met at 10 o'clock. mong the bills and resolutions were: Pearson-Creating a commission composed of Governor Russell Julian S. Carr and W. A. Hoke to procure a suitable design, with all necessary specifications, for a monument in Raleigh, upon a site chosen, in memory of Z. B. Vance; that the commission may coperate with the Vance Memorial Association; that a report be made to the next legislature; that \$1,000 be appropriated for necessary expenses. Eddins-To extent the time for the organization of the North Carolina

Slate Company, in Stanly county. Aiken-To reduce the tonnage tax fertilizers to 20 cents per ton. Ward-To reduce the salaries and fees of all public officers, save those fixed by law, 25 per cent.

Harris of Hyde-To provide for the taking of depositions, etc., in the con-tests for seats in the legislature, and that no member shall vote until the matter as to title to seat is decided. McBryde-To provide that in all cases of the mariage of women under 21 the marriage shall have the same force

marrying were 21 years of age.

Crewe, contestee, from Granville, re-Eddins-To require deeds in trust tains his seat in the House. Bill passed to protect fish in Neuse river, and the House took up the report | contrary to her wishes. Her protests of the committee on insane asylums, made by Sutton, of Cumberland, the report being attached to a bill to provide for the maintenance of the three

caused a lively debate, and after several amendments was offered the bill passed to a third reading.

The calendar was then taken up and for the Morganton asylum \$100,000 is Altering times of holding Superior Courts in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Stanly counties, making those in Meck-lenburg sego of Monday after first Mecklenburg sego of Monday after first Meck-lenburg sego of Mond day in Marcn, fourth Monday after first | \$2,600 for electric light plant; that at each asylum a person be given police

power to arrest tramps or persons who violate the rules. The bill covers these recommendations. At the night session the bill to require the vaccination of all children over two years old was tabled; the bill to put the election of county physician in the hands of the commissioners passed; the anti-foot wall bill was tabled; a bill passed making it unlawful Hartness-To provide that in case of | to remove any minerals from the lands suit for damages brought against a of another without the permission of person resident of another State, who | the owner; resolution instructing the Senators and Representatives in Contached where there is unliquidated gress to endeavor to secure the repeal of the civil service law; a bill to incorporate the Coleman Mfg. Company at Concord and to employ colored labor

SATURDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock Among the bills introduced were: Morton-To tax cigarettes 15 cents a package.

James-To protect deer and turkeys n Pender. Ward-To declare ordained ministers and justices of the peace public officers.

McBride-To amend the charter of Lumberton. The bill to provide for and promote the oyster industry of the State passed

Jones, Miller, Maxwell, Byrd, Lehman, Wimbish, Spruill and Carroll were appointed and confirmed as assistant enrolling clerks.

Bills passed: To repeal chapter 297, acts 1895, so far as Peuder is concerned; this being the act allowing a county to vote a tax of 20 cents on the \$100 for public schools; providing that in all actions brought by heirs-at-law or minor children defendants in action to plead my defence which might have been pleaded by an executor, or in other words, to plead the statute of limitation in case an executor or administraallow Sunday trains to carry express matter of all kinds; to allow all justices of the peace, notaries, clerks of Superior and Inferior Courts power to take and certify acknowledgement of all grantors and the private examination of married women (Onslow and Iredell excepted); creating a new township in Mc-Dowell; to give the judge of the Western Criminal Circuit Court the same power as a civil judge and striking out the word "criminal" in the designation of said court and allowing the judge to

hold special terms, at \$100 each. By leave, Sutton-Bill to protect public water supplies by requiring all companies selling water to take precautions to protect the supply from contamination and that in cases where the supply comes from small lakes or streams not over fifteen miles long, a sanitary inspection shall be made weekly or oftener if the board of health'advises, failures to do this being punishable by \$25 fine.

LIST OF NEW LAWS

Made by the Law-Makers at Raleigh,

Up to February 10th. Up to February 10th the following bills were enrolled and ratified, and are now laws: To allow Edgecombe to levy a special tax: to amend the charter of the Wadesboro Cotton Mill; to incorporate Robbinsville, Graham county; incorporate Hamlet, Richmond county; to allow Cherokee to issue bonds; to allow McDowell to levy a special tax; to allow Richmond county to levy a special tax; to allow Montgomery to levy a special tax; to allow Wantauga to levy a special tax; to repeal act of 1895 establishing dividing line between Alamance and Chatham and let the people vote on that question; to extend time of holding February term of Guilford court; to protect iron bridges in Macon county; to make land grants valid even when not registered in newly formed counties; resolution to raise a committee to look into reduction of salaries; to remove obstructions in Big Dutch creek, Cabarrus county; to establish a new township in Surry; to give Mc Dowell a county treasurer; to amend the charter of the Southern Stock Muution to investigate charges of fraud in I tual Insurance Company; to require persons fishing with nets and seines to pay \$2,500 for licenses; resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate charges of bribery in the Senatoria contest; to repeal act of 1895 relating to assignments; resolution to adjourn in memory of R. E. Lee; to allow the mittee appointed to investigate the Cashie and Chowan Lumber and Railroad Company to hold 100,000 acres of land; to allow ex-Sheriff Teague, of Swain to collect arrears of taxes; the relief of Clerk Watson, Craven Superior Court; to

relieve ex-Tax Collector Elmore. of Bryson City; resolution looking to reduction of salaries; to repeal act regarding ranging of stock in Graham county; to abolish extra term of Washington Superior Court; to incorporate town of Milbanks, Wilson county: for the relief of ex-Sheriff Woods, of Yancey; to extend the time for collecting taxes in Asheville; to extend the time for organization of the Drummers' Deposit Bank and to change the name; to incorporate the Stone Mountain Railroad Company; to fix the pay of registers of deeds for recording elec-Power Company; to make guardians, administrators and executors who misappropriate their funds liable to indictment for embezzlement; to allow Robeson to levy a special tax; to re-lieve Treasurer D. W. Powell, Columbus county and his sureties; to amen I the Bank of Granville; to amend the charter of the Carolina Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

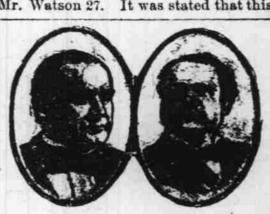
In a case in court a New York womangered him to such an extent that he assaulted her, and he was put under bonds to keep the peace. From this it

The Electoral Vote as Counted in Joint Session By Congress.

LARGE CROWD OF SPECTATORS.

South Carolina's Vote Was Duly Counted for Bryan-Vice-President Stevenson Presided.

Washington-(Special)-The House oined Wednesday with the Senate in witnessing the count of the elector vote for President and Vice-President of the United States, for the term beginning March 4, 1897. The votes of he several States were read in turn by the tellers, Senators Lodge, Republi-can, Massachusetts, and Blackburn, Democrat, of Kentucky, and Represen-tatives Grosvenor, Republican, of Ohio, and Richardson, Democrat, of Tennessee, and the result stated by Vice-President Stevenson, who presided over the joint convention. It was that Mr. McKinley had received 271 votes for President and Mr. Bryan 176; that Mr. Hobart had received 271 votes for Vice-President, Mr. Sewall 149, and Mr. Watson 27. It was stated that this



GARRET A. HOBART.

was a sufficient declaration in law of he election of Messrs. McKinley and lobart for the term stated, as President and Vice-President respectively. The proceedings were witnessed by an imnense crowd of spectators that filled all he galleries, but without the crush in he galleries that has marked previous similar occasions.

The spectators of the count were amilies and their intimate friends, the galleries being reserved for their use. ne section of about 200 seats was thrown open to the public. The abanlonment by Representative Murray, of South Carolina, of his previously announced intention to object to the counting of the vote of that State had the effect of decreasing general interest in the proceedings. It fell to Mr. Grosvenor's lot to announce the nine votes of South Carolina for Bryan and Sewall. As he did so an expectant silence fell on the assembly. But not a whisper of protest was heard. Mr. Grosvenor declared that the certificate appeared to be in proper form, and it

was accepted. At one minute before 1 o'clock Vice President Stevenson called the joint convention to order, Speaker Reed sitting at his left, and Senators Lodge and Blackburn and Representatives Grosvenor and Richardson, the tellers of their respective houses, in front at he clerk's desk. Mr. Stevenson said: 'The Senate and House of Representaives of the United States have met in oint session in pursuance of the constitution on the day appointed for the pening of the certificates and counting f the votes for electors for President and Vice President of the United States. The certificate of the State of Alabama will be read by the tellers." Senator Blackburn thereupon read he certificate of the vote of the Alaoams electors in full and the result announced by him, 11 votes for William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, for Preslent, and 11 votes for Arthur Sewall, of Maine, for Vice-President.

Senator Sherman: "I move, President, that the reading of the formal certificate be omitted in the case of

the remaining States." The Vice-President: "Unless objecion is made, the certificates of the remaining States will not be read, but he result will be announced by the telers after they have satisfied themselves of the correctness of the returns." The tellers then, in rotation, announced the votes of the several States

Alabama, Bryan 11, Sewall 11; Arkansas, Bryan 8, Sewall 5, Watson 3; California, McKinley 8, Bryan 1, Ho-bart 8, Sewall 1; Colorado, Bryan 4, Sewall 4; Connecticut, McKinley 6, Hobart 6: Delaware, McKinley 3, Hobart Florida, Bryan 4, Sewall 4; Georgia, Bryan 13, Sewall 13; Illinois, McKiney 24, Hobart |24; Indians, McKinley 5; Hobart 15, Iowa, McKinley 13, Hobart 13; Idaho, Brvan 3; Sewall Kansas, Bryan 10, Sewall 10; Centucky, McKinley 12, Bryan 1, Hobart 12, Sewali 1; Louisiana, Bryan 8, Sewall 4, Watson 4; Maine, McKinley 6, Hobart 6; Maryland, Mc-Kinley 8, Hobart 8; Massachusetts, McKinley 15, Hobart 15; Michigan, McKinley 14, Hobart 14; Minnesota, McKinley 9, Hobart 9; Mississippi, Bryan 9, Sewall 9; Missouri, Bryan 17, Seawell 13, Watson 4; Montana, Bryan , Sewall 1, Watson 2; Nebraska, Bryan 8, Sewall 4, Watson 4; Nevada, Brytion returns; to amend The Code as to an 3, Sewall 3; New Hampshire, Mcprobate of deeds; to amend the charter | Kinley 4, Hobart 4; New Jersey, Mcof the Roanoke Navigation and Water Kinley 10, Hobart 10; New York, alty for the unauthorized or misleading McKinley 36, Hobart 36; North use of the word "copyright" was pas-McKinley Bryan 11, Sewall 6; Carolina. Watson 5; North Dakota, McKinley 3, WEDNESDAY. - The House joined wito Hobart 3; Ohio, McKinley 23, Hobart | the Senate in witnessing the count of Hobart 3; Ohio, McKinley 4, Hobart 4; Pennsylvania, McKinley 4, Hobart 32; Rhode Island, McKinley 4, Hobart 4; South Carolina, Bryan 9, Sewall 9; the term beginning March 4, 1897, thereby declaring McKinley and Hobart 4; Sewall 9; the second Prior to the assembling South Dakota, Bryan 4, Sewall

2, Watson 2; Tennessee, Bryan 12, Sewall 12; Texas, Bryan 15, Sewall 15; Utah, Bryan 3, Sewall 2, Watson 1; Vermont, McKinley 4, Hoan alleged as one of her complaints against her husband that he could not be kept from washing the dishes and doing the other work about the house bart 6; Wisconsin, McKinley 6, Hobart 6; Wisconsin, McKinley 12, Hobart 6; Wisconsin, McKinley 12, Hobart 6; Wisconsin, McKinley 12, Hobart 13, Wisconsin, McKinley 14, Hobart 13, Wisconsin, McKinley 14, Hobart 14, Winginia, Bryan 12, Sewall 12; Washington, Bryan 14, Sewall 12; Washington, Bryan 15, Washington, Bryan 16, Hobart 17, Winginia, Bryan 16, Hobart 17, Winginia, Bryan 18, Sewall 12; Washington, Bryan 18, Sewall 19, Washington, Bryan 19, Sewall 19, Sewall 19, Washington, Bryan 19, Sewall 19 bert 12; Wyoming, Bryan 3, Sewall 2, Watson 1-totals, McKinley 271; Bryan 176; Hobart 271; Sewall 149; Watson 27.

New York Appropriates \$12,000. ganton cottages are needed, but they are not recommended just now; that there are 26 criminal insane; a depart-

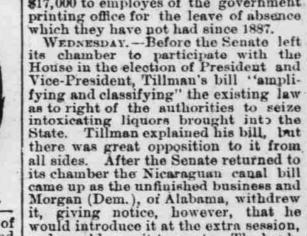
FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS. The Proceedings Briefly Told From Day to Day

SENATE.

Monday.—The session of the Senate was practically held behind closed

doors, the question under consideration being the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. The bill creating a new judicial district in Texas was taken up and considered, but the matter went over for further consideration. In accordance with his notice, Sherman moved an executive session a few minutes after 1 o'clock, at the conclusion of the morning business and the doors were closed for the consideration of the arbitration treaty with Great Britan. At this junc-tion there was an endless debate on the line of holding closed or opened doors on the matter of public debate which finally resulted in an overwhelming

vote to not hold open session for debate on the subject, and the consideration of the treaty was then begun and lasted until 5:25 p. m. TUESDAX.—Senate spent most of the day wrestling with the arbitration treaty behind closed doors. There was considerable discussion about the publicity of the work of the session being reported in the newspapers when everything was done behind closed doors. It was hoped that the talkative Senators would cease giving away the executive secrets. The timber culture law was called up and passed. A joint resolution was offered and re-ferred looking to the payment of some \$17,000 to employes of the government printing office for the leave of absence



and would pass it to a vote. The bankbill came up, but went over until Thursday. The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up and pasyed after a lively discussion, in which Vest (Dem.), of Missouri, held up to ridicule the Secretary of Agriculture. THURSDAY-The Senate passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation argely members of Congressmen's bill, carrying an aggregate of \$1,695,308, after some caustic remarks by Morgan on an item of \$10,000 for a minister plenopotentiary to the States of Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador. An agreement was reached to have the vote on the conference report on the immigration bill taken Wednesday. At 1

> continued to sit with closed doors until FRIDAY. - The open session of the Senate only lasted an hour, and in that time a joint resolution to have the West Point cadets in the inaugural parade was provided for by the passage of the joint resolution appropriating \$5,000 for that purpose. The Nicarauguan canal project was brought up again by a joint resolution, Morgan, (Dem.) of Tennessee, announcing his purpose of addressing the Senate upon it. Hill offered a resolution in behalf of Sylvester Scovel, the American newspaper correspondent recently arrested in Cuba. After the open session the doors were closed and the consideration of the arbitration treaty was resumed in exec-

o'clock the Senate went into executive

session on the arbitration treaty and

utive session. SATURDAY. - The Senate without question or a moments consideration passed a joint resolution to have a naval vessel placed at the disposal of the San Francisco chamber of commerce to for the relief of the panic-stricken poor Secretary of the Navy may charter a suitable American steamship. necessary appropriation is provided. Morgan endeavored to address the Senate for the abrogation of the Clay ton-Bulwer treaty, but the chairman of the committee on foreign relations, Sherman, however, insisted on a motion to proceed to executive business. and a majority of the Senate sided with him. And so, at 12.20, the Senate resumed business behind closed doors in the consideration of the arbitration

MONDAY. - The copy of the returns of the votes of the several States for Presidential electors, which the law directs shall be sent to the Speaker, were laid before the House and will remain on the table until the official canvass of the vote is made on Wednesday.

Talbert, Democrat, of South Carolina,

endeavored to get before the House a

concurrent resolution of the Legislature of his State favoring Cuban recognition, but objection was made to its reading and printing it in the Record. Mr. Talbert was compelled to content himself with a reference of the resolution to the committee on foreign affairs. Tuesday. - The house passed two pension bills over the Presidents veto. They were for the benefit of widows of soldiers who had re-married and lost their second husbands. After a brief debate the conference report on the immigration bill was agreed to by a vote of 217 to 37. This makes the third

use of the word "copyright" was pasbart elected. Prior to the assembling of the joint convention the fortification and postoffie appropriation bills were reported and placed on the calendar. There is an increase in the allowance for free delivery service and also for letter carriers in new free delivery

distinct proposition ou that subject that

the House has passed. Under the call

of committees the bill imposing a pen-

THURSDAY. - The House had a threehours' spat over a bill allowing Arizona to sell some gold bonds. The placing of a semi-colon in the place of a comina was the cause; but finally the semicolon was stricken out and a comma

district of Georgia, in favor of Black and stated that he would call it up at the first opportunity. The bill making appropriations (a total of 80, 253, 325) for fortifications for the year ending June 30, 1898, was considered and passed. The postoffice appropriations bill was taken up in committee of the whole, and discussed for an hour without ac-

FRIDAY. - The House passed the postoffice appropriation bill, with all the amendments save one. Bromwell, (Rep.), of Ohio, made an unsuccessful attempt to cut off the item of \$196,000

attempt to cut off the item of \$196,000 for special mail facilities between Boston and New Orleans—the Southern fast mail. Talbert, (Dem.), of South Carolina, offered an amendment increasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the item for experimental and free delivery, but it was defeated by a vote of 29 to 102.

SATURDAY.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was before the House for general debate. It was used as a basis for an attack, by the Democrats on the vast appropriations made by this Congress, which Sayers and Dockery estimated would aggregate \$1,045,000,000. The latter paid a high tribute to Speaker Reed and acquitted him of all responsibility for the large appropriations. sibility for the large appropriations. The relative merits of the McKinley and Wilson bills as revenue producers were attacked and defended, the income tax decision and Justice Shiras' change of position came in for a share of attention and Dearmond, of Missouri, concluded the day with a brilliant plea for struggling Cuba.

RIDES A WHEEL.

Latest Accomplishment of a Girl

Deaf, Dumb and Blind. Helen Keller rides a wheel! This is the latest accomplishment to be acquired by the marvelous young girl who has so interested scientific men and so amazed the unscientific world. Miss Keller, when a mere infant, became, through an attack of a violent disease, blind, deaf and dumb. Recently sho entered Radcliffe College, Cambridge, it, giving notice, however, that he would introduce it at the extra session, and would pass it to a vote. The bank-well-night incredible. Blind and deaf; having never heard human anguage. she has learned to speak German and French so well that a native to these tongues cannot tell she is a foreigner. Her English, too, is perfection. She reads all the great authors, can recite Shakspeare and Goethe and Hugo, writes good poetry herself and is quite adept in dead languages. To accomplish this marvelous result years of infinite toil and patience were spent by



her, and her interpreter and friend, Miss Sullivan, who, before taking up in a deaf-mute institution. The teacher transport wheat and corn contributed | began with establishing a sort of teleby California, Oregon and other States | graph code between herself and her pupil in the form of finger taps on the of India. Instead of a naval vessel, the palm of the little girl. Helen learned to give utterance to language by placing her fingers on Miss Sullivan's lips, fact and throat and then imitating the motions made by her teacher with the same muscles. She sings delightfully, but has never heard her own voice, She knows what light is, without having seen, recites difficult lessons to better advantage than many of her fellow pupils, and has now taken to cycling, from which she derives as much joy as any of her companions who are in full possession of their faculties. Miss Keller rides tandem, fearlessly, and if she keeps on progressing she may be able to completely demonstrate the theory that all the senses are really one at root-touch.

> Miss Willard vouches for McKinley's temperance principles and the determination of himself and Mrs. McKinley to banish wine from the White House

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