General, Local, But All of Some Importance.

ANNULLMENT

the North Carolina Railroad Falls by a Vote of 26 to 24 -- Tax Rate

SENATE.

Monday. - Senate met at 12 o'clock. e were a large batch of new bills e ref a local nature, principally. me the bills passed were:

To incorporate the town of Clyde, in laywood county; to provide for workthe public roads of Halifax county; establish a system for working the ablicroads of Vance county; to author-Madison to levy a special tax; to vy a special tax in school district No. in Wake Forest township; to allow reenshoro to issue bonds; to allow sunswick county to levy a special x, to provide for printing the ws of 1897, to allow Duplin county levy a special tax; to allow h county to levy a special tax; allow Anson county to levy a special x, passed second reading; for working able roads of Chatham, passed; to power the city of Charlotte to acire real estate, etc., to better reguio, water supply, passed second third seadings; to incorporate the ink of Brevard, in Transylvania counpassed second and third readings; passide for the exchange of circuit iminal courts and to employ stenog-phers, passed second and third read-

is heave Mayo introduced a bill for no lef of women and children in cot-TUESDAY. - Senate met at 10 o'clock.

rerson, a bill for the protection of Lyon, a bill to amend chaper 186, private laws of 1891, relating to ublic roads. Utley, a bill to provide for the additional equipment, repairs, and support of the University of North arolina and the Normal and Industrial chap! This carries an appropriation 125,000 for the University and \$12,500 o the Normal and Industrial School. talls and resolutions were disposed of as follows: To amend and consolidate the acts incorporating the town of Mor-

in, in Anson county. To amend the harter of the town of Forest City, in l'atherford county. Passed second reading. To amend the, charter the town of Southren Pines. based second reading. To encourme horticulture and to aid in the Horticultural department. Passed second and third readings. For procuring and distributing the bodies of dead human beings for the promotion of medical science. Mr. Abel offered "That this bill shall not the Aged and Infirm." Amendment a top led. On third reading Mr. Ray demanded the roll call, which was sustained. The bill passed, ayes 30, noes 12. To provide for the additional equipment, repairs and support of the Unitersity of North Carolina. Carries an appropriation of \$5,000 annually be-

blies what is now appropriated. Atwater was opposed to appropriating the additional \$5,000, and on second reading demanded the roll call, which and third readings. The vote on sec-Und reading was ayes 30, nees 10. in provide for the additional equipment, repairs and support of the Nor-

had and Industrial School. This bill tactors an appropriation annually of 100 felditional to that already appropriated. This will be a total of North Carolina gets. The bill passed

To incorporate the colored grand alge of the Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, Passed second and third readings. To incorporate the town of Ecolmond, in Madision county. l'assed second reading. The President of the Senate appoint-

ed the following as a committee on election of trustees of the University of North Carolina: Mesers, Rollins, Ram-Fhaw, Butler, Scales and An-

To change the name of the Criminal reuit Court of Buncombe, Madison, at wood and Henderson counties to Circuit Court" The bill allows the ge to practice law also. Passed secnd reading. To amend section 2490, of The Code, relating to the restoration citizenship. Passed second and third

At the afternoon ression bills passed protect the birds in Randolph and avidson; to amend the act to incororate the Atlantic & North Carolina ailroad and the North Carolina & estern Railroad.

WEDNESDAY. - Senate met at 12 lock. Among the large batch of lcfulls introduced were: To promote interest of public schools in North rolina; Moye, (by request) to require cease to carry concealed weapons.

Among the new bills: To amend hapter 194, Laws of 1895, relating to improvement of public rords; to exend the time to compromise, commute ad settle the State debt, strikes out 882 and inserts 1899; to embrace Mclowell county in the Criminal Circuit our; to prohibit the working of females on the streets and roads of Vance county and town of Henderson; for the Telief of the Croetan Normal School in Robeson county; to amend the charter of Selma, Johnson county, allowing the town to tax druggists for selling li-

At the afternoon session the following were among the new bills that passed: To abolish the Circuit Criminal Court of Robeson; to embrace McDowell county in the Western Criminal Circuit. The bill to regulate the sale of animal food, making it a misdemeanor for any one to sell any fowl, cattle or swine that has died from sickness or were sick when killed, was tabled. The present law makes it indictable in the Superior Court to sell any animal food that is unfit for food.

By leave Person introduced a bill to assist in the maintenance of Pigford Eanitarium, for the treatment of Legro

THURSDAY. - Senate met at 11 o'clock. Among the bills that passed were: To feated. Governor Russell sent a mes-

amend the act incorporating the town

of Morvin, in Anson county; to amend the charter of the town of Forest City in Rutherford county; to incorporate the town of Redmond in Madison county; to allow Madison county to issue bonds and levy a special tax; to amend the charter of Southern Pines; to allow Transylvania county to levy a special tax, passed second reading; to aid in the construction of the Winston-Salem Southbound railroad; to protect creditors and innocent purchasers of personal property, mortgaged in other States, to regulate the appointment of cotton weighers for the city of Raleigh; to authorize the auditor to draw warrants on the State Treasurer for \$5 extra for each page of the General Assembly; to incorporate Palmersville Academy in Stanly county; to prevent hunting on the lands in Yadkin county

without permission. By leave Butler introduced bills to protect employees, passengers, ship-pers of railroads, and to elect the raiload commissioners by a vote of the

At the afternoon session bills passed to repeal chapter 81, laws of 1887, in so far as it applies to Anson county; to amend chapter 64, private laws of 1883, by striking out Thomasville and insert reensboro; to amend chapter 310, private laws of 1891, by striking out Thomasville and inserting Salisbury; to revise and improve the public school

FRIDAY. - Senate met at 10 o'clock Bills were is troduced to allow women to vote in local option elections; to incorporate the Lumber River company and the town of Haly in Columbus county. Among the bills disposed of

To allow Chatham county to issue bonds and lovy a special tax. To allow Transylvania county to levy a special tax. Passed. To establish a graded school for Greenville, Pitt county. Passed. To authorize the commissioners of Madison county to build a bridge over Ivey creek. To allow the town of Monroe to issue bonds to build waterwork . Passed second reading. To anthorize the town of Monroe to hold an election to vote on issuing bonds.

Passed second reading. The North Carolina Railroad bill be ing a special order, relative to the lease. it was taken up and Grant's substitute bill passed whereby the lease stands. The speeches were long, and when the vote was taken resulted: Yeas 26, noes

At the night session the following bills were passed: To fix the time of holding courts in the fifth district; to establish the dispensary of Waxhaw; to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton; to repeal the act requiring all persons who sell seed cotton in Anson county to go before a magistrate and have it registered, so as to detect theft; to establish a dispensary for Rutherfordton; to permit the establishment of public libraries; to establish a dispensary for Bladen county. Passed. To provide a dispensary for Littleton. To regulate fees of sheriffs and tax collectors in Rowan; to create public roads in Caswell; to permit the practice of ostheopathy.

Monday. -The House met at 10 o'clock. Only a few bills were introduced, and the following were among

Wilson-To allow the people of Gaston county to vote on the removal of the court house from Dallas to Gastonia. issue bonds upon a vote of the majority of the people. (Resolution by Cruch) that the House adjourn at 2 p. m. in memory of George Washington; to incorporate the town of Redmond, was surfained. The bill passed second Madison county; to allow the city of Charlotte to issue \$30,-000 in bonds to pay for water-works; to allow Robeson county to levy an increased tax; to forbid ex-Confederate soldiers' who are inmates of the Soldiers' Home from receiving pensions while therein, and giving them the option as between remaining in the Home 25,000, the same that the University of | or receiving pension; to amend the road laws in Ashe and to provide that second and third readings without a Watauga's roads be kept up as they were prior to the adoption of the Mecklenburg road law in 1895; to allow Rutherford to employ convicts on the public roads or on the streets; to allow Caldwell county to levy special tax to pay debt; to allow Monroe to issue \$30,-000 in bonds for water-works. Among the above bills there were a large batch to allow different counties to levy special tax, etc. Tuesday. - House met at 10 o'clock.

> Green-To establish a criminal circuit composed of Mitchell, Yancey. Mc-Dowell, Ashe and Watauga counties, to have all the jurisdiction vested in the Superior Courts so far as crimes are concerned, the judge to be elected by the people; salary \$1,600 and \$200 for expenses; the solicitor to be similarly elected and receive the usual fees. Mr. Lusk (resolution) - That after March 1 no bills or resolutions be introduced. Green-To submit to the popular vote at the next general election the question of State aid to higher education. Mr. Nelson-To preserve and protect deer in Caldwell, Yancey, Burke, Mc-Dowell and Mitchell counties. Mr. Hancock-To reduce bonds of sheriffs 60 per cent. of the assessed taxes. Candler-To prevent destruction of fish in Buncombe, Henderson, Rutherford and Transylvania, allowing them to be caught with hook only. Cathey-To promote public education, by provid-ing that if the courts annul the 99-year lease of the North Carolina Railroad and it be leased for a greater sum than the present one, the excess shall be appropriated to the State Board of Education among the various counties among the school children, on a per capita

Bills passed: To amend the charter of Lexington; to amend the act creating the Western Criminal Circuit Court by providing that whenever the commissioners of any county in the district shall request the judge to call an extra term he shall call it and receive the compensation of a Superior court judge from the county, also to provide that the Governor may order the judge to hold a special term whenever it is, in his judgment, necessary; to embrace McDowell county in the Western Criminal circuit; to charter the Snow Hill

Kailroad, with \$100,000 capital. The bill to change the charter of Wilmington was defeated amid the most intense excitement. The bill was Russell's own measure, and its defeat is taken as a direct slap at the Governor. A number of Western Republicans voted

against the bill. The anti-gold contract bill was de-

sage to the Legislature announcing | 3200; Muriby, to amend the charter of thirty vacancies in the Board of Irustees of the State University.

The House by a vote of 63 to 38 puts New Berne in the hands of the negroes. WEDNESDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock. Among the new bills were: Ward-To reduce the pay of legislators to \$3 a day. Brower—To allow Mt. Airy to levy special license taxes. Young—To make \$4,000 appropriation (additional) out of the general fund for the seven colored State normal schools. Deckery-To allow Clerk Long, of Richmond Superior Court, to be absent from his office on certain days. Currie -To protect Lumberton's artesian wells. Blackburn-To change the time of holding courts in the tenth district. Bills passed: For the relief of Z. F. Long, clerk of Richmond county; to provide that Beaufort, Columbus and Lenoir counties "may" instead of "shall" publish the county financial statements; to change the court house from Dallas to Gastonia; to allow the sheriff of Surry to collect taxes before March 15th; to authorize the Governor or the penitentiary directors to have the streets around the Capitol Square paved by convict labor; to incorporate Central Institute at Columbus, Polk county; to amend the charter of Laurinburg; to allow Lauriaburg to issue \$20,-000 in bonds for water works, street improvements, etc.; to prohibit taking of clams from the waters of Brunswick county between April 15th and November 15th; (resolution) that no bills be introduced on or after March 1 To amend the law regarding issues of fact in trials; to protect fish in Newbegun creek, Pasquotank county; to amend the road law in Ashe and Wa-

tauga; to incorporate the Bank of Ran-dolph; to amend the charter of Mt. Airy; to provide for the inspection of coal mines and the safety of miners therein; to change the time of holding courts in the tenth district; to repeal the charter of Mars Hill, Madison By leave Cook introduced a bill torequire the constitutions of North Carolina and the United States to be read in all

the public schools. At the night session the hill to charter he Winston-Salem Southbound railroad came up, but was laid over until Thurs-

Bills passed: To allow Forest City. Rutherford county, to issue \$4,000 in burg county; the next largest (\$12,000) bonds for improvements, and to levy a tax: to repeal the Cabarrus road law so far as it applies to townships
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11 and 12; that
provisions of chapter 142, acts of 1893 are not to be in any way affected; to | part. allow the people of Forsyth to vote on the question of a special tax for a court house, not over 20 centson \$100; to prohibit the taking of fish in Buncombe, Rutherford, Transylvania and Henderson counties, save with hooks; to prohibit fast riding or driving across any bridges in Buncombe; to require all public school teachers to read aloud to their pupils twice during each session the constitution of the United States and of North Carolina; to ratify the charter of the Elizabeth College Company, of Charlotte; to allow the commissioners of Maxton to increase tax levy from 50 cents to \$1.

By leave, Person, of Wayne, introduced a bill to amend chapter 81, acts of 1895, fixing the maximum schedule of charges for selling leaf tobacco by all warehousemen in the State, as follows: 'In section 1, line 4, strike out 15 and usert 5; in line 5 strike out 25 and inseat 10; in line 6 strike out 10 and insert , and in line 8 strike out 10 and insert

THURSDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills introduced were: Wilson-To allow Gastonia to vote a denation to Gaston county to erect a court house and jail at Gastonia. Hauser-To provide for election of railroad commissioners by the people, and give the commission the right to prevent the reducion of wages of any railroad employe whose annual wages are less than \$2, 000, the penalty being \$20 for each case; and also providing that no railroad shall charge over 2; cents per mile for first lass and 2 cents for second class fare between any two points in this State, under penalty of \$100; this to apply to roads classed as "standard" by the commission. Duffy-To protect turpentine workers by fining any person \$50 who adulterates spirits of turpentine with kerosene oil (or so days' imprisonment, or both). Bryan-To protect land owners in Chatham, by forbidding people in stock law territory to graze stock

Bills passed: To amend the charter of the North Carolina Dairymen's Association so as to allow it to offer premiums, the State to give it \$500 annually; to amend the charter of Wilkesboro so as to allow annual elections on iquor licenses to be held; to change the time of holding Superior Courts of Craven; to amend the law regarding registration of citizenship, so that the petitioner can file his pelition in the county in which he was convicted, or the one in which he resides; to amend the charter of Mt. Airy; to make it a misdemeanor for any person not duly licensed o perform the marriage ceremony; the \$5,000 appropriation to the University; to appropriate \$2,500 additional for the State Normal and Industrial

The bill to charter the Winston-Salem South-bound Railroad was taken up. McCrary's amendment to force it to go through the town of Lexington was overwhelmingly voted down and the bill passed second reading.

At the night session the House passed the following bills: To fix "Newbern" as the proper way of spelling the name of that city; to make properly verified statements of account prima facie evidence of its correctness; to work Union county's public roads by taxation; to allow Lumberton to issue bonds; to submit to the voters of Anson the question of the road tax; to allow Charlotte to issue bonds; to provide for the erection of a school building for the North Carolina School for Deaf and Dumb, carrying \$20,000 appropriation, passed second reading and was recommitted to the finance committee; to allow Gastonia to vote a donation to Gaston county, not to exceed \$15,000, to aid in building a court house and jail; to incorporate the trustees of St. Marv's School at Raleigh; to incorporate the Carolina, Chimney Rock & Teanessee Railroad Company to be operared by steam or electricity from Rutherfordton via Hendersonville to the Tennessee

FRIDAY. - House met at 10 o'clock, There were only a few new bills introduced. Among them were: To estabthe battle-ground of Moore's Creek for | nal.

Salisbury by allowing a special tax of 25 cents on the \$100; McCrary, for the relief of the town of Lexington and Cotton Grove, in Davidson county; Green, to establish an independent school district composed of parts of Burke, Mitchell and McDowell; Allen, to incorporate Diamond Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Asheboro; Hancock, to create the office of prosecuting attorney

missioners to elect an auditor. The House went into committee of the whole on the revenue and machinery act. The rate of taxes was fixed as follows: Poil, \$1.35; general tax, 21 2-3; pension tax, 3 1-3; schools, 20. There was a lively debate on the question of taxing the sale of horses and mules. Finally it was agreed to

for the Eastern Criminal Circuit Court,

to get same pay as solicitors, to be ap-

pointed by the Governor and to serve

four years; Lusk, to allow county com-

tax all persons or firms who keep either private or auction stables a tax of \$25 to the State and \$10 to the county. At the night session bills passed to in-corporate the Carolina, Chimney Rock & Tennessee Railroad Company; to amend the carter of the Moore County & Western Railroad; to incorporate the North Carolina Land and Timber Company; to incorporate the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias; to prevent minors from entering and loafing in barrooms, bowling alleys and billiard rooms passed. The owners of such places are made guilty of a misdemeanor, with \$50 penalty, if they allow minors to enter such places after notice from parents or guardians. The bill to incorporate the American Trust and Savings Bank at Charlotte passed.

## GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT. The Cost of Road-Making in the State

of North Carolina. The State of North Carolina has been very progressive in the movement for good roads. Prof. J. A. Holmes, State geologist, has prepared a report on the subject, which shows the money raised in North Carolina for road purposes to be \$109,000. The largest amount (\$36,000) is raised by Mecklenin Buncombe, and third (\$9,300) in

Forsyth. The total number of counties

that have adopted a road tax is about

thirty. They are werking their roads now by this system either wholly or in Reports from a number of counties working convicts on their roads show that it costs less to work them on the public roads than it does to feed them in the county jails. In Wake, for instance, it costs twenty and one-half cents; in Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Durham and Alamance it costs twenty cents per day per convict to work them on the public roads. This cost includes board, clothes, medical attention and salaries of the guards. Whereas in these same counties, when these prisoners are kept in jail, it costs on an average of 28 cents per day per prisoner to support them. The report shows, furthermore, that the convicts enjoy better health when working on the public roads than when in jail. The report will be a valuable addition to the literature on the employment of convicts and the good roads movement. -- Manufacturers' Record.

RAN A CORPSE TRUST. A Cemetery Sexton Sells Corpses to

the College. At Lynchburg, Va., N. J. Farmer, sexton of the city's burying grounds, was arrested and bailed for his appearance in the police court to answer the charge of unlawfully disinterring the the body of Ella Jameison, the white woman who committed suicide by

drowning. The woman was buried at the city's expense and the body was disinterred, packed in a barrel and sent to the depot for shipment to the University of Vir-

the police authorities believe that Farmer has been engaged for some time in the practice of disinterring bodies for a money consideration and a careful watch was kept on the cemetery, with the result as stated. Farmer admitted that he had been shipping bodies to the University but claims that he had a right to do so under the law.

### UNJUST IMPRISONMENT. A Georgia Negro Granted a New Trial, But Never Given.

It has just come to light in Savannah, Ga., that a negro named Major Lee has served 15 years in the Georgia penitentiary on conviction for murder, has never had a new trial which was granted him by the Superior court on the grounds that he is not guilty under the evidence that was submitted in the case. Lee was convicted in 1881 and the verdict was contrary to the law and the evidence. In the meantime Lee was sent to the penitentiary and is there today and has never had his new trial. When sent up he was a little 14-year old boy. He is now a big, burly negro

It pays to be a speedy bicycle rider. Less than four years ago two Welsh lads, the Linton brothers, worked in a colliery in Northern Wales, earning less than 50 cents a day each. One of them was taken up by a shrewd cycle trainer and broke all records for a period of two years, at the end of which time he died, leaving a fortune of \$20,000. His younger brother, Tom Linton, is now the greatest long-distance bleycle rider in the world. He has ridden thirty-one and one-third miles in a single hour-that is to say, in each of the 360 seconds he traveled over ninety feet of space. This must have been done, of course, with a wheel of abnormally high gear, probably 100. He has been riding only about two years, but his earnings are estimated at \$30,000.

"I wonder what that man is so appry "during the half-hour I have been flying around his head, he has done nothlish graded school at Washington; ing but hit himself in the jaw every James, to provide for the purchase of half minute or so."-Indianapolis JourFIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

The Proceedings Briefly Told From Day to Day. SENATE.

MONDAY. - In the Senate Washing ton's farewell address was read in the presence of a large audience by Daniel, (Dem.) of Virginia. The principal part of the day was occupied in the consid-eration of the Indian appropriation bill. The Loud bill, to amend the postal laws, was reported back from the postoffice committee with amendments, including one for one-cent letter postage The bill and report were antagonized by two Populist Senators-Butler, of

North Carolina, and Stewart, of Nevada.

Tuesday.—The entire day of the Senate was practically consumed in a discussion of an amendment in the Indian appropriation bill for the opening to settlers of the Uncompaghre Indian reservation in Utah, containing over two million acres. After considerable discussion the amendment was modified, agreed to and passed. The Alaskan boundary treaty which was signed by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote Jan. 30th last, was laid before the Senate in executive session. Without being read it was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The Vice-President laid bcfor the Senate a report from the Secretary of State as to the persons claiming to be American citizens, who were captured on board the Competitor. Referred to the committee on foreign

Wednesday-The Senate discussed Cuba awhile. Allen (Pop.) wanted to send battleships without delay in a resolution which was objected to and laid over until Thursday. Hill and Morgan offered another resolution on the same subject. It is as follows in part: "That the Secretary of State be and is hereby requested to transmit to the Senate either in open or secret session, as he may prefer, all the correspondence and roports of the Consul General at Havana." Morgan proposed the release of Julio Sanguilly, an American imprisoned in Cuba in a strong resolution. The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and del

further action. THURSDAY. - There was a heated debate in the Senate on Sanguilly, the American citizen who is imprisoned in a Cuban fortress. Daniel took the lead and referred to Spain's insult to Consul Lee and to the United States. Hale and Hoar took sides in this particular case with Spain, Hale saying the Senators who are so ardent in Sanguilly's cause really want war. It is also claimed that his naturalization papers were fraudulently obtained, and that he is, not American citizen. It is now thought that the Cuban crisis is near at hand. The House bill to amend the act as to receivers of national banks was passed. and the Senate adjourned until Friday with the understanding that the Cuban resolution will be again called up.

The President sent to the Senate the following nomination: W. W. Clark, of North Carolina, to be United States district judge for the eastern district of North Carolina.

FRIDAY. -The Senate had the Indian appropriation bill before it, but that fact did not prevent Cuba and the Sanguilly case from being fought over even in a more angry and excited manner than Thursday. The Sanguilly resolution having been sent to the calendar two other resolutions as to the victims of Spanish cruelty were offered and considerable comment pro and con was indulged in, some getting mad and others getting witty. Finally the Cuban question was permitted to subside and the actual consideration of the appropriation bill was resumed.

# HOUSE.

TUESDAY-The chief occupation of the house was to denounce the civil service law. It came about by the consideration of the bill to amend the revised statutes so as to give the governors of territories the power to remove, as well as appoint, certain territorial offices. It was participated in by a dozen members, nearly all of whom condemned and criticised the civil service law. The bill that started the debate was passed. The remainder of the day's session was spent in the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, which was passed just as received from the committee on naval affairs.

Wednesday. - A message was receiued from the President transmitting the report of the joint commission appointed under the agreement of the United States and Great Britain in 1882, on the fisheries of the waters continguous to the United States and Canada. A resolution recommended by the committee on accounts, authorizing the | gut. Many of the bodies were 6 feet 7 decided in the Fifty-third and Fiftyfourth congresses to cost\$2,500 to be prepared by the clerks of the committee on elections, was discussed and referred to the committee on printing. The appearance of Wm. J. Bryan upon the floor of the House was the most noticable event of the day's session. THURSDAY. -By a vote of 144 to 46,

the House passed the bill of Johnson (Rep.), of Indiana, authorizing national banks to take out circulation to the par value of the bonds deposited to secure it, an increase of 10 per cent. over the limit now allowed. Conference reports upon the agricultural appropriation bill and upon the bill for the relief of settlers upon the Sioux reservation in South Dakota, were presented and as information only and is subject to agreed to. Speaker Reed ordered the change without notice to the public. reference to Mr. Bryan's visit and the aberasson, winston-calem and will Democratic cheering to be eliminated from the Record. The resolution by the committee on foreign affairs, call ing on the President for the correspondence relating to the arrest and punishment of American citizens by Spanish authorities in Cuba was presented and agreed to. Sulzer (Dem.), of New York, offered a resolution declaring war between Spain and the United States. The measure was referred to the committee on foreign affairs. FRIDAY. - The interpretation to be

placed upon the declaration of the platform of the Republican national convention regarding the securing of an international bimetallic agreement was the subject of an animated, and at times exciting, debate in the House. The result was that only three Republicans were of the opinion that their party is committed to the single gold standard. The bill passed by a yea and nay vote at himself about?" said the mosquito; of 279 to 3. Bills passed providing for arbitration of labor troubles between the management of inter-state commerce carriers and their employers; prohibiting the importation of impure

and unwholesome tea.

### RANSOM RESIGNS.

Loses a Fee of \$50,000 in Gold in Giving Up Position of Arbitrator. United States Minister Matt. W. Ransom was selected some time ago as referee in the Guatemala-Mexico boundary dispute. Owing to the illness of without notice to the public. his wife, and the improbability of his staying much longer in Mexico, he has resigned the position, and the two gov-ernments will select his successor at an early date. He was to have received a fee of \$50,000 in gold for his labor.

A Big Southern Bell. The great bell which is to ring in and ring out the day at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition has been accepted by Gen. Thomas, manager of the Exposi-Gen. Thomas, manager of the Exposi-tion Company, and will be shipped at once to Nashville. The ponderous peal-er is made of copper and in size is second only to the Liberty bell, the prototype of the great Columbia Expo-sition bell which it resembles. It weighs three thousand pounds, is six inches in thickness and six feet in diameter. The bell is the largest ever manufactured in the South and was presented to the Centennial by its makers, the Ross Meehan Bell Foundery Company, of Chattanooga. Its tone is very soft and sweet.

### McKinley's Unusual Courtesy.

A report current with members of the Cabinet is that President-elect McKinley has instructed his secretary, John Addison Porter, to see that President Cleveland is provided with an escort after he leaves the White House (to which he will return with the newlyinstalled President after the latter has taken the oath of office at the Capitol). There is no precedent for such a thing, but it will, if true, prove a more than ordinarily grateful act of courtesy from President-elect McKinley to his predecessor in office.

### Cnbans Buy a Tug.

The Cuban sympathizers of Philadelphia, Pa., have purchased a powerful tug which they propose using in the service of the insurgent government in carrying soldiers and war material from Florida ports to the island.

Killed 'Em with Clubs. Jeff Hardin, a farmer who lives on the River road, opposite the Six-Mile Island, went to Louisville recently with a wagon load of squirrels, all of which he disposed of, and in consequence the squirrel market was glutted. Mr. Hardin killed the entire lot in a few minutes, and with a big stick at that. He said that he had a six-acre field of corn on his farm, but that during the past few weeks the squirrels had come from the neighboring woods in great droves and had all but devastated his crop. He tried every means known to

frighten or drive the frisky little pests

away, but without avail, so he finally

determined to turn the cornfield into a slaughter-house. Eearly one morning, before the sun had fairly got his sleepy face above the horizon, Mr. Hardin and his 17-year-old son armed themselves with sticks and moved off in the direction of the cornfield. The field is bounded on two sides by the river, and on the other two by open fields. Mr. Hardin approached from one of the open sides and his son from the other. At the sight of the farmers the squirrels leaped nimbly from the stalks and scampered off across the corn rows. Mr. Hardin and his son pursued and finally cornered them down near the river. There the

Hardin says. At any rate a wagon load of squirrels was killed by the two farmers, who say that nearly as many more dodged by them or jumped into the river and were drowned. The wagon contained exactly 763 of the dead pests, so Mr. Hardin says, and he is responsible for the statement that there are thousands more in the neighborhood that he will bring in if his cornfield is again molested .- Louisville

slaughter took place, and for a time

the field ran rivers of blood, so Mr.

A heathen burying ground, with glant skeletons, was recently dug up in Mitterndorf, in the Austrian Salzkammerpreparation of a digest of election cases | inches tall. They were all buried with the feet to the east, each inclosed in a circle of stones, with a stone under the head. Large earrings and finger rings were found on them, and one skeleton held a knife in its hand. No signs of Christian burial were discovered.

# Southern Railway

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