In spite of the large bounties it enbys the mercantile marine of France continues to dwindle.

Recent statistics have upset the old action that blondes are more predisposed to insanity than brunettes.

For the area, the cost of street denning in New York is nearly double that of any other city in the world.

The New York Advertiser maintains that the frying pan is responsible for at least 5000 ailments that flesh is heir

Secretary Morton says that oleomar

garine ought to be as free as butter, and that it is a great deal better to eat than much butter. The century is old; only six years

remain to it. But this is quite sufficient to work mighty changes in the man of Asia, and perhans in that of Europe, also,

The arrival of 6,748,000 hogs in Chicago during the past year would seem to indicate to the New York Ad. vertiser that that city is getting the fat of the land.

Since the year 1891 more than 11,000 claims, aggregating \$40,000,000, have been made for land taken from the Indians. The sums paid since 1799 under the act passed that year for what are called depredation claims will amount to more than one hundred billion dollars.

The Czar of Russia thinks that the beginning of the Siberian Railroad, a new section of which was openel a few days since, was "one of the greatestacts of the glorious reign of my ever lamented father."

Football playing is not only esteemed an excellent advertisement for a college, but some preparatory schools are said by the New York Sun to have gone to the length of enticing good players from rival schools by the offer of free tuition. This means a good deal, since tuition in a fashionable preparatory school costs a pretty

According to the Real Estate Record, office buildings which cost upward of \$1.50 a cubic foot ten years ago can now be erected for from thirty to forty cents a cubic foot. This great saying, due to the increasing use of steam and mechanical devices, must finally result in a marked reduction of

Nothing in all the march of progress is more striking, maintains the New York Independent, than the improvement in the care of the sick, through trained nurses. Bellevue Hospital, in New York, twenty years ago, was supplied with nurses by giving women who had been condemned to a "term on the island" their choice, to go there or to take an equal term as nurse in Bellevue!

The Hamburg Fremdenblatt thinks that the new magazine rifles will do away with cavalry in general engagements, because every saddle could be emptied in two minutes in a charge of less than a mile. It says that seventyfive per cent. of the cavalry will be converted into infantry, and the majority of the rest will become bicyclists.

The gypsy moth which is taking possession of New England is an immigrant from France. It reached New England in 1870, and has since multiplied in an alarming way. Its caterpillars are very destructive, and New England would like to have a Federal appropriation of \$200,000 to use in preventing it from interfering with interstate commerce.

The State of North Carolina owns a controlling interest in two of the principal railroads of the State: the North Carolina Railroad, extending from Goldboro to Charlotte, 223 miles, and the Atlantic and North Carolina, from Goldboro to Morehead City. This makes a continuous line of road, 325 miles in length, running through the richest and most thickly populated nortion of the State.

The Interior remarks: As a nation, Japan is a child of the nineteenth century. The progress of Christianity in Japan is one of the marvels of modern church history. The first five years of faithful Christian struggle produced one convert. In 1872 was organized the first Evangelical Church of eleven members. Now there are 865 churches with a membership of

LEGISLATURE.

DOINGS OF OUR LAW MAKERS AT RALEIGH.

Assemblymen Working Hard to Make This 60 Day Session a Memorable One.

TUESDAY. SENATE .- Bills were introduced defining trusts and combinations and making them criminal; to repeal the Code regarding election of superintendent of public buildings; to incorporate the Farmers Life Association of North Carolina; to increase the number of directors of Western Hospital at Morganton. The special order bill to lend \$10,000 to complete the Confederate monument, was postponed until February 22. Bill passed allowing Char-lotte and Mecklenburg county to buy fair grounds.

House .- An unfavorable report was made on the bill to reduce the State Guard appropriation, and a favorable one on the six per cent interest bill. Bills were introduced to give School districts power to vote special taxes for The election law bill was schools. presented and 500 copies ordered printed. Bills were introduced to charter Tennessee and Ohio railway; to provide for sessions of Legislature every four years; to trustees of Blind institution and create a board of directors. Norment and Smith were seated as members from Robeson, unseating Fayre and Carlisle, Bills passed requiring County Commissioners to take bonds of sarity companies.

WEDNESDAY. In the Senate today bills were introduced to attach Yadkin county to the Eighth Congressional District; to expunge from the acts of 1893, the resolution of congratulation to Grever Cleveland; to provide for an insurance law; to amend the charter of Wilmington. The bill to withdraw the approprietion to the Oxford Orphan Asylum was tabled. The Lindlay training school bill was postponed for

House. - A resolution was introduced that the salaries of all officers and employes of public institutions which are over \$50 per month be reduced 20 provide for the election of commissionincorporate the People's Fire Insurance to the Eighth Judicial district; to amend the charter of the Charlotte Street Railway. The bill requiring County commissioners to take bonds of security companies passed final reading. The bill to turn over \$26,000 of the direct tax fund in the treasury to the school fund for division among the counties of the State passed Second was instructed to report tomorrow the six per cent. interest bill. The committee resented this and bitter speeches

SENATE. - Bills were introduced to regulate the drawing of jurors; to extend the time of beginning work on the Greensboro and Norfolk Railway; to provide for timber inspectors. The bill in regard to delays of freight shipments by railways came up, with the House amendment. The Senate refused to concur, and a committee of conference was requested. House. - Bills were introduced

provide for the election of a commission of agriculture by the legislature; to require executors to give bonds; to promote breeding of better horses. There were speeches on questions of personal privilege by many Republicans on account of attacks by the Caucasian upon the judiciary committee, charging it with trying to smother the six per cent. interest. Bagwell, Populist, said if the bill were not passed no more legislation would be enacted this session. This then aroused many Republicans. There were some bitter speeches. Attacks were made in these upon Marion Butler, as outside influence charged with trying to bulldoze the legislature. A motion that the action of the House yesterday in ordering the six per cent, interest bill to be reported today, be reconsidered, was , 402.42. adopted. Effort was made to suspend rules and place the bill on second reading. The motion was lost. The bill to make May 30 a legal holiday was tabled, also the bill to prevent preferences by insolvent incorporations Bills passed incorporating the Southern Mutual Fire Insurance. There was a warm debate on the bill to transfer Mitchell county from the Eighth to Fourth district.

FRIDAY.

by the women of the State asking for an appropriation for the Women's exhibit at the Ailanta Exposition. Bills were introduced to incorporate a training school for idiotic and weak minded Forest City; to define the qualifications | the money is a mystery. of train dispatchers; to reduce the appropriation to the Oxford Orphan Asy um. Bills were passed requiring all Public Printing Under New System corporations to pay cash for checks and scrip; to require radways to redeem unused tickets. Bills were also passed to work convicts on the public roads in McDowell, Lincoln, and Randolph; to protect the holders or fire insurance policies by making judgment tien on real and personal property

of the companies. House. - R. M. Norment, of Robe on, was sworn in. Bills were intro duced to require the officers of corporations created by the egislature to be sworn; to relieve B. & L. associations from usurious contracts, and permitting them to issue insurance poicies; to appropriate \$5,000 to the State fair; to require schools, colleges and churches to be incorporated before clerks of the Superior court; to pay Superior court collectors \$2,000 salary. The bill to transfer Mitchell county to the Ninth district passed third reading. The bill to place the balance of the direct tax fund to the credit of the school

fund passed second reading. SATURDAY.

SENATE. - Prominent bills introduced were: To abolish trusts, monopolies and combinations, and to protect pri vate corporations, and for the benefit of the school fund; to prevent double and unjust taxation in North Carolina; Mr. White, of Alamance, to prevent

the working of female convicts on the public roads. Bill incorporating Booneville, Yadkin county, passed 2d and 3d readings. Resolution to pay the funeral expenses of Mr. Williams. late a member of the House from Warren, was amended and passed second and third readings. Mr. Wall, by consent, introduced a bill to establish a normal school for the colored race at

House. - Bills were intoduced as follows: By Mr. Keithley, to establish public burying grounds in North Carolina; by Mr. Munroe, regarding mortgages, providing that payments on mortgage debt must be entered of record, and for a \$10 forfeiture for failare to so enter payments or satisfac tions. Bills passed allowing Fayette ville to establish a system of electric lighting and motive power; to incorporate the People's Fire Insurance Company of North Carolina; Senate amendments to the bill appropriating \$3,000 for furnishing the new building at the insane asylum here. The bill to incorporate Hamlet was tabled, but was afterwards taken from the table and passed; to incorporate Rennert, in Robeson county; to incorporate Tarboro Collegiate Institute; amending the charter of the Charlotte Street Railway; to extend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton; to incorporate Wilmington Lodge, No. 319; to incorporate Plantagenet Commandery, No. , K. T., of Wilmington; to incorporate Orient Lodge, No. 395, of Wilmington; to incorporate the Masonic Temple corporation of Wilmington; to change the corporate limits of the town of Murphy; to incorporate Pembroke, in Robeson ounty; to incorporate the town of Worthville, Randolph county; to amend the charter of Winston, by dividing into five wards and allow citizens to vote for mayor and commissioners. A bill to reduce the appropriation of the State Guard came up with an unfavorable report and was tabled.

Senate, -Bills were introduced to provide for the revision and digesting of the public laws; to amend the Code regarding standard keepers; to amend the constitution by preventing any publie officer from taking free passes from railways; to provide for display and per cent. Bills were introduced to arrangement of the women's exhibit at the Atlanta exposition. Bills passed er of Agriculture by the legislature; to | to incorporate the Carolina Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Charlotte; to Co., for compulsory attendance at public school-; to attach Yadkin county amend the Meckler burg game law. The amend the Meckler burggame law. The bill to create another cause of divorce was tabled.

House. -- A resolution was offered to raise a special committee to consider reductions of salaries, commissions and fees of all State and county officers. Bills were introduced to compel tax payers to list solvent credits, to provide for public school tax in school disreading. The Judiciary committee tricts; to repeal the bastardy law; to regulate the hours of labor manufacturies; to incorporate Morganton and Shelby railroad; to protect owners of timber; to inforce the payment of taxes on insolvent debts. Bill to make six per cent. legal rate of interest was discussed three hours, 19 amendments being offered. All were voted down and the bill passed as as it came from the Senate and as the fusion cancus had ordered.

THE LEXINGTON DEFALCATION.

The V. M. I. and the Washington and Bad One.

A special from Lexington, Va., tells of great excitement all through Rock bridge county owing to the defalcation and escape of Cashier Figgat, of the Bank of Lexington. Many of the well-to-do country people had their savings deposited in the bank. The defalcations have extended over a period of 23 years-since 1872.

The liabilities are \$198,402,42, all but \$6,000 due to depositors. The assets are: Cash on hand, \$6,573.12; cash tickets, value \$1,129.20, corporation bonds, \$20,500; manufacturing companies, bonds, estimated, \$1,000 bills and notes, estimated, \$1,000; real estate and fixtures, \$4,000. To balance, \$65,200.10, making \$198,-

The astounding fact is developed that Figgat has swamped the \$80,000 of the bank's capital stock and in addition \$65,200.10 of \$72,000 belonging to depositors, leaving in cash due depositors the insignificant sum of 86,573.12

The Virginia Military Institute out about \$20,000, which will materially cripple that institution for a time while the fund of Washington and Lee University loses nothing. All the pro-fessors and employes of the latter in-Senate. - A petition was presented stitution were paid a few days ago, and their money was deposited in this bank. The collapse therefore leaves them in a bad fix.

It is believed Figgat had confederates. The defaulter has been drinking children; to remove the court house of hard for several years. He was a sim-Rutherford from Rutherfordton to ple liver, and what he has done with

oublic printing as opened Saturday were as follows: E. M. Uzzell, 33 cents per thousand ems, plain matter, prepared. and 665 for rule and figure work Edwards & Broughton, same for plain and 52 for rule and figure work; J. W. plain and 52 for rule and figure. their competitors but their lil was higher than other bids on some work Chairman Westmoreland, of the com mittee, said the matter is not yet settled but that the impression of the committee is that after the calculation s completed, the Stewarts' bid will be ound to be the lowest, taken altogether. No doubt they will get the contract.

The Coast Line Buys the C. S. & N.

CHARLESTON, S. C. - The Charleston Sumter & Northern Restroad was sold at Sumter for \$450,000, Col. W. G. Elliott being the Libber. Col. Elliott is the president of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, and it is generally known that in this purchase he represented the Atlantic Coast Line system.

COTTON CROP.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE YIELD OF THE STAPLE IN 1894.

Carefully Compiled Statistics Make the Total Yield for the Whole Cotton Belt 9,000,000 Bales.

Washington, D. C.—The statements, furnished to the department of agriculture by various railway and water transportation companies, of the cotton movement to ports and Northern and Eastern points, from the beginning of the season to January 1, 1865, together with the returns made by the department's county agents of the amount of cotton remaining on plantations and in interior towns on January 1, and the amounts reported by mills as bought from September I

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No reduction has been made for cotton remaining on plantations and interior towns September 1, 1894. In addition to the above mill purchases are to be added 8,388 bales bought by Alabama, Georgia and North and South Carolina mills from States in which their mills are not located; also 14,-886 bales bought by Virginia, and 8,485 bales bought by Kentucky mills, all of which are included in the railway movement, making a total of 493,-232 bales reported by Southern mills as bought from September 1, 1893, to

January 1, 1895. The figures in the above report are subject to revision in the final April

report of the department. The proportion of cotton brought to market up to February 1, and which is therefore no longer in the hands of producers or in smaller towns, is shown by the consolidated returns of correspondents to be 89.9 per cent, leaving 10.1 per cent still in the hands of producers or in those of local merchants. The per cent by States is as Carolina 91, Georgia 95, Florida 87, Alabama 91, Mississippi 88, Louisiana 89, Texas 89, Arkansas 90, Tennessee 90, Indian Territory and Oklahoma 88, Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky and Kansas 87, Average 89.9.

Losses from insects have been small, Mississippi, Lonsiana and Texas reporting loss to some extent. The proportion of lint to seed ranges from lows in her own words: 29.0 to 33.9 per cent, average 32.9. Average date of closing picking December 4. Quality of present crep three days after I commenced taking Pink slightly above average.

THE PRINTING OF THE BONDS

Secretary Carlisle Gives Orders to Strike Off \$62,400,000 -- They Will Be Quite Handsome. Washington, D. C .- Secretary Car-

lisle late Saturday evening gave the order to Chief Johnson, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to proceed at once with the printing of \$62,400,000 4 per cent. bonds on a 3; per cent. interest basis, to run 30 years, for de livery to the Belmont-Morgan syndi cate as per their contingent agreement entered into ten days ago. This agreement provided that unless Congress within ten days authorized a 3 cent, gold bond, the Secretary of the Treasury would sell to the syndicate \$62,400,000 of 4 per cent, coin bonds on a 31 per cent. interest basis, for which the government would receive \$65,000,000 in gold. The time expired Saturday and the directions were

given as stated. The plates from which these bonds will be printed are nearly finished, the orders for their preparat on having been given last week. The plates will be of entirely new design. The bonds ordered printed are registered and conpons of the following denominations Registered, \$50, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000; coupon, \$50, \$100, \$1,000. The paper used will be the Treasury distinct-RALEIGH, N. C .- Bids for the live paper, a large supply of which on hand. This paper is all ready for use, as it is always on hand thoroughly

In general appearance the new bonds it is said, will be quite handsome. The face of the bonds will contain the text Goslin, 34 for plain and 67 for rule and of the law authorizing their issue. It figure work; Barnes Brothers, 28 for is understood that the tinting on the plain and 56 for rule and figure; back of the bonds, which is the first Stewart Brothers, of Winston, 27 for process in printing, will be begun at once, but the contemplated bonds will blank books and press work Stewart not be ready for delivery for several Brothers bid far lower than any of weeks. The printing of the small denominations will be delayed to the last.

North Carelina Militia.

The effective militia force of North Carolina is thus given by the report of A. L. Smith, inspector general: First regiment, seven companies, including field, staff and band, 334 men; 2d regiment, seven companies, including field, staff, and band, 356 men; 3d regiment, seven companies, including field, staff and band, 337 men; 4th regiment, seven companies, including field, staff and band, 329 men; unattached companies, 83 men; three divisions naval artillery, 145 men; general staff, 18 men; brigade staff, 8 men; naval artillery battalion staff, 10 men; total, 1,620 men.

TAMMANY STEPS OUT.

Every Tammany Official Ousted Bag



WILLIAM L. STRONG, MATOR OF NEW YORK,

New York .- Mayor Strong, seting under the power of removal bill which was passed by the Legislature at Albany last week, made his first important appointments. They are as follows: Counsel to the Corporation-Fran-

salary, \$12,000 a year. Commissioner of Public Works-Wm. Brookfield, to succeed Michael E. Daley, removed; salary, \$8,000 .

cis M. Scott, to succeed W. H. Clark;

Feputy Commissioner of Publi-Works—General C. H. T. Collis, to succeed Maurice F. Holahan; salary \$6,000 a year.

Members of the Supervisory Board of the New York City Civil Service Board-Everett H. Wheeler, Edwin Lawrence Godkin, Chas. W. Watson and E. Randolph Robinson; no salary. Secretary and executive officer of

the city civil service board, Lee Phillips, re-appointed; salary \$5,000 a year. The appointments caused something of a sensation in political circles. Wm. Brookfield and General Collis, two of the appointees, led the recent fight against Thomas C. Platt, and none of the other men selected by Mr. Strong belongs to the Platt wing of the Republican party.

AN ALPENA MIRACLE.

MRS. JAS. M. TODD, OF LONG RAPIDS, DISCARDS HER CRUTCHES.

an Interview with a Reporter She Re views Her Experience and Tells the Real Cause of the Miracle. (From the Argus, Alpena, Mich.)

We have long known Mrs. Jas. M. Todd.

Long Rapids, Alpena Co., Mich. She has

been a sad cripple. Many of her friends

know the story of her recovery; for the benefit of those who do not we publish it to-day. Eight years ago she was taken with ne:vous prostration, and in a few months with muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. It affected her heart, then her head. Her feet became so swollen she could wear nothing on them; her hands were drawn all out of shape. Her eyes were swollen shut more than half the time, her knee joints terribly swollen and for eighteen months she had to be held up to be dressed. One limb became entirely helpless, and the skin was so dry and cracked that it would bleed. During follows: North Carolina 87, South these eight years she had been treated by a score of physicians, and has also spent much time at Ann Arbor under best medical advice. All saidher trouble was brought on by hard work and that medicine would not cure, and that rest was the only thing which would ease her. After going to live with her daughter she became entirely helpless and could not even raise her arms to cover herself at night. The interesting part of the story fol-

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> Mrs. Todd is very strong in her faith in the curative powers of Pink Pills, and says they have brought a poor, helpless cripple back to

have brought a poor, belpless cripple back to do her own milking, churning, washing, sewing, knitting and in fact about all of her household duties, thanks to Dr. Williams

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The Public School Book Row. RICHMOND, VA. -Governor O'Ferrall

and Attorney General Scott have issued their second letter in reply to the charges made by the Norfolk Pilot touching the contracts of the State board of education with the American Book Company, for books used in the public schools. The letter gives the result of an examination to ascertain whether the patrons of Virginia schools are paying more for books than the patrons of the schools in other States. They present a schedule of prices in the various States and Territories with which the American Book Company and the University Publishing Company have contracts. This list shows only three books which reach the children at lower prices than in Virginia -two in Maryland and one in West Virginia-and of these they give ex-

FELT FOR A RABBIT

And Got a Rattlesnake, Which Stung Him on the Hand.

WALAHALLA, S. C. - John Stewart. colored man, while hunting near here tracked a rabbit to a clay root and run his hand in and pulled it out. Thinking there might be another he put his hand in again and feeling something bite jerked it out and found rottlesnake with its fangs fastened in his skin hanging to his hand. His snakeship was about three feet long and did execution the same as if the thermometer registered 90 in the shade instead of zero, as of late. Stewart was very sick and called a dector to his aid. As "mountain dew" is plentiful and is very efficacious as snake medicine, he will probably survive.

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A SHIP OF DEATH.

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rwo Men, a Woman and a Child Frozen

RALEIGH, N. C .- A sad story of the freeze comes in a letter from Washington, Beaufort county. One day last week a small sail boat was found idly drifting on the waters of Pamlico river. No hand held the rudder and the sails flapped and spread as the wind willed. In the little cabin two men, a woman and a little child lay dead. The bodies were frozen and the ice had crusted the glazed eyes.

Their names were unknown. They and sailed into the sea of silence on the ship of death.

When the freeze came on they must nave been out in the sound, with their little ship headed toward the river. They doubtless fell asleep during the night and the fire went out. And the sleep of nature passed into the frozen sleep of death.

Distillers and Dispensers in Trouble.

The Cluster Springs Distilling Company's plant, at Blue Wing, Person county, N. C., was seized by a deputy collector and taken to Roxboro for safe keeping. Two stills and 4,000 gallons of whiskey were thus seized.

Deputy Collector Causey reports the seizure in Rockingham county, N. C., of the illicit still of George Nash. It was of 90 gallons capacity, and was destroyed, as was also 1,000 gallons of

B. O. Evans, the dispenser at St. Matthews, Orange county, S. C., is short in his accounts about \$2,300, and Governor Evans has ordered suit for recovery to be brought on his bond and to have him prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The loss will fall on the county and not on the State.

Tennessee Farmers to Reduce the

WASHVILLE, TENN .- A convention of solvt Tennessee farmers at Jackson re-Nesed to put the acreage of the cotton crop this year to 40 per cent. below what it was last year.

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