MARION, N. C.

According to a report by . 'ules Forest, read before the French National Society of Acclimatization, woman's desire to decorate her bonnet with feathers causes the slaughter each year of 1,450,000 swallows, and is, moreover, exterminating the heron, the bird of paradise and many of the most beautiful birds of the American and Australian tropics.

One of the humors of the history of the new anti-diphtheria serum recorded by the Chicago Times is a protest by the anti-vivisectionist of England against the cruelty of "poisoning" horses for so slight an object as securing an agent which reduces the mortality of diphtheria by fifty per cent. No less a person than Lord Coleridge leads the protestants.

The Pathfinder says: "Parkhurst ing is the term now applied to the numerous movements for reform in the city government which are being organized in various parts of the country, the new word being coined from Rev. Dr. Parkhurst's triumphant war against police corruption in New York City. Among places now being stirred to similar investigations are Baltimore, New Orleans, San Francisco. Saginaw, Mich.; Charleston, S. C.; Cleveland, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; Allegheny and Pittsburg, Penn.; Denver, Col.; Chicago, Boston, Brooklyn, St. Louis, and Indianapolis."

The South American Colonization Company is making considerable stir in Arkansas City, Kan. Its object is the colonization of a tract of land of over 2,000,000 acres in the Republic of Colombia, South America, which it claims to own. The Rev. I. N. Merrifield, of Arkansas City, is the President of the company, which is to be co-operative. All property will be held in common. But before sharing in its advantages, colonists must take \$100 worth of stock in the company. Eack member of the commune will be required to labor eight hours a day. The company has agreed to pay the Colombian Government a certain price for the land, and bring 800 colonists. It will transport them in its own vessel, some time in March or April. Agents are now drumming up colonists in the Southwestern States.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew in a recent interview in predicting 1895's progress in railroading, very pertinently stated: "Take, for instance, the New York Central Railroad. Our trains might almost be termed flashes of lightning, but their rate is not a circumstance to the speed we are now siming at. Then there is the matter of safety. I need not assure you that the safety of passengers is the most important thing a railroad man has to with. This coming year we expect to attain what some people may consider a chimera-namely, perfect freedom from risk in the transportation of human beings by rail. We have, we believe, solved the problem, and that, I should say, will make 1895 au unequaled year in railroading. In the far as in the near future, romantic things are done, or are being projected. A tunnel to the summit of the Jungfrau is one of the things possible. The Trans-Siberian Railway and the South African line to Mashonaland are two projects on the edge of the future—the former already under way-and the poetry of railroading will be experienced in the new rush of railroad building certain to ensue in Japan when the Chinese war indemnity is paid-which will certainly happen in 1895."

Professor John W. Langley says in the Popular Science Monthly: "The warlike temperament of man has been one of his most prominent characteristics from the earliest times. To live to fight has been the chief aim of most primitive peoples, and has been a leading occupation of all civilized ones. Armies have grown in size, weapons have multiplied in number and destructiveness, battles have grown more and more deadly in action, while also becoming more merciful in their accompaniments; but still it is everywhere apparent that, in spite of these aids to carnage, the military spirit is on the decline. May we not look for the cause of this in the enormously increased cost of warfare and its interference with the pursuit of prosperity and wealth? When the internal losses to a people become greater than those they can gain through conquest and annexation, they will be very loath to enter into a great conflict. I am very far from saying that many other causes, such as ethics and a growing spirit of mercy, may not have contributed to this pacification of the Nations, but is it not true that the cost of war is the shief preventive of war? If so, does it not illustrate the rule that the reactions set up by the vast technical improvement of methods of destruction have reacted on the primitive cause of the destruction-viz., the human will-and have lessened the cause by modifying the heart and brain of man?

LEGISLATURE. THE

DOINGS OF OUR LAW MAKERS AT RALEIGH.

Assemblymen Working Hard to Make This 60 Day Session a Memora-ble One.

TUESDAY.

SESATE. - Bills were introduced to repeal the the act creating the Labor Statistics Bureau; to reduce the expenses of the Agricultural Department; to repeal the charter of Newton; to instruct lunatic asylums to make a statement of the effect of strong driuk. A resolution was adopted that tomorrow there be an election of officers of the new Criminal Court of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Haywood counties, to wit: Ewart, Judge; Mc-Call, Solicitor; W. M. Wilson, Clerk. Bills were passed amending the charter of Wilmington. Special order, the county government bill, was postponed until tomorrow. The bill to transfer Mitchell county to the 9th district passed. The bill to abolish the Caiminal Courts of Mecklenburg and New Hanover and create a new circuit composed of those counties as well as Wake, Edgecombe, Forsyth and Craven, was discussed and then made the special order for tomorrow.

House. - The revenue and machinery bill was intoduced, tax rate 22 cents; bill for support of Morganton hospital; for relief of Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldsboro; to abolish appropriation to the University; to incorporate the Friends Orphanage in Guilford. The bill to relieve B. & L. Associations from the usury law was indefinitely postponed. A resolution to investigate the affairs of the Shell fish commission was adopted. Bills past allowing women to be appointed notaries public; protecting birds in Mecklenburg; to protect hotel and boarding house keepers against dead beats; to define butter and lard and protect good food.

WEDNESDAY Two members of the present Legislature have died in Raleigh. Early this morning, Mr. Edward L. Franck, of Richlands, Onslow county, the Senator from the Eighth district, died from pneumonia, from which he had suffered for two weeks. He was forty years The House and Senate adopted resolutions of respect and held a session of only half an hour, when each took a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon The Senate at noon escorted the body to the station and it was taken home for burial, accompanied by two Senators and two Representatives and principal clerk of Senate. The Senate and House will hold a night session from now until the adjournment of the Legisla-

THURSDAY.

SENATE. - Mr. Grant introduced a bill to complete the Confederate monument, appropriating \$10,000, and asked that it be taken up at once. Mr. Grant made a fine speech in support of the bill which passed second reading-ayes 19, noes 14. The county government bill came up as a special order. An amendment was adopted providing for the appointment by a judge of two members of the board of finance, different in politics from the commissioners, four votes out of five to be necessary for financial measures. There was a hot debate. The bill

House,-Bills were introduced to incorporate the Southport & Western Railroad; to amend the Code regarding false pretences; to relieve tax collectors in the cities and towns; to establish the thirteenth judicial district. Bills passed giving the white Agricultural & Mechanical College \$10,000 annually and the colored Agricultural & Mechanical College \$5,000 annually; reducing the salary of railroad commissioners to \$1,500 to take effect at the expiration of J. W. Wilson's term; requiring fire insurance companies to pay the face value of policies in case of total loss. It gives companies the power to remove cases from one county to another and revokes their charters if they remove the suit from the State to the Federal Court.

The Senate at night passed bill to amend the Code to provide for a special levy of tax to supplement the pubhe school fund and requiring the proposition to be voted for at every general election until carried (excepting certain counties). A bill to create the office of lumber inspector in every county was tabled.

PRIDAY.

SENATE. -Bills were introduced to require all railway trains to stop one minute at all towns of six hundred inhabitants; to protect dairymen; to allow the purchase of farms for the State; to define and punish train robbing. The contract with Stewart Bros. for the public printing was filed. The conference committee on the railway damage bill was discharged, the committee not being able to agree. The bill to appropriate \$10,000 to complete the Con-federate monument passed third reading, 21 to 20. Senator White, an ex-Confederate clasped the hand of Senator Grant, an ex-Federal soldier, who had so gallantly pressed the bill. The election law bill passed by a vote of 28 to 5, a strict party vote. Bills providing for the election of justices by this legislature and by the people in the future were passed. The Senate elected trustees of the University. The public printing contract was taken up, the majority report in favor of Stewart Bros., and the minority report was that the majority report was erroneous.

House. - Bills were introduced to allow the penitentiary to purchase Caledonia farm; to punish bribery in political conventions. The House went into the committee of the whole on the revenue bill; 22 sections were acted on. The tax is, polls \$1.24, State \$2 121,

pensions 321, schools 16. At the night session the Senate spent most of its time over the bill to provide for the elecction of justices of the peace, adding six magistrates in each township, making the number eleven instead of five, as under the present law. Mr. Paddison sent up an amendment providing that new justices shall not be furnished books except as they come to them from magistrates whose terms have expired. This was adopted and the bill finally passed third read-

SENATE. - Bills were introduced for the protection of warehouses; to render persons ineligible to hold county offices more than two terms; to abolish free tuition at the University. Bills passed to appropriate \$10,000 for the white, and \$5,000 for the colored Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges. The bill to create Scotland county passed its second reading. The bill to create a code commission of 3 members at \$2,000 salary passed its second reading. The election law was taken up on its third reading. An amendment that election officers must take oaths that they were not, and had not been members of any secret or oath bound political society was lost. The bill passed final reading 35 to 4. The bill to establish a Reformatory for young criminals passed. It allows \$10,000 yearly for the maintenance and \$25,000 for establishing the institution.

House. -Bills were introduced to prohibit inmates of the Soldiers Home rom receiving pensions; to amend the nsurance laws by giving protection against fraudulent companies. The revenue bill was considered in comnittee of the whole. It was decided that whiskey distilleries could sell liquor by the quart instead of by the

SENATE. - Bills were introduced to prohibit boycotting by railways in North Carolina: to make the State Geologist ex-officio commissioner of immigration; to abolish the office of treasurer in certain counties. Bills to abolish the offices of the trustees of the Agriculture and Mechanical College and make the board of agriculture trustees and president of the Farmers' Alliance members of the board. The bill passed to reduce the appropriation to the State Guard from \$250 to \$150 for each company, and the salary of the adjutant general from \$600 to \$300. The bill to create the office of lumber inspector and imposing a tax of ten cents per 100 feet on logs, passed. The bill to regulate the insurance business and create the office of insurance commissioner, was tabled. The bill to appropriate \$5,000 for Women's exhibit at Atlanta was tabled. The succession tax bill was defeated. The bill to create a new.Criminal court circuit was passed. Dowd's amendment to strike out Mecklenburg was lost.

House, -Bills were introduced to reduce the bonds of sheriffs; to pro tect creditors against fraudulent distribution of property. The machinery act was considered. An amendment adopted requiring foreign Building and Loan Associations to list for taxation their stock held by citizens of this

Senator Franck Dead.

RALEIGH, N. C .- Wednesday morning E. L. Franck, of Onslow, Senator from the eighth district and president pro tem. of the Senate, died at the Branson House here, of pneumonia, after just one week's illness. He was 38 years of age, and was the largest member of the Legislature, his weight being 308 pounds. It had been thought that his condition was much improved. He was a clever man, and a popular one, and his loss is one deplored by members of all parties. He had served one term previously.

At noon the Senate, headed by its officers, accompanied the remains to the union depot. The escorts of two Senators and two Representatives, accompanied by Principal Clerk H. E. King, of the Senate, left with the remains for Onslow county. The flags on the capitol were halfmasted during

This is the second death of a member during the session. Several other members are sick; some here, some at their homes.

The Forthcoming Yankee Cotton Picker.

When the New England cotton mannfacturers get well settled in the South they will devote their ingenuity to the invention of a cotton picking machine. The Yankee, and the Connecticut Yankee especially, has a peculiar gift in the way of an inventive faculty. The patent office reports credit more inventions to Connecticut than any other State. Among these inventions is doubtless numbered the famous wooden nutmeg. The cotton gin was invented by a New Englander, and no doubt the successful cotton picker will be. The invention of a cotton picker is certainly not more difficult than other inventions that have been perfected-a type setting machine, for instance. -Birmingham Age-Herald.

And the Outsider Made the Profit.

A letter in the News and Courier. of Charleston says:

"Some time ago a South Carolina merchant ordered a lot of canned goods from New York, and on their arrival, lo! and behold, they proved to be goods packed by canning factories in his own town. They had been shipped to New York and then freighted back to the same town where manufactured. These goods paid two freights, and could have been bought cheaper from the factory at first.'

This is only one of many illustrations that could be given of the mistake that the South is making in not saving the cost of transportation both

Two Roads Bought by the Southern

SPARTANBURG, S. C .- The sale of the Asheville & Spartanourg, and also of the Spartanburg, Union & Columbia Railroads, has been made to the Southern Railway Company by John H. Inman, of New York. Mr. Inman and his family have for a long time owned controlling interest in these roads. The contract price calls for the immediate payment of two million dollars in securities of the Southern Railway Company and also a large cash payment. The Southern Railway Company took possession of both of these properties at once.

Stranded Off Frying Pan Shoals.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Superintendent Kimball, of the life-saving service, is informed that the bark Wooden, of Stettin, Germany, from St. Pierre to Wilmington, N. C., in baliast, crew of 11, stranded off Frying Pan Shoals. N. C., Friday morning. The crew

SOUTHERN BRIEFS.

The establishment of a pork packery is talked of at Greenville, S. C.

The organization of a national bank at Lexington, Va., is proposed. The Carolina Central Railroad will

build a depot at Charlotte, N. C., of pressed brick to cost \$10,000. Charter has been granted to the Bank of Seneca, S. C. The incorporators are Jesse N. Stribling, William

A, Lowry and others. Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a loan savings bank at Hickory, N. C.

Bids will be received until March 15 by the board of county commissioners, Sumter, S. C., for \$15,000 of 10-year 6 per cent. county bonds. They are issued to pay off indebtedness and 1epair the courthouse.

A movement is under way to organize an electric railway company at Dan-ville, Va., to build a line to Neapolis suburb, including a bridge across the

The contractors state that they are about to sublet several contracts grading and tracklaying on the Hendersonville & Brevard road, which is twenty-two miles long, extending between the points named in North Caro-

The Union (S. C.) Cotton Mills have been so successful on fine sheetings, that they have decided to erect another and larger No. 2 mill. Their present plant containing 10,762 spindles and 350 looms is running to its full capacity.

Gen. E. W. Moise, of Sumter, S. C., will deliver the annual literary address at the Davis Military College's Com-mencement, Winston, N. C., June 5. He is a splendid orator.

The State of Georgia will sell the Northwestern Railroad soon. The road owes the State \$260,000.

Mary White, of Knoxville, Tenn., locked two children in her home Wednesday night and went off to a ball. Soon after the house caught fire and one of the children perished in the flames, its remains being charred into an unrecognizable form.

Miss Josie Craig, who was the queen of the elves in the Oberon fete at New Orleans, is described by the local newspapers in language too rich to mutilate. Of her one writer says: 'Above the delicate oval of her was fastened a crown of pearls which nestled in her hair as if they had grown there, and her lips parted, showing a row of pearls which rivalled those on her brow and at her waist.

The sheep men of west Florida are the worst sufferers from the recent Dakota weather. Not only did they lose hundreds of lambs, but quite number of old sheep as well.

William Parker, of Lanes Creek ownship, North Carolina, has a calf eighteen months and fifteen days old which weighs 586 pound gross. The calf is just a common cow, no fine blood coursing through its veins,

A correspondent of a Florida paper advocates the abolishment of all criminal courts in Florida as a saving of expense to the counties, since the change in the law transferring to the counties from the State the costs in criminal prosecutions.

A petition is being signed at Port Royal, S. C., which will be sent to the government of Hawaii praying for the pardon of Major William T. Seward, now under sentence of death for participation in the recent royalist

There is going to be an exciting controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in May at Washington over the question of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the South seceding from the Baptist Young People's Union of America and forming a separate organization. A movement looking to secession has been started by some prominent Baptists in Richmond and Baltimore, and a number of Southern Baptist clergymen endorse it. The great national Convention of the Young People's Union will be held in Caltimore in July next.

In the Southern Presbyterian church the Committee of Colored Evangelism is aiding 90 churches, with 130 elders, 83 deacons and 1,500 members. Use is made in establishing new churches of evangelistic work, of which nearly all the colored ministers do some. Besides this work in the home field arrangements have been made for the instruction of men under appointment to go to Africa as missionaries. The ultimate object of the work of this church among the colored people is to aid the negro in the establishment of an independent African Presbyterian

At Charlotte, N. C., a citizen drove out to the Steel Creek cemetery to look over the headstones of the buried who lie there and found the place an interesting one. He carried with him a servant with a pail, brush and a cake of soap to make the epitaphs discernible. He, with his man, toiled all day among the marble slabs and gained facts that were produced from the scrubbing that will make an interesting story. As far back as 1709 graves have been dug in that cemetery, and many interesting chapters could be written concerning the ones who were laid to rest there. On over forty headstones are seen coats of arms that bear out the fact that those who rest beneath them were of noble parentage.

Hot Tea Kills a Baby.

RICHMOND, VA. - The baby boy of Michael Bahen, of this city, died from the effects of being scalded by turning over an ordinary cup of table ten. No death was ever known here from apparently so slight a cause. The child was scalded last Sunday by pulling a cup of boiling tea off the table, receiving the contents on his face and neck.

Didn't Know All His Grandchildren

Skidmore Alston died recently in Rolesville, N. C., at the age of years. Skidmore was the father of twenty-four children, and had so many grandchildren that he was never able to recognize all of them .- Richmond

THE LAST OF THE HOUSE.

Speaker Crisp Complimented aid Pist= master General Wilson Closed with a Valedictory.

Washington, D. C .- The House adourned promptly at noon Monday, the presence of crowded galleries. It had taken a recess at 3:15 o'clock in the morning, after disposing of the naval appropriation bill. At 8 o'clock the House re-assembled, and spent the time until noon, with an interim of one hour and fifteen minutes in recess, disposing of measures of minor importance and in passing resolutions complimentary to Speaker Crisp. These resolutions were presented by Mr. Catinoti, of Illinois, for the Republicans, upon the refusal of Mf. Reed to be a party to the matter. Mr. Reed, probably with the emphatic declination of the Democrats to endorse his administration of the Speakership fresh in his mind, also refrained from voting on the resolutions. Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, the Democratic leader and the new postmaster general made his valedictory in complimenting Speaker Crisp.

Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, also com-plimented the Speaker for his fairness. The clock hands had come together marking the noon hour, and without further discussion the Speaker brought his gavel down on the desk and declared the House adjourned sine die.

A cheer went up from the floor but it died away quickly as a number of correspondents in the press gallery sang the Doxology. They were cheer-ed heartily in concluding, and the immense throng of people passed out of the chamber, and the scenes of the Fifty-third Congress were at an end.

In the Senate the closing scene was marked with the dignity which characterizes that body on formal occasions of state, in the presence of as many pectators as could possibly crowd into he galleries. Hundreds and hundreds of others were disappointed in their endeavors to witness the end, and were obliged to content themselves with standing in a line outside the entrances to the galleries.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Family Reunions at Which There Were Four Generations.

COLUMBIA, S. C .- Within the limits f South Carolina are probably to be ound as many people remarkable for ongevity as in any State of the Union. The present winter has been notable for family reunions, and the country papers have teemed with descriptions f domestic gatherings, composed of an aged couple with three generations of heir posterity.

At the family dining of Samuel and Sallie Shealy, in Lexington county, on the 7th of last December, Fix children. forty-one grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren were present-fifty-one in all, including the two old people. It s especially remarkable that in this whole family only three deaths have occurred.

At Longmires, Edgefield county, on anuary 2d, Tillman and Martha Jane Harling celebrated their golden wedling. Eleven children and thirty-nine grandchildren, a total of fifty descendants, were present.

At Buffalo, York county, on January 8th, the seventy-fifth birthday of Jonathan Moore was celebrated at the family homestead by a picuic dinner, to which all his descendants contributed. The family party, including the old gentleman and his wife, Mrs. Melvina Moore, numbered seventy one souls, chilbren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Fifteen others of the family were absent, so the total

of its membership is eighty-six. At Yorkville, on the 23d of January, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Deal cele brated the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage with a dining, at which a number of invited guests were pres-

William Little, also of Yorkville, is eighty-one years old. Seventy years ago, at the age of eleven, he learned to chew tobacco, and persevered in the habit until six years ago. Then he concluded that afte, all it was a useless habit, and has not touched the weed since. He insists that he feels 'like a two-year-old."

VIRGINIA'S STATE LEAGUE.

Six Towns Are in It With an \$800 Limit.

RICHMOND, VA. - Virginia will have better baseball and more of it than ever before. There will be six clubs in the State league and they will embrace many good men. The league managers, in their meeting here, elected Hon. Samuel B. Witt, judge of the hustings court of Richmond, as president. The jovial and jolly judge is the prince of "rooters" and never misses a game here. The schedule was not adopted, but it was decided that each club should play 150 games unless, for good reasons to be determined hereafter, the number is reduced to 120.

The gate receipts will be divided equally between the home and visiting clubs so that matters may not be so largely against the teams located in the smaller cities. The salary limit was placed at \$800 per sesson. A penalty will be imposed for violation of this except in the case of the Richmond club, whose manager had already engaged severl men above this grade.

The season opens April 15th and the eague will embrace Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Lynchburg and Roanoke.

A JOHNNIE MARRIES A JEWESS.

The Marriage Gives Great Offense to the Friends of Both Contracting Parties. ATLANTA, GA .- Joe Lee, a Chinaman,

and Ella Morse, a pretty young Jewess, were married here. The ceremony was performed by Judge Bloodworth. The groom wanted the ceremony performed in open court, but the bride objected because of the crowd of curious spectators. So they substituted the groom's laundry for the temple of justice, and the ceremony was duly performed. None of the bride's family would attend and no Chinamen were present. Joe Lee states that since he cut off his cue two weeks ago his fellow countrymen have cut him. Lee and his bride have been sweethearts for a long time, but it was only recently that she consented to marry him;

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Thirteen Southern D plomats.

Washington, D. C.—The appointment of Senator Matthew W. Ransom as Minister to Mexico to succeed the late Isaac Pusey Gray gives the thirteenth Southern diplomatist to the United States foreign service. His fellow-Southerners in the various posts are Ambassador to Great Britain Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; Ambassador to France James B. Eustis, Louisiana Minister to Russis Clifton B. Breckinridge, of Arkansas; Minister to Spain Hannis Taylor, of Alabama; Minister to Turkey Alexander W. Terrell, o Texas; Minister to Hawait Albert S. Willis, of Kentucky; Minister to Greece Eben Alexander, of North Carolina Minister to Peru James A. McKenzie of Kentucky; Minister to Portuga George William Caruth, of Arkansas Minister to Persia Alexander McDon ald, of Virginia; Minister to Hayti Pierce M. B. Young, of Georgie, and Minister to Guatemala and Honduras Henry M. Smythe, of Virginia, Although the South has captured two embasses and the Russian ministry, which is soon to be raised to that dig nity, she is not in possession of more than her fair share, for she has only thirteen out of forty-one.

G:vernment Aid to Cotton Grower and Spinners in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG. RUSSIA.-The im perial minister of finance has set apart a credit from the State Bank for the purpose of promoting the production of cotton in Russia. From this fund the growers are to receive working capital as loans, and spinners and weavers are to obtain means of purchasing the cotton produced.

Peanuts and Mean Whiskey.

COLUMBUS, GA .- Isaac Terrell, colored, was found dead in his cell at the station house. He was arrested for drunkenness on the streets. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from spoplexy, produced from eating gorgingly of peanuts and then filling up on mean whiskey

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