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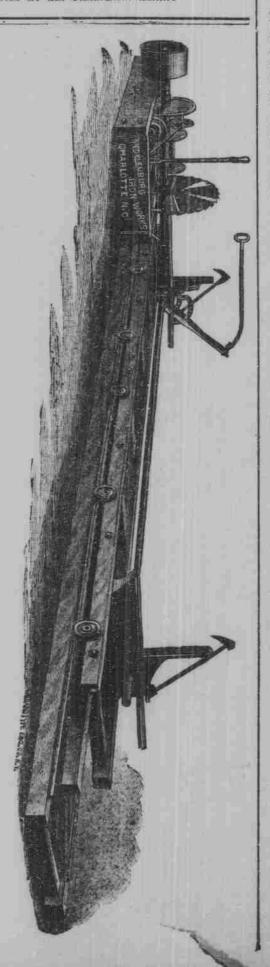
\$1.00 A YEAR.

The average revenue per ton per train THE N. C. LEGISLATURE. mile last year was just a little less than nine mills. In the South, states the Atlanta Constitution, it was away below the average.

These great steel warships of modern device seem to be the deadliest engines ever invented, for those on board of them. They have never been known so far as to do any particular damage to anybody else. The Chisina Kan was one of them, lately built for the Japanese Gov. ernment in France, at an extravagant cost, and fitted out with all the modern improvements. It had a collision not long ago with an ordinary steamship, the Ravenna. The Ravenna proceeded on her way without having to put into port for repairs, but the Chisina Kan went to the bottom with such inordinate speed that of her crew of ninety souls but sixteen could be saved. If one of these tremendous engines could be brought against us, the only thing necessary, it seems, would be to ram it with

a skiff, and send it to the bottom.

Sorrows have accumulated upon thi Administration to an extent greater perhaps than any other in the history of the country, writes the Washington correvertiser. The little son of Presiden Pierce was killed in a railway acciden on the trip from New Hampshire to the inauguration. Mr. Lincoln lost a sor while he was President, and was assass inated at the beginning of his second term, and the same fate befell Presiden Garfiela. A number of distinguished people, including one or more Cabine officers, were killed by an explosion of ; cannon on board a ship on the Potomar during Mr. Tyler's Administration. No many sad surroundings as the present one. It will be recalled that the house of Secretary Tracy was destroyed by fire and his wife and daughter were burned to death in the ruins. After a long illness the wife of Mr. Halford, the President's private secretary, died. While Mr. Blaine was Secretary of State his favorite son, Walker, was stricken down and never recovered, and soon after his retirement from the Cabinet, within a week or two, another son, Emmon Blaine, died almost without a moment's warning. His daughter, Mrs. Coppinger, also died while he was a member of the Cabinet, and one of his sisters. Secretary Windom, of the Treasury Depart ment, while in New York to make a speecl at a banquet died at the table. Tue chief usher at the Executive Mansion, Mr. Dinsmore, died within the past year. In the President's own household sorrows came thick and fast. A sister o his wife has died within the past year or two. Mrs. Harrison, after patient suffering, breathed her last in the Wnite House, and was followed a few days after by her vanerable father.



What They are Doing in the General Assembly.

Bills Upon Bills All Intended for th Good of North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C .- 24th day .- Senate bills introduced: To legalize the marriage of Rev. David George and Mary Ann George, of Yadkin county; to exempt J. M. Guyther, a wounded ex Confederate soldier, from taxation as a peddler in any county of the State passed its third reading. The bill to prevent the de truction of certain game birds (it prohibits the shooting or trapping of partidges, doves, etc., from the passage of the bill until November 1, 1893.) Sena-tor Leach offered the bill in view of the great destruction of birds by the late very severe weather. The bill was amended to apply only to Halifax, Vance, Warren, Cha ham and Robeson, and, as amended, passed its third reading. House: To make 10 hours a day's

labor for persons under 15 years of age

employed in factories; persons over that

age can work by the hour over 10 hours:

to impose taxes upon all foreign corporabusiness in this State; to secure the right of trial by jury of damage caseswhere railroads occupy lands in cities or towns; to incorporate the People's Bank of Kinsten; to abolish the tax on marriage licenses; to give the railroad commissioners control of the telephone companies doing business in this State. The bill to incorporate the Carthage & Western Railroad came up with a favorable spondent of the Montgomery (Ala.) Ad report, and presid. Ex-Governor Holt was a pronigent visitor to the House, and occupied a seat by Mr. Holt, of Alamance. Bills passed incorporating the Winston-Salem and Charleston Railroad, allowing it 300 convicts, to be paid at the r te of \$125 a year, quarterly in advance and to amend the charter of the Ros noke, Norfolk & Baltimore Steamship Company, whose boats will ply in Pam-lico and Albemarle Sounds and the Ches peake Bay; to amend the charter of the Moore County Railroad, giving it power to extend its line and build branches, and to consolidate with the Moore County Forwarding Company: to incorporate the Burlington & South-Administration, however, has had so western Rulroad, from the North Carolina Reilroad to the Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. The committee on judiciary reported favorably the Senate bill repealing the old act for "processioning" lands, and enacting a new law on that subject. Mr. Harris, by consent, introduced a bill making the destruction of forest trees a misdemeanor. The bill to enable land owners to establish the boundaries thereof passed final reading; as did the one to regulate the height of fences in Bladen county; the one to provide a water supply for public buildings; the one to regulate the building of wharves, and the one requiring county superintendents to enquire into and report the number of dea! mutes The bill giving to justices of the peace jurisdiction in cases of cruelty to animals was tabled; as was also the one prohibiting county commissioners and magistrates holding office more than two terms. Bills passed final reading allowing Rutherford county to levy taxes to build a jail. The bill to amend the school law so as to make the county superintendent ex-officio chairman of the board of education and the bill to make the expectoration of tobacco on church floors a misdemesnor went to the table, though an effort was made to secure the passage of the latter measure.

> Senate the following bills were introduc ed: For the erection of the county of Scotland; to allow corporations to become sureties; to establish a naval battslion of the State Guard. The bill deeds passed its second reading.

RALEIGH, N. C .- 25th day .- In th

or 359 of The Code.

RALEIGH, N. C .- 26th day. - The following bills were introduced in the Senate: To detach a certain piece of land in Stokes county and award it to members. Forsyth; a resolution of request to our ians, passed third reading; the bill te making judgment due on personal pro of the executive mansion, (it provide for the appropriation of \$2,500 for furniture and \$1,500 for completion of the state Asheville & Baltimore Railroad; to protect baggage of travelers by common land, the charter to run for 60 years; the
c.nv.y.nce; to allow Buncombe to fund its county debt. Bills passed third read its ing incorporating the town of Hampton,

Rutherford county; to forbid bodies of men known as "detectives," from going armed; to amend The Code in regard to bigamy; to appropriate \$500 annually to the Guilford Battle Ground Association.

The bill to amend The Code in regard to bonds. The report was submitted on the inauguration of Gov. Carr. The expenditures of the \$500 appropriation

calling upon the bursar of the University us put women where they belong—on a plane of justice. The bill failed to pass its second reading. The bill to incorporate the Citizens' Savings Bank at Wilming-

ton passed final reading. House: Bil's were introduced to pre ons passed third reading by a unanimous physicians, who are unable to account vote. A bill to require the State Board of for the change in her color. Education to prepare and publish uniform text books also came up with an unfavorable report and was tabled; Bills were tabled exempting private libraries from taxation; amending chapter 15 of The Code regarding corporations; providing for a State inspector of liquors. The bill forbidding the employment of children under 15 years for over 10 hours a day in factories was tabled without debate, The bill to protect 1-ndlords by constituting unpaid rent a lien on household effects, etc., was a'so tabled.

RALEIGH, N. C .- 28th day .- Senate. to allow the commissioners and justices Bills were introduced; Asking for the of Rutherford to purchase a farm for establishment of a colored normal school paupers passed its third reading. The in Clinton, Sampson county. Seca tor bill to provide stenographers for the Battle introduced a resolution asking for several courts of the State; it provid a appointment of a committee to consider that the stenographers thall receive \$1. the matter of a department at the peni-000 per annum for Superior Courts, and tentiary for the manufacture of car \$500 for Criminal Courts. They shall wheels. The bill pending that certain be appointed by the judge and can be money voted the Guilford Battle Ground removed for cause. Under a call for th. Association shall not be paid until 1895 previous question the bill failed to pass its second reading—ayes 5, noes 37.

The bill to establish a motto for the reading (under the previsions of the bill, State of North Carolina, "Esse quam the association can only draw \$500, or videri," passed its third reading. The \$250 per annum for the next two years.) nessee and at present judge of the United bill to provide a seal for the register of House. Bills were introduced: To repeal the act prohibiting the sale of Tennessee. He is a native and lifelong House: A Bill was introduced to cigarettes to minors; to provide for tim provide that the license taxes on bar ber inspectors in Buncombe, Madison, rooms, billiard alleys, etc., at resorts McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey; to es shall be collected only for the time they tablish a colored normal school at Durare kept open for the use of visitors. ham; to allow persons under 21 years of The bill to abelish the Bureau of Labor age to change name if the parents or Statistics came up and was the theme of guardians join in the petition for such discussion for an hour or more. It pas change; to amend The Code by providsed ayes 56, noes 34. The following ing that no days of grace be allowed on important bills passed third reading: any draft, etc., unless otherwise stipu-To incorporate the Winston-Salem & lated thereon, but that the same shall be Charleston Railroad; to protect birds in due and payable as therein expressed on Halifax and Warren; to incorporate the the day named, without grace; bill to Burlington & Sauth Western Railroad; take effect in one year after ratification. to allow Rutherford county to levy s The House then went into debate on the special tax to build a jail; to give par- bill appropriating moneys to the Guilties desirous of obtaining service of ford Battle Ground'Association and passsummons the right to make the same by ed the bill as amended (not over \$500 is prolecation, in spite of chapter 120, Acts allowed to be drawn from the two years of 1890; to provide for garnishing per ending in February, 1895.) The bill sons non-residents either as provided by to allow the people of Stokes county to chapter 180, Acts 1892, or sections 128 vote on the question of county government was taken up, with an adverse committee report. The vote was ayes 57, noes 18. Republicans voted against tabling, as did also the Third party

RALEIGH, N. C .- 29th day .- Senate. Senators and Representatives in Congress Principal matters were: A bill to deto vote for the Nicaragua Canal passed tach certain territory from Stokes county unanimously; the bill to 'allow licensed and add it to Forsyth was tabled. The druggists of Marshall, Madison county, bill to pay solicitors an annual salary to sell liquor on prescription of physic was passed over informally. The bill provide for furnishing and completion erty a lien was tabled, on the ground of in all. \$14.435; Georgetown, S. C., 2 in

the massion.) passed its third reading.

In the House bills were introduced hotels and lodging houses, two stories or To protect the consumers of illuminating more in height; the escape to be a rope oils and to provide for the inspection ladder, knotted, an inch in diameter; to and sale of the same, allowing no oils to amend The Code in regard to partition be sold under a fire test of 120 degrees to amend the charter of the Atlanta, the Bank of Commerce at Fayetteville,

The bill to amend The Code in regard penditures of the \$500 appropriation to liens was tabled, as was one amending it in regard to chattel mortgages. A bill also passed making it unnecessary for the privy examination of a wife to be at the same time as the execution of a deed by her husband. An important bill passed, making amendment in the lend to be \$585. The material used in decoration have been turned over to the Quartermaster General. Adopted. Bills passed, amending the charter of the Peoples' Bank of Asheville; repealing the charter of the town of Kill Quick, being passed, making amendment in the Edge of the Commence of the land law. It is to allow the trial of the issue of fraud in the conveying or encumbering of lauds not exceeding in value the homestead before the latter is determined. It allows the trial of this determined. It allows the trial of this decorate and Marietta Myers, of Gaston issue of fraud and allows no sale until county; to allow the commissioners and the homestead is determined. The bill justices of Madison to elect a tax colto make three years' absence from the State a cause for absolute divorce passed Carolina for 99 years, its location being by a unanimous vote. Mr. Vance's sheep husbandry or "dog law" bill came up. Just as soon as the word "dog" was read the House began to laugh. The bill provides for a tax of \$1 on each dog and requires the latter to be listed as other ourses the latter to be listed to be latter to be listed to be latter to be latter to be latter to be latter to be listed to be latter to quires the latter to be listed as other Burlington & Southwestern Railroad; property; the tax to go to the school to incorporate the Beaufort County fund. The committee on agriculture Bank; to allow Harnett county to sell made a report in favor of the bill. The the county home property; to incorbill was finally re-commit ed to the comporate Kelford, Bertie county; to inmittee on agriculture.

porate Kelford, Bertie county; to incorporate Hatcher Lodge, A. F. & A. RALEIGH, N. C.—27th day.—Senate: M. To incorporate Wac); to allow Burke county to levy a special stock law incorporate the Bank of Laurinburg; to prevent note-shaving; to compromise and sattle the bonds in a compromise and lines the comp settle the bonds issued by the State for the Chatham Railroad. The resolution celling upon the country to allow Rockingham county to levy a special tax; to of North Carolina to furnish financial incorporate the town of Inanda, Bunand other statements relating to the Unicounty to levy a special tax to build a versity for the past ten years, and biennially hereafter, passed its third reading.
Bill relating to certain rights of married women; the bill was widely discussed.

Soundly to levy a special tax to build a jail. To incorporate the Boone and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company; to repeal the act establishing the Edenton graded school; to allow Anson county Senator McDowell in the course of his graded school; to allow Anson county remarks said that he never could recon - to issue bonds for the purpose of comcile the matter of women not voting. It pleting and repairing its court house and was certainly coming. (The bill extends jul; to establish Jason township, the time for women who now have the right to bring suit to the 1st of March, Academy; resolution instructing mom-1894.) Senator Jones favored the bill bers of Congress to vote for the Nicarthe present law was adopted when wo- agua Canal bill; resolution calling for men were little more than slaves. Let a financial statement from the bursar of

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. CANTON, MISS. -A Woman at vent the organization of secret, oath- on the streets here who attracted much bound political organization, ("Gideons' attention. She has a perfectly white face Bind" being named as among these) and hands and short kinky hair, with making membership, etc., in such a fel- the features of a negro. The woman ony, punishable by a fine of not less than said that she was born black and remain-\$100 nor more than \$500 and imprison- ed so until she was fifteen years old, when ment for not less than one year nor more | she suddenly turned white, remaining than five years, such person to be forever so for one year, when she turned black after meligible to office; to make it un- again. Since that time she is alternately unlawful to abduct children under 18 white and black, not alone in apots, but years of age, instead of 14 as heretofore; changes color entirely. She is fairly into amend the pension acts by making telligent, and says she has never had a them apply to cases where the soldier spell of sickness and has never taken a died from wounds in 12 months after dose of medicine. She lives near Sallis Lee's surrender, April 9, 1865; to require Station, on the Canton and Aberdeen persons putting up barbed wire fences road. She says she cannot stand the sun alongside a 'highway to put up a plank at all, and wears a double veil and heavy or continuous rail on the top thereof. gloves. She says if the sun shines on her The bill to forbid any person calling him | skin for one minute it causes it to blister self a detective to carry concealed weap- at once. She has been examined by

Easy on Boys.

[North Carolina Teacher.] At a recent board school examination for girls, one of the tasks was an essay on boys, and this was one of the compesitions, just as it was handed in by a girl of 12: "The boy is not an animal, yet they can be heard to a considerable distance. When a boy hollers he opens his big mouth like frogs, but girls hold their toung till they are spoke to, and then they answer respectable and tell just how it was. A boy thinks himself clever because he can wade where it is deep, but God made the dry land for every living thing, and rested on the seventh day When the Loy grows up he is called a husband, the grew up girl is a widow and keeps house

Justice Lamar's Successor. WASHINGTON, D. C .- The President nominated Howell E. Jackson, of Tennessee, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice L Q C. Lamar, deceased.

Howeli Edmunds Jackson is a Democrat. He is an ex senator from Ten-States court for the district embracing resident of Tennes ee. He is remembered at the Capitol as a man of quiet, unassuming manners, gentle, well-liked and distinguished for fairness and judicial consideration of the questions arising here.

Charges Criminal Libel.

MEMPHIS, TENN.-Speaker Ralph Davis, of the State Legislature, swore out a warrant against A. B. Pickett and reporter I K. Underwood, of the Scimitar charging criminal libel. The two men were released on a bond of \$500. On Saturday the Scim'tar published a story about Davis, who is a criminal lawyer, agreeing to get a bond made by N. Simon for Jacob Lachman, a house burner, reduced from \$5,000 to \$2 500 and taking a big free. Davis is a young lawyer and a prospective candi tate for Congress,

Custom Officers' Salaries in the Two

Carolinas. WASHINGTON, D. C .- The estimated salaries of the North and South Carolina cus'oms houses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, furnished to Congress by the Treasury Department, are: Beaufort, \$1,200; Edenton, deputy and inspector, \$1,920; Newberne, deputy and four inspector, \$2,605; Wilmington, collector, deputy, etc., 10 in all, \$11,207; Beaufort, S. C., collector, deputy, etc., 7 in all \$5.067.50; Charleston, collector, etc., 12 all, \$1,000.

The Last of the Juno's Survivors. CHARLESTON, S. C .- Capt. William J. Burke, a well known Charleston pilot. is dead. He was the sole survivor of the Confederate steamer Juno, commanded by Lieut. Philip Porcher. The Juno broke in half on the voyage hence to Nassau, and sunk. Capt. Burke and

DIXIE NEWS. The Beloved South Gleaned and Epitomized.

All the News and Occurences Printed Here in Condensed Form.

Eggs are selling at 35 and 38 cents per dozen in the Shenandoah Valley. J. J. Davis, of Stovall, N. C., killed three deer last week with two shots. A \$100,000 cloth finishing plant will be built at Greensboro, N. C.

Chicago capitalists will put \$5,000,000 in a bridge half a mile long across the Mississippi river, near New Orleans. The Columbia, S. C , Cotton Mill Com-

pany, has been chartered; capital stock \$700,000. The City of Charleston has taken \$2 .-000,000 of the South Carolina State

The Louisiana Lottery Company is to be removed to Honduras, and Generals Beauregard and Early will still be at the

A new phosphate bed has been discovered in Orangeburg county, S. C., which, it is thought, will prove one of the richest in the State. Three Mormons, with proselyting in-

tentions, have been roaming about Charlottesville, Va., lately. They have been refused the use of the court-house and other public buildings. Jefferson Davis's remains will be

finally interred in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, Va., on May 30. The monument to his memory will be erected in Monroe Park, that city.

A new railroad is projected to build from Winston, N. C., to Charlotte and southwardly into South Carolina. Application has been made to the North Carolina Legislature for a charter.

Nearly all of the light-houses and buoys in the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers, Chesapeake bay and Hampton Roads have been carried away by the ice. Georgia cotton planters are consider-ing the proposition to meet together at

Augusta and agree upon a fixed reduction of cotton acreage. The Supreme Court of appea's at Richmond, Va., reversed the decision of the Hustings Court of Alexandria in the case of Jeff. Phillips, convicted of killing

tenced to be hanged. They had a big spelling bee in Raleigh, N. C., the other night and W. G. Burkhead, Esq., principal clerk of the Senate, was the last man to sit down. Used to be in the newspaper business, you see.

George Smith, July 22nd, 1891, and sen-

Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson and his charming family will attend the session of the Teachers' Association at Morehead City, N. C., in June.

The Leaksville, N. C., Cotton and Woolen Mills, heretofore conducted by J T. Morehead & Co., have been sold to the Cone Export and Commission Company. The 'one Company is now known as the Plaid Trust.

The Halls, Ga., Weekly announces the following as its subscription rates: "One year, two bushels 'taters; six months, two gallous sorghum; three months, one quart sweet mash-invariably in ad-

James T. Hatton, aged twenty-three, committed suicide at Abington, Va., Tuesday evening by shooting himself in the head. Despondency over his failure to get employment seems to have been the cause. He was a nice young man and had some money.

Fire at Norfolk, Va , Wednesday night the commission house of B. G. Pollard, and the Farmers' Alliance Exchange, on Roanoke dock was destroyed by fire. The total loss was \$70,000. Between 3,000 and 4,000 bags of peanu's were

In 1889 the North Carolina Legis'ature passed a law forbidding the hunting of deer in Caldwell county with dogs, and until this year the law has been pretty well obeyed, with the resu't of multiply. ing the number of d er in the county. It is estimated that t'ere are over one hundred head that range in the Northern and Western sections.

The fertilizer companies of South Carolina have already purchased from the state \$20,000 worth of tax tags, and the demand continues at the rate of about \$850 per day. This is far in excess of former receipts at the same time of the year. The total amount of the fe tilizer tax is about \$35,000 or \$40,000 per year. There is every indication that it will go

considerably over that amount this year. At Forest City, N C., Ardelia Dean, 9 year old daught r of Silina Dean. while playing with others around the Forest City Manufacturing Company's shops, was caught on the shafting and whipped to death before the machinery could be stopped.

Nine citizens of Rock Hill, S. C., have formed a Tobacco Growers' Club, and have engaged an expert from North Carolina to "coach" them. They intend to

do their part toward diversifying crops,

and with Rock Hil's obaracteris ic energy, propose to make that city a centre of tobacco culture. Should their experiment this year prove successful they will establish a tobacco warehouse in Rock Hill. Here is a new industry for South Caro-

lina. A state commission has been issued to the Limeh u e Company, of Edgefield, "shose object is to do a general agricultural, milling, mechanical and merchandise business." The company who purpose carrying on this diversified business or businesses, is mainly composed It is said that the demand for cotton

hulls at the oil mill in Greenville, S C , has become so great as to exceed the supply, and the mill is obliged to buy hulls from other mills to fill its orders. Four years ago the value of hulls as food for stock and manure was practically unknows. At present about ninety tons of contonseed are consumed daily, and from thirty-five to fifty carloads of cottonseed meal a week are shipped from

Greenville. R. C. Berkley and R. C. Harleston, of Charlest of, S. C , have leased 2,000 wreck took fire, which was communiacres of ric land for five years from the Hamilton I isston Investment Co. They will take a killed force of hands to work eral days before it will clear.

the property, and will go extensively into the cultivation of rice. The property leased is in the vicinity of Lake Tohopekaliga, Fla , and has, it is said, never produced less than seventy-five bushels of rice to the acre.

A queer rabit story, which beats "Uncle Remus" at his best, comes from Davidson, N. C., via the Atlanta Constitution. "Mr. John Hedrick killed a very large rabbit during the snow. It had a large raised place on the inside of the left leg, which he cut into and found between the flesh and hide two leatherwinged bats, which were full grown. The bats were fastened to the flesh of the rabbit by a leader or something similar. There was not a broken place in the hide until Mr. Hedrick cut it.'

Says the Richmond, Va., Times: More and more the plantations, graperies, and orange groves of Florida are passing into the hands of Northerners and Englishmen for an enervating climate will destroy local energies in time. The "crackers," or native population, are improving under education, but they do not grow fast mentally, and their farming is confined to a little planting near their cabins. Naturally they are a simple and hospitable people, with a speech somewhat tinctured by negro dialect. Besides fruit, Florida has a vast wealth in her phos-phate beds, which are of unmeasured extent, but one capitalist says that since the investment of \$30,000,000 in phus phate in the South the business has been overdone, and there is no demand for phosphate land at present.

There is a large trade in alligators' teeth in the South, for they are treasured as mementoes by tourists. In Jacksonville one may have them mounted with aluminum, gold or silver as vinaigrettes, and they are sometimes prettily marked and tinted. A good many boars' teethere sold for those of alligators, but the difference between them is decided, th se of the boar curving into a quarter circle. while those of the alligator are rounder and nearly straight. Apropos of both animals, there is nothing that 'gator likes better than fresh pork and he will toddle three miles from water for a Florida r zorback. In cool weather he buries himself in mud and becomes dormant until it grows warm. Hunters still make a living by killing him for his hide and teeth. The killing of alligators from the decks of river steamers in Florida has

been stopped by law Served With Notice to Quit.

TOPERA, KANS. - Just before the House adjourned, Speaker Dunsmore, Populist, arose and handed to Speaker Douglass, the Republican presiding officer, a sealed communication. Dunsmore said he desired Doug'ass not to make its contents ; known until Wednesday, and exacted a promise from him not to reveal its purport. Then both houses agreed to adjourn until 9 o'clock Wednesd vy morning. As soon as adjournment was had both Speakers rapped for order and announced a caucus in the evening.

These caucuses considered the contents of the communication handed the Republican speaker by the Populist speaker. The letter is notice for the Republicans to quit. It sets forth that the R publican house is an illegal body; that the Republicans are obs ructionists, delaying the business of the House, and notifies Speaker Douglas that he and all the alleged Republican clerks and officials must withdraw and no longer attempt to usurp the powers of the Popu ist House, which is the only legal House of Representatives.

Winter in the North.

The oldest inhabitant of pretty much every section of the country offers his testimony concerning the severity of the recent cold snap. Nantucket, Rhode Island, people aver that it beats anything known there for the past forty years. The island has been for some time cut off from communication with the rest of the world except by cable. Vineyard Sound is full of ice, and the revenue cutter, Samuel Dexter, made a nine days' trip of four miles in that region. Fishermen along Lake Erie have no memory of such ice as now stretches in an unbroken field from Detroit to Put in-Bay. The entire lake archipelago is froz n about and teams cross the mouth of the Detroit River. People who have driven out fifteen miles from shore on the lake say that beyond the point to which they ventured the ice extended as far as they could see. There is an usprecedented number of wild fowl in Southern waters, driven hither by the cold weather.

John Brown's Bible.

Mrs. Emily Blessing, of Charlestown, W. Va., a few days ago sold to Chicago parties the Bible which had been presented to her father by John Brown, of Harper's Ferry notoriety, while the latter was in prison at the former place. A mong others of Charlestown who are in pos session of relics of Brown are Andrew E. Kennedy, who has the receipt of Mrs. John Brown for the bedy of Brown, which was delivered to her at Harper's Ferry. Capt. Gaylor own the sabre used by brown in marshalling his black cohorts, and Mrs. Capt. W. L. Harrington still owns the strap on which Brown's by Capt. Harrington at Harper's Ferry.

Skeletons Unearthed.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA .-- While excavating in his yard for laying waterpipe, Mr. Jacob Grindler, who lives on Han ver Street, extended, near Marye's Heights, unearthed the skeletons of six Union soldiers, who fell in bettle here in May, 1863. Major Thomas D. Mc-Alpin, superint ndent of the National cemetery, was notified, and, being convinced by the Union buttons that the remains were those of Federal soldiers, he took them in charge, and will have them rein erred in the National cemetery.

A Burning Coal and Coke Train:

RICHMOND, VA .- A special says that a collision occurred at the long tunnel near Mill Creek, on the Elk Horn divi ion of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, caused by a section of the coal train breaking loose and running into another train following. No lives were lost, but there was great damage to property. The

IN A DOOMED LIGHTHOUSE.

Keeper Thomas' Thrilling Story o.

Escaps from Wolf Trap. Nonrolk, Va .- In an interview with John William Thomas, assistant keeper of the Wolf Trap light station, which succumbed to the ice list week, he save he had an experience calculated to quicken his wits and open his weather eye, and will doubtless be remembered as the supreme event of his life. Mr. Thomas was alone at the station, which is ic twelve feet of water, and three miles from the shore. It is not easy to appreciate the dreadful forebodings which filled his mind as day after day he watched the thickening ice, conscious as he was of the great peril which environed him, his distress signals unnoticed, with that yest field of ice expanding its mighty power against the piles and gathering additional strength every moment as it ovrlapped and piled up against the doomed struc-

To pray in such a crisis was a most natural thing to do, and pray he did, long and fervently, and he feels assured, for it was not very long before he de seried in the distance the smoke of a steamer b tiling with the ice. Slowly sh spreceded along until, getting abreast of the station, she was stopped by the thick ice. A though the steamer was s me half mile out toward the ship channel, the nervy keeper determined to abandon the station to its impending fate and make the effort to reach her. Getting upon the nutriel ice he proceeded toward her, waving his hat to attract the attention of those on board. When within hailing distance he or ed out lust ily to the officer in command, and was told to come aboard, which he did it

On leaving the steam r hi, her up the bay for the shore he broke through the ice in eight feet of water and came near

Tradition has it that Wol 's Trap de rives its name from the standing of the British man of war Wolf ou the bar dur ing the Revolution. The lighthouse is ashore at the cap's and the lenses are in Richmond.

IT WAS MISCARRIED.

A Richmond Registered Letter Found in a Big Fish.

ble for the following: "The largest catfish ever captured or the Mississippi was caught about three years ago, two miles from Cairo, by a colored fisherman," said John G. Harvey, of Murphysboro, Iil., at the Lindell yes terday. He was a monster, sure enough and more resembled a while thin a cat fish. The colored people had been talk ing for a long time about having scents big fish in the waters. They had shot at him repeatedly, and had set all sorts of

trot lines to catch him without success. "Finally there came a rise in the river. and when the waters receded from the swamp back of the river the fish was grounded and capture I. He weigh d 317 pounds, and when cut open there was found in his stomach two fish hooks and a line, a ten penny nail, a gold ring, and -the most curious thing of all-a registered letter addressed to the Hon. Wal ter Merriwether, of Richmond, Va which had been lost for two weeks, and which had given the postal authorities unbounded trouble. The question was and is. How did that letter ever find its way from the portal car to the fish's

SOAP BECOMING A LUXURY.

The Price Has Risen and Threaten to Go Much Higher.

PHILADELPHIA, PA .- The rate at which soap is advancing in price, if continued will soon place that article among the luxuries. One month ago it advanced 25 cents per box, about two weeks ago s further advance of 15 cents was added, and Friday the wholesalers were placing orders at an advance of 60 cents on the box. Manufacturers and dealers say the top price has not et b en rea hed and hesitate about predicting anything except that the outlook at present points to a

still further rise. The advance is due to a scarcity of cat tle and hogs, which has put up the price of tallow and lard Tallow and lard, which a few months ago were experted to Germany, are now being sen, back to this country, where they meet with a ready sale at a price which makes it de

All lubricating and machin'ry oils advanced, and cottolene and other v. ge table oils have also advanced on account of increased consumption. The vegetable oils are being largely substitued for animal fats, both for making soaps and for lubricating purposes

sirable to import them.

THE WALL STREET MONEY KINGS

The Pool in National Cordage Divides Profits of \$2,600,000

NEW YORK, N. Y .- A meeting was held in a well-known Wall street office after business hours at which \$1,370,000 in cash was distributed among those present by James R. Keene. The occasion was the distribution of the profits that have accrued from Mr. Keene's bull campaign in the stocks of the National Cordage Company. The attendance at the meeting was not large, yet it included all of those who have co operated with Mr. Keene in one of the most successful operations he has ever made; for besides the cash profits divided, Mr. Keene reported that the combination had quick assets of the value of \$1,200,000, making the total profits of the deal nearly \$2,600.

A Perilous Escape.

Four young men of Onsncock, Va., started last week to walk across Pocomoke Found on the ite, which, when they were about five miles out, broke up, and the cake on which they were drifted out on the receding tide. The cold wind blowing strongly tossed their fruit craft in a very dangerous fashion. The block drifting near the main pack, the young men tried to make their way across on the broken mass. The largest blocks were not over five feet square, and often times they had to lie down to avoid being toppled off into the water. Finally, after being on the ice fourteen hours, they were rescued.