### CONTRACTS AWARDED

At a special meeting of the board of Aldermen has night, called to consider the question of a lighting contract, the bids of the Raieigh Electric company and the Raieigh Gas company were accepted. The terms of these contracts are fully known by the Pauss-Visiron read-

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board last night.

"Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted and that bids of the Raleigh Electric company for furnishing 70 arc lights at \$74.75 each per year as set forth in the bid and report be accepted, provid-ed the said Raleign Electric company give satisfactory, bond in the sum o \$3,000 to faithfully comply with the terms of the contract that may be entered into with the city for said lights and that the bid of the Raleigh Gas company for furnishing 100 or more gas lights at \$1.50 each per month as set forth in their bid, and said report be accepted, provided the said Raleigh Gas company give a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$3,000 to faithfully comply with the terms of the contract that may be entered into with the city for said gas lights.

"Resolved. That the special electric light committee, together with the mayor and the city attorney, be instructed to draw up contracts with the said companies for furn-lableg said lights, and that the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute said contracts for and on behalf of the city upon the said indemnity bonds being tendered by the said companies. The said special committee and mayor are authorised and empowered to fix the time when said contracts or either of them are to commence and be in force."

A New Enterprise.

Messrs. Fred Mahler and Fred Woolloott have entered into a co partnership and have opened a bicycle repair shop. They have secured the store at No. 12, West Hargett street, next to Wynne and on's. In addition to affording full facilities for repairing Messrs Mabler and Woollook will keep on hand a full and complete and up to-date stock of bleycles and supplies. They will give the busis their personal attention and They will have single and tandem bicycles for rent. They can do all kinds of repairing work and at reasonable figures. They are prered to do first-class work and guarantee satisfaction. This is a step forward for Rateigh and such an establishment will be appreciated by the public. Messrs Mahler and t are to be thanked for their enterprise and progressiveness in affording the best of facilities to our wheel fanciers.

A Rate War Feared.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. ATLANTA, Feb. 23 The railroads in this part of the South are trying check the spread of demoralization threatened on account of the cut made last week by the Norfolk and Western. Traffic officials here received telegrams today from New York stating that the Joint Traffic ation and the Norfolk and Western would reach an understanding this week, and that the re duction of 20 per cent. in rates from the east to East St. Louis and other points would be withdrawn as soon as the legal notice could be given. The chances are that there will be no demoralization in this territory, and that the fight will be soon over

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Crry or MEXICO, Feb. 23—United States Minister, Matt W. Ransom was selected some time ago as the referee in the Gautemala-Mexico boundary dispute. Owing to the illneas of his wife and the improbability of his staying much longer in Mexico, he has resigned the posiion, and the two governments will select his recressor at an early date. He was to have received a fee of \$50,000 in gold for his labor.

The Progressive Farmer says: 'If any one thing tonded to defeat the democratic party in this state more than another, it was the arbi-trary election laws. The republi-

Russell's Wilmington Bill Meets Defeat.

### HOME RULE

Wins the Approval of the House ... An Interesting Discussion with Pleasy of Excitement-Cathey's Bill to Promote Education.

The following bills were intro-

By Dixon, of Cleveland, to sub mit to the popular vote a dispen-

cated at Shelby.

By Green, to establish a saimidal circuit composed of Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Ashe and Watanger counties, to have all the jurisdiction vested in the superior courts so far as crimes are concerned; the judge to be elected by the people; salary \$1,600 and \$200 for expenses; the solicitor to be similarly elected and receive the usual fees.

(Resolution) by Lusk that after March 1st no bills or resolutions be introduced.

By Ferrel, to enlarge jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Wake by making punishment for all assaults and batteries and affrays where no deadly weapon is used or serious damage done and where deadly weapon is attempted to be used or is used, but no permanent injuries are afflicted, a fine not to exceed \$50 or 30 days imprisonment; the fine for carrying a concealed weapon to se not less than \$10 or ten days imprisonment; no suspension of judgnent permitted unless upon physician's certificates of severe damages

By Green to submit to the popular vote at the next general election the question of state aid to higher

The following bills were introfucea: By Hancock, to reduce bonds of sheriffs to 50 per cent of the ssessed taxes; by Ferrell, to amend the charter of Apex; by Adams, to validate the marriage of A. G. Bauer and Rachel Blythe, of Raleigh; by Cathey, to promote public education by providing that if the courts annul the 99-year lease of the N. C. railroad and it is leased for a greater sum than the presentone, the excess shall be apportioned by the state board of education among the various counties among the school children on a per capita basis.

The bill to amend the charter of Wilmington came up, provining that the people of each ward shall elect an alderman, and the governor appoint one for each ward; that the present police board shall continue until this aw goes into offect; that the aldermen shall elect the mayor. Mr. Sutton, of New Hanover, explained the bill, saying there was nothing in it objectionable to any man; that he had scores of letters from citizens asking that the bill pass. Ward anted the part explained as to the appointment of aldermen by the governor. Sutton said that as the city was now divided into wards, it was impossible to elect a republican board of aldermen; that the republicans were in the majority; that no alderman would be appointed who was objectionable to the maority of the republicans and popu-

Walters said he was going to ask the Democrats to vote for this bill, though it was absolutely undemoratic, unrepublican and unpopulistic; that it gives the governor as absolute control of Wilmington as if he owned it; that it made him the absolute autocrat, the Czar of Wilming-ton; and that he was willing to put the control of the city of Wilmington in Governor Russell's hands for the next four years; that it protected the property of the state from the vagrant and non-property-holding classes. He said he thought it better to support this bill than to risk a bill which gave the control of the

ity to the propertyless.

Hancock said as this appeared to be so unanimously favored he congratulated the demotrats for being once in the right. He said the governor did not make the appointments but that the republicans would send

Sutton called the previous qu'stion and said he believed every re-publican would vote for the bill and that he hoped all the republicans ion and said he be id do so. Walters said that after this he was compelled to vote against the bill. The call for the previous question was sustained. Hartness,

all debate. The vote on the bill on econd reading was ayes 48, noes 52, Duffy, in explaining his vote, said

Sutton's action in calling the previous question was not only coward-ly, but was against the professed principles of the republicans. Parker of Wayne said "local self-

government" was the slogan of the republicans and populists in the last campaign, but that this bill over-turned all this. He said Sutton had given the sole reason for the bill-"pie;" that is to turn out democrats and put in republicans. Sut-ton of Cumberland said Gov. Russell was not the author or promotor of the bill; that the governor had so told him; but that if it was the governor's bill he would all the more readily vote for it. Sutton of New Innover said it was too late to reand that this was the only way to keep the democrats from controlling the legislation for two years. He said he had reason to believe that every republican here would vote

Young said the majority of the people were determined to rule the state; that the 120,000 negro voters demanded that they be given equal rights in the holding of elections He said there was no union of the negroes and the whites; declared his love for the populists. Spruill said ne was elected on republican doctrine and therefore voted no. (applause by democrats and some popuists, and Young, said "you'll never be elected again.) Abernathy voted no, saying he was bound to support local self-government. Pinnix voted no. Brimley was called into vote. He asked to be excused, but the republicans refused to excuse him. le voted no. Green of Mitchell, said according to the doctrine he had preached he was bound to vote no. Easley also voted no. Petree declared his bellef in local self-goverament and the people's ruling and voted no. Alken voted no. Parker of Perquimans begged to be excused. There were cries of object. He said he hated to antagonize any gentleman's private measure and especially to autagonize the present

aplain his vote to his people if he upported this bill and he voted no Dockery said he voted for the neasure, but protested against the principle involved in it; and that unless such measures were forced on them; that the caucus had decided last night to support this bill, and that he had then raised his voice against it; that he had never bolted caucus, He voted yea. Hodges said he was for local self-government but above all for "turning the rascals out," and of the two evils he chose the lesser and voted for the bill. Ormsly said though he was told it though he opposed the principle in-

bill and he did not see how he could

he caucus decision. Sutton went to the clerk's desk and looked at the vote just before it was announced. He sald, "I want papers, and the governor and the to change my vote from aye to no. I beg that I may be allowed to do erally are urged in the old sterthis." Sutton was so restless he cotyped words to "hunt down was nearly wild. Sutton made a the perpetrators"-to "make an exmotion to reconsider the vote. Johnson and Ward both cried out, "I offenders" to deter others from a move to table that motion."

volved in the bill, he must abide by

Quite a lively scene followed. Point after point of order was made. The speaker said the point of order by Lusk was well taken, and that Sutton had said he lodged a motion. Duffy said that the speaker had noved to reconsider Johnson's motion was regular. Duffy was here out off by the speaker, who said the lead the attack. matter was settled. Sutton said he had lodged a motion to reconsider.

SENATE. The bill giving the University \$5,000 in addition to the regular appropriation passed all readings-

The bill giving the State Normal 12,500 in addition to the regular

ppropriation passed unanimously. The bill providing for the election the county commissioners passed its second reading. There was objecion to passage on third reading.

that will more interest or amuse you than the lecture of the inimitable Sam Jones Wednesday night at Met-ropolitan Opera House. Prices 75,

TO HAVE HANGINGS

naterial change in the method of executing criminals in this state, says the Charlotte News. There are many objections to public executions and they have to a large extent been done away with in this state. The private executions in jails have also objectionable features.

So it is suggested that as soon as sentence of death is passed on a oriminal, he be sent to the state penitentiary and there executed.

Shariff Smith, of Mecklenburg, sent the following letter to Dr. Alexander, the State Senator from Meck lenburg. "Nearly all of your constituents

ere feel the need of a law to rewho have had the sen passed on them and have the tion performed in the state penitentiary by an executioner appointed by the state. To explain the reasons why such a law should be passed, will say that after a beinous crime has been committed and sentence of death has been passed by the court, the community in which the crime was committed feel that the outrage can only be satisfied by the taking the prisoner's life. Possibly through influences brought to bear, the sentence is commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. The enraged community rise in indignation, a mob demanding the prisoner's life. And in defending the prisoner and carrying out the law, the sheriff is liable to take the lives of many good citizens.

"Now, if there was a law to renove at once all such prisoners to the penitentiary, all this trouble The Movements in New York and Liver would be avoided."

Editor Press-Vistor.

It is said that the execution of summary punishment upon an offender without judge, jury or regular process of law, took its name from a Virginia farmer, we believe. named Lynch, who, capturing a thief, proceeded to tie him up to a today: tree and administer a flogging.

The administration of lynch law has become quite prevalent of late years, and some startling facts bave been developed.

While the newspapers are denouncing the lawlessnessless of the the deep-hidden under-current of public sentiment really approves and sustains it, that is, for the one horrible crime against woman.

Reference is had to this because lynchings are, as a rule, few and rare for other causes; and it is a notable fact that for this the wrong party is never lynched,

Some recent lynchings of negro was a caucus measure, and that rapists in this and adjacent states by forcing the jail and taking the black fiend from the custody of the legal authorities, have raised a storm of protest and denunciation, principally among newssheriffs and civil authorities genample of them," and to "punish the similar offense. We say newspapers because, with few exceptions, the newspaper men themselves are the only source from whence these protests come.

And right here it may be said, that if a defenceless female relative uled that if Sutton had lodged a of any of these protesting newspanotion to reconsider then Johnson's per men were the victim of such notion was in order, but that if he outrage, these very self-same mennewspaper men-would be the readlest with the rope, and would

> Lynch law, as a matter of fact, is to be deplored, but the conditions which bring it about, cannot, it eems, be modified. It is as surely the result of a producing cause as is the expansion of iron by heat. It is folly to denounce the results and effects as long as the cause remains.

The law of cause and effect is universal and uniform; human nature is the same everywhere on this globe, and is now what it always has been. Divine wisdom has made provision for this one special co lingency. The student of the surdry laws prescribed in the Mosaic law will be impressed with t'e tomorrow from the residence, Rev. br. Simms officiating. The interlaw that the violator of a virgin ment will be at Oakwood cemetery, small be slain instanter, and without and friends of the family are invited.

ers of law.

If the theory of our governm

### correct, this is a government by the people. The people are sovereign. people. The people are sovereign. Courts and laws are the creatures of the people.

The thing created can not be greater or superior to the creating power, therefore superior to courts and laws. The present form of our laws has

largely come down to us from the past and represents the public sentiment of bygone days. Public sentiment of today has outgrown the standard of the past so much so that a mob of hundreds and sometimes thousands of the bes citizens of our land tying and stringing up a rapist, becomes at once the highest court of the land, and represents more clearly and certainly the will of the people, than the dignified and begowned judges who preside and the intimidated or cought juries who try these misdeanors in the high courts of our

Lynch law is not here advocated. seither is it condemned, simply be-cause it is the legitimate outgrowth of conditions incident to human nature that have obtained for ages past. It is useless to protest against the inevitable. A less swift, certain and summary remedy would notdoes not reach the demands of such

Look at the facts. Notwithstanding the unmitigated fierceness and borror of the lynching bee the rapist gets in his fearful work and still the crime is on the increase. Do legislation and the courts puta straw in the way of this fearful tide of violence? No indeed.

### TODAY'S MARKETS.

pool Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

The following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations of the New York cotton market

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# New York Stook Market.

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quotations on the New York S	toek
Exchange today:	0
Bugar	1142
American Tobseco	74
Burlington and Quincy	741
Chicago Gas	
American Spirits	134
General Electric	345
Louisville and Nashville	491
Manhattan	881
Rock Island	66ā
Southern Preferred	
St. Paul	761
Tennessee Coal and Iron	264
Western Union	838
Chicago Grain and Provision Mark	ot.
The following were the closing	quo-
tations on the Chicago Grain and	

vision market today: Wheat-May, 758; July 724

Corn-May, 241; July, 254. Oats-May 174. July 181; Pork-May, 7,95; July 8.07. Lard-May, 3.67; July 4.07 Clear Rib Sides-May 4.07; July

Liverpool Cotton Market. The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

February-March	3.56	8	
March-April	3.56	8	
April-May			
May-June		8	
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uly-August		8	
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# Death of Mr. Raiph J. Norris.

Mr. Ralph J. Norris, son of Mr. C. F. Norris, died this morning between 7 and 8 o'clock, at the resi dence, 514 South Harrington street, aged 17 years, of typhoid pneumonia. The funeral will take place

Governor Pledged to Appoint Him Judge.

### THE MINORITY MAD

Will Have Walter Henry or Kick out of the Traces...Committee Waits on Gov Russell But they Get Little Satis faction...Trouble Ahead

Governor Russell has promised representative Sutton of Cumberland county, to appoint him Judge the west. of the eastern criminal court. This news leaked out today though it has been strongly suspicioned.

The castern judgeship was sollted naturally indignant and what they are saying about the governor at this time would not be strictly Sunday school reading matter. A rupture will be inevitable if Sutton is appointed judge.

Sutton in the meantime, is coming in for his share of condemnation, because it is claimed that he is acting in bad faith with the republican caucus after having agreed to yield the office to the populists.

Governor Russell is said to be desirous of harmonizing the troubled waters. It will be remembered that when the first division of offices was made, the judgeship was awarded the republicans. Later a change was made and it was given to the populists. Governor Bussell says that he promised to appoint. Sutton judge when the first division was made, and that since the office has been given to the populists he has been placed in an embarrassing position.

A leader of the bolters said this evening that they were not responsible for the governor's mistakes. Sutton, the Cumberland pie chaser, is now the object of the bolters wrath:

This afternoon Senator Cannon, representatives Fagan and Brown waited on the governor according to caucus instructions to know if he intended to appoint the nominces of the minority populists. The governor said he would be pleased to appoint Theo. White shell fish commissioner, but the committee got no satisfaction as to the appointment of Mr. Henry.

There is pie on the moon. The majority populists caucussed last evening. John W. Graham, of Warren, was nominated for railway commissioner. Young Cole, with the red shock of hair, was

nominated for librarian. Chairman Atwater, of the majority populists, was asked why other nominations were not made. He replied that no other offices were vacant, but that the majority populists would name a candidate for every office where a vacancy existed.

Senator Clark, of Halifax, has been gazing on the bolters' piecounter for some time. The temptation was too great, and yesterday Senator Clark jumped and joined the minority. The populists put him on a conference committee the first thing, and sent him to the republican caucus so they could look at him. The unanimous verdict was that he was a peach.

Popular Prices to Sam Jones' Lecture. Admission to the greatest attraction of the season-Sam Jones at Metropolitan Hall Wednesday night. February 24th, will be only 75c. for the best seats in the house; 50c. for the parquette seats, and 35c. for gallery seats. At these rates everybody can afford to hear the greatest | monthly meeting Monday evening platform speaker in this orany other at 4 pm in the lecture room. The

Reserved seats, without extra charge, at King's drug storo. Re- of the year. member, too that the proceeds are to be devoted to one of the most deserving of charities, and the lecture is given under the auspicies and management of the waif-saving circle of the King's Daughters. Everybody should hear Sam Jones. You may never have another opportunity. Go.

# Lee Has Not Resigned.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-The state department denies the rumor that Consul-General Lee has resigned; also denies that he asks that a war ship be sent to Havana. While this

### GET YOUR OVERCOAT

Decidedty Colder Tomorrow---It will be

Col von Herrmann promises us fair weather tonight and tomorrow It will be decidedly colder.

The severe storm prevailing during the past two days in the Lake region has moved to the New England coast, with rain at most eastern stations north of Florida, the lac amount being 1.32 inches at Knoxville. It is still raining on the north Atlantic coast, with snow in the Lake region.

The weather has cleared in the central valley and entire west, under the influence of the high area in

The temperature has fallen decidedly throughout the west, the lowest being 16 degrees below zero at Bismarck

# EDWARDS WINS

His Suit Against the Seaboard-Judge

In Wake superior court this morning the case of W. J. Edwards vs. the Seaboard Air Line was decided in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Edwards was train dispatcher on the system at the time the St. John guilotine was flying in the air. Mr. Edwards was employed for a year and his services were dispensed with before the time expired. He brought suit for nine hundred and some dollars back salary, with interest. The case was decided in his favor.

Judge Simonton arrived here this morning and began the adjourned term of federel court for the trial of

### SPECIAL TRAIN

Train to Newbern in the Morning-A. & M. College Cadets Going in a Body.

The A. & M. College cadets will go to Newbern tomorrow in a body, leaving on the Southern's special train in the morning. The cadets will do themselves credit, as they always do.

Quite a number of Raleigh people left this morning to visit the fair.

The Southern will run a special from Raleigh to Newbern in the morn ing. Will leave the Union depot at 6:20. The fare for the round trip will be \$4, including admission to the grounds.

# DEATH AT THE FAIR.

Evening,

Special to the Press-Visitor. NEWBERNE, N. C., Feb. 23, '97. J H Washington of Goldsboro was shot and killed at the fair grounds

this evening at two thirty. The killing occasioned great excitement at the time, but everything

# BRIEFS.

The many friends of Col. Benehan Cameron were glad to see him on our streets today after a seige of la grippe.

You can find the prettiest and

best baby carriage ever seen in

Raleigh at the establishment of Messrs. Royall & Borden. See their new "ad" today Congressman Harry Skinner arrived in the city this evening. Congressman Skinner comes here at this

time, to use his efforts in behalf of the University. "A new broom sweeps cleus." So a new stock sweeps an old one clean out. Read Messrs. Whiting Bros. attractive "ad" in this issue and ther go and inspect their bar-

The ladies aid society of Central M. E. Church held its regular meeting was very largely attended and proved the most interesting

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Church of the Good Shepherd, there will be a musicale at the residence of Mrs. Jas. A. Higgs, on North Blount street. A delightful programme has been arranged for the evening, and the best talent in the city will take

Mr. C. H. Armitage, representing the Floy Crowell Dramatic Company is in the city. The company will play a week sengagement next week at Metropolitan Opera House. The opening attraction will be Mollie Bawn." It is a popular-p