of Julio Sanquilly Confined in Cuba.

ALLEN FAVORS FORCE

tieship to Cuba-Correspondence of the Secretary of State Asked For.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senator Allen introduced a resolution declaring it the sense of the senate that effective steps be taken to protect the lives of Americans in Cuba, and that a United States battleship be sent there. The resolution was agreed to asking for correspondence of the secretary of state relative to American prisoners in Cuba.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Feb. 24-A large party of Cubans left early this morning for some point on the Gulf coast, possibly Pensacola, from which place, it is rumored, they will endeavor to join the steamship Bermuda in an expedition to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24-The senate committee on foreign relations today unanimously agreed to report the resolution demanding from Spain the release of General Julio Sangullly. The case was taken to Spain on an appeal from a civil trial ordered some time ago.

TWO LARGE FIRES.

Monster Buildings in Chicogo in Flames-Merchants' Exchange Ablazo.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Sr. Louis, Feb. 24.—A great fire is raging in the Merchants' Exchange. All the engines have responded to a general alarm. The building will be gutted. Many large adjoining structures are apparently doomed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24-The Park Gate Hotel, one of the largest of the World's Fairstructures, is burning. The building occupies an entire block and is filled with guests. The whole fire department has been called out. The Coliseum, where the democratic convention was held, is threatened.

CEDES CRETE TO GREECE

Turkey will Accept Annexation. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CANEA, Feb. 24.-Foreign viceconsuls announce that the Turks declare they will accept the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The announcement has caused a sen-

A COTTON FACTORY

For the Colored Race Projected-Stock holders Meet.

Professor C. S. Meserve, Rev. R. H. W. Leak and E. A. Johnson have returned from Concord where they attended a meeting of the stock-holders of the cotton factory which is to be managed and directed by the col-A large number of rapresentative

colored men from various portions of the state were present. An organization was perfected and \$3,007. raised. Over 70,000 has been subscribed so far,

It will take \$20,000 to put the factory in operation and a united effort is being made to secure this

A number of leading white citisens in the state have subscribed to the factory which is to be located in

The following officers were elected at the s'ockholders' meeting: President, R B Fitzgerald, of Durham; vice president, E A Johnson,

of Raleigh; secretary and treasurer, Warren Coleman, of Concord: The directors elected were: L P Berry, J C Dancy, Prof Pride, Prof Meserve, E A Johnson, Robert Mc Bae, W C Coleman and R B Fitz-

Reep it from the Legislature.

A special train bearing Hon. W. C Whitney, John D Rockfeller, J. Pierpont Morgan and others passed through Charlotte last night, says

These gentlemen and their friends were returning from Jekyl Island, near the seacoast, where they went for a few days sport consisting of fishing and hunting.

The train had the right of way over everything on the line.

LITTLE DONE TODAY

After March Pirst,

The following bills were introluced: By Ward to reduce the pay of legislators to \$3 a day.

By Young, to make \$4 000 appropriation (additional) out of the general fund for the colored state nor-

By Burgess, to repeal chapter 291, public laws 1895.

By Ensley, to amend chapter 120, acts 1893, and chapter 59 private

acts 1895. By Dockery to amend the charter of the Moore county and Western railway, so as to require the commissioners of any county which sub-

scribe to the road to issue bonds. A bill to provide a cotton seed weigher for Goldsboro came up and

passed its readings. A bill passed to change the court house of Gaston county from Dallas to Gastonia.

A bill passed to amend the Vance game law so partridges could be killed between October 15th and March 15th.

The following bills passed: To amend the charter of the Moore county railway by allowing town ships which vote aid to the road to issue 5 per cent bonds, running 30 years and payable at Raleigh, the county commissioners to levy a tax

to meet the interest on the bonds. To allow Lumberton to issue \$20, 000 in bonds for water works, street improvements, etc.

(Resolution) that no bills be introduced on or after March 1.

To provide for the inspection of coal mines and the safety of miners therein. Cook introduced a bill to require the constitutions of the United States

and North Carolina to be read in all the public schools. At 2.0'clock the house took a recess until 7:30 p. m.

SENATE. The senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. Reynolds at 12 o'clock.

Prayer by Senator Ashburn. Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Person, to supply public laws all instices of the peace.

By Ray, to promote the interest of public schools in North Carolina. By Moye (by request), to require

icense to carry concealed weapons. Scales lodged a motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 42 passed. This is the bill reto fishing with nets and seines in Neuse river.

The following bills passed :

To make water courses 20 feet wide and 8 feet deep a lawful fence. To extend the time to compromise, commute and settle the state debt; strikes out 1882 and inserts 1899.

A Commercial Authority.

Mr. R L Prempert arrived in the city today fresh from Florida where he has been living on strawberries, oranges and tropical fruits, and where the alligators, the mosquitos and the natives have been living on him. Mr. Prempert has loomed up as an authority upon the business condition of the country and we note that the Florida Times Union says of him: "R. L Prempert is well known in Jacksonville and Florida generally. He is a travelling man, and has been a member of that nomadic tribe for more years than he would care to acknowledge. But he is young yet-so far as vitality and energy count in age-and can always give a reliable diagnosis of the condition of business.

Said Mr. Prempert yesterday in his characteristic style: "What are you people in Florida kicking about, anyway? You have good towns and good credit. If we don't sell the goods it is simply because the late financial disturbanco has lessened the demand, but so long as the merchants are able to meet obligations, it shows a prosperity that is sadly lacking in many other sections of the country. My territory covers many states, and I have been over them all during the past few months. In Florida I see the greatest evidence of prosperity, and I firmly bethe south, both in its own productions and in being the logical center for the exportation of products from the west, both agricultural and manufactured."

The First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. A. J. McKelway, of Payetteville, is in the city, the guest of Rev. Dr. E. Daniel, and will conduct the services at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'elock

A DAMNABLE DISGRACE.

That is the Sentence the Caucasian Passe on the Legislature.

The Caucasian says in this week's

"About ten more days remain of the legislative session. Unless there shall be, within this time, an almost miraculous change, the record of the legislature will be nothing-abso lutely nothing. All it will have done when it resigns, will be the spending of sixty or seven'y thousand dollars of the public funds, for which nothing will be returned.

"Even the populists seem to be unusually apathetic. Ferhaps the populists feel the impossibility of accomplishing anything while the disreputable "combine" of reps and bolters is in the saddle, and feel somewhat hopeless and dull: but this, in our opinion, cannot excuse them from trying to "dosomething." Up to this date, the legislature is a damnable disgrace to the state.

"Democratic papers and one or two hireling hoboes who issue what they call a republican paper here, have named a certain little gang the "minority populists," but these fellows are nothing less than deep dved republicans of the most radical stripe. They are more republican in point of pie grabbing and general cussedness than those who call themselves republicans.

Sam Jones Tonight.

Those of you who go to Metropolitan Hall tonight will pass the most thoroughly enjoyable evening of the winter.

Both as a wit an as and orator the universal verdict of the public is that the inimitable Sam Jones has no superior on either side of the Atlantic ocean, and the Raleigh public is to be congratulated upon the opportunity presented them to hear him in his best lecture tonightand at such cheap prices.

The usual prices of admission in the large cities to the Jones lectures are from \$1 00 up, but the ladies of the Waif Saving Circle of the King's Daughters, under whose management the lecture here is to be delivered, desire to give every one an opportunity to hear this gifted man, and have therefore adopted the following cheap rates of admission: (reserved at King's drugstore or the box office tonight) 75 cents only; parquette seats 50 cents; to the gallery only 35 cents. These rates give no one an excuse for missing the treat in store for all who attend tonight.

If you desire to hear eloquence of the grand variety from the rugged intellectual giant of the American pulpit, listen to Sam Jones' lecture at Metropolitan Hall tonight. Costs only 35, 50 or 75 cents, according to location of seat. Go!

To Connect With the S. A. L.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CHASE CITY, Va., 24 .- If reports are true the county of Mecklenburg will soon have work commenced on another railroad within its borders. The Virginia and Carolina railroad was about twelve years ago partly graded, then bought by the Atlantic Coast Line and operations ceased. The city of Petersburg held a mortgage on the road, a sale was made four or five years ago, and that city became the purchaser. Parties were viewing the line this week and bargained for land on which to build depots.

The road runs from Petersburg through Dinwiddie, Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, crosses the Atlantic and Danville road at La crosse, this county, and connects with the Raleigh and Gaston railroad near Ridgeway. Piers for bridge were built in the Roanoke rivernear Saint Tammany.

A Gigantic Steamship.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BALTIMORE, Feb. 24 .- The Hamburg-American Line steamship Patria, the largest vessell which has ever visited the port of Baltimore, salled from New York this morning bound here to load a full general cargo for Hamburg. She is 7,000 tons lieve that this state holds the key to register and will carry 10,000 tons of cargo. She is 460 feet long, 52 feet beam and 34 feet at depth of hold. She is built entirely of steel and has four masts and three decks. She is larger than the Vedamore of the Johns-on line which has heretofore been the largest regular trader to this port.

Person Says the Negro Must Be Recognized.

TIRED OF PROMISES.

Sacked up by Senator Henderson...De mands the Eastern Asylum and Part of the Penitentiary-Thinks Republicans are Flaying Double.

The Hon. Lee Person, the colored Senator from the county of Edgecombe, donned his fighting togs this morning and from this time he wil make it interesting in the upper body. .

"The negro must be recognized," said the ebony-hued representative from Edgecombe this morning.

"I stopped the bills providing for a change in the management of the charitable institutions this morning, and I shall hold up every bill from now on until we get assurances that that the negro is to be recognized."

Senator Person was asked if the republican caucus had not agreed to give the Eastern Asylum at Goldsboro to the colored republicans.

"Yes." he replied, "but we have reason to suspect that this pledge will be broken. We must be absolutely assured that the negro is to be protected or legislation will be blocked."

"What do the negroes ask from the republicans," the senator was asked.

"We must have the eastern asylum and we demand that we be given a part of the penitentiary patronage. We are entitled to it."

The Edgecombe senator is backed up by the other colored member of the senate, WB Henderson of Vance. He expressed himself on the same line as did Senator Person.

Senator Person recognizes the belligerant rights of "Judge" Walter R. Henry as against Governor Russell. The Senator thinks that Mr. Henry is entitled to the appointment.

Senator Person has tackled the pie counter question in a business-like way. His movements are all above board and open to inspection.

The Flor Crowell Company Next Week. That most winsome and talented of all repertoire stars, Floy Crowell, opens a week's engagement at Metropolitan Hall, Monday evening presenting a round of carefully selected comedies and dramas at the always popular prices of 10, 20 and 30 cents. Speaking of the company the Norfolk Landmark of Feb. 18said

"The Floy Crowell D amatic company began an engagement at the Academy of Music last night at popular prices.

This is a gilt edged show for the money. They presented last night "Molly Bawn" and made a tremendous hit.

"Molly Bawn" has many pleasant and exciting situations which were brought out naturally and with dramatic strength. Miss Crowell is a little actress of much fire and go, and as "Molly Bawn," assisted by Mr. Edwin Emory as Teny Desmond quite won the hearts of the people.

An innovation was introduced in the way of specialties between the acts, and mighty clever specialties they were, too. Especially good was the work of Mr Mark Bennett and Mr. Edwin Emory. These specialties prevent the usual tedious waits between acts."

The Lease.

Editor Press-Vistor.

In common with everybody else, I suppose I have been reading with considerable interest the accounts of the war being waged against the Southern Kailroad and its officers on account of the "lease," and equally in common with many others who presume to think for themselves. The more I read the more disgusted I am with the senseless clamor raised against one of the safest and wisest measures ever adopted for seouring and furthering the best interests of the state, certainly as far as its railroad property is concerned, lnasmuch as by the practical operations of the transaction, the state has secured as tenants, as it were, for a long term of years (and the longer the better) a wealthy and powerful corporation whose interests are necessarily identified with "General Maceo" is the brand of those of the state, at a rental or rate a popular five cent cigar manufact of interest in conformity with the tured especially for Mr. J. Hal. laws of the state, to say nothing of this evening. Let there be a full Bobbitt by a large northern firm. the fact that at the end of the "lease" all of the improvements and better- were broke in twenty places

ments of the read win hands of the state. Regular and hands with have satisfactory dividends with have been secured, so that the olic will know what rea value attach to their stock, and what is a more importance than anything else. This great distributing artery of the life blood of the state will be entirely eliminated from politics, but under the management and direction of those whose interest it is to improve and develop every mile of country through which it passes-fulfill its intended destiny, and not as a mere political machine to be used for the gratification of official spleen or party reward. The very fact that such men as General Hoke, Col, Andrews, Capt. Alexander, after mature consideration, endorse and favor the lease, is in itself a guaranty that the step was a wise one. These men stood up for North Carolina and in-

ments of the read will remain

terests in times when their lives were hourly in danger for so doing, and their endorsement of any cause in which the state, honor or interest is involved, should have more weight with all true Carolinians than all of the clamor of newspaper clap-trap and executive bluster in the state

put together. It is amusing too, to note the inconsistency of those newspaper patriots, who for years have been hounding down and holding up to public execution any and all persons who dared to think of more than six per cent interest on investments, but who now in the excess of their irrepressible loyalty and patriotism are weeping a 1 wailing and gnashing their teeth because they are not allowed to tear up a fair and liberal contract, honorably entered into and concluded, in order that they, aforesaid bowling patriots, may possibly and in direct violation of their own pet usury laws, make a new deal by which they will get (so they say) at least ten per cent.

To sheol with such rot and cant, the animus of the whole thing is so plain that a man with half an eye can read it.

The lease is good enough for plain straight forward North Carolinians.

COLDER TOMORROW.

Weather Barcan Pridicts Fair Weather Tonight and Tomorrow,

The weather will be colder tomorrow. It will be fair tonight and tomorrow, so the local weather pre- quotations on the New York Stock diction states. The temperature was 40 degrees this morning, which was a change of 26 degrees.

The high area and clearing condition now occupies the entire central Mississippi and Ohio valleys.

The weather has cleared along the entire Atlantic coast, with only small amounts of rain reported from scattered stations. A slight low area north of the Lake region is causing flurries of snow in that section. It is cloudy along the Gulf Western Union

The temperature has ricen above zero in the northwest, and has fallen considerably in the east and south. The fall at Raleigh was 26

Wants Bishop Cheshire's Place.

A member of the legislature who, like all the others is pie hungry said the other day that he had found a place he wanted, but was laying low until the time for action, then he proposed to strike. Being importuned to know what it was, he finally said it was Bishop Cheshire's place, which be understood paid \$3,-000. He still believes he will get it, for he does not know but what it is a position under the state.

The Carnival Next Week.

"The Carnival" will be presented by the Clique Dramatique at the Academy of Music on next Tuesday evening, March 2nd. Those who saw this amateur organization in "Our Boys" last December will know that something good is in store for them. For the coming production, with the exception of some very pleasing additions, the cast will be the same. Box sheet open at King's tomorrow morning. Seats, 50 cents.

A Woman Caught in the Shafting.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CHARLOTTE, Feb. 24.-Mrs., Mayes, of Union county, met an awful-fate today. She carried her husband his dinner at Helm's saw mill. Her dress caught in the salting, and she was wound round time and again. When the saw was stopped she was

PASSED THE HOUSE

Bill to Macadamize Streets Around Cap ital Square.

The bill providing for the macadamization of the streets around capital square passed the House of Representatives.

The bill provides that penitentiary convicts do the work, and no cost is imposed upon the state. The bill has the endorsement of Governor Russell, and was introduced by Representative Yourg, of Wake.

The streets around the capital are notoriously worse than others adjacent thereto. The improvement of these streets should be a matter of state pride.

The bi'l now goes before the senate and as soon as it is passed the macadamization of the streets will begin. Representative Young is to be commended on the successful pass age of the bill through the house.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liver pool Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. 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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MONTHS.	OPEN- ING.	HIGH- EST.	LOW- EST.	CLOS		
fanuary, february, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept'mb'r, October, Novemb'r, December,	6 68 6 94 6 99 7 05 7 09 7 11 6 69	6 91 6 89 6 95 7 01 7 07 7 10 7 13 6 83 6 72 6 74 6 77	6 88 6 86 6 93 6 98 7 03 7 07 7 09 6 78 6 69 6 70 6 76	6 90 - 6 89 - 6 95 - 7 00 - 7 10 - 7 12 - 6 81 - 6 70 - 6 72 - 6 77 - 6 77 -		

Cotton Movement. The following shows the semi-

veekly movement of cotton at 13 eading interier towns this week compared with that of last week, last year and 1895:

REC PTS.	SHIPMENTS.	STOCKS.
This week 20,903	31,331	316,716
Last week 27,364	37,953	378,008
Last year 16,482	30,154	330,376
In 1895 41,975	41,585	337,053

The following were the closing

9	Excusing coolsy.
	Sugar
	American Tobacco
	Burlington and Quincy
	Chicago Gas
	American Spirits
	General Electric
	Louisville and Nashville
1	Manhattan
1	Rock Island
1	Southern Preferred
s	St. Paul
	Tennessee Coal and Iron

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quoations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat-May, 74; July 71: Corn-May, 241; July, 251 Oats-May 174. July 18; Pork-May, 8,05; July 8.17. Lard-May, 4.10; July 4,17 Clear Rib Sides-May 4.12; July

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

today:		
February-March	3.56	18
March-April	3,56	
April-May	4.0	
May-June	3.56	1
June-July	3.57	
July-August	3.57	ħ
August-September	3.54	
September-October		
Closed quiet; sales 10,0	000 ba	ile

Mr. Marshall L. Mott is with the past. Col. Marshall L. Mott, with

stress on the "Colonel," when you address the handsomest republican in the state. Marsh has been appointed adie de camp on General Cowles' staff. General Cowles and memb rs of

the staff vesterday took measurement for their uniforms. Ochm & Co., of Baltimore is the firm that gets the contract. The uniforms will be delivered to the staff at Washington in time for the inaugu- seats

Judge Bryan a Candidate.

Mr. Shepard Bryan, the rising young lawyer of Atlanta, has gone to Washington in the interest of the candidacy of his father, Judge vesterday's World, he went in the Henry R Bryan, of Newbern, who is an applicant for the judgship of hear that the colonel will get a good found dead. The bones of herlimbs the eastern district left vacant by slice of pie-some foreign appointthe death of Judge Seymour.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pistared on Pe per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Mrs. Arthur Nowell, of Weldon, is in the city, visiting her mother, Mrs. Messrs. J. E. Buxton and R. F.

Gray, of Winston, arrived in the "The Carnival" next Tuesday night Seats 50c; on sale at W. H.

King & Co's tomorrow morning. Dr Ayer returned today from Durham where he attended the Hay-

wood-Riggsbee marriage. Lent begins next Wednesday. The dramatic club will present "The

Carnival" on Tuesday evening, Go. St. Luke's Circle of King's Daughters will meet at The Home at 4 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Mr. J. N. McRary and son, Vernon, who have been spending a day or two at the Newbern Fair, returned this afternoon.

The Charlotte Observer says "There is another circus coming. Barnum & Bailey will be here with fiftyeight cars in the course of a month. The legislature contained many

vacant chairs today. A majority of the members went to Newberne today to attend the fair. Barely a quorum was present in either bouse. The legtslative party will return to the city at 9:35 in the mouning. Rev Alvin Betts, father of Rev A L Betts, died at his home near Va-

rina in this county Monday. The

funeral took place at the home yes-

terday. Mr. A L Betts has returned to the city and will hold services as usual tonight. The bill to change the charter of Newberne passed the house last night. While the people of Newberne will have to withstand such

an act, the Democratic party moves

forward several leagues in the

state. Federal court adjourned yesterday evening in respect to the memory of Judge Seymour. At a meeting of the bar afterwards a committee was appointed to draft resolutions in respect to the memory of Judge Seymour. The committee

will report in the morning. For the benefit of the public who wish to attend the oratorical contest at the A & M college on Friday night Feb. 26th, the Pullen literary society has arranged with Mr W A Upchurch to run a stage line between the capital and the college beginning at 7 o'clock p m. The fare will be 10 cents each way,

Wiliam Cooper, of Ralegh, who went out to Clemonsville a few days ago to see his grandmother, Mrs. Michael, returned to Winston vesterday, and left this morning for Raleigh. His grandmother, who is a sister to Mr. Eli Rominger, who died last night, is not expected to live many days. She is about 84 years old.-Winston Sentinel.

The Boston Stars

From the looks of the box sheet at King's drug store, the Boston Stars will have a crowded house at the Academy of Music Monday night. The company is an excellent one, and the programme will be entirely new and varied. Miss Rose Garretz is a brilliant violinist, and has wonderful technique. Her playing from the master pieces has won for her rounds of applause everywhere. The comedian and singing humorist is a star of the first magnitude Any person with the blues can easily rid themselves of them by hearing this man's humorous humorosities. The soprano and reader and pianist are A 1, too. Go to King's early and get good

Boyd Will Get a Good Slice. Capt Chas Price, who visited President McKinley last week had an extended and very pleasent talk with the president. As stated in

interest of Col. Jim Boyd, and we ment perhaps. - Salisbury World.