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THE NEWS SUMMARY.

The forecast for to-day for Virginia is for fair weather, except in the extreme southeast portion; local showers; slightly warmer; variable winds. For North Carolina: Local showers; slightly warmer; variable winds, generally northeasterly.

Both houses of the General Assembly were in session yesterday.—In the Senate the report on itemized statements of public institutions caused a breezy discussion.—The bill to prevent minors from obtaining cigarettes went to the Committee on General Laws.—The military code was appointed, with amendments.—A special committee reported that the Second Auditor's office was well managed.—The William and Mary bill was ruled as lost on reconsideration, and an appeal was taken from the chair.—A bill introduced incorporating the Norfolk and Richmond Railroad Company.—In the House of Delegates a lengthy report was made about the Board of Agriculture.—Sixty-seven persons died in Richmond last week.—Preliminary steps have been taken to form a Presbyterian union in this city.—Levi Hexter, dry goods, made an assignment.—Mr. William L. Cowardin, one of Richmond's best known and respected citizens, is dead at the age of seventy-two years.—The Episcopal Sunday-school Union of Richmond held its quarterly meeting in St. Paul's Church.—Mr. Edward S. Rose took the oath of office as a member of the Board of Public Interest.—The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was a pleasant occasion.—Emma Abbott had a triumph at the Academy.—Full particulars of the visit to Richmond of Thomas Edison are given on the fourth page.

VIRGINIA.

A store-house was accidentally burned at Stella.—Two negroes had a shooting scrape at Crooktown, near Danville.—Through traffic arrangements from Danville to northern and western points are being perfected.—Cigarette men are in conference at Lynchburg.—In 1889, at Lynchburg, 6,636,282 pounds of raw tobacco were bought for manufacturing purposes. Mr. Martin L. Camann, of Lynchburg, died of apoplexy at Wytheville.—Mr. William Ridgeway died at Radford.—Mail Agents Bocock and Burton are improving at Lynchburg.—A real estate agent is reported to have been hung in effigy at Salem.—The Farmers' Convention met at Alexandria.—Pat O'Rourke knocked out Charley Gainey in a five round contest near Jackson City.—Miss Sarah Bendheim died at Alexandria.—It is reported that white caps disciplined a negro near Annandale.—Mr. F. H. S. Morrison, on answering cries of distress at Roanoke was murderously assaulted.—Captain T. T. Terry has resigned his position as a professor in the Virginia Military Institute.—In the trial of the Millers at Lexington the defense introduced the letter of Walker to Miller on the Sunday prior to the Brownsburg affray.—The Young Men's Christian Association will have its annual meeting at Portsmouth on Thursday.—The grand jury found a number of presentments at Williamsburg.—Judge Sims, of Louisa has been indisposed.—Little hope have Louisa farmers of gathering ice.—Major E. B. Hill was buried at Culpeper.—The Culpeper Bachelors' Club are preparing for the summer campaign.—The Petersburg and Asylum Railroad Company elected officers.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Yanceyville has voted a subscription of $10,000 to the Danville, Melbane, Pittsboro and Southern Railroad.—Shelby has voted $1,800 in bonds for electric lighting.—The North Carolina State Guard is arranging to attend the unveiling of the Lee monument in Richmond.—Catawba river is well stocked with fish.—Hon. Richard Pearson, a capitalist of Asheville, has purchased ten miles of iron ore land in Stokes county.—Negroes believe that Lige Moore, who was hanged, is still alive.—A mysterious cave is said to have been discovered in Stokes county.—Wilmington's Chamber of Commerce will hold a gala week in May or June.—Wyatt McKinzie's brother denies that Wyatt is a desperado.—Talk is had of a government building at Reidsville.—Messrs. Trip Richardson, of Lynchburg, and B. F. Busick, of Mississippi, are said to be contemplating the erection of a mammoth tobacco factory at Reidsville.—The Carolina Central round-house at Charlotte was burned.—

WASHINGTON.

The Republican majority of the House Elections Committee have decided to report favorably to Atkinson, Republican, against Pendleton, the sitting member.—A bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday to provide for the erection of postoffice buildings in all towns of 21,000 inhabitants whenever requested.—The Code was discussed in the House, and it was moved and carried that general debate should continue until Friday, when the previous question will be ordered.—A bill that representatives in Congress shall be elected according to present representation until the apportionment under the census of 1890 shall be made, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Hoar.—Enemies of the Blair bill claim forty-three votes against it.—An attempt is to be made in Congress to prevent the Ohio Legislature from redistricting the State. The Legislature, however, will disregard any law of that nature.—The fiat has gone forth that Atkinson (Republican) is to have the seat of Pendleton (Democrat), from the First West Virginia district.—The Wise-Waddill contest will be taken up on the 18th.

NEW YORK.

Mr. Cleveland, it is stated, will write a series of articles on "Reminiscences of the White House."—Miss Stokes and Baron Halkett were married at the Church of Heavenly Rest, New York, yesterday.—A number of fine dogs are being exhibited in the bench show of the Westminster Kennel, New York.—The M. E. Church has dedicated the finest denominational headquarters and publishing house in the country in New York.—The general committee of the World's Fair met at the Chamber of Commerce in New York yesterday. The New York commission to test the electrical execution apparatus will report that death by electricity can be accomplished in four seconds.—The murderer Chapleau, in Plattsburgh, is testing the constitutionality of the electric execution law.

FOREIGN.

The masters have conceded to the demands of the men in the Dundee dock laborers' strike.—Emperor William has prohibited exhibition of imperial photographs without the imperial consent.—The North German Gazette discusses the recent rescript in the labor question addressed to Prince Bismarck.—A proposed patriotic procession has been prohibited in Portugal.—In the House of Commons notice was given of the early introduction of a tithes bill and an Irish land-purchase bill. The correspondence with the Portuguese Government on South African affairs is to be also submitted.—Madame Sichida Birth, a beautiful woman in Siberia, committed suicide because of being stripped and flogged. A revolt of prisoners and wholesale massacre ensued.—Parliament was opened yesterday and the Queen's speech was read from the throne by the Lord High Chancellor.—A motion that the Times was guilty of breach of Parliamentary privilege, in publishing the forged Pigott letter was introduced in the House of Commons.

GENERAL.

Between eight hundred and nine hundred Indians credited to the Devil Lake agency are destitute, and unless relieved will die like dogs.—The Salt Lake Herald declares the late Utah election to be a fraud.—George M. Scott (Gentile) has been elected Mayor of Salt Lake City.—A wagon was capsized in Yellow creek, Tishomingo county, Miss., and the team and four children were drowned.—A special from Chamberlain, South Dakota, reports a town growing up as if by magic, and that a bank on wheels has just crossed the river. Serious trouble is anticipated.—Andrew Robbins stabbed Albert Elsick, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, with a red hot poker.—Fans has arrived in Washington.

ITEMS IN VIRGINIA.

CIGARETTE MEN CONFERRING AT LYNCHBURG.

The Farmers' Convention Assembles at Alexandria — Railroad Men Discuss Freight Rates at Danville—All Over the State.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 11.—[Special.—There was a large gathering of cigarette men and stockholders here to-day. There were: D. B. Strouse, S. F. Simmons and T. J. Shickel, of Salem, directors in the Bonsack Cigarette Machine Company; J. B. Duke, president of the Duke Cigarette Company, of Durham, N. C., and New York; Legh R. Page, of Allen & Ginter Company, Richmond, and James A. Bonsack, of Bonsack, are here on business pertaining to the machines. The last-mentioned gentlemen spent most of yesterday in the private office of Mr. P. A. Krise, and to-day were closeted with the several gentlemen who arrived this morning.

The exact nature of the business is not known, but it is whispered among the stockholders of the company, that the directors are attempting to prevail on the cigarette manufacturers to bind themselves by contract to use the machines for a considerable number of years, without regard to any future improvements which may be made on the machine or other inventions which may be put upon the market by outsiders.

This, it is said, is desired to render the stock more stable, as it is now liable to constant fluctuation.

During the last twelve months, from January 1, 1889, to 1890, 6,636,282 pounds of raw tobacco were bought for manufacturing purposes in this city. From this tobacco 6,665,907 pounds were made into plug and smoking. During the year dealers sold 5,131,979 pounds, the tax upon which amounted to $410,558.32.

Mr. William Ridgeway, oldest brother of the late Robert Ridgeway, formerly editor of the Richmond Whig, and once a member of Congress from this district, died yesterday in Radford, aged eighty-seven years. He was a native of Amherst county.

In Liberty to-day, Dr. Walter Izard, a nephew of Hon. John Goode, of Norfolk, and a prominent young physician, died.

Bocock and Burton, mail agents, who were so badly hurt by the late railroad wreck near Glade Spring, are thought to be better to-day and in a good way of recovery.

It is reported that a real estate agent at Salem was hung in effigy, and came very near violence on part of the citizens yesterday, on account of the recent real estate boom, gotten up by him and some others in that town, based on false representations of having options. The community is said to be in a high state of excitement over the affair.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

Opening of the Farmers' Convention—Five-Rounds Light-Weight Fight.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—The Farmers' Convention began to-day with Major Hine, of Fairfax, presiding, and Warrenton Gillingham secretary. There was a large attendance. Hon. J. D. Taylor, of Ohio, was the first speaker on the agricultural interests of the country. He said that the principal cause of the depression in agricultural interests was too much politics, and the farmers mostly wanted more good money and better circulation, and wanted a better home market instead of foreign. He said there should be more sheep raising in Virginia.

Mr. Porter, of Albemarle, said that neither protection nor free trade were remedies. The silver question was a more important feature, and he spoke for free coinage.

Colonel Beverley said agricultural interests had never been so depressed as now, and the farmers were over taxed. Trusts, transportation companies and banking laws were all against them. He said he was a Democrat, but would strike off every party trammeling on this question.

Mr. Hill, of the Government Department, spoke of his branch of work as did Mr. Harris of the Experimental Station, and Secretary Jere Rusk said he wast first, last and all the time a farmer, and was doing all he could to further their interests, which he complimented highly.

To-day's session was not satisfactory, after adjourning, Secretary Rusk and others were shown around and through Christ Church. They seemed pleased.

A child named Wilkerson died last night from burns received by the overturning of a coffee pot Sunday.

Pat O'Rourke, of Georgetown, and Charley Gainey, of Washington, well-known local light weights had a fight near Jackson City before day break. Five rounds were fought with ferocity of bull-dogs. O'Rourke won taking gate receipts nearly two hundred dollars. It was mostly by faint moonshine. Mike Reiddy was umpire. Large crowd witnessed fight, without interruption.

Miss Sarah Bendheim, eldest daughter of Mr. David Bendheim, died this morning after an illness of several weeks. She was one of Alexandria's most beautiful and accomplished young women. She was widely known and loved by all who knew her. The death comes suddenly, many did not know she had been ill.

It is reported from Fairfax that a negro living near Annandale, a night or two ago, was called upon by White Caps, to the number of half a hundred, and on his confession of considerable petty thieving around the neighborhood, was given a sound drubbing and ordered to be careful and not repeat the offence.

Judge Norton has chartered the United States Trust Company. The officers are Washingtonians.

The Light Infantry met last night. It was guard mount night. The drum corps was in attendance. The corps is on the pick up.

On Friday evening the dramatic cantata, "Rebecca," by D. F. Hodges, will be rendered by the vocalists of this city, assisted by several from Washington. This cantata is given under the auspices of the "St. Luke Ten King's Daughters," which has undertaken to further furnish and heat the M. M. Lewis ward at the Infirmary. It bids fair to mark a musical epoch in this city. The rehearsals show a degree of performing most creditable to all those taking part. It is replete with excellent solos, duets, quartettes and excellent choruses in happy harmony with the beautiful story of Rebecca read in the Bible.

Rebecca, Miss Myra Lee Civalier; Isaac, Mr. Frank Fields; Abraham, Mr. George Evans; Eliezer, Mr. George Terry, of Washington; Seba, Mr. J. F. Peyton, Jr.; Laban, Mr. N. S. Greenaway; Bethuel, Mr. C. H. Moore, of Washington; Achsa, Miss Elizabeth Chapman; Edna, Miss Ida Baggett. Attendants upon Rebecca, Misses Ellen Hough, Nannie Spohe, Florence Wirt, Charley King, Carrie Evans, Maggie O'Neal.

The two pretty and attractive little daughters of Mrs. Dr. Fawcett will take part. Mr. Sherman B. Fowler will preside at the piano.

Mrs. Elbrey, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mrs. Fawcett, of the board of managers of the Infirmary, are in charge of the arrangements, and Miss Virginia Evans is the musical director.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Tobacco Raising on the Decrease—Delays in Completing a Bridge.

LYNCH'S STATION, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—The raising of tobacco is on the decrease in this neighborhood. Many farmers of large estates are curtailing the acreage, and some are giving it up altogether; and instead of tobacco culture, turning their attention to growing grass and stock.

The bridge over the Otter river at Dearing's ford is under contract to be finished by the 15th of February, but owing to delays of various kinds it will not be done by that time. It is very much needed, as this stream "gets up" on very short notice, and is past fording whenever a slight rain comes. The work is to be of iron, and is to be done by the King Iron Bridge Company, of Cleveland, O. Mr. H. D. Clagston, of New York, is in charge of the work. The workmen are getting the stone for the piers, which are to be raised four feet higher than they were for the last bridge.

The mails are running through on regular schedule time to South Boston on the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad.

There was a meeting at Judge R. H. Ward's on the 6th instant looking to the building of an Episcopal church at this place, and a plan for the building was adopted. The collectors reported $750 promised and $600 in bank. This will build a very neat church. The plan chosen was one offered by Colonel H. W. Adams. The church is to be of Gothic architecture—twenty-four by fifty feet with open roof, ceiled on the rafters, recess chancel with choir-room and vestry-room on either side, and is to have a tower thirty-six feet high. The work will be begun as soon as the lot, which has been given by Miss Mary Jane Douglas, of Lynch's, can be surveyed and a deed recorded, and a contract can be let. Several contractors have asked to see the plans and specifications.

Judge F. R. Farrar, of Amelia, is to lecture at Campbell Courthouse on Monday night, 10th, (court day) on "The County Court Lawyer," for the benefit of the Presbyterian church of that place. Refreshments are to be sold by the ladies of the church during the evening. An enjoyable time is expected.

There is very little business to come before the County Court, there being only one prisoner in the jail. Indeed, I am informed that the criminal expenses of this county are comparatively light. If the present Legislature passes the bill making the counties responsible for their criminal expenses, Campbell can stand it as well as any county in the State.

PETERSBURG POINTS.

Appomattox River on a Rise—Real Estate Moves.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—It was stated in this correspondence some days ago that a Western syndicate was negotiating with Mr. C. W. Tinsley, of this city, for the purchase of four thousand acres of land in Prince George county, about seven miles from Petersburg, for the building up of a new town. Mr. Tinsley is in receipt of a letter stating that the syndicate expect to come on here in a few days. Mr. Tinsley is in receipt of letters from parties in New York and Philadelphia, making inquiries concerning the proposed new town, and asking for information in reference to the purchase of lots.

The recent rains have caused a considerable rise in the Appomattox river, and to-day the water lacks only about eight inches of being over the wharf.

It is learned from a gentleman from Prince George county that the Hessian fly has almost completely destroyed the crop of winter oats in that county, in the vicinity of the Blackwater district.

La grippe is prevailing to a considerable extent in Prince George county, but so far there have been no fatal cases.

The next annual State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, will open at Portsmouth on Thursday, and will be in session for three days. Reports will be received from the various associations in the State, and many interesting topics will be discussed.

The Circuit Court of Petersburg, Judge B. N. Hancock presiding, will meet pursuant to adjournment on Thursday morning, when Judge Hancock will render his decision in the case of Carlton H. Marks, convicted of murder, and in whose case a motion for a new trial was argued some time ago. Judge Hancock will also on the same day give his decision in the case of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. The details of this case have already been given in this correspondence.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting this evening and appointed a committee to ascertain the true condition of the people of Greensville county and if they were actually in deed. The committee will wait on the people of Petersburg and solicit funds in behalf of the sufferers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Petersburg and Asylum Railway Company was held this afternoon, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, George Beadle; Board of Directors, George Beadle, John Mann, Dr. D. W. Lassiter, T. Bolling, Dr. J. W. Moyler, and Thomas R. Rives.

DOINGS AT DANVILLE.

Store-House at Stella Burned—Shooting Scrape Between Negroes.

DANVILLE, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—The store-house of J. E. Foster & Co., at Stella station, on the Danville and New River Railroad, was burned to the ground Monday night. Loss seven hundred dollars; no insurance. The fire was accidental.

At a negro settlement called Crooktown, three miles from this city, a shooting scrape occurred last night between two negroes named Monk Brandon and Nig Brandon. Notwithstanding the double suggestiveness of the names, the men were not related. Nig shot Monk with a revolver, and it is believed the wound will prove fatal. The shooter made his escape, and has not yet been captured. The difficulty was about a woman.

R. B. Cooke, general freight and passenger agent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway, is here to-day in consultation with Treasurer Bateman and Freight Agent Capron, of the Atlantic and Danville road, perfecting through traffic arrangements from Danville to all Northern and Western points.

ROUND ABOUT ROANOKE.

A Young Man Answering Cries of Distress is Murderously Assaulted.

ROANOKE, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—As F. H. S. Morrison, a prominent young attorney of this city, was going from his room last night to the postoffice, he heard cries of distress and a call for help. He discovered a man leaning against a post in a vacant lot begging him for God's sake to come to him. As Morrison approached the man made a vicious lunge at his throat with a knife, and succeeded in cutting him in the shoulder and over the heart and then ran away.

Morrison Saturday night received a note warning him not to appear before the City Council as legal adviser of the Mayor, on penalty of having his throat cut. To-day John Trout was arrested, charged with the crime, having confessed it to one or more persons while he was drunk. As the man who assaulted Morrison was black, it is supposed that Trout had colored his face as a disguise. The whole city is indignant about the affair.

WYTHEVILLE.

Death of a Well-Known Newspaper Correspondent.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—Mr. Martin L. Camann, soliciting agent and correspondent of the Lynchburg Advance, under the nom-deplume of "Cephas" died in this town at the Hancock House last night, after an illness of three hours. He was on the streets of Wytheville perfectly well on yesterday, his remains were taken to his home in Bristol, Tenn., to-day for burial.

LEXINGTON NOTES.

Resignation of an Institute Professor—The Buena Vista Company.

LEXINGTON, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—Captain T. T. Terry, assistant Professor of the Virginia Military Institute, has resigned, and will go to the Staunton Military Academy to accept a similar position. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Captain R. I. Mason, of Frankfort, Ky., who is a graduate of the Institute in the class of eighty-nine.

Thursday next the second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Buena Vista Company will be held at Buena Vista, and stockholders from all over the country will be present.

CULPEPER OUTCROPPINGS.

Burial of Major E. B. Hill—Bachelors' Club Preparing for the Summer.

CULPEPER, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—On last Sunday afternoon many friends and relatives assembled at the residence of the late Major E. B. Hill to attend the funeral service of him, who for the past twenty-five years has been an honored citizen of this place.

Mr. C. M. Waits, who, for the past year has been attending the Richmond College, has returned home on account of weak eyes.

The young ladies of Mt. Pisgah Academy gave a literary and musical entertainment on Monday evening, which was a rare treat to those present.

All hopes for the "ice harvest" have passed, but he who contemplates manufacturing ice here this next summer will have a little harvest of his own.

The young men are organizing a dancing club, preparing for the summer season, at which time they will be glad to see all their old acquaintances and meet as many new. It is the intention of this club not only to entertain those who spend the summer season here in whole or in part, with dances alone but in many other ways. Culpeper promises to be gayer this coming summer than it has for years, judging from the numerous letters received making application for board.

IN OLD WILLIAMSBURG.

Presentments by the Grand Jury—Strange Bigamy Case.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—Yesterday was County Court day, and notwithstanding it was the regular grand jury term, there was not more than an average attendance of our country cousins. After a rather lengthy and explicit charge, the jury retired, and in the afternoon brought in indictments against the following parties: John Garrett (colored), for housebreaking; John Burwell, for unlawful sporting; Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, for failure to keep in proper order bridges and the railing on the dam of Edward's Mill-pond, which is now the property of the railroad company, and against Tazewell Biddick, for bigamy.

This latter case excited some curiosity, as the circumstances surrounding are somewhat novel. Both of the parties concerned are colored. It seems that a short time ago Biddick applied to the clerk of the court for a license to marry, but this official being doubtful of the propriety of issuing the license, refused. The applicant then applied to the county judge, and after hearing the sworn statement of Biddick and the argument of his counsel, instructed the clerk to issue the license, which was done. Not long subsequent to these proceedings, an infirm colored woman made application to the poor committee to be supported as a pauper. Investigation into the matter developed the fact that she was the lawful wife (No. 1) of the aforesaid gay and festive Lothario. The first marriage was under an act of Assembly passed in 1866, legalizing all persons as married who lived as man and wife at the time of the passage of this act. The minister in charge of the church and the deacons were before the grand jury with the records, and proved that he recognized her as his wife at this time.

The deadlock between the Board of School Trustees of our city, and the superintendent of schools still continues with no immediate promise of a speedy solution. This is an anomalous state of affairs, and in the clash of authority, the hard-worked and poorly paid teachers are the innocent sufferers.

Captain Dick Frazier, ex-member of the Asylum Board, left here Sunday after a very pleasant visit to his friend Dr. J. H. Garlick, assistant physician of the asylum.

Mr. Robert A. Lively, of the west end, and Mr. A. J. Adams, assistant postmaster, are both confined to their homes on account of sickness.

Information has been received that Miss Kate Custis, of this place, but at present residing on the Eastern Shore, and who has been critically ill, is rapidly improving.

Rev. Mr. H. D. Page, brother of the rector of Bruton Parish Church, in this city, is here on a visit. There was a large congregation to hear him Sunday night, as he has just returned from the missionary field of Japan.

The Hon. George E. Bowden, member of Congress from this district, passed through here yesterday en route to Washington.

On dit that two of the most prominent members of our "Bachelor's Club" will soon quit a life of single blessedness and join Hymen's happy band.

Mr. James B. Powell, one of our most successful hunters, yesterday told your correspondent that during the season just closed he killed thirty-eight wild turkeys.

Mr. H. W. Power, who resides about six miles from here, captured last week a large eagle, and also killed one of Columbia's proud emblems of liberty measuring six feet eight inches from tip to tip.

THE MILLERS' TRIAL.

Resume of Testimony—Walker's Letter to Miller Introduced.

LEXINGTON, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—After five days' careful examination of the Commonwealth's witnesses in the William Miller case, now pending in the County Court, the case for the prosecution was closed. The last three witnesses on the stand for the Commonwealth were Drs. Samuel B. Morrison, H. R. Morrison and D. E. Strain, all of whose evidence was strictly expert. Dr. S. B. Morrison attended Walker in his last hours, and was with him until death.

Before death he made a careful search for wounds on Walker's body and found only two that could have produced death, and they were on the right and left of the body, fired from the rear from a large pistol, coursing downward and forward into the stomach. From evidence previously adduced it would seem that Dave Miller is the man who fired these two balls. Certainly not Williams. Doctors H. R. Morrison and D. E. Strain gave a careful detailed report of the seven wounds in Walker as they found them at the post mortem.

Their opinion coincided with Dr. S. B. Morrison that there were only two wounds that were fatal. The left arm broken near the elbow, and the other four flesh wounds.

The prosecution's case rests on the evidence given that William Miller, the man on trial, shot Walker three times after Walker fell. By expert testimony there is no evidence of the three shots, which makes the case very strong for the prisoner. The defence opened with expert testimony by Dr. S. B. Morrison, after which the prisoner testified. His story was complete in every detail, and his emotion in reciting the finding of his father's body cut up by Walker brought forth the sympathy of all.

The defense introduced new evidence by producing Walker's letter to Miller the Sunday prior to the homicide. It is a strong document, and reads as follows:

"BROWNSBURG, SUNDAY EVENING, November 2, 1889.

"Mr. Henry Miller,—I have twice given you an opportunity for your two invasions of my house, and your two aggressive, indecent liberties with my wife and Miss Hope Ervine. You declined both. This morning my brother-in-law, Colonel Sillington, called on you for an explanation. You justified yourself on the declaration that you did not have any criminal intent. Great God! You also told him you would come to my house and give me any satisfaction that was necessary. My self-respect will not allow me to admit you in my house for any purpose. You must be the judge as to the place, time, mode, safe surroundings, &c., to me as encircle you, when, where you incurred the debt. Now when I present my claim on the above conditions, you and I will determine the amount, currency and interest that will be satisfactory to both. It is your and my business. It is a solemn, melancholy fact that you must grant me an interview. It is a debt which, under the moral law has no statue of limitation, pause, consider, ponder on the last sentence, I weigh every word and recognize and accept all of its solemn requirements. Don't deceive yourself. I know my solemn sacred duty. This is your last opportunity. I have not a suggestion as to the mode, time, place, &c., where we will have the interview. The meeting, and present action, &c., are in your hands. One thing is inevitable, we must have interview. You cannot escape it by flight. I am at home and too disturbed to do any professional business. This is the last letter you will receive from me asking you to do justice. Signed, Z. J. WALKER.

FREDERICKSBURG.

The Personal Element in the Mary Washington Monument Suit.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—In the Mary Washington monument suit, Colbert and Kirtley against Shepherd, the court sat to-day and continued the court open until counsel completed all the bill of exceptions, preparatory to taking the case up. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Colonel Robert Washington, A. H. Dickinson and the Hon. George A. Mushback, and Messrs. Marye and Fitzhugh for the defendant. Great comment is being made over the position of Colonel Washington, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs, as to his statement to Mr. St. George R. Fitzhugh, as appeared in the Richmond TIMES of to-day, viz.: That he (Washington) would like to get out of the case honorably, if he could do so, and that Mr. Fitzhugh advised him to give his fee back to Colbert & Kirtley and withdraw from the case. Mr. Washington denied it, and Mr. Turner, who stated he heard Mr. Fitzhugh make that statement, did not show up his card to the effect of his statement. But Mr. Fitzhugh said to Colonel John W. Weltz, editor of the Free Lance, and Mr. W. E. Bradley, business manager, that Mr. Washington did approach him and make that statement, and that he did not suppose that Mr. Washington would deny it, and that he so stated the same to Mr. Gouldman, the foreman of the jury in the case, and could prove the same by Mr. John G. Mason, a prominent lawyer, of this city. Mr. Mason stated that the conversation that occurred in his presence between Fitzhugh and Washington, was in not exactly as that which actually passed; but from what he stated, the substance was accord with what Col. Woltz and Mr. Bradley reported.

Colonel Washington left for his home this morning in Westmoreland county, but Mr. Colbert telephoned him this evening the statement of Mr. Fitzhugh in the matter, and a serious difficulty is expected to follow between the gentlemen in dispute, both of whom stand as high in every respect as any one in the Commonwealth, both as lawyers and gentlemen of character.

LOUISA HAPPENINGS.

Indisposition of Judge Sims—Small Hopes of an Ice Harvest.

LOUISA, VA., February 11.—[Special.]—The County Court was in session for only a short time yesterday, owing to the indisposition of Judge Sims, who has been confined to his room for the past month with the grip, which has prevailed to an alarming extent throughout the county.

Mr. Jesse J. Porter, the popular and efficient county clerk, will in a few days assume charge of the Louisa Hotel. If he conducts it with the zeal and fidelity that has so far characterized all his undertakings we may confidently look for a well-kept house.

But little if any ice has been gathered, and the season is now so far advanced that the most sanguine have lost all hope for an ice spell.

Money is very scarce in this section, and will continue so until the farmers dispose of their tobacco. Much farm work has been done in the past month, and farmers generally are advanced in their spring work.

WHITE HOUSE LIFE.

Reminiscences of Mr. Cleveland—The Dog Show and Other New York News.

NEW YORK, February 11.—[Special.]—It is stated that Mr. Cleveland has consented to write a series of articles on "Reminiscences of the White House" for a fashionable society journal.

The social event of to-day was the wedding of Miss Stokes and Baron Halkett at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Morgan and Bishop Potter. The best man was Mr. Wadsworth Ritchie, and there were four bridesmaids and four ushers. The breakfast was given in the new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, on Madison avenue and Thirty-seventh street, which is one of the largest houses in the city. The invitations to the house were not numerous, and the breakfast was a "sit down" affair, being served at small tables.

THE DOG SHOW.

In the afternoon society gathered in large numbers at the opening of the Bench Show of the Westminster Kennel Club, where all the dogs of degree and blood were gathered. One of the features is the dog Rival, which was formerly owned by the late Kaiser Wilhelm and sold for a large price at the time of his death. These dogs are known in their native country as Russian, Siberian or Circassian wolfhounds. They are identically the same class of dog as the English greyhound, but the colder climate of Russia has given them a heavy warm coat, instead of the thin one of the English dog. The most valuable specimens are those of white color with lemon markings, and, perhaps the present dog Rival is the most perfect specimen to be found. A similar dog is owned by the Empress of Austria. The price asked for the dog is $10,000. The dog is the joint property of Mr. Herbert Booth King and Mr. John Getz, both of this city.

The St. Bernards are always good at this show. Crystal Palace prize winners are to be seen on several of the benches, among them the latest imported arrival, Hesper, Plinlimmon, Jr., Ben Lomond, Keeper; Duke of Leeds, Lysander, Queen of Scotland, Alpine Friar, Victor Centaur, Tevis, Beauchamp.

In the mastiff class is the English champion, Beaufort, who has been sent over by Mr. Brough, who last year brought over his famous bloodhounds. Homer is again to the fore, and Melrose Prince and Manaret will make a fight for the challenge cup and gold medal.

Another star is the great wolf-hound Ivan, the only specimen of his breed. He was bred in the Imperial Kennels at St. Petersburg and presented to Consul-General New, who in turn gave him to his nephew, Lieutenant King. The breed is a rare one, and their usefulness in Russia is said to be great. There are not so many bloodhounds as usual, but one named "Jack the Ripper" will recall the use these dogs were put to by the London police. There are, however, the great danes, or boarhounds, as they are more aptly named, and one exhibitor sends no less than fifteen of this breed.

The list of sporting dogs is larger than ever, and among them is the well-known Robert le Diable, who is now owned by the Hempstead Farm Kennel. He is by Croxteth, dam Spinaway, and is not only an admirable bench-show dog, but is also a first-class field dog—two requirements not always found in one dog. He was born in 1883, being bred by the St. Louis Kennel Club, and has won everywhere on the bench, and won the championship of the Eastern Field Trials Club in 1885.

Another new arrival is Spotted Prince, a bald terrier that has made a great name for himself on the other side.

RAILROADS AND FINANCE.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad expects to very largely increase the shipments of Pocahontas bituminous coal to the tide-water trade this year, and is now having built two large and powerful steam tug-boats and six large barges to be used in transporting coal between Norfolk and New York and the New England ports.

A story has been circulated that the Chesapeake and Ohio earnings this year include the Richmond and Alleghany earnings, while last year they did not include it. It is now officially stated that the Richmond and Alleghany earnings are included in the figures for both years.

It is reported that the Chesapeake and Ohio will pass the expected dividend and spend the money on the new improvements and equipments that are much needed.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern: Fourth week in January, 1890, $63,627; 1889, $60,961; increase, $2,666. Month of January, 1890, $194,852; 1889, $179,935; increase, $14,947.

East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia: Fourth week in January, 1890, $193,984; 1889, $156,925; increase, $37,058. Month of January, 1890, $584,809; 1889, $492,025; increase, $92,784.

Norfolk and Western: First week in February, 1890, $107,232; 1889, $89,000; increase, $18,232. From January 1, 1890, $601,475; 1889, $471,243; increase, $130,232.

Newark, N. J., advices report that the leather industries there will be absorbed by an English syndicate. Experts sailed from Liverpool, Wednesday last, to examine the properties. If found satisfactory, the purchase price, $6,000,000, will be paid in the course of a month or so.

M. E. CHURCH HEADQUARTERS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church dedicated the finest denominational headquarters and publishing-house in this country, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twentieth street, this evening. Representative Methodists from all parts of the country were present. The Rev. W. F. Whitlock, D. D., offered the opening prayer. General Clinton B. Fisk presented the report of the committee which has had charge of erecting the building. Bishop G. Andrews, of New York; Earl Cranston, D. D., of Cincinnati; Chaplain McCabe, the Rev. M. D. C. Crawford, and the Rev. G. S. Chadbourne, D. D., delivered addresses. Hon. Amos Shinkle, chairman of the book concern committee, and Enoch L. Fancher, LL. D., vice-president of the missionary society, presented the building for dedication, and Bishop Andrews dedicated the structure. These exercises were held in the chapel of the new building.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AGAIN.

The General Committee of the World's Fair met at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, with Mayor Grant in the chair. The report of the Special Committee was received with applause. It favored the original bill, said there was no politics in it, and deprecated Platt's interference. Its purport was summed up in this sentence: "The World's Fair will be held in New York city on condition that its citizens be allowed to spend their own money, for their own purposes, through agents of their own selection." This sentiment was cheered to the echo. If the signs of to-day's meeting count for anything, Mr. Platt's second departure for political limbo will not be much prolonged.

UNUSUAL SCENE.

DEMOCRATIC MINORITY WHIP THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

Cannon Attempts to Force the Voting on the New Rules But is Out Generaled by His Colleague—Interesting Day in Congress—General Washington News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 11.—[Special.]—A most unusual scene was witnessed in the House of Representatives to-day, a scene that will not soon be forgotten by some of the Republican leaders. The leadership passed from the Republican majority to the Democratic minority.

When the reading of the journal was concluded Cannon, of Illinois, who reported the new rules, and by virtue of that act was the leader on the floor, submitted a resolution to terminate debate on the rules and take a vote to-morrow. This proposition was greeted with a storm of "noes" from the Democrats, and some of the Republicans also protested. Cannon persisted, and a hubbub ensued. Not less than one hundred members were on their feet shouting protests. Springer, of Illinois, could be heard above the din. By vigorous pounding of the gavel and orders to "sit down," the Speaker finally succeeded in restoring order. Then Cannon inquired what the Democrats wanted. Springer replied that they were willing to close debate on Friday.

"Pshaw," retorted Cannon; "that wont do."

McCreary, Hooker, Crisp and other Democrats declared that it was only fair to allow several days debate.

McMillin protested that it was unfair and unjust to force a vote; that the printed report had just been delivered to members and they had not had either time or opportunity to examine it.

Meantime some dozen or more Republicans gathered around Cannon and urged him to accept the Democratic offer. This advice seemed to have the effect of increasing Cannon's determination to coerce the House. He was leader and he meant to impress his leadership upon the members. Refusing all offers of compromise, he offered his resolution providing that a final vote should be taken to-morrow and demanded the previous question, saying, with a defiant look towards the Democrats, "I'll take the sense of the House on this." On a viva voce vote the "yeas" were feeble, while the "noes" came with a roar. A division was demanded, and Cannon was defeated by a vote of 58 yeas to 149 nays. Cannon was stunned, but recovering himself, he howled, "I demand the yeas and nays. I'll put the House on record."

"No, no, no!" came from scores of Republicans, but Cannon foolishly refused to heed them. "I demand the yeas and nays, Mr. Speaker." The Chair called for a second, and to Cannon's consternation, barely half a dozen Republicans stood up with him.

Cannon's face was scarlet with indignation, and he exclaimed: "I admit now that the gentleman from Illinois, my colleague (Springer) on the other side of the House, is in charge of the report."

"And I accept the charge," retorted Springer.

Cannon subsided and Springer took charge of the House. He offered a substitute for Cannon's resolution, closing debate and providing for a vote at 5 P. M., Friday, which was unanimously adopted. Cannon was humiliated and crushed. His leadership had not only been repudiated, but his party was divided in the face of the enemy, and a Democrat was through Cannon's blunder put in charge of a report submitted by the Republican majority of the Committee on Rules. Cannon succeeded in overcoming his indignation, and when Springer's resolution had been adopted he crossed over to the Democratic side and accosted Springer as the real Republican leader, at the same time offering his own submission.

REED ANNOYED.

When Cannon lost the floor and leadership Reed became very much annoyed. He was provoked beyond measure. Many of the most prominent Republicans, like Payson and Lodge, voted against Cannon. It went against Reed's inclination to put the resolution as coming from the Democrats. He hesitated, and was evidently scheming to find some way out of the dilemma for his party; but there was no way out of it. Cannon had led the Republicans into a muddle, from which neither he nor the Speaker could extricate them. It was a complete victory for the Democrats, and Springer was the hero.

TRYING TO COERCE OHIO.

The new revolutionary scheme concocted by Ohio Republicans to prevent the State of Ohio from prescribing the lines of Congressional districts startles some members of that party more than did Speaker Reed's usurpation. But there are indications that those Republicans who hesitate to do violence to their convictions of right and duty will be coerced into obeying the party bosses. While the project originated with Ohio Republicans, it has been taken up by others, and the indications are that an effort will be made to pass this outrageous bill.

Senator Hoar, whose unctuous manner imposes upon everybody, is always ready to go to any extreme for his party, to-day introduced in the Senate, the bill introduced yesterday in the House, providing that Congressional districts shall remain as they now are. But even should the Republicans pass this bill and put it on the statute books the Ohio Democrats will ignore it. They have the Legislature, a majority in both branches, and the Governor. They will redistrict the State, and the Democrats elected will come to Washington with the credentials required—the Governor's certificate.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC SEAT TO BE STOLEN.

The Republicans of the House Committee on Elections, by a solid party vote, to-day decided to unseat Pendleton, of the First West Virginia district, and to seat Atkinson. The final vote was simply a matter of form, as the contest was decided long in advance of consideration of the case. By juggling with the returns and alleging that frauds were perpetrated in Pendleton's favor in Wetzel county, the Republicans make up an apparent majority for their man of about thirty. To reach this conclusion they do violence to every rule of justice, law and precedent. They deprive Pendleton of votes clearly legal, and give Atkinson votes clearly proven to be illegal. Colonel O'Ferrall will prepare the minority report, which will demonstrate that the charge of fraud in Wetzel county was fabricated after the election and after Atkinson had received Quay's order to contest. Colonel O'Ferrall will further show that by the recount of ballots Pendleton gained votes; that Pendleton was elected on the face of the returns, and that by a fair revision of the votes Pendleton is entitled to a majority larger than that accorded him by the original returns.

No matter, however, how strong a case Pendleton has, the fiat has gone forth, and he will be voted out. The Republicans need votes in the House. They are afraid to run the risk of passing a bill with one of Reed's counted quorums, and hence are in a hurry to increase their majority by taking Democratic seats.

THE WADDILL-WISE CONTEST.

The House Elections Committee will take up the Waddill-Wise contested election case on the 18th instant.

[By United Press.]

SENATE.

In the Senate to-day the Educational bill was further considered, and the Oklahoma bill briefly discussed, but no action taken on either. After the discussion on the Oklahoma bill, the Educational bill was taken up, and Mr. Blair resumed his speech in support of the bill without concluding. Mr. Blair yielded to a motion to proceed to executive business, and after a secret session, the Senate at 5:10 P. M. adjourned.

HOUSE.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was approved by a vote of 150 to 1, the Speaker counting a quorum.

Mr. Cannon called up the proposed code of rules and offered a resolution providing that general debate shall close at 1 o'clock to-morrow, and that after the debate under the five minute rule the previous question shall be considered as the order at 4 o'clock to-morrow. Protests were made against the cutting off of discussion in such short order, but without avail, and Mr. Cannon demanded the previous question. Many Republicans voted against the demand and it was rejected by an overwhelming vote—Ayes 59, nays 149.

Mr. Springer immediately claimed the floor, but Mr. Cannon declined to yield it.

Mr. Cannon then called for the yeas and nays on his demand for the previous question but a sufficient number of members failed to arise to enforce this demand, and amid applause from the Democratic side, the speaker so announced. Mr. Cannon then yielded the floor to Mr. Springer, recognizing, as he said, that his colleague (Mr. Springer) was in charge of the resolution. [Laughter.]

The Democrats were jubilant over their victory, and Mr. Springer was greeted by many of his colleagues as being in charge of the new code. Mr. Springer offered a resolution, which was adopted without objection, providing that general debate shall proceed until adjournment to-morrow, after which the code shall be considered, under the five-minute rule, until 5 o'clock Friday, when the previous question shall be considered, as ordered.

Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Payson defended the code, while Mr. Holman, Mr. Hatch and Mr. McAdoo argued against it.

Mr. Holman referred to the various occasions upon which the resort to filibustering had been beneficial to the country, and spoke with much emphasis of the defeat of the Force bill by the minority under the lead of Samuel J. Randall.

In accordance with a resolution offered by Mr. Springer, the House, at 5 o'clock, took a recess until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

EXPECTED REPUBLICAN OUTRAGE.

The Elections Committee of the House disposed of another contested election case to-day in the same manner that it disposed of the Smith-Jackson case, which caused the long fight in the House. Party lines were drawn in the committee when a vote was taken at to-day's meeting. The case under consideration was that of George W. Atkinson against John O. Pendleton, from the First district of West Virginia.

When a vote was taken on the question of making a report to the House, the Democrats favored Mr. Pendleton, the sitting member, but were overruled by the Republicans, who, by a majority vote, authorized Mr. Rowell, the chairman of the committee, to make a favorable report on Mr. Atkinson's claim. The Democratic members of the committee gave notice that they would submit a minority report, which Mr. O'Ferral will prepare.

It was agreed by the committee that no attempt to bring the case before the House should be made until the new rules are disposed of.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of John G. Watts, as United States marshal for the Western district of Virginia; C. L. Pritchard, as postmaster at Front Royal, Va.; and Charles Guirkin, as postmaster at Elizabeth City, N. C.

REPRESENTATION UNDER THE CENSUS.

Mr. Hoar introduced in the Senate to-day a bill providing that "in all States of the Union Representatives to Congress shall be elected in and for the districts now prescribed by law, until the apportionment of Representatives shall be made by Congress, according to the census to be taken in 1890, any law of such States hereafter to be passed to the contrary notwithstanding."

POSTOFFICE BUILDINGS.

Mr. Moody to-day introduced in the Senate a bill providing that when any city or town in the United States having a population of 4,000 shown by the census reports shall make a request for a postoffice building, setting forth the above fact, the Postmaster-General shall cause to be erected a suitable building for a postoffice. The bill authorizes the Postmaster-General to prescribe the cost of the building to be erected, which shall be not less than $10,000, nor more than $50,000. The bill appropriates $3,000,000 for the purposes set forth.

THE BLAIR BILL.

The enemies of the Blair bill in the Senate now claim to have forty-three votes promised against the measure, with three Senators doubtful. Forty-one negative votes will be enough to defeat it.

CAPITOL NOTES.

The President has pardoned Lewis Williams and W. L. Sanders convicted in Arkansas, of selling liquor without paying the special tax.

Secretaries Blaine and Tracy attended the Cabinet meeting to-day, and for the first time in six weeks all the members of the Cabinet were present.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker appeared before the House Committee on postoffices and post roads to-day, and read an elaborate statement in favor of a system of postal telegraphs.

Maryland Republicans are fairly boiling with indignation at the appointment of Lee chief clerk of the State Department as Secretary of Legation at Rio Janeiro. There was an impromptu indignation meeting at the Capitol to-day, and Harrison and Blaine were roundly scored. Maryland Republican leaders claim that they have been begging a diplomatic appointment for General King, a life-long Republican who has done service in every campaign for years. They claim that King was a gallant Union soldier, and yet he is passed over and a Maryland Democrat given a lucrative appointment.

It is reported, and upon good authority, that Speaker Reed is active among the enemies of the Blair educational bill, and that he will do his best to beat it, holding that the Republicans must keep the aggregate of appropriations down to the minimum.

Patents have been granted to the following Virginians: Alonzo Hendee, of Richmond, for a car-brake; William J. Smith, of Charlottesville, assignor to Waddell, of Lexington, for a station indicator.

The Utah Elections.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, February 11.—The Herald, the Mormon organ, says the election of yesterday was a farce, and that fraud and illegal voting was practiced and tissue ballots used.

A GENTILE MAYOR OF SALT LAKE CITY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, February 11.—The official returns from every precinct in the city but one, received late last night, give George M. Scott (Gentile), for mayor, 1,240 votes against 832 cast for Spencer Clewson (Mormon). Returns from the missing precinct will probably increase Scott's majority to 850.

Destitute Indians.

FT. TOTTEN, N. D., February 11.—Between 800 and 1,000 Indians credited to the Devil's Lake agency, are wholly destitute of clothing and in the last stages of starvation. Unless furnished with food, clothing and medicine at once, these Indians will die like dogs. Disease has brought fully one-half of them to the verge of the grave and the recent inclement weather enhanced their sufferings. Indian Agent Cramsie has issued an appeal for aid.

Proposed Patriotic Parade Prohibited.

LISBON, February 11.—A patriotic meeting, which was to have been held at the Coliseum and a proposed patriotic procession through the streets of the city, have both been forbidden in a proclamation issued by the Government.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

A Team and Four Children Drowned in a Rushing Stream.

CORINTH, MISS., February 11.—A distressing accident was reported here yesterday from Yellow Creek, in Tishomingo county, near Burnsville. Last Friday, during a heavy rain Jim Seals and his family, emigrants from Double Springs, Ala., attempted to cross Yellow Creek in a wagon. The stream was swollen out of the banks, and the wagon floated off down the current, capsizing and drowning four children, aged from two to ten years. The team was also drowned and everything lost, the parents alone surviving. The children were buried Sunday at a neighboring graveyard. The parents are left penniless and almost prostrated with grief.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Notice of a Number of Important Bills Given.

LONDON, February 11.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir James F. Fergusson, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, announced that at an early date the government would submit the correspondence had with the Portugese Government on South African affairs.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach gave notice that he would shortly introduce a tithes bill.

Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, gave notice that on Monday he would introduce an Irish land purchase bill, which would include a provision for the creation of a land department.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS IN MANY SECTIONS.

State Troops Preparing to Come to Richmond—Rumors of Mysteries—Talk of a Tobacco Factory at Reidsville—Charlotte Chips.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 11.—[Special.] The town of Yanceyville yesterday voted a subscription of $10,000 to the Danville, Mebane, Pittsboro and Southern Railroad, not a single vote being cast against it. All arrangements are rapidly maturing for the early building of this road.

The town of Shelby yesterday voted to issue $1,800 in bonds to light the place by electricity.

The North Carolina State guard is making arrangements to have a full representation in attendance at the unveiling of the Lee monument at Richmond in May. The Governor's Guard, of this city, and probably a large number of other North Carolina companies will attend.

There will be a brilliant marriage in Christ Church, in this city, to-morrow evening. The occasion will be the nuptials of Mr. W. R. Tucker, son of Major R. S. Tucker, of this city, and Miss Gertrude Winder, daughter of Maj. John C. Winder, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line.

There is said to be fine fishing in Catawba river, which has been stocked with carp. Fish weighing fourteen pounds were caught yesterday.

Hon. Richmond Pearson, a prominent capitalist of Asheville, has just purchased ten miles of iron ore land, in Stokes county, at a large outlay of capital. It is believed that some extensive movement is on foot for the development of these deposits.

There is a rumor which is causing much stir among negroes at Greensboro, that Lige Moore, who was hanged there Friday, is still alive and has been seen walking about town at night. Several negroes claim to have seen him in the flesh since the execution took place.

There are reports of a mysterious cave, which is said to have been discovered in Sauratown mountains, in Stokes county. It is stated by those who have visited the spot that a milky white smoke is at times seen to issue from the mouth of the cave, but that no heat can be felt. Rocks thrown into the chasm give back no sound.

The Postal Telegraph Company to-day completed its line through to Savannah, Ga., and now has connection between that city and Raleigh, Richmond and points north.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington has decided to hold a gala week in May or June to celebrate the completion of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad to that city.

REIDSVILLE JOTTINGS.

Wyatt McKinzie's Brother Writes a Letter—Rumors of a Tobacco Factory.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., February 11.—[Special.]—Sometime ago it was reported that Wyatt McKever McKinzie, a desperate character who was convicted of murder by the County Court several years ago, and who afterwards broke jail, had returned to the county and had sworn vengeance on witnesses for the prosecution. His brother writes the following to the Madison Leader:

"ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, February 3.

"Ed. Madison Leader—Having seen an article in your paper and in others in regard to Wyatt McKever McKinzie returning to Rockingham, will say he is misrepresented, and I feel it my duty to correct such mistakes. He has never been outlawed, and as for his being a desperado and vowing vengeance against any man, is simply a lie without any foundation. He has some enemies, while he has also a great many friends that would be willing to give him justice. If my brother has any hard feeling against any one in Rockingham, I do not know it. Respectfully,

"B. V. MCKINZIE."

Hon. Jno. M. Brower, Representative of this district in Congress, has written to prominent citizens of this town in regard to introducing a bill in Congress to erect a government building here. He says all that is necessary is the facts concerning internal revenue collections, manufacturing interests, &c.

It is rumored here that Messrs. Trip Richardson, of Lynchburg, and B. F. Busick, of Mississippi, will erect a mammoth smoking tobacco factory here; also, that other persons will engage in the manufacture of cigarettes.

William Lindsey & Co., old established tobacco manufacturers have already begun making cigars in a separate building from their plug and twist factory.

On March 4th there will be a large public sale of valuable town lots. Mrs. E. T. Rainey will sell a number of improved lots, including her home place, on south Main street.

CHARLOTTE CHIPS.

Round-House and Two Engines Burned—Cotton Advancing.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 11.—[Special.]—The Carolina Central round-house and two engines were burned this morning.

There was a great meeting here last night preparatory to Sam Jones' visit on April 20th.

Receipts of cotton to-day, 65 bales, and went $10.85. It is expected to reach 11 cents this week.

PARLIAMENT OPENED.

The Queen's Speech Read From the Throne—Other Foreign Items.

LONDON, February 11.—Parliament was opened to-day, and the Queen's speech was read from the throne by the Lord High Chancellor. The speech opens with a reference to the relations between Her Majesty's Government and the other powers, which are declared to be of a most friendly nature.

Referring to the recent imbroglio with Portugal, Her Majesty says: "Portugal has now, at my request, promised to withdraw the military from the territory in question."

Her Majesty expresses an earnest hope that the anti-slavery Congress, at Brussels, will advance the great cause for which it was assembled. The Samoan treaty, together with the protocols, will be submitted to Parliament for its consideration, as also will be the extradition treaty with the United States.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Her Majesty says: "The continued improvement in the condition of affairs in Ireland and the further diminution of agrarian crime has made it possible to very largely restrict the area where it is necessary to deal with certain offenses by a summary process. Proposals for increasing under-due financial precaution, the number of occupying owners of land in Ireland, and for extending to Ireland the principles of local self-government, which have already been adopted in England and Scotland, so far as they are applicable to Ireland; also for the improvement of the material well-being of the population of the poorer districts, will be submitted for your consideration."

Sir William Vernon Harcourt introduced a motion that the Times, in publishing the forged Pigott letters, was guilty of a breach of parliamentary privileges.

SIBERIAN LIFE.

A Beautiful Woman Commits Suicide Because of Maltreatment.

PARIS, February 11.—Russian refugees in this city have received a cipher letter dated Kara, Eastern Siberia, December 28th, stating that Madame Sichida Birth, lately a school teacher in Moscow, who was serving out a penal sentence for being found in the possession of Revolutionary documents, has committed suicide. Madame Sichida who was a very beautiful woman, had resented insults offered her by the director of the prison. In consequence of her so doing, she was stripped and flogged in the presence of all the men in the prison. Fearing renewal of her humility and suffering, she committed suicide by taking poison.

The letter says that several other female prisoners, apprehending similar treatment, have killed themselves, on hearing of the occurrence. The male convicts confined revolted en masse, and the troops being called out to subdue them a fearful massacre and wholesale torturing and flogging ensued.