

The Earl of Aberdeen, Viceroy and Governor-General of Canada, says London Tid-Bits, is liable at any moment to be ousted from his seat in the House of Lords and deprived of his peerage and estate by the reappearance of his elder brother, who vanished in a most mysterious fashion years ago, during a voyage from New York to Brazil, from a vessel where he was serving as a sailor before the mast.

Lord Roseberry's attack upon landscape advertising in his academy speech the other day has given an impetus to the agitation on the subject in England. One of the greatest countrywide advertisers announces that he will cease this manner of intruding pills on the attention of the public, and a tacit boycotting of all concerns which disgrace the landscape is becoming a strong and popular policy. It is without open organization, because such a movement would be of doubtful legality.

Observant physicians begin to believe that appendicitis and grip have a relation of effect and cause. Appendicitis was never so common as it has been since grip visited this country, and a physician who has performed many operations for the cure of the former advances the theory that grip produces a catarrhal condition of the vermiform appendix that finally, in some cases, induces the state of acute inflammation to which the name appendicitis is applied. Grip is now manifesting itself with many variations.

The strong facial resemblance which married couples often acquire after living together a long period of years, harmonious in thought and feeling, and subject to the same conditions in life, has often been commented upon. The Photographic Society, of Geneva, recently took the pictures of seventy-eight couples for an investigation of this subject. The result was that in twenty-four cases the resemblance in the personal appearance of the husband and wife was greater than that of brother and sister; in thirty cases it was equally great and in only twenty-four cases there a total absence of resemblance.

The Atlanta Constitution is convinced that no money-making scheme is so rascally for some men, as witness the gang lately arrested in New York, which for years has been plundering insurance companies and cruelly killing horses in order to secure insurance money. They rented a stable, filled it with fine horses, good harnesses and carriages, getting as large insurance upon the contents as was possible. Then a lot of worthless horses, worn-out wagons, etc., were substituted and the stable set on fire. The gang is known to have destroyed more than a dozen stables, involving the death of 100 or more horses. This law having got these rascals in its clutches, it is to be hoped a dose will be given them that will serve as a warning to others.

Some interesting facts present themselves as to the social condition of the people of the United States in a study of the statistics of the Census Bureau, remarks the Boston Herald. The Census was taken on June 1, 1890, and then out of 32,957,880 male inhabitants of this country the unmarried numbered 19,915,575. The married were 11,295,228, the widowed were 815,437 and the divorced were 49,101. Out of 31,551,379 female inhabitants 17,183,981 were single, 11,126,196 were married, 2,154,615 were widowed and 71,895 were divorced. The number of married females is thus much larger than the proportion of married men, and the fact that the proportion of widows is three times as great as the proportion of widowers, and the number of divorced women much larger than the number of divorced men, shows that the men who are widowers and divorced men frequently married again than women in the same condition. Again, it is shown that, by comparing the inhabitants of fifty principal cities with the country at large, the greater proportion of married men are in the cities rather than in the country. This is contrary to expectation, and the percentage of married males in the cities is one per cent. higher than it is on the average in the country. In classifying the divorced persons, it is found that they are most numerous in the western division, and least numerous in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. In Maryland the proportion of divorcées is exceptionally high and yet in that State there are three times as many widows as there are divorcées. Divorcées are more common at the West than in the East. There are a few of the facts that appear in the study of the Census from the point of view of the conjugal relation.

ZEB VANCE'S REMAINS

RETURNED TO THEIR FIRST GRAVE IN THE ASHEVILLE CEMETERY.

Chas. M. Vance Has Them Removed from the Lot to Which Mrs. Vance Had Them Transferred Last Week.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—All that is mortal of Zeb Vance, the body that on the 18th of April was buried in Riverside Cemetery, overlooking the beautiful French Broad river, about which he wrote poetic words in life, has become the object of the most unfortunate wrangle in the immediate family of the beloved dead. Last Wednesday, seven weeks after the interment, it was remembered, Mrs. Vance came to Asheville and very quietly had the remains of the Senator removed from the grave in the old Vance lot in Riverside Cemetery to the spot that she had chosen and purchased for the purpose. This is the highest and most beautiful part of the cemetery, and it was planned that the monument to Vance's memory should be erected over this spot.

But the body was not destined to remain in its new grave long. Chas. M. Vance learned of the removal and came here Saturday evening. Some time Saturday night or before day Sunday morning the remains were again disinterred and placed in the family plot where they were first buried, beside the grave of his first wife, young Vance's mother, where, it is understood, Charlie Vance is determined they shall remain. There is any possible way of enforcing his wishes. The grave has been guarded by a special officer since Sunday morning. It is said he agreed to the removal of his father's body provided Mrs. Vance would allow the re-interment of the Senator's first wife by his side, but this Mrs. Vance would not do.

This wrangle as to the permanent resting place of the beloved dead is deplored by the people here, and it is feared that it will have an unfavorable effect upon the movement of organizing monument associations throughout the State.

A TRAGEDY IN BIRMINGHAM.

Kolb's Leading Supporter Kills the Son of an Ex-Mayor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—P. G. Bowman, a lawyer and leading advocate of Reuben Kolb for Governor, shot and almost instantly killed Eugene Jeffers, the 21-year-old son of Thomas Jeffers, ex-mayor of this city, in a bar room. Early in the evening, Bowman and Thomas Jeffers had a dispute, and Bowman, who is about six feet and weighs about 200 pounds, hit Jeffers, who is about five feet and an old man and weighs about 105 pounds, twice in the face. Young Jeffers, hearing of the occurrence, went to see Bowman and asked for an explanation. Those who witnessed the tragedy refuse to talk and if any words passed, it was impossible to get particulars. Excitement is very high. Bowman was first taken to the city prison but is now in the county jail.

THE STATUS OF THE STRIKE.

The Miners are Not Satisfied With the Strike Settlement.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The strikers here burned another railroad bridge, at Carville on the Georgia Pacific; it was done by 25 masked men. WHEELING CREEK, Ohio.—Firing still goes on between the angry coal strikers and the State militia, but the latter with strong reinforcements are quelling the turbulent miners.

MARSHALL, Ohio.—The miners here in a meeting denounced Gov. McKinley for sending State troops.

WHEELERS, W. Va.—Extreme dissatisfaction prevails among the miners throughout this section over the strike settlement. Leaders of the miners say that fully 8,000 votes will be cast by the miners in this section against the ratification of the compromise.

Virginia's New Election Law.

A new ballot law will go into effect in Virginia on the 1st of July, and it will be the means, it is expected, of reviving to some extent the Republican party in the Old Dominion. Until William Mahone was defeated by McKinley by over 40,000 majority in 1882, Virginia was regarded as one of the close States, and the movement taking many of the Democrats into the Republican camp. In the contest for President in 1884, Cleveland defeated Blaine in Virginia by 6,109, and in 1888 the Cleveland electoral ticket was actually in a minority, though Cleveland's plurality over Harrison was 1,500 in a poll of 300,000. Outside of Richmond city, which gave a Democratic majority of 2,000, the Republicans carried the State. They polled at that time 150,000 votes. Mahone could get only 120,000, and in 1892 the Harrison total fell to 113,000. At last year's election the Republican made no nomination, but let the contest go by default. They were without any representation in the last Virginia Legislature, which had 119 Democrats and 11 Populists members. There will be no election for United States Senator in Virginia until March, 1895, when the term of Senator Hutton, appointed to fill a vacancy, will expire.

Baptist College Commencement.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Erasmus B. Jones, of Winston, delivered the alumni oration Tuesday night on the following subject: "The Boy of Old Field School Has Shaped Our Destiny in the Past and Will Shape Our Destiny in the Future." A banquet was given the senior class by President Charles E. Taylor of the college.

SOLDIERS FOUND GUILTY.

The Court of Inquiry Convict Officers and Privates.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The court of inquiry appointed by Governor Tillman to inquire into the conduct of the military companies which refused to go to Darlington during the dispensary troubles, made a voluminous report as to the three Columbia companies and four others. As to the Governor's Guards, of Columbia, the court says Captain Bateman was guilty of disobeying orders, but in doing so he was influenced by a belief that to attempt to carry the company out of the army would precipitate a riot. No other officer or member was guilty of any disobedience of orders. Those members who threw down their arms in the presence of the governor at his mansion were guilty of unbecoming conduct, but were laboring under great excitement.

The court found that Captain Alston, of the Richland Volunteers, a Columbia company, disobeyed no orders nor was guilty of any unbecoming conduct. He is commended for his determination to do his whole duty, having left a sick bed. No officer or member was guilty of disobeying orders.

As to the Zouaves, Captain Capers was guilty of disobeying orders and of conduct unbecoming an officer in encouraging his officers to disobey the governor's orders. With the exception of Lieutenant Frost and a few members, the Zouaves were guilty of disobeying orders. The Jenkins Rifles were guilty of deliberate disobedience in refusing to go to Columbia when ordered. The Gordon Light Infantry, of Winnsboro, Captain Jordan was guilty of premeditated disobedience and is solely responsible for the failure of his company to come to Columbia. As to the Catawba Rifles, of Rock Hill, Captain Reed and Lieutenant Harrison were guilty of disobedience. The commissioned officers and ten men, the Gordon Volunteers, of Hampton, disobeyed no orders. Other members disobeyed, but from business considerations and not from a desire to shirk the services required of them. Governor Tillman has not decided what he will do about it. The court finds that the conduct of Major Arthur Metts, of the Palmetto regiment, was unbecoming an officer and prejudicial to military discipline in counseling the Governor's Guards not to go to Darlington.

TRINITY COMMENCEMENT.

The Methodist University Closes a Successful Year.

DURHAM, N. C.—Dr. Crowell made his farewell talk. He stated that he had been connected with the college for seven years and had become so greatly attached to the institution and the students that his interest in and devotion to both would not cease when he severed his connection.

G. T. Rowe of Statesville won the Junior oratorical prize. Chas. W. Edwards, of High Point, is the valedictorian this year. The Craven Craven scholarship medal, given annually by J. S. Carr, was awarded to W. W. Flowers, of Taylorsville.

Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of Congress, delivered the literary address.

Texas Republicans Will Put Out a Ticket.

PORT WORTH, TEX.—The State Republican League Club convention convened here in the auditorium of the city hall, with delegates from all over the State. The chairman predicted victory for the Republican party in 1894. An effort will be made to harmonize the Lily White and Black and tan factions of the Republican party. A full State ticket will be put in the field. The Republican State executive committee decided to hold a Republican convention on Tuesday, August 27th, at Dallas.

Southern Inventions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Patents have been granted to the following inventions by men of the Southern States: Planter, Geo. W. Murray, Sauter, S. C. Mr. Murray was also granted patents on a cotton chopper and a fertilizer distributor, a second style of planter, a combined cotton seed planter and fertilizer distributor and a cotton reaper.

Fish trap, Wm. Seaton Greenfield, Ark.

Miners Want Pay in Cash. PITTSBURG, Pa.—Two important suits are entered against "company stores" for the recovery of money withheld to pay store bills. They will be the first suits brought under the act of the Legislature of 1891 providing for the semi-monthly payment of miners in "lawful money." One of the suits will be against the Robison Coal Company, the other against W. P. Read & Co., coal and coke operators. The plaintiffs are both striking miners of McDonnell.

Democrats Repudiate Cleveland.

ARCADELLA, Ark.—The Clark County Democratic Convention put itself on record as opposing the Cleveland Administration. After nominating the candidates for county offices, the Convention adopted a resolution denouncing President Cleveland's financial policy in strong language.

Non-Chancey M. Depew on the South.

In his speech delivered at the University of Virginia on June 12, Hon. Chancey M. Depew said: "Our country is still comparatively unsettled, our resources are only partially developed, and our possibilities for industry, for happiness and for homes are incalculable. The Southern States offer almost boundless opportunities of agricultural and mineral wealth."

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

The U. S. Senate has confirmed W. M. Dunkele to be postmaster at Christiansburg, Va.

Secretary Carlisle has awarded the contract for the erection of the life-saving station at Sullivan's Island, S. C., to Henry L. Cade, of Charleston, at \$1,400.

Senator Gordon has introduced a bill in the Senate appropriating \$50,000 for building at the Cotton States Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., and \$150,000 for the maintenance of the exposition.

A Richmond, Va., special to the Atlanta Constitution is as follows: A prominent Richmond gentleman who returned from Washington brings the news that Senator Hill remarked in his presence that he would not be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1896, but that Stevenson is a close friend of Hill's and did valiant work in his campaign in this city two years ago.

Three Hundred Miles in a Row Boat.

(Danville Register.)

The Norfolk Virginian of Wednesday contained the following: The eccentric passenger who came up with Captain Jones on the steamer Lucy, from Plymouth, N. C., yesterday, was evidently determined to get to Norfolk without paying railroad fare. In company with his valot he accomplished, in a small, open row boat, the 300 miles distance between Danville and Plymouth, passing down the Dan river to the Roanoke, and thence to the North Carolina sounds. He left Danville on the 13th of March and arrived at Plymouth on Saturday, June 6th, lacking only four days of being three months on his strange journey. At Plymouth he took passage on the Lucy, the sounds being too rough for him even after his passage of the rapids in the Dan and Roanoke. He carried his provisions and an old stove with him in his boat. He has often before made trips in strange ways, tramping through the mountains in winter, and once coming to Norfolk on a bicycle. What his next venture will be is not known, but it is unlikely that he will return by the same route he came.

\$1,250,000 a Year for Fruit and Early Vegetables.

Along the route of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, between Paris and Memphis, Tenn., a distance of 131 miles, a rapidly enlarging traffic is being developed by the increase of the fruit-growing industry. During the month of May over 100,000 cases of perishable goods were handled. Among these were 92,000 crates of berries. The balance of the shipments were made up of peas, beans and other early vegetables. The potato and tomato crops also promise large tonnage. It is estimated that in this territory over \$1,250,000 are annually distributed among the truck farmers. The strawberry crop in this section amounts to over \$250,000. The Louisville & Nashville runs fruit trains through this district, making the trip from Memphis to Chicago in forty hours.

Cotton Crop Report.

The condition of the crop is reported as nearly up to the average and more advanced as a whole than that of last year. The cultivation has been timely and thorough, and it is reported that there has rarely been a season when grass and weeds have given so little trouble, due largely to the fact that the rainfall has nowhere been excessive. Taking the entire condition of the plant, it is on the whole very promising—much better than either last year or the year before at this time—and this is particularly true of Texas and Mississippi, two of the largest producing States.

Miners Going to Work.

COLUMBUS, O.—Telegrams from mining towns in Ohio indicate that the miners are coming to think better of the settlement agreement. At Nelsonville, Sand Run, Yorkville and Bellair, they resolved to accept the settlement and went to work on Monday.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—The miners' district voted unanimously for resuming work, June 18th, and with the same vote ratified the action of the Columbus convention and endorsed the action of the national coal miners. There were present 124 delegates, representing 20,000 miners.

A Small Difference in Favor of North Carolina.

(Danville Register.) An unfortunate business man not many months ago made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors. As he owned property in two counties in Virginia and two in North Carolina, the deed of assignment had to be recorded in four border counties. The fees for recording in the two North Carolina counties amounted to \$6.80. From each of the Virginia counties came a lengthy fee bill, the two amounting to \$387.

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ANOTHER BIG COTTON MILL.

The Pelzer Company to Build Again and Increase its Investment by Half a Million Dollars.

The Pelzer (S. C.) Mfg. Co., has decided to again increase its capital stock and add to the capacity of its mills on the Saluda River, 16 miles below Greenville.

Work will be begun without delay. The new mill will be near Pelzer and will contain about 40,000 spindles. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000, but the new stock to be issued will be only \$400,000, and will make the capital of the company a round million.

The addition will make the Pelzer one of the largest cotton manufacturing companies in the South and one of the largest in the country. The company began work in 1883 with 10,000 spindles. It has grown steadily and is now operating 52,000. The addition will give it 92,000 spindles, which will be over 30,000 more than the largest mill in the South now has.

The Pelzer Company now employs 1,400 people and use 25,000 bales of cotton. With the addition it will employ an additional force of 1,100 hands and will use 20,000 more bales of cotton, giving it a total roll of 2,500 hands and total capacity of 45,000 bales of cotton a year. The increase will give Pelzer a population close to 10,000 and will make it probably a larger town than Spartanburg or Anderson and close to Greenville.

The new mill will be, with the others, under the direct management of President E. A. Smyth, under whose control the company's plant has made its wonderful growth, and under whose work one of the largest and most flourishing towns in the State has in eleven years grown from an old mill and a shawl.

The Newberry Cotton Mill Annex.

Work on the large annex to the Newberry (S. C.) Cotton Mills is moving right along, and the walls will soon be ready for the second floor. The building is being erected according to the latest approved plans in mill engineering. Stephen Greene & Co., mill engineers of Providence, R. I., are the architects who furnished the plans, and they certainly know their business. The very latest improved machinery has been purchased for the annex to the mill, and when completed the factory will be second to none of similar capacity in the State.

The work of building the mill is being done by W. T. Davis & Co., of Newberry. The brick is made by J. P. & T. C. Pool, of Newberry, and I might say here what perhaps cannot be said to the same extent by many mills, that its management is wholly in charge of Newberry men, who have made it a success. Its capital stock is more largely held by home people than that of other mills in the State, and the stockholders possessed at the beginning so great faith in the ultimate success of the enterprise that they have held on to their investment, and there has been less changing and buying up of stock among them than the croakers predicted at the organization of the company eleven years ago. Newberry is proud of the splendid record the Newberry Cotton Mills has achieved in the financial and commercial work, and when its 25,000 spindles are "humming on the hill" we will only be quickened to do still greater things.

Some Railroads Gaining.

The South Carolina roads showing gains in net earnings for March are the Asheville & Spartanburg, 23.97 per cent.; Carolina, Cumberland Gap & Chicago, 21.57 per cent.; Central Railroad of South Carolina, 4.14 per cent.; Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago, 7.12 per cent.; Charleston, Sumter & North Carolina, 10.06; Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta, 1.81 per cent.; Columbia, Newberry & Laurens, 10.71 per cent.; Florence Railroad, 8.6 per cent.; Georgia, Carolina & Northern, 4.75 per cent.; Port Royal & Augusta, 0.58 per cent.; Port Royal & Western North Carolina, 11.15 per cent.; South Bound, 13.91 per cent.; South & North Carolina, 25.04 per cent.; Spartanburg, Union & Carolina, 15.53 per cent.; Wilson & Summerton, 92.18 per cent. In the aggregate of net earnings for all roads there was a decrease of 2.6 per cent.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Reorganization.

The formulation of a plan of reorganization for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad will be proceeded with, more than a majority of the bonds being now in control of the committee. The last day for the deposit of the bonds has passed, and the authorized depositories, the Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore and the Farmers Loan and Trust Co. of New York, have received the following: Of series A, \$1,068,000; series B, \$674,400; series C, \$718,000, a total of \$2,460,000 out of the entire issue of \$3,150,000. A plan of reorganization will be adopted, having fixed charges with the present earning capacity of the road as reported by the receiver, Gen. John Gill. This will avoid any change of overrating, as business being dull during the year, the minimum earning ability is thought to have been reached. Provision will be made in the plan for a 2.3-mile extension, so as to give the road a deep-water terminal at Southport, N. C.

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PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

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The British steamship British King cleared from Beaufort, S. C., on the 9th inst., with 1000 tons phosphate rock for Garston Dock, England.

The British steamship Mathew Beadlington cleared from Beaufort, S. C., on the 4th inst., with 2750 tons phosphate rock for London, Eng.

A leather belting factory has been established at Charlotte, N. C. A belting factory is also in operation.

The entire plant and franchise of the New Berne (N. C.) Water Co., was purchased on June 5 at public sale by James Redmond for \$35,025.

Spartanburg, S. C., parties have incorporated a hedge fence company with \$15,000 capital.

At a special election Calpeper, Va., voted \$20,000 for a waterworks system.

The Charleston (S. C.) Hotel Co., has obtained a commission to incorporate. Capital stock \$25,000; contract has been let, work to commence at once.

Erasmus Winn, the noted New York financier, was convicted of forgery last Friday.

The N. C. Press Association had a pleasant meeting last week at Morganton, N. C.

The Catawba Spinning Mills, Chester, S. C., started up again this week their 11,000 spindles.

The proposed Melrose Cotton Mills, Raleigh, N. C., will shortly begin building. The intention is to produce very fine hosiery yarns.

The Dixon Mfg. Co., at Snow Camp, N. C., has doubled its capacity and is running on full time. This is the only woolen mill in the Alamance section.

The new Maxton (N. C.) Cotton Mills is to be put into operation soon on 48 to 208 spindles.

An addition is being made to the T. M. Holt & Co's cotton mills at Haw River, N. C. A large addition is also being made to the Aurora Cotton Mills at Burlington, N. C.

The new electric lights were turned on at Lexington, N. C., last week.

The North Carolina Teachers' Association met at Beaufort, June 20th.

The Kolb ticket in Alabama was endorsed by the Kolb, Populist and Republican State committees.

President McFever, of the State Normal and Industrial School, Greensboro, N. C., has received more than 100 applications for admission since commencement.

A colony of Bohemians who settled in Waller county, Texas, have met with considerable success in farming, and their numbers have grown each year. They have now started to build a town to be called "Slovania."

There were two South Carolinians in the class which was graduated at West Point on Tuesday last. The class numbered fifty-four and in the list of graduates Francis LeJ. Parker, of Abbeville, stood twelfth and Frank Parker, of Georgetown, stood thirtieth.

Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, has pardoned David Jackson, who was convicted of rape in Lancaster in March, 1891, and sentenced to a life imprisonment in the penitentiary. The judge and solicitor requested the pardon on the ground that the woman in the case was of pronounced questionable character and had no warrant, on this occasion, for making a charge against Jackson.

The academic council of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, last Monday awarded twenty-six Hopkins scholarships to graduate students who are residents of Virginia and North Carolina. Among them were: John McLaughlin, of Blacksburg, Va.; A. B. and A. M., University of South Carolina, 1890 and 1893; and Frank Semple Wilcox, of Lynn, N. C., (South Carolina Military Academy, 1893).

Under an order of the Circuit Court Receiver A. S. Tompkins advertises for sale on the first Monday in July the magnificent gingham mill of the Chester Mfg. Company, Chester, S. C. It is said that if certain parties purchase the property who contemplate doing so, the factory will at once be put into operation.

"Our Southern factory burned down the other day," said a New Yorker cheerfully, "and on the whole it was a very good thing. There was some insurance, there will be plenty of money to rebuild, and in these dull times any expense for shutting down is a Godsend. The factory will be rebuilt, with all modern improvements, and when business revives we shall be ready to go to work."

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THE RICHMOND & DANVILLE SOLD.

Sought in by the Drexel Company, and Hereafter to be Called the Southern Railway Company.

RICHMOND, Va.—The Richmond & Danville Railroad was sold here under a decree of the United States Circuit Court to Messrs. C. H. Coster and A. J. Thomas, a purchasing committee of the Drexel, Morgan & Company reorganization committee. Their bid was \$2,030,000. The foreclosure and sale were under the third mortgage and subject to the gold, debenture and equipment mortgages. The sale was immediately confirmed by the court, and this action constituted the reorganization committee, a corporation under a charter granted by the last Legislature. The committee will meet here Monday and re-organize the road giving it the name of Southern Railway Company.

3 NEW SOUTHERN BANKS.

A new banking company has been incorporated at Winthrop, S. C., called the Savings Loan and Investment Association of Fairfield County with B. J. Emerson, president.

The National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., has been organized with J. S. Armstrong, president, and L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, N. C., cashier. The capital stock is \$100,000.

At Richmond, Va., the State Building & Loan Co. has been chartered with M. M. Gilliam, president. The capital stock is to be not less than \$50,000.

The Carolina Insurance Co., of Wilmington, N. C., has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

L. W. White has succeeded W. C. McGowan as vice-president of the National Bank of Abbeville, S. C.

SILK EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

The Government to Form Them Under the Direction of Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate Thursday passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish five silk experiment stations, each in different sections of the country with the view of developing silk culture throughout the United States. Such silk culture stations shall be part of the several experiment stations in the States in which they may be located. The work at each station shall be conducted under the supervision of the director at such station, who is authorized to prescribe by the Secretary of Agriculture. The bill appropriates \$5,000 annually to each of the stations for silk culture which shall be established under the provisions of this act.

A Freak of Lightning.

During a thunder storm last Wednesday afternoon the lightning struck the signal pole of the weather observer's office at Wilmington, N. C., which was raised on the top of the Government building. The pole was shattered and the balliards parted when the bags came down with a rush. The building was not damaged at all, although the shock was felt all over, especially on the upper floor occupied by the weather observer and the United States engineer officials.

FOREIGN NOTES.

John, Duke Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England, is dead.

Thirty harvesters were drowned near Achill, Ireland, by a capsizing boat.

A rebellion aiming at Caucasian independence has alarmed the Russian Government.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The Senate.