

## DIRECTORY.

There will be no tobacco sales until January 3rd, '98.

### DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS:  
N. Bound. S. Bound.  
Between Florence and Weldon.  
No. 78. No. 23.  
1:55 P. M. Leaves Wilson 2:20 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk.  
No. 48. No. 49.  
1:55 P. M. Leaves Wilson 2:37 P. M.

Between Goldsboro and Norfolk.  
No. 102. No. 103.  
1:55 A. M. Leaves Wilson 7:17 P. M.

"Shoo Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mt.  
No. 40.  
10:20 P. M. Leaves Wilson 6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS.  
Between Florence and Weldon.  
No. 32. No. 35.  
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson 11:06 P. M.

### COUNTY OFFICERS.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. S. CLARK, Chairman.  
SHADE FELTON, J. H. NEWSON  
J. C. HADLEY, ISAAC FELTON.

W. J. CHERY, Sheriff.  
J. D. BARKIN, Clerk of Superior Court  
J. H. GRIFFIN, Register of Deeds,  
S. H. TYSON, Treasurer,  
W. H. HARRISS, Coroner,  
J. T. REVEL, Surveyor.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

ALDERMEN:

J. D. LEE, 1st Ward.  
J. A. CLARK, 2nd "  
DR. A. ANDERSON, 3rd "  
GEO. HACKNEY, 4th "  
J. T. ELLIS, 5th "

P. B. DEAN, Mayor.  
JNO. R. MOORE, Town Clerk.  
W. E. DEANS, Collector.

### POLICE.

W. P. SNAKENBERG, Chief.  
EPHRAIM HARKELL, FRANK FELTON  
JAMES MARSHBOURNE.  
D. P. CHRISTMAN, St. Commissioner.

### CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Church. Thomas Bell, rector. Services: Sundays, 11 a. m., 7 p. m.; Sunday School at 3 p. m.; Wednesdays, evening prayer 4 p. m.; bible class 7:30 p. m.; Fridays, evening prayer and address 7:30.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley, Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 5 p. m.; J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m. D. S. Boykin Supt.

Christian Church, Rev. B. H. Melton, Pastor; services every Sunday, 11 a. m., 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Sunday School at 9:30 o'clock, a. m.; Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Third and Fourth Sunday in every month and at Louisville Second Sunday. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, p. m.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8 p. m. Rev. W. H. Redish, Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m. D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2d Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

### LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. C. E. Moore, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. W. H. Applewhite, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic Hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month. K. S. Barnes, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock; p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.

Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge No. 87, K. of P. are held in Odd Fellows Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always welcome.

Regular meetings of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, are held every Friday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.

POST OFFICE HOURS.  
Office opens 8 a. m. and closes at sunset. Day mails close for North at 1 p. m. " " " West " 1 p. m. " " " South " 1:30 p. m. Night mails for all points close at 9 p. m.

## OLD GLOOPY PULLED DOWN.

And a Mexican Flag Takes Its Place on Clipperton Island.

### THE WORK OF MEXICAN MARINES.

They Landed From the Government Gunboat Democrita and Went About Their Work Deliberately—Claim the Island is Within Mexican Territory.

Santo Domingo, Cal., Jan. 1.—The steamer Albion arrived yesterday from a month's cruise down the coast, and her passengers tell of a rather high handed proceeding at Clipperton Island on the part of the Mexican gunboat Democrita, being no less than the hauling down of the Stars and Stripes by an armed force landed for the purpose, and in spite of the protests of the men there employed, and the raising of the Mexican flag. The story is told as follows:

"Our trip down the coast as far as Santo Domingo was void of any particular incident," said Roscoe Howard, one of the passengers. "On our return we took on a sailor at Acapulco and from him I learned that he had been brought to that port by the Mexican gunboat Democrita from Clipperton Island. He, with two other men, had been employed by a guano company to take charge of about 4,000 tons of guano that was stored in the warehouses on the island, and when the men were landed there, some nine months ago, they hoisted the American flag and notified the secretary of state of their action.

"On Dec. 14 the Democrita anchored a short distance from the island and sent a boat's crew of marines, fully armed, to the island, but on attempting to land the boat was dashed against a coral reef and suffered considerable damage. Finally the marines were landed, and after an official ceremony the Stars and Stripes were hauled down from the flagpole that had been erected by the Americans, and in its place the Mexican flag was hoisted. Having taken formal possession, the marines withdrew and notified the men who remained on the island not to allow any one to take possession of the island, on penalty of violating the Mexican laws.

"The island is about 800 miles off the Mexican coast, almost due west of Acapulco, and is known as an atoll, or coral reef. It is about four miles in circumference. Two palm trees constitute the sole vegetation on the island, which is made the home of millions of sea fowl. Thousands of tons of the richest guano is to be found on the island. When the marines landed to take possession of the island in behalf of Mexico they were fully armed.

### THE MEXICAN VIEW OF IT.

Claim That the Island is Within Mexican Territory.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.—Official intelligence received from Mazatlan shows that when the Mexican gunboat El Democrita arrived at Clipperton Island it was found that a party of Americans had raised the American flag and had appropriated all the guano beds, where they were operating. They had built houses and permanently established themselves. The Democrita had a very stormy passage and found the island of very difficult access, and a boatload of Mexican marines, upon its arrival, landed through the surf, the men losing their rifles and swords. They saved themselves by swimming, and a Mexican flag was carried ashore by Julian Santos, the stoker of the gunboat, who ran the risk of being devoured by sharks that infested those waters.

Captain Genesta ordered the American flag hauled down and the Mexican flag was raised, there being little protest on the part of the Americans representing a guano exploring company. This formally having been accomplished, the gunboat returned to Mazatlan. There are about 20,000 tons of guano on the island, valued at \$300,000 in gold. Representations showing that the action of the guano company is one of mere speculation, and that Clipperton Island is undoubtedly in Mexican territory, although not settled by Mexicans. There has been no excitement over the matter.

### Burned the American Flag.

New York, Jan. 3.—Captain William G. Randle and Chief Officer Beckwith, of the American line steamship St. Louis, which arrived in port Saturday, spent much of their time during the trip across the Atlantic investigating a story which made every American on board indignant. The story related to the burning of an American flag by three stewards aboard the steamship during the passage. As a result several members of the crew were discharged from the service of the American line.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Mary Lamb, of 224 Cuthbert street, died last night in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital from a fractured skull, and her son by her first husband is under arrest on suspicion of having caused her death. The son's name is Malachi Scannell. Saturday night Mrs. Lamb was found lying at the foot of the stairs in her home. She was unconscious, and her body was covered with bruises. The police, it is said, learned that the woman and her son had been quarreling considerably on New Year's eve. Scannell was then arrested.

### Secretary Gage Greets Good Times.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Times publishes an interview with Secretary Gage in the course of which he is quoted as saying: "The coming of good times to our country is not now something intangible, far off, or good times are right at hand, dependent merely, altogether, on our willingness to worthily greet them and keep them. Throughout the length and breadth of our land blessings have been showered in bounteousness by 1897."

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood-medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use." Physicians all over the land have made similar statements.

## A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

One-day, Dec. 28.  
The Salvation Army has abandoned its home for ex-convicts in California, some of the inmates having again fallen into evil ways.

For forgery and attempted abduction, Francis Ingram, colored, was sentenced at Camden, N. J., to 20 years' imprisonment and \$3,000 fine.

Horace G. Burt, third vice president of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, has been appointed president of the Union Pacific road.

The suit of the state of New York against the Armour for \$1,700,000 for alleged violation of the dairy laws is likely to end in a fiasco.

Wednesday, Dec. 29.  
The report that Secretary Gage tendered his resignation to the president is unfounded.

A secret organization has been formed at Lexington, Ky., to fight the civil service system.

Patrick Kelly, of Louisville, who was struck dumb while cursing an employer, had his speech restored during a fit of anger.

A Christmas pardon for Dietrich Trave, a St. Louis convict, arrived at the prison just half an hour after his death.

Peter Ryan, an eccentric citizen of Hopkinsville, Ky., has been buried in a sarcophagus which he had had on exhibition for several years.

Thomas Collins, a merchant of Beresford, Ala., went to the jail and shot and killed J. H. Powell, who had been arrested on complaint of Collins' wife.

Thursday, Dec. 30.  
The president has approved the bill to prevent the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific.

Major Moses P. Handy, special commissioner to the Paris exposition, is seriously ill at Augusta, Ga.

An effort will be made to have created the office of secretary of mines and mining in the president's cabinet.

The asphalt beds on the border of the Uncompahgre Indian reservation will be worked, and are expected to yield about \$1,000,000.

As there are no direct heirs, the million dollar estate of Charles Conk, who died recently in New York, has been devised to charity.

Four officers of the Stock Exchange bank of El Paso, O. T., have been arrested charged with receiving deposits, knowing the bank to be insolvent.

Friday, Dec. 31.  
The census recently made shows that there are 106,375 children of school age in Philadelphia.

Representative Hinrichsen, of Illinois, is likely to be chosen chairman of the Democratic congressional committee.

Hugh McLaughlin has retired from the leadership of the Democratic party of Brooklyn, and Bernard J. York will succeed him.

Trustees of Princeton university have passed a resolution forbidding students to drink or have in their possession any intoxicating liquors.

The saloons at Juneau, Alaska, were busy at last accounts exchanging whisky for gold dust, a large party of Yukon miners having come to town.

### Saturday, Jan. 1.

A snowstorm in Pittsburgh and Allegheny did \$85,000 damage.

During the year's game season in Maine, 1,500 deer, 250 moose and 100 caribou were shot.

Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, took the oath of office as internal revenue commissioner, vice W. S. Forman.

Mail box robberies aggregating \$50,000 have been discovered in Cleveland, Richard J. Davis, under arrest in New York, is suspected.

J. H. Ashmore was killed by falling from a train near Trenton last night. He was en route to spend New Year's day with his mother in Trenton.

### Monday, Jan. 3.

A mob lynched James Jones, colored, near Mason, Miss., for setting fire to the house of a woman.

Father John Fitzgerald, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., hid \$400 in his cellar and thieves carried it off.

Murderer Martin Thorne's New Year's gift at Sing Sing (N. Y.) prison was a stay of execution, set for the week beginning Jan. 10.

James Kirkley, the Benton county (Ind.) treasurer, who was found dead in his office, committed suicide because his accounts were short.

Mrs. Nellie Peterkin, of New York, has been convicted at Boston of manslaughter for causing the death of Mrs. Caroline F. Murphy.

### Haytian Rioters Shot Down.

New York, Dec. 31.—Officers of the Prinz Wilhelm IV, which has arrived from Hayti, report that on the afternoon of Dec. 13 12 rioters were killed and 20 seriously wounded during an encounter at Jacmel, Hayti. The mob was hostile to President Sam on account of his recent submission to the demands of Germany. The government troops fired a volley into the rioters that scattered them in confusion and resulted in the aforementioned fatalities.

### Twenty-one Years For Mrs. Nock.

Long Island City, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Augusta Nock, the accomplice of Martin Thorne in the murder of Guldenspuer, the bath rubber, in a cottage at Woodside, L. I., was arraigned today and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. District Attorney Youngs consented to the imposition of a sentence of 21 years in the penitentiary at Sing Sing. This sentence was also acceptable to Mrs. Nock's attorneys.

### Stage Robbers Make a Good haul.

Lewistown, Idaho, Dec. 31.—The Lewistown-Mount Idaho stage was held up Tuesday night by two highwaymen one mile from Grangeville. Two passengers were relieved of about \$6,000, and the robbers secured the contents of two mail sacks, but missed the one containing money packages. A vigilance committee has been organized at Grangeville.

### Bread Riots in Sicily.

Rome, Jan. 3.—The Tribune reports that bread riots have occurred in the province of Girgenti, Sicily. The rioters have fired upon and looted the municipal building. The troops have been called out.

"In a minute" one dose of HART'S ESSENCE OF GINGER will relieve any ordinary case of Colic, Cramps or Nausea. An unequalled remedy for Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer complaints and all internal pains. Sold by B. W. Hargrave.

## A TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST.

Six Members of a Family Meet Death in Jersey City.

### FATHER SACRIFICED HIS LIFE.

Had Escaped From His Burning Home, But Went Back to Rescue His Loved Ones—Two Sons Escape, One Perhaps Fatally Injured.

Jersey City, Jan. 3.—Six members of one family were killed by flames and smoke in a fire that occurred early yesterday morning in this city. The dead are: Adolph Reich, 42 years old, the father; Emma Reich, 22 years old, the mother; Tillie Reich, 22 years old; Ida Reich, 15 years old; Albert Reich, 14 years old; Gustav Reich, 8 years old.

Several others were injured, and it was feared that another member of the afflicted family will die. He is the 19-year-old son, and his body is covered with burns.

John Conway, chief of the Jersey City fire department, was badly cut and burned. He fell through a burning floor and was rescued with difficulty.

Henry A. Reich, 17 years old, managed to make his escape from the house with bad burns on the neck, face and hands, but he is not seriously injured.

Adolph Reich's home was at 317 Germania avenue, near the Hudson county boulevard, in the Hudson city district. He was a real estate agent, and well to do, living in a pleasant house of three stories. It is believed that the fire broke out from a heater in the basement, and it worked its way up to the third floor, where the sleeping apartments of the family were located.

Henry Reich said it was late when he retired, the evening having been spent in entertaining New Year's callers. Early in the morning he was awakened by shouts. Running into the hall he saw the smoke and the flames in the lower hall. His father was there, and they managed to get out of the house together in their night clothes. Young Reich then ran down one of the streets and gave the alarm.

When he returned his father was nowhere to be seen, but one of his brothers, Sigismund, was there, but badly burned. He was taken to a neighboring house, where he said that some one had awakened him and that he had flamed down the staircase and out into the open air.

Several engine companies responded promptly to the alarm, and ten minutes later the fire was out. Then began the search of the house. The ravs from the firemen's lanterns disclosed three charred bodies against the wall at the foot of the stairs. They were the bodies of Adolph Reich, his daughter Tillie and little Gustav. They lay on the remnants of a burned bicycle.

The father had fallen upon the daughter, and his son was his arms. They were burned almost beyond recognition. The father had rushed back into the burning house in a desire to save his loved ones, and had forfeited his life in the effort.

In the basement of the house the searching party stumbled over something at the foot of the stairs. Two blackened corpses, with arms entwined, lay there. They were the remains of Ida and Albert. Portions of the limbs were entirely burned away, and the faces were horribly distorted.

They searched then for the mother. Her body was found in the dining room. She was but slightly burned. Her face showed no look of pain. She undoubtedly died from suffocation.

At dawn the bodies were rolled in blankets and sent to the morgue.

### EMPEROR MENELIK WARLIKE.

Leading Abyssinians to the Support of French Enterprises.

London, Jan. 3.—The Cairo correspondent of The Daily Mail said, as part explanation of the British advance up the Nile, that it is believed French expeditions have arrived quite close to Khartoum.

The Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail said, "I learn from private sources that the Italian foreign office

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Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—The battlefield park commission held a very important meeting here yesterday. It was largely attended. General Edgar was present, Major E. T. D. Myers of Richmond, being among the number. The former lending his active assistance as he has since the inception of the movement. The latter evinced great interest in the undertaking and promised his hearty co-operation. The committee on sites and location presented a written report accompanied by maps prepared by Engineer S. S. Bradford. The survey embraces an acreage of 6,527 acres. General John B. Gordon, grand commander of the United Confederate Veterans, sent a ringing letter of approval of the project. Messrs. A. T. Embrey, J. S. Potter and H. F. Crismond were appointed a committee to draft a joint resolution to be passed by the Virginia legislature, giving the state's approval and commendation to the movement, and the favorable consideration of all the states whose sons participated in the great battles fought in this section. An extract was read from a letter from General John P. S. Gobin, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to General Allen, in which he promised his endorsement and approval when the plan was presented.

Prince Bismarck Enjoyed New Year's. -Fredericksburg, Jan. 3.—Prince Bismarck's condition is in no way worse. He took his midday bath as usual. New Year's day he passed in the company of Count Herbert Bismarck, the Count and Countess William Bismarck, the Countess Von Arnim and Count and Countess Von Rantzau. He did not retire until 1:30 yesterday morning.

Twenty-four Degrees Below Zero. -Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The thermometer registered at the zero mark nearly all day yesterday. At 7 o'clock in the morning the temperature was 2 degrees below zero in this city, while in the Catskill mountains 24 degrees below was recorded. The Hudson river is frozen solid, and preparations are all ready for the early cutting and storing of ice.

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## ECKELS' SUCCESSOR.

Charles G. Dawes Qualifies as Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Comptroller of the Currency James H. Eckels, whose resignation took effect today, called



CHARLES G. DAWES.

Upon the president yesterday afternoon to pay his respects and say goodbye. Mr. Eckels left for Chicago this morning. His successor, Mr. Charles G. Dawes, qualified as comptroller today, and will take charge of the office next Monday.

## LONDON'S STARTLING SENSATION.

Report That British Admiral Fired on a Russian Warship.

London, Jan. 3.—A sensation has been caused by a rumor from Plymouth that the English admiral has fired on a Russian man-of-war in Chinese waters. Nothing is known as to the matter at the foreign office or the admiralty.

The morning papers publish also the statement that England is pressing China to declare Port Arthur a free port. It is supposed that the presence of British warships there is intended to insure freedom of access for trading vessels.

The Daily Graphic claims to have authority for the assertion that no agreement exists between Russia and Germany with regard to China, and that Germany occupied Kiau-Chau without Russia's cognizance, and that the occupation annoyed the advisers of the czar.

## Ex-Mayor Magowan's Woes.

Trenton, Jan. 3.—On Saturday, while the wind was blowing a gale and the thermometer indicated but 5 degrees above zero, ex-Mayor Frank J. A. Magowan and Mrs. Esther Magowan were thrust from the street by the mob.

The crowd, which numbered in the hundreds, refused to carry them without payment in advance, and after a long hunt they found a hotel that admitted them after Magowan had paid all the money he had for two days' board in advance. He was died in a light summer suit.

## From Tramp to Baron.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—Clara Danvers, DuPont, a young Englishwoman, who has been leading a hand to mouth existence in Portland since last August, has become a baroness. He received a cablegram announcing the death of his uncle, Sir Richard Danvers, of Danvers Court, Lincolnshire, England, and informing him that he had succeeded to the estate and title. Money for the trip to England was telegraphed him by American agents of the estate, and he left to take possession of his inheritance. He has tramped about the country for the past three years.

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