removed.

of uncertainty removed.

is still suffering so acutely.

n bringing about the derangements

in business and the finances, from

which the country has suffered and

When the revival begins there will

be a revival in railroad building, and

when it begins we believe the South

will be the first to feel it, for the

double reason that she felt less and

stood the shock better than other

sections, is now in better shape than

other sections, and has more inherent

recuperative power than any ot

them. Her people, and especially

her farmers, have profited much by

the lessons of the past, and have

adopted some new departures and

new methods which have lifted many

of them out of the mire and put

them on solid ground. Capital which

has been timid and locked up so long

will, as the equilibrium is restored,

seek investment and much of that

will be in the developing of valuable

abound to a greater extent in the

the country. This will give a stimu-

lus to railroad building in this sec-

tion greater we believe than in any

other one section of the country, and

turing and other industries, the crude

material for which is found here in

The fact that the South stood the

financial shock so well which proved

so disastrous to other sections of the

country has done much to give capi-

tal confidence in her stability and

this will, of course, have its effect in

drawing capital this way when the

revival begins. As we see the situa-

tion and contemplate the outlook we

believe there is a bright prospect be-

fore us in which we will soon in the

hum of industry forget the rough and

tumble experience of the past year,

MINOR MENTION.

At the caucus of the Democratic

members of the House of Represen-

tatives Friday night, two resolutions

offered by Speaker Crisp, were adop-

ted by acclamation. These resolu-

tions were both proper; the caucus

did the right thing in adopting them

by acclamation, but there should

have been occasion for neither. The

first declares that it is the duty of

every Democratic member of the

House to vote for the prompt con-

sideration of the Tariff bill, so that

the party may redeem its pledges to

that it is the duty of members to at-

tend the daily sessions so that press-

who claims to be a Democrat, will

subordinate his own wishes or opin-

to all members. No member has a

his post of duty, for which he would

very soon get a permanent leave of

absence if he did. A member's pres-

ence may not be not necessary, which

may be true, but he is not to be the

judge of that, and whether it be nec-

essary or not it is his duty to be

there unless sickness or some other

good cause prevent. If a member

amounts to so little that it doesn't

make any difference whether he is

vices presumed to be rendered when

he is loafing around or attending to

Some of the Democratic journals

in the North which are opposed to

"war tax." How about the internal

revenue taxes? Are not these war

taxes? But they are not kicking

Elisha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania,

who has been out of politics for

about forty years, has at the age of

70 years gone back again and ac-

cepted the Republican nomination

to cure an old dog of sucking eggs.

against them on that ground.

the income tax characterize it as a

his own business.

which was a blue one for all.

It is hoped every subscriber in arrears will read this notice, and that he will forward the amount due us at

It is unjust to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it-fully as much so as for the proprietor of the paper to eat the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail or refuse to remunerate him.

mineral and timber properties, which We thank those of our subscribers who have paid us, and trust this ap-South than in any other section of peal will not be lost on those who have not paid.

HARD TIMES AND THE RAIL-ROADS.

The railroads of the country have seriously felt the nip of the hard times, 'so much so that about seventy of them, and among them some of the greatest systems in the country, have gone into the hands of receivers. These represented a capitalized stock of about \$1,000,000,000, or about one-tenth of the estimated the railroads in the country.

While it is recognized that the decline in business was the immediate cause of the embarrassment of these roads, it does not follow that they did not do business enough to pay current expenses, but the fact is that most of the large railroad systems of the country carry heavy bonded debts, the interest on which must be met or there is trouble. In the general financial derangement, capital flew to cover and these roads found that they could not borrow money to pull them through, and had to succumb. It is more than likely, too, that the forming of great systems by the lease or purchase of roads, bringing many under one management, had much to do with this, the purchasers or leasers assuming, as they had to do, the obligations and indebtedness of the purchased or leased lines, thereby largely increasing their own indebtedness, and making it much more difficult to meet, especially in times like these when money, which before was seeking investment, had to be hunted for in its hiding places, and

when found refused to come out. As the business depression and financial stringency affected the traffic and the solvency of so many lines it might naturally be supposed that it would put a check to the building of new lines, which it did, and the result was the construction last-year of the smallest mileage in any year-since 1878 when the total was 2,679 miles compared with 2,630 last year. These 2,630 miles were divided between 43 States and Terri-

The largest new mileage was in Pennsylvania which shows 399 miles on 45 lines; the next is Florida with 212 lines on 9 lines; next, North Dakota with 194 miles on 2 lines; next, Georgia with 173 miles on 7 lines; next, Texas with 166 miles on 10 lines, and Ohio with 146 miles on 7 lines. These are all the States that went over 100 miles, while some built none and several from one to North Carolina built 784 miles on 9 lines.

In figuring up the total for the Southern States the showing is not so bad with 960 miles out of a total for the whole country of 2,630.

Some of the business prophets predict that this will be a prosperous a head on him; but whether he business year. We incline to the belief that they are right, for taking | no moral right to draw pay for serthe country at large we have about touched bottom, and when the bottom is reached if there be a movement all it must be upward. We have been for several years approaching the point at which we took the drop, and a hough the recovery may not be adden the recuperation will be rapid when it begins, and when we do get on our feet again we think we will be stronger and in better shape from the shake up and the doctoring, as the man laid out with fever that has been lurking in him for some time is a better man after the medicine man has knocked it out of him, and improved | for Congressman-at-large. It is hard his blood in the process.

THE WEEKLY STAR

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Mr. Tarsney, of Missouri, says the The stoppage of so many indus-Democrats of his State realize that tries has gotten rid of much of the they can't have all the tariff reform old surplus stocks that were on they would like to have at once, and hand, and leaves the establishments are therefore in favor of the Wilson which start, up clean-handed and bill as a step in the right direction, free to calculate on probable future which says a good deal for the leveldemands and supplies. This is one headedness of the Missouri Demoelement of uncertainty removed. -

The financial question will be either definitely settled, or very The Postoffice Department, with a materially improved, and that will commendable desire to curb the linbe another element of uncertainty guistic fancy of the cowboy has decided that, henceforth, new towns The tariff question will be settled, which desire to have postoffiand that will be another element ces established must have decent, re spectable names that may be pro-Both of these were potent factors

nounced in civilized society.

MORE ABOUT COTTON.

Figures to Show That There Will Be Smaller Crop Than Is Generally Ex-

NEW YORK, Jan 3 .- Atwood Violett & Co. say: About two weeks ago we estimated the amount to come into sight | pie street side by a broad and easy stairby the end of December, 5,600,000 bales; the exact figures, according to the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, are 5,400,000. It is what is to come into sight from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1 that is now worrying the high crop estimaters. The planter has insisted this year upon making, perhaps, 500,000 less than their minimum estimate of Dec. 24, and while it is a great pity that the South cannot accommodate estimates, they will have to stand it. Our New Orleans' house reports stock at thirty-six of the principal towns and cities in Mississippi at 30,110, against 53,384 last year, while Tyler, Texas, reports 700 stock unsold, against 5,000 last year. The usual thing by those who are bearing the market is immediately to discredit such reports.

Our San Antonio telegram to-day says that eighteen of the largest towns in that section show stocks of 6,000, against 11,-000 last year. The movement and the stocks of twelve months ago were unusually small, and to fall even under those figures shows a condition of things, if it applies to the whole State, which confirms the smaller estimates from a stimulus, too, to mining, manufac-

We have, through thick and thin, stood up for the correctness of our correspondents, and though the movement for some time has snaken the faith of many as to these impressions, and at the same time made us doubt, temporarily, the existence of a small production this

The circular of I: E. Glenny & Co. says: The upward tendency of prices appears to be caused by an anticipation of an early falling off in receipts and a certain amount of speculation which has remained dormant of late, seems to have entered the market within the past few days, but each advance brings out sellers of long cotton, and the demand is freely met on all strong markets.

McElroy & Co.'s circular says: The new year has opened with 5,400,000 bales in sight. The trade, looking back over the experience of a number of years past, appears to have adopted 2,000,000 as the maximum possible receipts for the balance of the season, and, therefore, 7,400,000 as a maximum crop. When it comes to a minimum, however, there is a wide diversity of opinion, and those who contend that the movement from now on, owing to the extremely favorable fall, which permitted an unusually rapid marketing, must be below the average of recent years, are supported in their belief by the late advices from many sections. These, with remarkable unantmity, indicate that there is not only a less amount to be sent forward in the way of stocks held at the towns, but also smaller proportion remains on farms and plantations to come forward. Whether these reports are true or not the general conviction that the movement will show a decided decrease will undoubtedly have a tendency to cause all who are able to hold back what they can and in this way bring about a de cidedly smaller movement for a couple the people. The second declares of weeks to come.

RIVER AND MARINE.

ing public business may be attended The new Pilot Chart of the North to. The first applies to Democratic members. The Democratic member, Hydrographic office, advanced sheets of which have been received by the STAR, act in concert with his party and shows many improvements, among which are the following: A base chart of imions to the decision of the majority proved execution; U. S. weather and when the majority has decided, in emperature signals; improved delineaaccordance with the usages of tion of the U.S. storm signals; European gale and storm signals; the lines of the party, and the rules of equal magnetic variation for every dethe body to which he begree; the methods of delineating reports longs. He will not throw obstrucconcerning ice; the erm-track gauge; method of delinearing the region of tions in the way of measures to which his party is pledged, nor comequatorial rains; the improved land bine with the opponents of his party to defeat them. The second applies

Among the dangerous obstructions to navigation along the coast are theseright to absent himself from the On Outer Diamond Shoal, S. 3/4 E. daily sessions, any more than one of from Cape Hatteras Light: Sunken steamer Wetherby, with hull submerged, the clerks in one of the departments showing a black funnel and white mainhas a right to absent himself from

Cape Lookout Light, E. by W., in 15 athoms: Large spar apparently attached to a wreck Frying Pan Shoals Lightship, bearing SE. by E. 1/2 E .: Sunken tern schooner with lowermasts half out of water. Frying Pan Shoals Lightship, E SE., miles: Sunken schooner, with three

masts well out of water. Frying Fan Snoals Lightship, West, about 18 miles: Sunken schooner, with three masts showing; and 27 miles SW. by W. from it lies another sunken chooner with two masts showing. Frying Pan Shoals Lightship bearing NE. 1 E., 32 miles: Wreck sunk in 16

present or absent, he is a very small athoms, with one mast showing. potato, and ought to resign and let Frying Pan Shoals Lightship, N. by his constituents elect some one with E., 40 miles: Sunken wreck in 25 amounts to anything or not he has

Frying Pan Shoals Lightship, SW. 1/4 S., 15 miles: Upright spar 13 feet high, attached to submerged wreck. ful. Since the death of the late Dr. Peter Bryce, of Alabama, he is doubt-

SHOT IN THE HEAD.

A Colored Man Killed in a Dog.

|Special Star Correspondence.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 6, 1894 .n an altercation between three of the sons of Wm. West, who lives about two and a half miles south of Fayetteville, and George Newell and his son Frank, last night, the latter was shot in the head and killed by a pistol in the hands arrest of one of them this morning, and is in pursuit of the others. All are colored, and the shooting is the result of a but as they had reached no definite conrow over a dog. The murdered man is clusions as to the result of their investiabout 28 years of age and unmarried. | gatio H. Eye. | tion.

FAYETTEVILLE PYTHIANS. Description of Their New Building-A Credit to the Town.

Of the new building of the Fayetteville Knights of Pythias, the opening of which was celebrated last Tuesday night, the Observer gives this descrip-

As many of our readers know, so prosperous has been this order in our community that they undertook, last summer, to build a house of their own. This has just been completed, at a cost of \$13,000, and is in truth an ornament to the city, It stands on the southwestern corner of the Market Square, and so overlooks the site of the old State House, where the General Assembly of North Carolina adopted the Constitution of the United States in 1789. It has three lofty stories, which are crowned by a castellated cornice, that makes, in conjunction with a turret at the corner of similar construction, a most effective sky-line. There are three fine stores on the first floor, occupied respectively by Messrs. K. Lewald, C. H. Callais, and C. M. Watson. These face to the north. The second floor is approached from the Gillsway. At the head is a large open space, or lobby, from which eight handsome offices, chiefly fronting on the Square and on Gillspie street, are reached. The main one of these, lighted by the great window on the Square that forms such an important feature in the Northern facade, is occupied by His Worship, Mayor Cook, who is also a prominent member of the order. A row of convenient closets, one for each office, completes the second floor. The entire third floor is reserved for the use of Cumberland Lodge. There is the great hall, or meeting room itself, loftily pitched and splendidly lighted; then a panquet hall, which may be thrown into one with the other; and then opening into these, several handsome apartments, used as ante-rooms, library, &c.

EXECUTION AT ROCKINGHAM.

Dan Gilchrist Hanged for the Murder o Frank McKay-The Story of the Crime. Dan, Gilchrist, colored, was hanged at Rockingham yesterday for the brutal murder of his father-in-law, Frank Mc-Kay. The execution was private and was witnessed by only ten persons.

The Rockingham Rocket in its last issue, gave the following story of the crime:

On the night of February 9th, 1893, two sons of Frank McKay, Tom and Jim, and Sim Pearsall started out hunting. When they had gotten some distance from their home and not far from Daniel Gilchrist's house, they came upon Dan beside the path with an axe in his hand. He induced them to stop and go into ambush with him, telling them he was waiting "to fix" a man. Pretty soon Frank McKay came along and as he passed Gilchrist dealt him a blow on the head with the axe, felling him to the ground, after which he struck him two or three more blows, battering up his skull fearfully. The crowd then departed, leaving the body there, but before day Gilchrist and Sim Pearsall returned and dragged the body to a branch near by and hid it under a log. When the old man failed to return home that night and the next day his wife became alarmed, and a search was instituted, resulting in finding the body a day or two later as described.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Concerning the Postmastership at High Point-The Kope Elias Case, Etc. The correspondent of the Richmond Va., Dispatch says:

The long contest over the postmastership at High Point. N. C., was ended to-day by the President's sending in the nomination of Rowan C. Charles, who is a business man of good qualifications. Mr. J. A. Turner, ex-member of the North Carolina Legislature, was a formidable candidate, and is at present here. His friends felt confident that he would be appointed until a few days ago. Mr. Bowman was also recom-

Collector Kope Elias, of North Caroing has decided to withdraw his name He has written a letter to the President n which he says that rather than prove a disturbing element in the Democratic party of North Carolina he will step aside, and he expresses the hope that Mr. Cleveland will at once renominat his successor. He adds that he has always made it a rule to subordinate personal interests to those of party, and after thanking the President for the manner in which he has stood by him, takes occasion to pay a high compliment to Collector Simmons, who, he says, is a splendid Democrat and a gentleman who deserves well of his party. He hopes the President will stand by Mr.

It is the prevailing belief here that Mr. Carter, of Asheville, will be the new collector, and it is said he will be acceptable to both Senators. Collector Simmons is here attending to some official matters at the Treasury

State Senator George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick, N. C., is here.

A Handsome Compliment. The many friends of Dr. P. L. Murphy will appreciate this from the Charlotte

The STAR, noting the presence in Wilmington of Dr. P. L. Murphy, superintendent of the State Hospital at Morganton, remarks that "Dr. Murphy has established a reputation of which he may well feel proud, and which is very gratifying to his friends." It is to be added that Dr. Murphy has become a recognized authority among the asylumsuperintendents of the United States. There are few like institutions in the country of better structure or equipment than the one over which he presides. and none the conduct of which is more modern, thorough, scientific or success-

less without a peer among the asylum

superintendents of the South.

Visit of Inspection

Gen. H. L. Abbot, Gen. C. B. Comstock, Col. Wm. P. Craighill, Col. Henry M. Roberts, Col. C. S. Gillespie and Capt. Fred. V. Abbot, of the Board of Engineers, U. S. Army, went down the Cape Fear river yesterday morning. to make examination of the sea approaches to this port preliminary to making official report in the matter of of one of the West party. It is not fortifications necessary for the defence of definitely known which of the party did Wilmington in the event of war with fortifications necessary for the defence of the shooting, but Sneriff J. B. Smith, any foreign power. The party returned with his usual promptness secured the to the city last evening on the Government steamer Easton, and were interviewed by a representative of the STAR,

gation could furnish nothing for publica-

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS. Last Day of the 107th Annual Gathering

Communication of the Grand Lodge of

Masons of North Carolina was a de-

-An Excursion Down the River and Out to Sea- A Short Business Session-Final Adjournment. The fourth day of the 107th Annual

lightful one, as were the three previous days. Nearly all of the business having been transacted, the Grand Lodge accepted the invitation of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of this city, to a ride down the river. The steamer Wilmington left at 10 o'clock a. m. with about one hundred officers and members of the Grand Lodge on board and several representatives of Wilmington lodges. The trip was a delightful one. Several stops were made at places of interest along the riverside. The most enjoyable feature, perhaps, was the trip to the bell buoy out at sea. About I o'clock lunch was spread on the boat, and was partaken of eagerly by those present who had in-

good appetite. The boat returned to the city in the fternoon and the members of the Grand Lodge repaired to the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, where a short business session was held, after which the 107th communication was closed.

haled just enough salt air to furnish a

The large number of Masons which attended expressed themselves as having very pleasant time, and spoke in highest terms of praise of St. John's Lodge, A majority of the delegates returned

nome over the various railroads, but many remained until to-day, to take in the sights around the city.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The regular semi-annual examination for the grades of clerk and carrier for the postoffice in this city, will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Applications therefor will be accepted up to 4 o'clock Monday, January 21st. After that hour no application will be received.

The age limitations are: For clerk, not under 18 years: for carrier, not under 21 or over 40 years. The Civil Service Commissioner takes

this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens who may desire to enter the postal service, without regard to their political affiliations. All such citizens, whether Democrats or Republican

or neither, are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to their political views or to any consideration except their efficiency as shown by the grades they obtain in their examination. For application blanks, full instruc-

tions and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, apply at the post office to R. B. RORISON,

Secretary Board of Examiners.

Seriously Injured. A very serious accident occurred at the Cape Fear Lumber Mills yesterday about 1 o'clock to Mr. M. H. Foote, millwright and foreman of the mills. Mr. Foote was standing in the mill, talking to the superintendent, when a piece of lumber, three by eight inches and sixteen feet long fell from the chute about ten feet, striking the unfortunate man on the back of the neck and shoulders. He was knocked senseless by the blow and was at once sent to his residence

and medical aid summoned. Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy reached there shortly afterwards and found that the blow had caused spinal concussion, resulting in temporary paralysis, which it is hoped will soon pass away. Last night he was resting easy. t. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The following is a copy of a telegram received yesterday by St. John's Lodge No. 1. viz: PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 3, 1894.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M .: Greetings from one formerly affiliated with you and who in spirit is one of you now. May the names of Fanning, Marsteller, Northrop, Martin and Rankin forever remain landmarks to the breth-DAVID TELLER.

Mr. Teller was long years ago a sucessful merchant in Wilmington and was member and officer of St. John's Lodge. With the exception of Mr. Alfred Martin all of those whose names he mentions have long gone to their reward and their children and grandchildren have taken beir places in the craft.

Surprise.

The indictments found by the Grand Jury yesterday against Col. John W. Atkinson and Messrs. W. I. Gore and Clayton Giles, were a surprise to the community; but their friends entertain not even the slightest suspicion that either of them has been guilty of any criminal act, and regret very much that the cases could not be tried immediately. It would be difficult to find, in this or any other community, three men who, in honest and integrity, stand higher than John W. Atkinson, W. I. Gore and Clayton

Died in Petersburg.

The Petersburg Index-Appeal of Fri day contains the following notice of the death in that city of a lady who had many relatives in North Carolina and Virginia:

After an illness of about ten days, Mrs. Lucy Fitzhugh Gibson, for fortynine years the beloved wife of the late Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, passed quietly to her rest at her residence on Washington street, at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was the youngest daugher of Robert Atkinson and Mary Tabb Mayo, and was born at Mansfield, in Dinwiddle county. Her brothers were the late Bishop Atkinson of the Diocese of North Carolina; the late Rev. J. M. P. Atkinson, President of Hampden ney College; the late Rev. Jos. M. Atkinson, of Raleigh; the late Rev. Wm. M. Atkinson and the late Robert M. Atkinson, of Texas. Her sisters were the late Mrs. Page, Mrs. Burwell, Mrs. Minge and Mrs. Ann Patterson.

She was the last survivor of a family of eleven children, all of whom lived to an honored old age, eminent for their abilities, where their lot in life called for the exercise of ability, and uniformily respected and beloved for their many vir-

Exports Foreign. The German barque Marie B. Kohrsch, Burmeister, cleared yesterday for London, Eng., with 3,886 barrels rosin and 550 casks spirits, valued at \$12,513, shipped by Messrs. Williams & Murchison, Schooner Roger Moore, Miller, cleared for Arroyo, Porto Rico, with 282,687 feet lumber, 25,000 shingles, 10 barrels tar, 15 do pitch, valued at \$8,656, shipped by Mr. E. Kidder's Son.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS. Third Day of the 107th Annual Convocation-Officers for the Ensuing Year Installed-Centennial of St. John's Lodge-Address by Hon. A. M. Wad-

binson, formerly of this city, but now of

Response for Orient Lodge by P. M.

M.C. S. Noble, which was much enjoyed.

leaders, have been our grand masters;

her people, our people; and alike the State and Masonry have been enriched

by a reciprocal love of Statehood and

Response by P. G. M. H. A. Gudger.

He being sick at home his manuscript

was read, by request, by Dr. W. W.

Griggs, Master of Eureka Lodge, Eliza-

A telegram was read from Mr. David

Teller, of Philadelphia, by P. M. W. E.

G. M. J. W. Cotton being called upon

Responded to by W. E. Storm, P. M.

A toast was drank to P. G. M. A.

Prof. Miller's string band furnished

News Items from Washington of Loca

The Washington correspondent of the

Charges were filed during the recess

against Collector Dancy by Senator Ran-

to move him, ought to give the Demo-

crats the Customs Collectorship at Wil

It was reported here to-day that Jose

phus Daniels was to be appointed Gov-

ernment Printer, Benedict being unwill-

ing to include the office under the Civil

First Assistant Postmaster General

ones says no further action will be

taken in the Charlotte postoffice investi-

gation. He says this is practically a

vindication of Postmaster Robertson,

whose course was proper under the cir-

cumstances. He does not think the

Civil Service Commission will press the

matter any further. This action of the

Department is evidently a part of the

programme of the Postmaster General

to prevent carriers who were put out for

cause from availing themselves of the

Among the customs collectors agreed

to be appointed but not nominated, is

the Newbern collector. In the absence

of Senator Ransom, who will probably

arrive to-night, nothing is known of the

CRIMINAL COURT.

A Few Trivial Cases Tried-More Indict-

Grand Jury's Final Report,

was nol prossed with leave.

Meares presiding.

their appearance.

his appearance.

official report as follows:

Criminal Court:

afeguard to society.

Not guilty.

ments Against Bank Officers-The

The Criminal Court met yesterday

The case of Astly Fenton, for larceny,

The Grand Jury came into court and

returned true bills against Isaac Bates,

charged with making false statements

as to the financial condition of the Bank

of New Hanover, and against Wm. L.

Smith, indicted on a similar charge; and

not a true bill against Spencer Scott,

charged with assault and battery with a

The bank cases were continued to the

March term, 1894, and the defendants

were required to give a justified bond in

the sum of one thousand dollars each for

State vs. Sam'l Smith, abandonment,

The Grand Jury returned true bills

against John W. Atkinson, W. I. Gore

Bank of New Hanover; the charge being

that they "attested" false statements of

the condition of the bank which were

made to the State Treasurer. Col.

Strange, for the defendants, addressed

the Court and urged that the cases be

tried immediately. Solicitor Moore said

To The Hon. O. P. Meares, Judge of

the efficiency of our Criminal Court, who

ment for future consideration. We

everything in good healthy condition

and the prisoners well fed and provided

for. The sewer pipe at the southwest

corner of the building is broken, and

we would recommend that it be replaced

by a new one. We have visited

the County Poor-House, and County

everything in excellent condition. As

to the County House of Correction, we would recommend that instead of send-

ing prisoners there, where they are

allowed to come and go, work or not

work, at their option, that they be re-

quired to work our county roads. These

roads are all in a terrible condition

and are now required to be kept

tax-paying farmers who have not

the time to devote to it, and the roads

County Commissioners take such action

to us in faciliating the dispatch of our

Death of J. Abner Harrell,

business,

Respectfully submitted,

NATH'L JACOBI, foreman.

up by the better class of

Correction, and find

our

morning at 10 o'clock, Judge O. P.

letter of the civil service law.

Charlotte Observer tells that paper that-

Storm, Master of Ceremonies.

Wilmington Lodges.

of St. John's Lodge.

Ceremonies closed.

mington, it is said.

the same report.

music during the banquet.

8. "The Old North State: Her great

Sovannah, Ga.

Masonic truths."

beth City.

Martin.

deil-Banquet at The Orton. The morning sesssion was called at 10 o'clock a. m., with Most Worshipful Grand Master Ino. Cotten presiding. The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Committee on Propositions and Grievances submitted their report, which, after being read, was adopted. Committee on Orphan Asylum pre-

sented their report, which was read and At this point a cordial invitation was extended from St. John's Lodge No. 1 to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, through

Brother H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, to a banquet at The Orton, immediately after Col. Alfred M. Waddell's address at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium The invitation was unanimously accepted with applause and thanks. At 12.30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment. At the afternoon session, at B o'clock,

Brother Iredell Meares, in behalf of St ohn's Lodge No. 1, gave the Grand Lodge a hearty invitation to join the Wilmington Masons in an excursion and general jollification down the giver on the steamer Wilmington, in the morning, (Friday, January 5th) the boat leaving Market street dock at 10 o'clock, and that the Brethren were all expected. The Grand Lodge on motion, unani-

mously accepted the invitation. The following Grand Lodge officers were then installed for the ensuing year: Gen. John W. Cotten, of Tarboro

Grand Master. Francis M. Moye, of Moyeton, Deputy Grand Master. Richard J. Noble, of Springfield, Senior Grand Warden.

Grand Warden. Wm. Simpson, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer.

Walter E. Moore, of Webster, Junior

Wm. H. Bain, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary. The installation ceremodies were conducted in their usual solemn and impressive manner by acting Grand Master H. H. Munson, acting Grand Marshal J. C. Drewry, acting Senior Grand

Warden - Summervil, acting Senior Grand Deacon W. A. Withers and acting Junior Grand Deacon - London. The Grand Lodge at 5 o'clock was called from labor to refreshment, to convene again at 8 o'clock p. m.

COL. WADDELL'S ADDRESS.

Shortly before 8 o'clock last evening Plantagenet Commander Knights Templar and members of St. John's Lodge, escorted by the Second Regiment band. marched from the lodge room to the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, where the Grand Lodge and a large number of adies had assembled.

Before the address Mr. Herbert K Holden sang a solo, "I Fear no Foe," which was well rendered and loudly encored. Miss Minnie Schwarz sang one of her beautiful selections, a soprano solo, which was also loudly applauded. Dr. J. E. Matthews in a few well chosen words introduced the orator o the occasion, Past Master Alfred M Waddell. From every standpoint Col Waddell's address was a gem, and no synopsis can do it justice. It had to be heard to be appreciated, and Col. Waddell is always at his best when he is bringing to light his priginal historical researches. Many new facts were told of St. Johns of a century ago, and Col. Waddell's address is a valuable contribution to both Masonic and Cape Fear his-

The address occupied little more than thirty minutes in delivery, and at its close Col. Waddell was the recipient of an oldtime Masonic ovation.

THE BANQUET. After the address of Col. Waddell the procession proceeded to The Orton, where a banquet was spread and the proceedings were as follows:

1. Invocation-Rev. L. L. Nash. 2. "Our Guests-The Grand Lodge of North Carolina." Response by D. G. M. Francis D.

3. "Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions-Each in her domain bears testimony to the Ancient Craft and universality of

Response: Gen. Thos. J. Shyroch, G. M. of Maryland.

[NOTE : Death in his family had prevented his attendance. No other re-

4. "Our Sister Centennial Lodges: Over the pathway of the century, with nearts and hands in unison, we have marched by square and compass under the All-Seeing Eye, and we pledge our troth. upon the threshhold of the new century, to plumb the line of fraternal accord." Response by M. Grizzard, P. M., of Royal White Heart, Halifax.

5. "Masons and Masonry of Colonial Times-On Carolina's virgin soil amid the wild forests and along the desolate shores of the New World, noble sons of our ancient Craft transplanted the seed, and behold, with the growth of the century, they have grown into great Masonic trees, with branches spreading their protecting shade over the length and breadth of her fair borders.' Response by Hon. E. F. Lamb, of

Elizabeth City. especially leading out of our city might 6. "Masonry in Education: The principles of our craft are the foundation ic the upbuilding of individual and public character; her lodges are a training school, and at all times her influence has been given in fostering and incul-cating general education."

Response by Bro. Rich. N. Hatchett, Liberty Lodge Wilkesboro 7. "Our Oxford Orphan Asylum-'The brightest gem in the diadem Masonry':

"To comfort and to bless,

To find a balm for woe,

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Salisbury Truth: Mr. H. W. Hudson, died at his home in Providence ownship. He was a well to do citizen, about 65 years of age.

- Smithfield Herald: A young man Stewart, son of Mr. J. E. Stewart, of Banner township, was brought here and placed in jail Sunday. He is about twenty-one years old and is adjudged insane. He became demented and tried to shoot his father and become so violent that he had to be taken in custody by the constable.

- Durham Sun: A lady in the city last evening from Chapel Hill brought news of the tragic death of Mrs. William Hogan, of that village, which occurred in Philadelphia a few days ago. Mrs. Hogan formerly resided in that city and it has been her custom for several years to spend the winter there. She was out shopping and schile passing an engine house a locomotive suddenly emerged and ran over her. She was so badly injured that she died in a lew

days without regaining consciousness. - Fayetteville Observer : Our esteemed friend, Capt. Kingsbury, a member of Phoenix Lodge, was the oldest Mason at the installation ceremonies elsewhere described. He became a Mason in 1843, just half a century ago. ---As Mrs. I. H. Roberts, who lives on responded, and proposed a toast to the Harrington's Hill was returning home Tuesday evening she was attacked by a colored boy, who forced her to the ground, snatched her hand bag which contained 35 cents in money, and some valuable articles and made off. Mrs. Roberts sustained slight injuries in the

struggle. She says that she can recog-

nize the boy and his speedy arrest is looked for. - Charlotte News: Capt. Simpson, a prominent citizen of Rutherfordton, shot and killed himself yesterday. The deed was committed at 12.80 and and he lived until 7.45 o'clock. Business troubles supposed to be the cause. - It may be thought by many that the gold mined in this locality adds very little to the industry and wealth som, which if the Secretary is disposed of the land. That, however, is because the commerce of Charlotte is so enormous and not because the gold output of this vicinity is so insignificant. These figures will show: In the month of December there was \$24,000 worth of gold taken in its raw state to the United States assay office in this city. Nearly Service rules. Some time ago I heard all of this gold was taken from the bowels of Mecklenburg and found its way

into the commercial channels right here

in Charlotte, -Goldsboro Headlight: The death of Mr. Richard W. Thornton, a former citizen of Winston, occurred at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. F. Cox. in this city, Saturday morning av 3 o'clock, caused by paralysis. - From the citizens of Grantham township who were here Monday we learned that there s a regular epidemic among the horses in that section. The disease has all the appearance of lung fever, and when it attacks an animal there is little hope for it. - We learn that the stables of Mr. Ashley Tiner, with two mules, buggy, wagons, and all farming implements were destroyed by an incendiary fire Monday night. Mr. Tiner lives in Johnston county near the Wayne line. No insur ance. - Our citizens were shocked to hear the sad intelligence on Monday morning that Mr. William Taylor is no more. He died suddenly that morning at about 4 o'clock, caused by heart disease. - The residence of Mr. Zack Hinnant, with nearly all of its contents, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. A sum of money saved up by Mr. Hinnant, amounting to about \$350, was also destroyed. The fire

started from a defective kitchen flue, - Weldon News: Mr. P. W. Purrington, a prominent young man of Scotland Neck, died at his home at that place last Thursday, aged about 26 years. - John Brown, colored, and who is perhaps no kin to the original sinner who bore that name, broke jail here and escaped last Saturday morning. The man was arrested here several days ago, and it being learned that he was vanted in Greenville county, Va., for jail breaking and various other offences, the sheriff was notified that he was safely caged here. Sheriff Lee came on to get his prisoner, arriving here Friday night. He was taken to the jail where Brown was chained to the floor, identified his man and informed Brown that he would be taken to Greenville the next morning. But Saturday morning the cage was empty and the bird had flown. He cut the shackles from his limbs with a steel shank taken from his shoe and then and Clayton Giles, late Directors of the he broke up the water bucket in his room and made a key from the hoops. With this he opened two doors and marched boldly out into the air of freedom. It is learned here he burned his way out of Greensville county jail and that he is a notoriously bad character.

- Wilson Mirror: On Wednesday. the 27th of December, near the town in that in consequence of the sickness of an old field, the body of Richard Hearne Treasurer Tate, a material witness, the was found with a bullet hole through his State was not ready for trial. So, the head. Mr. Hearne had been living in Wilson for about a year, as clerk in the cases went over to the March term, grocery store of Mr. Stewart, on Tarboro each of the defendants giving bond for treet. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, and if he had an enemy none knew of it. So the idea that he was murdered is hard The Grand Jury at 5 o'clock entered to entertain, as no one knows of any mothe Court room and tendered their live that any one had for so dastardly a deed. Yet none can find any reason for suicide. He left his place of business about 8 o'clock Tuesday afternoon telling the other clerk that he would be The decrease of crime in our midst evback after awhile, but was not seen alive idenced by the few and trivial cases any more at the store. The verdict of coming up before us at this term, we the coroner's jury was "that he came to consider a subject of congratulation to his death by his own hand, or by parties our people, and this decrease we feel asto the jury unknown." There is some sured, has been brought about through evidence of foul play, as there were bruises on his body and the pistol wound In the fearless discharge of duty have had no powder-burnt marks which, it is said, would undoubtedly been made had proven a check upon immorality and a the shot been from his own hand. The We have examined twenty-three bills searching investigation of the coroner, of indictment, of which we found however, led up to no clue, and the mattwenty-two true bills and one not true ter will be shrouded in mystery till bill, and we have returned one presentfurther developments are made. have visited the county jail and found

- Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. Jas. M. Broadaway, of Burnsville township, died suddenly on the 20th of December. He was about 70 years of age. - Mrs. Susan Ratliff, relict of the late John P. Ratliff, died at her home in Gulledge's township on the 21st ult., aged about 65 years. - Mr. Thomas Talton died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Watkins, near Rockingham, last Saturday. Mr. Talton was a native of Gulledge's township, this county, and was away on a visit at the time of his death. He was 98 years old. - Last Sunday night, while Mr. Ed. Simons, of Lilesville, was attending preaching, his store was broken into and about \$100 in money stolen therefrom. Suspicion rested at once upon a young white man, J. E. Gilmer by name, as the perpetrator of the robbery, and when it was discovered next day, Monnproved by such labor, day, that he had left town, efforts were and we further recommend that the at once made to capture him. He was located at Darlington, S. C., and upon his agreeing to return to this State, he as will bring about this result. In conwas brought back to Lilesville, where clusion, we would commend the judgment of our sheriff in the selection of the had a preliminary hearing before that efficient officer of our body, Mr. C. Esq. W. R. Cox yesterday. Gilmer that efficient officer of our body, Mr. C. waved examination and was sent to jail M. Harriss, who has been a material aid in default of bail. The case against Gilmer is a strong oue, as \$84,50 was found on his person when he was arrested, the possession of which he does not satisfactorily account for.

Response by W. H. Summerill, W. M., of Winston Lodge, Winston, N. C. 8. "Our Sister City Lodges—Wilmington and Orient."

Response for Wilmington Lodge by W. S. Warrock, W. M. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., read a very humorous letter from P. G. M. C. H. Ro-