## AS IT IS IN AFRICA. 10:000 IN THE TREASURY.

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Observer Bureau, 17 West Cabarrus Street,

Raleigh, Dec. 8. stages, beasts of burden, and all other dress, consist of a short sword, a means of modern travef are human country knife, a spear, and a bow and North Carolina of given out by Auditor Dixon is beings, it is considerable to the trav- arrow, which he uses with great preing one, showing a bal-eler, who is compelled either to walk cision. It is of frequent occurrence for boys between the ages of 8 and 9 years 340,000. The Treasurer, however, The traveler who travels by ham- to stick a piece of chip about an inch the very pressing demands upon mock finds himself swinging to and and a half in width in the ground or the next 50 days. This month fro, suspended from a horizontal bar on the limb of a tree and, at a distance

It have to pay out \$200,000 for whose ends rest on the shoulders of of 200 feet, to split it in halves with ns, and in January will be called two stalwart natives, who rush him at the arrows from their bows. 8,000 for the public schools breakneck speed through narrow and The country knife is indispensable to for \$16,000 interest. He says uneven paths, over dangerous ravines the native. It is his most effective are Pebruary 1st he will have and huge logs which block the way, weapon of defence. With it he can Sometimes the unequal height of the successfully meet the attacks of the RETARY OF STATE'S RECOM- carriers occasions much suffering to boa constrictor and many of the raven-

the victim, which the native enjoys ous beasts and poisonous reptiles, o MENDATIONS.

MENDATIONS. Secretary of State was asked recommendation he would make annual report, and said that The commission had in its recommen-travel in Liberia is a serious draw-chase a leopard, and pursue a hippommission had in its recommenback to the development and prosper- potamus, but he will fly in mad hast covered most of the changes desired to be made in the very few Liberians venture into the which resemble the cry of a man in ration laws and in regard to landinterior. Except soldiers and traders, distress. This sound unnerves hin He will, in his report, recomthe erection on a lot across the of the erection on a lot across the ding, for many years used as an mal, but now a storage place for he now has books stored on the the now has books stored on the the four of a store, rents a brick the Liberians are absolutely ignorant and despite his reputation for courage th floor of a store, rents a brick ventures. Because of his willingness the cry of distress of perhaps some shouse, the arsenal is full, and so to assume the difficulties of the jour-misguided traveler. The natives came enrolling office and there are ney he becomes at once the object of to a halt. They knew what it was, and is stored in the basement of curious wonder. in their discomfiture started to leave us

agricultural building. The rents One party consisted of T. R. McWil- in the thickest forest, but the sudden aggregate over \$500 and the places liams, professor of science in the Col- discharge of our firearms brought them st unsuitable. He will also urge lege of West Africa, as scientist; E, to their senses. placing of steel document cases in Froms in the capitol. At present cases are of pine wood, very heavy awkward and cannot be gotten out

carry food and luggage, making fif- is the most thinly populated of the day Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Abbott teen persons in all. Several rare spec- continents, there being only thirteen d Messrs. Henry and James Litch-interview of flora and fauna were collect-persons to the square mile. rd returned from Mexico. They were ed and many interesting pictures were never without tribal wars. Liberia is The nan the large party of corporation com-isuloners and their friends who made We left Monrovia on April 28. The riment of the country. Gold, ivory tour of the Mexican railways. They route took us up to the head of the St. and cattle which formerly came to the Paul river and thence to Harrisburg, markets of Monsovia have been diverteverywhere entertained royally, Fresident Diaz and the Gov-the base of operations for Dobblee's ed into other directions because of bet-of the various States through Island. Here we calculated upon se- ter protection to life and property. ng President Diaz and the Gov-

their special train passed. It curing a sufficient number of natives This fact contributes to the scarcity of a very notable trip in all respects. to accompany us as carriers; but this fresh meat at the capital. hey find Mexico a wonderful country being the season for planting we found that its people greatly like those of the tits people greatly like those of were compelled to walk to and from aborigines is based solely on the num-untries were at war but little over some and every contention. Wealth among the some that its people greatly like those of were compelled to walk to and from aborigines is based solely on the num-untries were at war but little over some and every contention. Wealth among the some that its people greatly like those of the two soles are compelled to walk to and from aborigines is based solely on the numwere at war but little over 200 miles.

The man who has the most wives can If a century ago. After leaving Harrisburg, a Liberian easily be king. The abduction of one The picking of cotton has been re-town inhabited by c'vilized people, we of the wives of a Pessy man, and the and what remains is badly stained, found no roads entitled to be called refusal to give her up when demand is such leading into the interior, either made, is casus belli. The men of a such leading into the interior, either made. Is casus bell. The men of a beartened about the tumble in prices and already there is talk of planting much less next year. This is the very thus desired. The farmers see that

thing desired. The farmers see that difficult during a tribal war. The ab-takes the lion's share, and distributes origines give themselves no concern the remainder among his followers. about obstacles in the road. The collider are frequently sold, In the Federal Court here there is a down a tree and leave part of the huge pawned or given to satisfy financial the mails, in the shape of advertise-when compelled to do so by a Liberi-tribes, or sometimes to Liberians, who The opinions an commissioner. They prefer either pay the price for them, and then keep its of a medicine. m to be that she will not be con- to climb over or to go around, and to them under the apprentice system until swim a creek rather than to take the they are given their liberty, if they do

YORK OF AGRICULTURAL BOARD, the trouble to cross it by the bridge, not abscond in the meantime William Dunn, of the board of agri- When an old road is abandoned it is The social life of the interior has a ulture, who is making the tests of the flagged by placing a branch as an ob-degenerating tendency on the morals of the varieties of cabbage, the seed of struction at the fork of the path. The the foreigner also. Illustrations in soh were secured by State Horticul- native knows what this means and cial and moral degenarcy are numerturist Hume, says they are planted and takes the new road. The reason given ous among white and black foreign-are growing very well indeed. There by the natives for leaving obstructories. These victims have not been been two acres in the plants. Speaking tions in the road, and for making them confined to the secular life, but have of the cabbage crop in the vicinity of narrow and winding, is not only to be- been found in the religious life also, bern Mr. Dunn says it looks well wilder the tribal foe, but also to ren- Men and women who came to teach and is larger than usual. That is one of the very finest truck-growing sec-tions in all the south, and can hardly

The way to Kpondia Hill lies through

alent to a tip, consisted of a piece of white cloth, tobacco, pipes, salt and matches. The forveler would conclude from Special Notices

was security-five of warriors. Every man appears as

miles northeast of Monrovia by a a warrior. He seems to live always in straight line, but the circuitous route, the fear of the seems to live always in which we were compelled to take made shadow of the great evil, which the distance 100 miles. This distance prompts him to go armed from head will not seem great in a country where to foot. With his sword he defends the inhabitants enjoy, facilities of himself from the enemy, and with his travel but in a country where the sub-icharms he motion is himself from the PURE COUNTRY LARD-This is the fin-est lard made and we guarantee it to please you. Fresh shipment while cotto-lene, reduced in price, \$1.25 size bucket, \$1.05; Sat size to \$0c, and 25c size to 20c. please you. Fresh shipmont white corre-lene, reduced in price, \$1.25 size bucket, \$1.00; 50c size to 40c, and 25c size to 20c. Fancy breakfast bacon, small strips; beech nut bacon and sliced beef in glass jups. USHER BROS. travel, but in a country where the sub- charms he protects himself from the stitutes for railroads, electric, cars, evil. His arms, which are part of his Phones 341 and 416.

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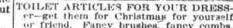
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thirty-seven native towns and half The natives bring their products-cof-The board of agriculture sent a com-nittee to St. Louis in October to see he North Carolina exhibits at the exthe North Carolina exhibits at the ex-position. This committee reports to the full board, soecially complimenting ame tribe hardly ever exceeds three other things—and for these they get Commissioner General Herbert Brimley, R. K. Bruner and State Geologist Holmes for their work in connection structed of mud and thatch. No with the North Carolina exhibits in the marked improvement is visible in this chiefs, powder, caps, shot, stockfish, marked improvement is visible in this chiefs, powder, caps, shot, stockfish, section on the primitive style of house looking glasses, combs, Florida water hibit was the best the State has ever builders. The interiors of the houses and other commodities, all of which The trial expense of the North are clean, and so are many of the are sold at large profit. For instance, and so are many of the are sold at large profit. the State gave half private indi, the men in these towns speak and un- five cents a yard is sold in trade for huse and manufacturers contributing derstand English, some few reading twenty-four cents. he other half. It was a great show and writing it with astonishing accu-

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racy, the knowledge does not make At laday's gession of the State hoard any difference in their mode of living: DR. H. F. RAY male his report, which contained ments force them to a strict adherence the amaging features. He is a very commission of the second to primitive customs. The municipal officer of every town is styled the chief, and of the half town the headman. All disputes are settled by them. We arrived at Tacker Town in time the realized in the past two years for in-structions as to preparing home-made fines, which "show their color in the bar." He has written two articles which have been published in the bul-ter on wine reaking. He speaks of the realized for a sound, but he has discovered by the data sudden death was due to witchcraft, and the whole town ac-cordingly set about finding the witch. The memory of the death was honored by the customary dance, which con-sisted of hideous yells and physical the druggeists offer the farmers a pound, but he has discovered by the customary dance, which con-the drugelsts offer the farmers sisted of hideous yells and physical from 5 to 10 cents. He has advise contortions, leaving the women in a the farmers not to sell it for less state of exhaustion and the men in a the cents and he is orranging with state of frenzy. The ceremony closed New York commission men to with repeated volleys from fire-arms. adle the bark, so that the farmers to announce to the spirits on the other I mat a profiable price for it. The side the coming of the departed. Upon demand, the bark is very far below the grave was left a brass kettle, some

NEW PHARMACISTS.

and some articles of food. NEW PHARMACISTS. The State board of pharmacy has midd licenses to nine of the 15 an-mats who appeared before it this we no effect. Many innocent per-sons have been the victims of this su-perstition, until recently an antidote has been discovered, which the sus-pects carry concealed. \* Kpondia Hill rises abruptly about 600 feet above the surrounding coun-try, which gives the traveler a magni-try which gives the traveler a mag

nor Aycock is notified that the try, which gives the traveler a magni-ficent and picturesque view of rolling the first state of the traveler a magni-ficent and picturesque view of rolling this, fertile valleys and verdant for Hugh Risdon, who is plains, through which meander health-In Rowan county, on the charge ful streams, wherein fish and game eirsting frauds on people there, abound.

t long ago in the peni-The King received us kindly and at Atlanta, and married there gave us his house, which was an imoman from Ohio, who became provement on the surrounding huts. with him by going to the He is himself a tall, spare, but wellto sing to the convicts. blult man, with keen eyes and sharp

## THE WEATHER.

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tive Africans in Liberia. The next and most important step before retiring is to "dash" the King until "his heart lies down"-an ab-" until "his heart lies down"-an ab-er original expression which signifies sat-tor isfuction. The dash, which is equiv-

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