Mean Temp. of day, \$4 deg.

NOTE.—All barometric readings are reduced
to the sea-level and to 32 degrees Fahrenheit. ROBERT SETBOTH, Serg't Signal Service U. S. A.

Weather Report. Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, Dec. 15—4:35 P. M.

Cloudiness will probably clear away for a short time on the South and Middle Atlantic short time on the South and Middle Atlantic coasts, followed on Saturday again by falling barometer, southwest winds and cloudy weather. The storm centre in Minnesota move weather and southeastward, with brisk southwest winds on the lakes, and its influence extend to the Middle and Eastern States by Saturday night. Southerly winds, with rising temperature and cloudy weather, will probable as night. Southerly winds, with rising temper-ature and cloudy weather, will probably ex-tend over the Gulf States. Cautionary signals continue at Chicago, Grand Haven, Milwaukee, and ordered for De-troit, Tolede, Cleveland and Buffalo.

THE CITY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HEINSBERGER'S Live Book Store, 39 Market st.-Christmas Presents.

J. C. STEVENSON-Dressed Poultry. DUDLEY & ELLIS-For Wet Weather. G. A. NEWELL-Branch House.

PRINTER WANTED.

A fir.t-class compositor on morning newspaper work is wanted at this office. Must be able to read very bad manuscript. One who has a fair knowledge of Job Work preferred.

- Picture Framing, in all its branches, ar-VANORSDELL'S.

Wake Forest College.

The thirty-seventh anniversary of the 'Eugelian" and "Philomathasian" Societies connected with the above institution, will be celebrated on the 13th of Fedruary by public debates, orations, &c. We are indebted to the Committee, Messrs. W. O. McDowell, of Marfreesboro'. Simeon Wooten, of Wayne, John E. Ray, of Wake, and Chas. O. Hicks, of Wake Forest, for an invitation to be present.

A "poeck" on the seasons thus sublimely December's come, and now the breezes Howi among the lifeless treeses;

Now the boy with ragged trowses. Shivering homeward drives the cowses; His boots are old, and torn his clothes is, And, bless my soul, how blue his nose is. had the "poeck" experienced the weather which prevailed here yesterday he would have Gold weather has come and the wind that

affs in our face the cruel snowses,

and while we plod the muddy streetses old is our body and our feetses.

- Imitation Rosewood Mouldings. Very pretty for Picture Frames, at VANORSDELL'S.

The following has been tested for more

han five years with perfect satisfaction. Dissolve 11/2 pounds of washing soda and 1/2 pound of borax in a gallon of water, by boiling. When the solution is cold, add about a half teaenpful of aqua ammonia (spirits of bartshorn), and put it up in well corked bottles. Use a cupful to each pailful of water in Wash-

- Fine Gilt Mouldings for Picture Frames VANORSDELL'S.

Knights of Pythian. 6016.

We mentioned in yesterday's issue the fact that the Grand Lodge of this Order would be formed here next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and we now hear that representatives will be attendance on the session from every Lodge in the State. The business to be transacted after the Grand Lodge is instituted will have an important bearing on the future of the Knights and we anticipate that the ablest men connected with the Order in North Carolina will be chosen as representatives. The work ought to be well and thoroughly done in the beginning, or else its full success and rapid

We may note the fact, too, in this connection, that Stonewall Lodge No. 1 holds an election for officers for the first term of 1872, next Monday evening, Instead of January 1st. It is essential therefore that persons who desire to avail themselves of the special dispenand confer the degrees for \$5 instead of \$15should have their propositions before the body next Monday night.

-Carved and Fluted, Carved and Plain Walnut Mouldings, all sizes, VANORSDELL'S.

At .

Holiday Advertising. The holidays are fast approaching and now is the time for our friends who wish to make known the inducements they can offer to advertise in our columns. Everybody is just now on the lookout to see what is being presented, and at no other season do people so gen rally consult the papers. Advertise in lime, that all may be apprised of what you are doing and what you have to offer in your line. People in the country who cannot visit the city consult the papers, and from them learn just what they can obtain and where. A word to the wise is sufficient

-But a few days remain to procure tickets in the South Carolina Land and Immigration Association. \$500,000 in prizes. Tickets \$5 each. It is positively determined that the drawing will take place January 8, 1872. Send your orders without delay, as no tickets will be sold after 5th January, 1872. See advertisement in another column.

ORNING:

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SUPERIOR CCURT.

NAMES

the Examination of Witnesses.

THE ARGUMENTS OF COUNSEL.

Acquittal of the Prisoner.

The case of Wm. H. James, charged with the murder of Robert Costin, in this city, on the night of the 11th of September last, came up for trial in the Superior Court yesterday. There was much interest manifested by our citizens in the case and the Court House was thronged during the entire day.

The Court convened at about 10% o'clock, and devoted the first two hours to the selection of a jury, Col. John A. Richardson appearing for the State and Hons. George Davis and O. P. Meares, and A. T. London, Esq., for the accused.

The following gentlemen comprise

THE JURY. John A. Everett, R. H. Grant, J. L. Barlow W. T. Daniels, B. P. Pridgen, Wilkes Morris, C. M. Hamner, George Sloat, D. Pigett, R. S. Waldron, A. J. Hill, Jr., and R. P. Paddison, who were duly sworn and impanuelled by the Clerk of the Court.

The following is a report of

THE EVIDENCE. William H. Withey testified as follows: met James down on Princess street with Coswho asked me to play cards; I refused. We had a drink and one proposed we should go up on the hill. James said, "Come on, Bob" (Costin), and we went up on 3d street to Koch's store and got a drink at James' expense. Bob (Costin) asked us to go to Annie Hill's with him, and he said he wanted to go to E—'s and get some money. We didn't stop at Annie's while he was away, but went over to Muller's and got a drink. When Costin came back he complained because we didn't wait for him. Theu I met Ab. Mc !! lenand James together. When we went back toward Annie's I met James, who said, "Bill, I've been insulted by Bob Costin in at Annie Hill's and g-dd-n him, I can lick him." Hill's and g — d d—n him, I can lick him."

I told him to go home, and as he went off
Costin eame up with Blossom, and while we
were talking James came up, laid his hand on
my shoulder for a minute, and I saw a blow.
It came from Mr. James and Costin ren back,
when I grabbed James and said, "Billy, look
ont, or you'll get into the Guard House."
When I turned him loose he ran; I then saw Blossom had Costin, ratsing him up; and as I went to help him I put my hand on his head and felt the knife. James appeared to wish to get loose from me when I had him. After he ran off I saw the knife in Costin's head; I saw Dr. King pull the knife out of his head (knife produced); I think that is the knife. Mr. Costin is dead. After I left James and Costin together, I was away five or ten minutes; Costin was not present when James said he had been insulted, and it was before Costin and Blossom came up. I didn't hear any words pass between Costin and James before Costin was

barroom that night. When I went there I saw
Billy James were. Mr. Costin and I were not
in the store together before James came
in—I saw James and didn't see Costin— I don't know when Coatin came; when I went into the saloon, I saw James there; Costin came in about twenty minutes before we left; I was there about two hours; I saw James when I went in; I was playing cards there; I don't know what o'clock it was when I went in Haar's; I took one drink before I went in Haar's; don't know when Costin came in; James, Costin and I took a drink together; I had taken about two drinks before we drank together; I had taken four drinks by the time we left Haar's; I am not sure whether I treated every time or not at Haar's; I think I did not. don't remember who said "Let's go on the I don't remember who said "Let's go on the bill," but I think Billy James made it—there was no particular place mentioned when we started; some one of the parly said "Let's take a walk on the hill; and we started; nothing was said about where we would go, but when some one said "Let's go on the hill," I knew it meant to go to a house of ill-fame. The conversation was unimportant—we were all friends. At Koch's, Billy James proposed to take a drink and we took it. That was my fifth drink; we were all friendly. After we came out, Bob Costin said he would come down town to T—E—'s and get some money, down town to T-E-'s and get some money, as he wished to stay on the hill that night, and asked us to meet him at Annie Hill's. After he was gone, James proposed to go to Mul-ler's and get a drink; that was my sixth drink; Didn't say at original examination that Costin was with us at Muller's; I don't remember swearing at that time that we three went to Muller's and I will swear that we three did not Muller's and I will swear that we three did not go to Muller's that night to get a drink. [After James and I come out, we met Costin he said, "You have played the d—I with meeting me." We had stopped at another store before this; after Costin left didn't take a drink there. It was probably half an hour after Costin left be fore we met again. We made excuses for not meeting him; It was all friendly—I then heard Mr. McClenny and we went and got a drink of whiskey; don't know the quality of whiskey no time; one kind is as good as another to me. I left James, and Costin together while we went to Muller's; sang a couple of songs and then McClenny left and I went on and met Billy James. He said "Bill, I've been grossly insulted over there just now by Bob Costin. He said I reported him, and g—d d—n him. I can liek him." I told him to go home, and he left. I went on a few steps and met Costin and Biossom. While we steed there James came up and laid his hand on my shoulder; I cau't swear which hand he struck with; he had his right hand on my shoulder had then took it off again; I don't know that a word was spoken when James came up; I as word was spoken when James came up and land his had on the land had him to go t go to Muller's that night to get a drink. [After and then took it off again; I don't know that a word was spoken when James came up; I passed the time of day, but that was all; I don't recollect that anything was said—I might have said "Hello, Bob!" I did say it; that's all I remember until the blow was atrack. After Costin was struck I seized Billy (James) and held him and I said, "Billy, you'll get into the Guard house." I let go of him and he ran. If I struck Mr. James it was only in seizing him; I did not aim a blow at him; I did not strike him in his forehead with my fast; I did not say to the crowd, "look on his forehead and you'll see the mark of my blow." I made no attempt to strike a blow with violence.

Re direct.—Our associations were perfectly friendly; I felt as friendly to one as the other; James had several drinks that night; I was sober enough to remember what took place; I have been drinking nineteen years. I sang at Muller's three verses of "Flowers of the Wild Wood" and one verse of "Jane O'Malley" after drinking there.

Cross Examination.—If Costin called me out at Haar's that night, when James was there, I don't remember it.

don't remember it.

Dr. J. F. King testified as follows: I am a licensed physician; I was called to attend Costin by a policeman in the month of September, in the night; I found a man lying on his face, with his feet toward the sidewalk and head; I turned him over and recognized Costin. After removing him to his house, I proceeded to extract the knife from his head, which required considerable force. The wound which required considerable force. The wound was in the left portion of the skull, near the frontal and paretal bones; on the left side of b-h." James said, "Bob, I didn't do any of a b-h." James said, "Bob, I didn't do any of a b-h." Costin's manner was this head; the wound penetrated to the brain and was the primary cause of his death; but

Cross Examination.—That spot on the skull was the only probable one where the knife could enter; the character of that wound, in my opinion, was such that the probabilities are a man could not make it unless he aimed for it. There is no other spot he would have been likely to hit where the knife could have peneticated the being in that manner. trated the brain in that manner.

Samuel Blossom testified as follows: On Monday night I left my house and walked down Castle street, got to 4th and turned to my right, passed Mary Davis' house and met Mr. Bill Withey and Mr. James talking by the Mr. Bill Withey and Mr. James talking by the fence; I went on and met Costin, who insisted upon my going to take a drink; I refused and turned back, Costin followed and we all met. James said, "Halioa, Blossom; halioa, Bob." But Bob Costin made no reply; I saw James raise his hand and then Costin fell; I didn't see him strike; Mr. Withey grabbed James and said, "You d——d fool, you'll get into the Guard House;" then James ran off and we started with Costin toward the light and found the knife in Costin's head (knife produced); that is the knife.

that is the knife.

before; it was 15 minutes before 10 or 11 o'clock, just before I left my house. It happened Monday; don't know the month it happened, nor the day of the mouth; think it was this year; I only make figures; I have no clerk and only make figures in books; I can't put down the dates on the books; I can't read and write, and I can't tell the day of the month or the name of the month this occurred. It was some time this year, either 15 minutes before 10 or 15 minutes after 10 o'clock, I don't know which. I go sometimes to Annie Hill's when business calls me there; I go sometimes to Mary Davis' and sometimes to Mag Murphy's; never went to Joe Turner's. I came down Castle: carge on down 4th street, and met Mr. Castle; came on down 4th street, and met Mr. Withey and James standing near Miss Mery Davis' house, leaning on her fence. A little further down I met Mr. Costin; he said, "Halloa, Blossom, come down and get a drink," but I refused. I turned back with Costin and we met Withey, and in a moment James came up. He said, "Halloa, Bill," to Withey, and then said 'Halloa, Bob," to Costin, but he made no reply; he raised his hands and Costin fell. I can't explain exactly how we stood; it was simply a lot of men together. I can't tell how we did stand exactly, all I know that what was said was "Halloa, Bob," and "Halloa, Bill," when James raised his hand and Costin fell. On Sunday night before this occurred, I don't remember positively whether R. H. Grant, Jr., W. C. Orr and Phen Dicksey were in my store to have his head beat off, and I know the young man who is able to do it.

Re-direct. - I have no recollection of hearing any such conversation; I was friendly to both Mr. James and Mr. Costin; I saw Mr. James raise his hand and Costin fell. Cross Examined .- I was perfectly friendly

with Costin. J. A. Willard, C. D. Myers, M. P. Taylor, J. C. Mann and W. L. Smith testified in regard

to Blossom's character.

Lewis Nixon testified as follows: I am Assistant Captain of Police; I had Mr. James in my custody, and asked him if he was the man who stabbed Mr. Costin, and he said he was.

Cross Examination.—Den't recollect he said anything else; and 't notice any mark on his forehead. The Solicitor then announced the prosecu

P. D. Dixey testified as follows: I was at Sam Blossom's store the night before the murder; was with Mr. Orr and Grant; Mr. Orr asked us to take a drink, which we did; Riossom asked if James was outside, and we said he was not; Blossom and there are right no is a City Detective and a d—n scoundrel, and he was going to have his head beat off if he didn't mind, and he knew a young man who didn't mind, and he knew a young man who was able to do it, and would do it.

Cross Examination.-I do not recollect the day of the month, but it was the night before this affair occurred; we had been out to Klein's; Orr, Grant and I had been to supper and saw James and Farrow outside, and they went off for supper; as soon as he left, we went into Blossom's; I am no relative of his; went into Biossom's; I am no relative of his; do not belong to the same Order he does; used to be friendly with him; I boarded with him some 18 months ago; I was summoned yesterday a week ago; don't recollect having had any conversation with any one about this affair; I had had no drinks that day before this; I took a milk punch at Mr. Orr's expense; I am friendly with Blossom; I was friendly with Mr. Costin at the time of his death; I have not been busying myself about Mr. James' defense;

I am married; my wife is no relation to Mr. I am married; my wife is no relation to Mr. James' family; I was an inmate of James' family about three months, some time ago, R. H. Grant, Jr., testified as follows: I was at Sam Blossom's on Sunday night; I think it was the 10th of Sept.; it was the evening before this occurred. Blossom asked if James was outside and we all said no. "Well," asid he, "the d—d scoundrel is a detective and ought to have his head beat off. I know a young man who can do it and who will do it. young man who can do it and who will do it, too." Blossom didn't call James' first name but we all supposed he meant Billy James, but I can't swear he meant him. Mr. Billy James had been standing outside a little while

W. C. Orr, sworn: Mr. James was standing day night; I asked Dixey and Grant inside to get a drink; he asked if James was ontside and all hands said no. He said James was a scoun drel and a city detective, and he knew a young man could break his head off and he would do

Cross Examination.—I go to Blossom's often; sometimes for one thing and sometimes another; sometimes I get cigars there and sometimes other things; I have not lived here all my life. I am 18 years of age; I have seen Mr. James on the hill once; I am friendly with

him, but not intimate.

Joel Farrow testified: I know that knife; I am well acquainted with the prisoner, James; he was in the habit of carrying it (the knife) in his pecket during the past two months; I have frequently seen him use it and have borrowed it from him and used it myself.

No cross examination.

Josephine Turner, sworn: James and Costin were talking on my steps; I heard Costin say he had been taken up and all he hated about it he would have to go to his mother and get the money. James said that he and k— would raise the money for him. Costin knocked at my house and asked me if I had seen W. H. James, and I said no. He said he intended to heat that \$14 50 out of him and send him to his wife with a pair of black eyes—that Withy heat that \$15 30 out of his wife with a pair of black eyes—that Withy had him in tow. He heard voices across the street and said, "There they are now," and cried out, "Is that you, Bill?" The voice said "Yes," so I closed the window and sat down.

**Oross Examination—I live on Front street; I know of no quarrel between James and Costin; I have been sick three months; my house was not one of lik fame at that time; I only know Mr. James when I see him; never saw him more than once or twice in my house; never heard Mr. James make any threats against Costin; didn't see James that night.

R. L. Sellars testified; I saw Costin at Haar's; he came to Haar's door and called Withey out; Withey went out; they were gone a few minutes when Withey came back; that was the first I saw of Costin. Withey, James and I were in Haar's that night, and I saw Costin call Withey out. No cross examina—

Costin call Withey out. No cross examina-Emms Roberts testified; I know W. H. James by sight; I knew Robert Costin by sight when I first saw them it was at Annie Hill's onse, where I was staying. Jennie Jone ent to the door, and asked who was there said "Is there apy one with you, Bob?" Costin said no; after Jenule had unchained the door, Costin turned round and said, "Come in, Bill;" they went in the parlor and shut the door, I was in the hall; I heard Costin say, "If

his death was caused by the clotting of blood hear all that was said; Miss Annie Hill went trembling anticipation intelligence from their in his brain. tioned to me to go for a policeman; I run out, all the way to Sixth street, and met Blossom and told him; We came on back and I found a and told him; We came on back and I found a policeman; when I got back to the house I met Mr. James, and, I think Mr. Withey, near Miss Mary Davis' and near the gate of Annie Hill's, I saw Mr. Costin and Mr. Blossom; I then went on to the plazza and James, Costin, Withey and Blossom were together on the walk; I saw them distinctly; a street light was burning andour front door was open; I saw Blossom strike James and Costin ad-I saw Blossom strike James and Costin ad-

I saw Blossom strike James and Costin advanced on him twice, and James backed, saying, "Bob! Bob!" they moved along near to a tree, and I saw Costin fall.

Cross Examination.—When Costin called James a d—n son of a b—h, I was in the hall or passage; James didn't get angry; I then went for a policeman; I went two squares; the first man I saw was Mr. Blossom; I live at Miss Mary Davis' and have lived at Miss Annie Hill's. (Defendants admitted she was an inmate of a house of ill fame, at which the witness was overcome with emotion.) Mr. James never come to see me; never visited me; never came to the house int once before the lamps were on the corner of Fourth and Castle and the house door was open; I was not examined before Judge Cantwell; Lawyer London sent for me; I told this affair to Miss Mary Davis; I was boarding at Miss Annie Hill's when this affair took place. Re direct, -I didn't call for police, because had called one and he told me he was coming

I saw what happened, and have told the truth; Costin was as much my friend as James was; I enly knew him slightly.

Effic Dean sworn: I know Mr. Costin, James,
Withey and Blossom; I heard them quarreling
that evening; I heard Costin call James a d—d

liar two or three times; I heard James say, "Bob, I didn't do it." This was a few moments before Costin was killed; I heard no blows

because I left the room. Cross Examination.—This occurred in front of Miss Annie Hil.'s. I live at Miss Mary Davis, I heard this from my window; I then left my window; this was in front of Miss Annie Hill's, on the edge of the side walk. The distance from the door to the gate is about as far as from here to the window, (about 14 feet); don't know the day of the month; I have known Costin two or three years. Miss Annie Hill and Miss Mary Davis are about 20 years distance; I saw four persons; I didn't recognize the persons, but I heard the voices; I heard Costin call James a d—d liar—I heard James say "Bob it aintiso! I have been examined before at lawyer London's office, but not at Judge Cantwell's I didn't recognize the persons or not; I never said that Wm. H. James was a | Cantwell's. I didn't recognize the persons d-d scoundrel and a detective, that he ought out there, because it was nt light enough, but I knew the voices of Costin and James. Richard McLaprin sworn: I knew Robt.

Richard McLanrin swern: I knew Robt.
Costin and Mr. James, and Mr. Blossom, but
didn't know Withey. I saw the parties at
night; I was going up to Jane Hallowell's and
just as I came along the corner I saw two men
on the corner; one of them was cursing and
that was Mr. Blossom; when I got back they
were gone; and I stood on the corner, and in a
minute Mr. Blossom came out from between
the houses and then went into the house on
the corner: Blossom then came out and a genthe corner; Blossom then came out and a gen-tlemat came up this way and said "Here they come now," and went into the house: so I thought I would stay and see what was going on. I heard Mr. Blossom swearing in the house, and when they came out, I saw Mr. Blossom strike Mr. James twice. Mr. James said "do you both intend to jump on me?" The other man struck Mr. James once; Mr.

coat was torn on the right shoulder; I didn't hear anything said, only Mr. Blossom was Mr. Muller's, about live super than, I was near Blossom knocked Mr. James down, and he asked if two of them intended to jump on him; I saw two or three women there; don't know who they were; they were white wo-men; don't know what they saw; they had their own eyes and can look where they please; I live on Front street now; I have been in Wilmington 5 or 6 years; I was raised at Laurinburg; I have known Mr. Costin a right

James was knocked down once; Mr. James

smart little while; I don't know where he stayed; I don't think I knew him a year; I knew him more than 4 months; I saw him about town. Redirect .- (The prisoner stood up.) That Mr. James. He is the man who was knocked

J. C. Scott testified : I arrested Mr. James the night of the stabbing; I took him to the Guard House; there was a red spot on his forehead and a torn place on his right shoulder; when I got to the place where Mr. Costin was lying on the ground, I asked who struck him; Withy said that he struck him, and when I found the man I would find on his forehead the mark where he had struck him. (Coat shown.) That is the coat he had on

when I arrested him.

Cross Examination.—Withy said that when he caught him he jerked him around and

Jas. S. Walcott testified: I heard Mr. Costin make threats against Mr. James; I was passing Fourth street and saw Mr. T. E., Costin and — talking, and E. said that some dirty policeman had reported them; a few days after this, Costin told me that James had reported him. and that he would make the d-n son of a b-h suffer; that he would send him home with a pair of black eyes, and would have it out with Mr. James before the sun went down, for that fourteen dollars and a half his poor mother had to pay.

Cross Examination.—I advised him not to

meet Costin that night; not that he was afraid of him, but he had better keep out of the way; James fold me he would not meet his John C. Morris testified : I heard Mr. Costin

make threats against Mr. James at Godfrey Hart's store on Monday, the 11th day of Sept. Iast; Costin came to me and pointed out Mr. James and said, "Do you see that fellow over there? I am going to lick him for reporting me at Miss Annie Hill's, and cost me fourteen dollars and a half."

James J. King testified: That night about 9 o'clock I was walking up Third atreet, I met Costin running down the street; I asked him what was the matter, and he said there was a d-n scoundrel up street that he was going to give a good licking to, and asked me to say nothing about it; I told him I wouldn't and he went on down and I went on upstreet. Alex. T. London Esq., made the first spee for the defense, arguing upon the facts in an able and masterly manner. His efforts were truly praiseworthy, and highly admired. He was followed by Judge Meares, who made one of his terse, closely drawn arguments, setting out in plain and numietakable language his view of the transactions, Mr. Davis closed the argument for the defense, covering up the flaws and forgotten points of his associates. He closed as the clock tolled the hour of midnight, and the Solicitor, Col. Richardson, commenced his argument. We have seldom listened to more able efforts from any of the attorneys engaged in this cause. The Solicitor closed his argument at 12:40 o'clock, and after the Judge's charge the case was given to the jury at 1:10 A. M. A verdict of NOT GUILTY was rendered at 2:10 A. M.

AFFECTING SCENE, The scene that occurred immediately after the rendering of the verdict will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. The father of the prisoner leaped over the railing and caught his son in a joyful embrace, while friends crowded around him and tendered their congratulations. The scene that occurred at the home of the liberated young man, where a wife, and mother, and sister, awaited with

loved one, we leave to the imagination of our

tocal Dots.

- No City Court yesterday.

- Something new at VanOrsdell's-the Crystal Card Portes. - A merchant asks why he should be obliged to go so often after money that is coming to

demandation of end old average. - The police have been furnished with new and handsome uniform overcoats for the

- It is said a number of ladies in this city are anxiously awaiting the first of 1872. That is leap year.

- Eduard Peschau, Esq., has been recog nized by the Government as Vice Consul of the German Empire in this city.

- Rev. Dr. Closs will preach at Fifth Street M. E. Church on Sunday, morning and

- Friend Bonitz, of the Goldsboro Messen er, favored us with a call on Thursday. The Messenger is a live newspaper and Bonitz is a ive editor.

- The "Hop" given by the L'Allegro Solree Club, last evening, was largely attended and proved a great success. A feature of the occasion was the fact that the young ladies wore calico dresses and white aprons.

- A difficulty occurred between two colored women, Virginia Baker and Betty Faison, vesterday evening, during which the latter was severely stabbed in the shoulder and hand by the former. Virginia Baker has been arrested and is now in the Guard House.

-Two gentlemen of this city, who left here a few days ago, on a sporting expedition, re turned yesterday and report that in a portion of two day's hunting, near Taylor's Bridge, Sampson county, they succeeded in bagging nearly two hundred partridges. Their success was remarkable for this section of the

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the whole stock and buy nothing. - The ladies say they are glad that 'square' dances are coming 'round' again."

- Many young men are so improvident that they cannot keep anything but late hours.

- He that thinks himself the happiest man is really so; but he that thinks himself the wisest, is generally the greatest fool.

- A lady who was very anxious that her flance, a young student in college, should creditably pass his examination, has masses said in church daily for his success.

- Oval Walnut and Gilt Frames, all sorts and sizes, at VANORSDELL'S.

- Advertisements under head of "Wants," "For Sale or Reut," or "Lost and Found will positively be charged full rates unless paid for in advance.

LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the City Post Office, Dec. 16,

A-Mary C Anderson. B-Cato Bunting, Alex Bright, Jas Blocker,

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Jno Me Brothers, Lydia Bliss, Mattle Briggs,
T W Bigger, Saml Burney, W Bairy.
C—John Cox. Jim Cox, Louisa Cordlarry,
Needham Cobb, Thos Cahoon.
D—O A Bickey, Mary A Dudley.
E—J Ranis, John Era.
F—D P Foster, Raymond Floyd, Sam Fosil.
C—B Grant, Josephine Grice, Mason Gaskins, Tom Gallet.
H—Wesley House, Jas Hendon, Elizabeth
Huhn, Montgomery Handin, Margaret Howard, Mary Hammond, Sarah Hemmingway, S
A Hines.

Hines.

I—Jesae Ives.

J—Betsy Jones, Fanny Jones.

K—Benson Kee, Ezrk T Kenneday.

L—Sami Long, P W Lawrence, Green Lan-

M-Juan G Mendoza, Consul of Peru, A & Myres, Florence Magruder, Elizabeth Matthals, John McEntee, Jane Marshall, J B Martin & Co, Maggie Mote, Maggie Murphy, Mary Ann Martin, Mary McCollough, Jan U, or Mary E. Moore, M D Motte, R. w Moore, Sarab A.

McCumber. N-Jas E B Nesson. O-George Osten, Henry Stewart, care Geo

Osten.

H-Sylvester Harper, care B Powell; Dalseny Potter, Diana Perkins, Enoch Alexander, care Dick Price; J W Purdle, John Pate, Menis Payne, Martha Fearson.

R-James Riggins, Rassel W Reynolds, Jas S Robinson, Henry Rogers, George D Kitter.

S-Chas Steward, Eatha Sharpless, John Y Speights, Jacob Strickland, James Skarden.

S S Seymour, Sarah Smith.

T-ATyce, A D Trimble.

W-Jenkins Walker, Jeffrey Williamson, H L Winton, Sally Skerlock, care George

H L Winton, Sally Skerlock, care George Whiting; Charley Winn, Anthony White, Al-fred V Wood, Benjamin Waters, Joseph Fay

Z-John Zimmerman, W. S. Persons calling for letters in this List will lease say "Advertised." Will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C., in 30 days, if not called for. ED. R. BRINK, P. M.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1871. A BER'S CHERRY PECTORAL—the world's rest remedy for Colds, Coughs and Consumption.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

[Condensed from the Raleigh Sentinel.]

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14. The bill to change the time of holding the Superior Courts of the Third Judicial District was put upon its third reading and passed.

The remainder of the time of the Senate was taken up with the consideration of the Special Order, being the bill to exhange the stocks of the State for bonds, &c., the question being on the edoption of the substitute of the Committee on Finance as an amendment. No definite ac-

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, Dec. 14.

Mr. Stanford presented a petition from certain citizens of Magnolia, Duplin Co.;

Mr. Sparrow, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted a report upon Mabson's resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate charges of Ku Kluxism against certain members and officers of the General Assembly, and recommended that it do not pass.

The consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow at 104 o'clock. By Mr. McNeill: A bill to allow the Commissioners of Robeson county to adjust the debt of the county; referred.

By Mr. Rankin : A resolution asking for a statement of the salaries of the officers of the Insane Asylum; placed on the cal-

The bill to provide for the collection of taxes by the State and by the several counties of the State, being the special order for this hour, it was taken up and read. After undergoing a great deal of amend-ment the bill passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 65, nays 29.

On motion of Mr. Sparrow, the resolution to raise a joint committee to inquire into the genuineness and authenticity of a letter read before the House by Mabson, col., purporting to have been written by one Daniel Latta, of Orange county, making charges against a member of the House, was taken up and adopted. [Resolution published before.]

MARRIED.

YOPP-ALLEN -In this city, 14th inst., by Rider J. C. Hiden, Mr. Samuel F. Yopp to Esq., all or was daughter of Elkanah Allen,

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T HAVE appointed Mr. John B. Turrentine to sid me in collecting all due me by note and account. He or I will be at my office, in my former Dry Goods Store, every day during business hours. Hope all those in debt to me will promptly pay, as I require the money. oct 19-nactJI. Th Sat Tu

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