

at that place, and the total receipts are not enough to meet the expenses. What a glorious country!

The President spends his Christmas holidays in New York, and he has caused it to be announced that he will transact no business, and be accessible to no office-seekers. That is right.

The Philadelphia Press has started a very malicious slander against ex-President Davis. Gen. Jo Johnston washes his hands of the lying document. The Press ought to be ashamed of itself.

The New York Sun's special from Washington says of the present stats of the Star Route prosecutions: The Government will be ready about

whit more training or fitness for the Post-office Department than he has for War or the Navy. The following we copy from the

Charlotte Observer of the 23d : WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21, 1881. Ex-Treasurer David A. Jenkins, of North Carolina, was robbed here yesterday at cards out of \$5,000 in checks by bunco men. He telegraphed to Raleigh to have payment of the checks stopped. The men escaped arrest.

A SADAND SUDDEN DEATH.

Fayetteville Examiner.

We are pained to announce the sudden demise of Mrs. Isabella Matthews, of Durham, wife of our former townsman, W. G. Matthews, Esq., on yesterday afternoon. Very meagre telegrams received at a late hour last night state that Mrs M. was called to the bedside of her niece, Mice Maggie Williams at Hillshore hour last night state that Mrs M. was

there, went over both branches of the Western North Carolina Railroad, we learn that on Friday the first train passed over the French Broad River, at Deep Water, just above Warm Springs. Three trains loaded with iron rails went across, this iron being that to be laid to Warm Springs. Out on

the Ducktown branch the track is laid as far as Smathers', or Turnpike, and the grading is completed as far as Pigeon River. Smathers' is seventeen miles from Ashe-ville. We are informed that work is progressing rapidly. — Senator Vance is a member of the following Senate committees: Privileges and Elections; Naval Affairs; District of Columbia, and the one to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate. General Ransom is a member of

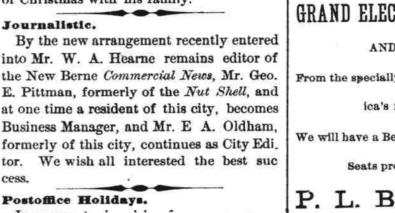
the Appropriation Committee, and also that on Commerce, and the Special Committee relative to draining the Potomac flats. - Weldon News: Scotland Neck s to have an Opera House. The building is being erected by Mr. John C. Pittman, and the second story will be made into a large hall, with stage, green room and seats. -Mr. T. C. Hunter, of Enfield, died last Saturday morning, after a few days sick-

At a meeting of the members of the two School Committees for Wilmington District, held yesterday afternoon, it was determined to close the public schools for the holidays, commencing with Monday, the 26th inst., and closing with Monday, the 2nd day of January. The schools will therefore open again on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January.

The committees in joint session also decided to make the school term eight months hereafter, instead of nine months, as heretofore.

# Foreign Shipments.

The following comprise the foreign shipments from this port yesterday : The Norwegian Barque Agder, Capt. Johannessen, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Williams & Murchison, with 1,669 bales of cotton, weighing 780,787 pounds, and valued at \$89,791; and the German Barque Soli Deo Gloria, Capt. Meyer, for Hamburg, Germany, by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co., with 3,-



harbor tugs, met the misfortune yesterday to have her cylinder-head broken in badly, which will necessitate repairs to the same before she will be able to do duty again. She had a vessel in tow at the time, which had to be turned loose, the Nyce being taken in tow instead by the little steamer Navassa, which runs between this city and the Na-

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