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Port Almanac—January 8.

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	5 05 P M
Day's Length	9 h 56 m
High Water at Southport	1 53 P M
High Water at Wilmington	3 35 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU. WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 8.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28°; 8 p. m., 46°; maximum, 48°; minimum, 25°; mean 38°.

Rainfall for the day T; rainfall for the month up to date, T.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina and South Carolina—Rain; slightly warmer; northeasterly winds.

The pressure has fallen along the Atlantic coast. A storm centre of slight energy is central in the Gulf States. A belt of high pressure extends from the Canadian provinces southwest across the Lake regions and Central Mississippi valley to Western Texas.

Cloudy and threatening weather is indicated for the Atlantic coast districts, with rain in the southern and snow in the northern portions. Generally fair weather will prevail in the Lake region with low temperature Wednesday, turning warmer Wednesday night. Fair and colder weather is indicated for Lower Mississippi valley and fair and warmer weather for the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

OUTLINES

Mr. Vest addressed the Senate in opposition to Mr. Sherman's resolution providing that $100,000,000 in gold should be restored to the Treasury and kept separate from all other funds. —— Spanish authorities say that there is not the slightest danger of Havana falling into the hands of the insurgents; Gen. Campos reports that the situation in Cuba, from a military point of view, is unchanged. —— Treasury officials express the opinion that most of the gold now being withdrawn from the Treasury is taken out by intended purchasers of the new bonds; the gold reserve at the close of business yesterday stood at $58,685,710. ——Secretary Carlisle sent to the House a list of officials in his department who are delinquent in rendering their accounts. —— The Cuban delegation in Washington will resume their efforts to secure recognition of their Government. —— The anti-Germany feeling is growing rapidly in London, Queen Victoria writes a letter to the Emperor of Germany rebuking him for his attitude in regard to the Transvaal Republic; the recognition of the independence of the Transvaal Republic by Germany may mean war between that Power and Great Britain. —— Ex-President Agnew, of the First National Bank of Ocala, Fla., was found guilty of embezzlement by a United States Court jury. —— Large shipment of sturgeon roe to Europe from North Carolina fisheries is noted in the report of the State Labor Commissioner. ——A prominent young man of Augusta, Ga., is charged with the murder of Garvin Allen, who was killed at a dance on January 2d. —— A clash between the Foraker and McKinley factions in the Ohio Senate may cause opposition to Foraker for the U.S. Senatorship and to McKinley for the Presidential nomination. —— All the details for the pugilistic carnival at El Paso have been completed. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was easy at 1@6 per cent.; last loan at 1 and closing offered at 1 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling gulf 8 7 16c; middling 8 3-16c; Southern flour quiet and steady—common to extra fair $2.10@2.80; good to choice $2.90@3.00; wheat—spot was active and firmer; No. 2 red in store and at elevator 70¾c; afloat 73¼ cents; corn—spot dull and firmer; No. 2 at elevator 35½c; afloat 36½c; spirits turpentine firm at 30½@30¾c; rosin steady; strained common to good $1.62½@1.65.

Pennsylvania ran short on cash last year and will have to snake about $3,000,000 out of the appropriations for this year to settle up unbalanced accounts.

It is proposed to name one of the new battleships "Kentucky." This seems singularly inappropriate. A ship with that name would never take to water naturally as it were.

The New York *World* offers to take a million dollars worth of the new issue of bonds. We wouldn't mind taking a million or so ourself if they gave us a good chance at 'em.

Last year receivers were appointed for thirty-one railroads in this country, and fifty-three roads, aggregating 13,128 miles and representing a total bonded debt and stock of $775,776,000, were sold under foreclosure.

If explorers should break through the ice belt of the Antarctic circle and discover a continent, which many geographers think lies there, there would be another patch of ground for England to go into the land-grabbing business on, if the other nations didn't call her to taw in the meantime.

Other Western cities have caught on to the trick of Chicago, and when they want to "grow" some take in a few of the outlying towns. Last year Cincinnati took in several, embracing twelve square miles, thus adding 16,000 to her population, which is now put at 355,000.

Senator John Sherman sowed some wild oats when a young man, but never got real boozy but once. He was a young man then and his blood was warm. After he developed fully he could imbibe with impunity because the liquor he drank froze in him.

If Mr. Edison's plans for waging war be carried out war will be even more shocking than it is. He proposes to substitute electricity for guns, and shot, and with contrivances operated by powerful batteries shock an enemy out of his boots.

Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, wants the Democratic, Republican and Populist parties to get together and agree on a common platform for the good of the country. This looks as if Ignatius might be heading for the lunatic asylum.

The electric street car hasn't yet got away with the horse in London. A Buffalo, N. Y., firm has just contracted for the delivery of 6,000 horses for the omnibuses of the town. The Kentucky mule doesn't seem to be in it.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, of New York, who has discovered what he claims is a cure for consumption, is preparing an article for the New York *Medical Record*, in which he will give the formula for the benefit of the profession.

Referring to the proposed sale of bonds to a syndicate, the New York *World* asks, "is the robbery legal?" Can't say, but there has been a good deal of legalized robbery in this country within the past thirty-odd years.

Ex Senator John J. Ingalls has just lost a calf in a law suit, and the worst of it for John J. was that it was his own calf. He is not only a "statesman out of a job," but a statesman out of a calf.

There is one of the Arizona prisons in which the prisoners have a sweet time. They have an extensive aviary managed by them, from which they get big stacks of honey.

The city of London spends $10,000,000 a year on her schools and $12,000,000 on her paupers, in addition to which $20,000,000 a year are spent on hospitals and private charities.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE—Minstrels.
ATTENTION—Knights of Pythias.
CRONLY & MORRIS—Navassa stock at auction.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Turpentine still.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. R. S. French returned from Fayetteville last night.

— Mr. J. L. Pinner, of Southport, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. L. L. Mallard, of Wallace, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

Mr. Jos. Goujon, of Montreal, Canada, is registered at The Purcell.

—Mr. F. M. Phillips, of Baltimore, was a guest at The Purcell yesterday.

— Mr. Will C. French, of St. Louis, is in the city, stopping at The Purcell.

— Miss Mattie Freeman has returned from a visit to the Atlanta Exposition.

— Miss Maud Richardson, of Whiteville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. C. Murchison, M. of T. of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., arrived in the city last night.

— Miss Eva Anderson, of Wilson, who has been visiting Miss Linie L. Alderman, has returned home.

— Messrs. Thos. S. Rucke, Winston; J. T. Foy, Scott's Hill; Bruce Williams, Burgaw, were in the city yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcox Jenkins returned to the city last night after an extended bridal tour through the North and West.

— Mrs. R. A. Southerland, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city last night on a visit to Capt. Southerland's relatives.

— Messrs. W. J. Sutton, Elizabethtown; D. L. Farrior, Maple Hill; J. P. Jones, Cheraw; J. P. Legare, Charleston; D. M. Tedder, Hamlet; K. E Sutton, R. L. Gardner, N. C; G. A. Roper, Laurinburg; W. W. McCormac, Rowland, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

—Local forecast: Increasing cloudiness, with rain Wednesday; warmer.

— The arrival of athlete Laflin has created an active demand for "punching bags."

— Twenty-eight cents per gallon revives the drooping spirits of the turpentine people.

— The steamer *Commodore* is to be sold. It is said that her cargo has been removed.

—The stage of water in the river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 a. m. was 5.7 feet; a fall of 0.8 of a foot in 24 hours.

— The Presbytery of Wilmington will meet in Immanuel Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time licentiate B E. Wallace will be received from the Presbytery of Knoxville.

— At the regular meeting of Stonewall Lodge No. 1 K. of P. Mr. C. D. Yarborough was elected Vice Chancellor and Mr. H. Cronenberg Prelate. They will be installed this evening at the Opera House.

— Should a bill for subscription to the STAR reach you, kindly give it your prompt attention. It is just as hard to publish a newspaper without money as it would be for a delinquent subscriber to live without air.

— Old newspapers may be had at the STAR office for 15 cents per hundred or $1.25 per thousand. They are suitable for wrapping paper and add much to the durability of carpets when placed under them.

— The Second Regiment band last night re-elected its old officers, viz: James W. Monroe president; Will Howe, secretary; S. D. Schloss, director; James Willson, leader. The band will give an entertainment shortly.

— The divorced Mrs. Corbett, former wife of pugilist Jim, is in big luck. She has married Fred. L. Masury, an amiable young man with a cool million in human cash. Of course, it was a case of "love at first sight."

— The largest single shipment of fertilizers ever made from Charleston went over the Atlantic Coast Line from that city to Newberry Monday night. There were twenty-one cars, each carrying ten tons. This indicates that the farmers are bent on planting for a big crop of cotton this year.

— Fishblate has no periodical "Opening," grand or otherwise. He is open all the time, and he is specially "open to conviction"—that is, he will be glad to have everybody call and convince him that his prices are not the lowest for the best quality of goods. His stock of clothing and gent's furnishings is probably the largest ever carried in this State, and if you go to his store with silver dollars in your hand, you can secure bargains.

At the Y. M. C. A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at four o'clock to morrow. As this is also the time for the annual election of officers and the reports for the year, a large attendance is expected.

The all absorbing "Venezuela question" will be discussed next week by Dr. Hoge. Fuller particulars will be given later.

Mr. F. L. Covington has consented to teach the class in book-keeping, in the place of Mr. De Cover, who has resigned. The first lesson will be given to night. The school began its second session last night, with a good attendance.

Mr. DuBrutz Cutlar will speak at the men's meeting next Sunday afternoon. He was advertised to speak two weeks ago, but was unable to do so.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—359 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 139 bbls rosin, 43 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—14 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 277 bbls rosin, 45 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—18 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 4 bbls rosin, 19 bbls tar.

Steamer D Murchison—382 bbls rosin, 17 bbls tar.

Steamer Lisbon—20 casks spirits turpentine, 50 bbls rosin, 12 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 386 bales; spirits turpentine, 60 casks; rosin, 823 bbls; tar, 91 bbls; crude turpentine, 49 bbls.

The Florida Vestibule.

The famous Vestibule train of the Atlantic Coast Line and Plant systems between New York and Florida was re-established yesterday. This year it will, it is said, far surpass anything that it has ever been before; it will be more perfectly equipped and its schedule will be an hour shorter between New York and St. Augustine than it was last year.

Storm Warning.

The "information" signal was displayed yesterday at the Weather Bureau station here. The storm was central in Southern Mississippi, apparently moving eastward, and was expected to cause high South winds.

The signal was displayed at all stations on the coast from Norfolk to Jacksonville.

Housekeepers who want servants are in the habit of supplying their needs from the STAR's want column. Are you looking for a situation? The STAR's want column will bring you the best results. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

— Mr. H. J. Ridings, agent for Field's Minstrels, was in the city yesterday.

ORDER OF HEPTASOPHS.

Public Installation of Officers of Oriental Conclave—Address by Mr. K. W. Jewell—Music—An Amusing Farce—Collation.

The public installation of officers of Oriental Conclave No. 1, Order of Heptasophs or Seven Wise Men, took place last night at their hall on South Front street, where a very fine programme of music, etc., was rendered. At 8 o'clock the exercises began with the "opening ode," by the Lodge, which was followed by prayer by the Prelate Miss Minnie Jones then delighted her hearers with a piano solo. The next number was the installation of the officers of the Conclave by the Grand Inspector General, Thos. J. Gore, and the Deputy Supreme Archon, K. W. Jewell. The following were the officers installed,

W. C.—T. J. Gore.
E. A.—John Knight.
W. P.—T. J. Reynolds.
P. R.—W. R. Lindstrom.
I. G.—J. T. Burke.
Treasurer—J. D. H. Khlander.
R. S.—K. W. Jewell.
Herald—B. C. Rodgers.
Warden—D. W. Matthews.
Sentinel—Geo. T. Grutgen.

After the installation there was a panio solo by Miss Minnie Jones, and a "Brief History of the Order," by Mr. K. W. Jewell. The order, Mr. Jewell said, was introduced in America in 1853 by Dr. Alexander L. Sanders. It motto is "Wisdom, Truth and Benevolence." He also explained very fully the order's benefits; if a brother dies his wife or family gets $50 for funeral expenses, or if a brother's wife dies he gets $25 funeral expenses. Every week that a brother is sick, he gets $5.00 He went on to state that an insurance benefit had been added by which a member could either insure his own life or the life of his wife.

One of the most delightful numbers on the programme was the singing of Mr. K. W. Jewell. His selections were the best comic songs of the day.

The next number was the "Initiation of the candidate," which was the most laughable feature of the night. The candidate (Mr. J. T. Burke alias "Simon Crub") was put through the degrees by "Dog of the Outside Watch," John Knight, and his tribe of yelling braves. The name of the officer who presided over this farce initiation the reporter couldn't exactly catch, but the part was taken by Mr. Thos. J. Gore. This burlesque initiation kept the audience convulsed with laughter.

The closing ode was sung by the conclave.

After prayer by Prelate W. R. Lindstrom, the Grand Inspector General, in a fitting speech, invited the large number of visiting ladies and gentlemen to the rear rooms, where on large tables ice cream, cake, sandwiches, coffee and confectioneries were arranged and in profusion. The regular members were extremely courteous and saw that no one left without partaking freely.

Rev. Mr. Kramer, of Brooklyn Baptist church, was called upon and made an appropriate toast, and was followed by several of the members. At about 11.30 o'clock the festivities which had been enjoyed by all present closed and all departed highly pleased.

K. of P. Installation.

The public installation of the Knights of Pythias will take place at the Opera House to-night. A fine musical programme has been arranged, and the public is most cordially invited to attend. The Knights will form in line at Castle Hall and escort the Grand Chancellor and other officials to the Opera House. The Uniform Rank, with the drum corps, will also assemble at the hall and accompany the Knights in procession.

Thursday the Grand Chancellor will be entertained at the Sound by the Knights. A grand time is expected, and all brother Pythians are invited to partake.

The ladies who participate in the programme will be the guests of the Knights.

The following programme of music will be rendered:

Baritone solo, by A. S. Holden.

Duet, by Prof. John Baker and A. S. Holden.

Soprano solo, by Miss Annie Stolter and a trio by Miss J. H. Rehder, Misses Hatie and Annie Stolter; Mrs. J. H. Dreher accompanist.

Rev. Rob't Strange, D. D., will conduct the religious service of the installation.

Al. T. Field's Minstrels and Utopia.

The attraction at the Opera House next Friday evening will be Al. T Field's Merry Minstrels.

This season Al. G. Field has the greatest aggregation of minstrel talent travelling. The time honored first part is a thing of the past with this sterling attraction; a new and novel scene will be presented when the curtain goes up on the grand mythological spectacle of "The Court of Momus." Momus, as all mythological readers know, was the God of Mirth. Momus seated on his throne, surrounded by his satellites, presents a scene of knightly splendor, rich and elaborate costumes and superb mountings. Momus will be played by a finished actor and his satellites will be composed of the comedians and singers of this truly great company.

Prices as usual. Box sheet open tomorrow at Yates' bookstore.

Encyclopædia Britannica.

The STAR Britannica Department is still filling orders for the Encyclopædia Britannica. This is the latest and best edition of this great work. Issued in 25 volumes, bound in cloth or sheep. For full particulars read announcement on third page, or inquire at the STAR office

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

CRIMINAL CIRCUIT COURT.

A Number of Cases Tried at Yesterday's Session.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday, viz:

State vs. W. T. Parker (white) and Robt. Smith (white), affray. Defendant Smith pleaded former conviction and was discharged. Verdict, guilty as to defendant Parker, who was fined five dollars and costs.

State vs. Cato Littleton (white) carrying concealed weapon. Verdict, guilty. Judgment suspended.

State vs. Cato Littleton, larceny. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. County Commissioners authorized to hire him out until costs are paid.

State vs. Wm. Mann and others (white), affray. Defendants submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs of this term of Court.

State vs. Thos. Robinson, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Not a true bill.

State vs. John Watson (white), assault with intent to kill. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of costs, and the county commissioners were authorized to hire him out until costs are paid.

State vs. Jas. Roan, carrying concealed deadly weapon. Verdict, not guilty.

State vs. Chas. Pitman (white), assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Verdict, not guilty.

State vs Walter Morgan (white), assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Verdict, guilty.

State vs. Philander Hill, larceny (case tried Monday). Judgment suspended on payment of costs, and county commissioners authorized to hire him out until cost is paid.

Court took a recess until 10 a. m. today.

Audit and Finance.

The Board of Audit and Finance held their regular monthly meeting yesterday. Present: Messrs. Wm. Calder (chairman) C. W Yates, C. H. Ganzer, H. C. McQueen, Jos. H. Hanby.

The Board concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen, amending the tax ordinance as follows: "Strike out the word February wherever it occurs in section 7, for the year 1895, and insert in lieu thereof the word March."

Also, concurred in the appropriation of $35 50 to pay counsel fees and expenses of ex-Mayor Fishblate in case of Beverly Scott vs. Fishblate, for false imprisonment, and decided in favor of defendant.

The Board concurred in the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, that the Cape Fear engine house on Ann street be sold at public auction.

Three hundred and fifty-five coupons, amounting to $7,192.50, redeemed and cancelled, were burned in the presence of the Board.

Bills were audited and approved as follows: For current expenses, $5,249.66; coupons, $7,192 50.

CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

The Benevolent Society appreciates, and is thankful for the following New Year's gifts to the Catherine Kennedy Home.

Pork and peas, Mrs. H. D. Burkhimer; one pork ham, Mrs. Hopewell; cabbage and potatoes, Mrs. Holland; one cake, Mrs. Dr. Matthews; preserves and jelly, Mrs. Black; cake, crackers and bread, Women's Auxiliary to Y. M. C. A; fifty pounds of meat, Mr. J. L. Croom; one stand of lard, Mr. W. F. Croom; four loads of blocks, Mrs. Chadbourn; one load of oak wood, Mrs. N. B Rankin; potatoes and hominy, Mrs. J. L. Cantwell; lard, Mrs C. W Yates; one chicken, Mrs. Reuben Pickett; several pounds of sausage, Mrs. John Haar; package tea, etc., from the following ladies: Mrs. Harris Northrop, Mrs. Eila Hill, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Burkhimer, Mrs. Wallace Carmichael, Miss Maggie Kingsbury, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. A. A. Willard, Mrs. Martin Willard, Mrs. A. J. Howell, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Bunting, and $1.00 from Mrs. H. G. Latimer, this amount being given every month by her.

The Bridge Company.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Railway Bridge Company was held at the Carolina Central offices yesterday. Hon. George Davis, the president, was present and in the chair, and Mr. J. H. Sharp was the secretary. It is the first time Mr. Davis has appeared down town in some time and he was most cordially welcomed. An election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Hon. George Davis.

Secretary and Treasurer—Jno. H. Sharp.

These are the only two officers of the board.

"Polly's" Strange Freak.

A parrot belonging to Mr. A. W. Watson, residing on Mulberry street near Seventh, laid an egg in her cage the other day, much to her own and her owner's astonishment. Mr. Watson says the bird has been in his possession sixteen years, confined in a cage, and has never before been guilty of a like indiscretion. "Polly" is an African parrot, and was bought by her present owner from the master of a vessel visiting this port.

Buy No Others.

All persons are hereby cautioned against buying copies of the STAR offered for sale on the streets unless, in every case, the words "For Transient Sale", are stamped on the margin of the paper. Should any newsboy or carrier offer for sale a copy of the STAR not so stamped he should be promptly reported at this office.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

WAKE SUPERIOR COURT.

MRS. ARRINGTON'S CASE TO BE TRIED TO-DAY.

Governor Carr in Washington, D. C.—Requisition For a Bigamist—New Cotton Mills at Franklinton and Hillsboro—Illicit Distillery Seized—Contributions For Relief of Cumnock Mine Sufferers.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 7.

Gov. Carr has made requisition on the Governor of New Mexico for the delivery of a Vance county man, who is in Fort Bayard, New Mexico. He is a member of Company E, Twenty-fourth infantry. He married a woman in New York May, 1894, and again he took another wife in Vance county, March, 1895.

Gov. Carr has gone to Washington, D. C. Maj. S. F. Telfair, private secretary, has returned from a visit to Washington, N. C. To-morrow the cases against the four men charged with the murder of J. B. Bonner, who was so foully murdered, comes up in Washington, N. C. Judge Hoke will try the cases.

Henry Wahab, a prominent citizen of Hyde county, died last week.

There is a great deal of interest here in the Cuban revolution. Every paper is scanned eagerly for the latest intelligence. Everybody here sympathises with little Cuba.

In the Superior Court to-day only trivial cases are being tried. Wednesday the two cases against Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington and the Barnes brothers for libel, comes up. Mrs. Arrington made the statement to-day that Judge Whitaker was trying to compromise his case.

A fifty thousand dollar cotton mill began work at Franklinton, a prosperous little town near here to-day. It is the investment of individuals of the town. There are 2,200 spindles running. This number will be doubled soon.

Mr. James Webb, of Hillsboro, returned from the New England States yesterday, where he purchased a full equipment of the latest cotton machinery. Mr. J D. Whitaker has burned one million brick for the factory. Work will begin immediately. The factory is situated in sight of the railroad at Hillsboro.

A forty-gallon still in Johnston county was seized yesterday. It showed evidence of having been worked in the morning. There was 750 gallons of beer taken also.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Some of the Raleigh churches and charitable persons have contributed $383 to the sufferers of the Cumnock mine disaster. Other churches will take up collections next Sunday. Mayor Russ returned from the mine to-day and reports the people in destitute circumstances.

COTTON AND WHEAT.

A Deluge of Selling Orders Caused by the Political Situation—Wheat Strong on War Rumors.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The cotton market experienced a perfect deluge of selling orders to-day, owing to the critical state of affairs involving England, Germany and the United States. Those who once believed in cotton are penitent to-night and scarcely know what the near future will bring forth. The end of the session registers a net decline of nine points as compared with yesterday's quotations, the March option selling as low as 7.91. The tone is weak, but should invite legitimate speculation. The port receipts to-day will aggregate 25,000 bales, and heavy receipts predicted at New Orleans to-morrow and free offerings from the South, figured conspicuously in the forced liquidation of a large line of cotton for Southern account.

The Chicago wheat market simply boiled with strength to-day, closing at 60¾ for May option on war rumors. The readers of the STAR will recall our advice of a few days ago to buy the cereals on a legitimate basis.

CROLIUS & BRO.

A MILLION $25 BICYCLES.

Positive Assertions That the Sewing Machine Companies Are in Business.

[*New York Sun.*]

Reports that the large sewing machine manufacturing companies are about to produce bicycles on a large scale have been denied from time to time, and only one Western concern is reported to have started in the business. It was learned on Saturday, however, that Eastern sewing machine manufacturers have been at work for some months preparing for a sharp fight with the regular bicycle manufacturers. The Singer Company has denied repeatedly that it was engaged in manufacturing bicycles and officials of the company denied yesterday that it is engaged in such a project. But, as a matter of fact, it is stated that large Eastern concerns have been manufacturing bicycles and will throw a million machines on the market at $25 apiece. Agencies are being established and it is asserted that, as no large commissions will be paid, the companies engaged will make money, although the actual cost of any standard bicycle at first hands has been stated to be $34. Agents familar with the trade are being engaged.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Knights of Pythias.

THE MEMBERS OF THE STONEWALL, Clarendon, Germania and Jefferson Lodges will assemble at Castle Hall, to march in a body to the Opera House, to-night at 7 30 o'clock.

WASHINGTON CATLETT, Chairman.
H. E. BONITZ, Secretary.

Navassa Stock at Auction.

ON FRIDAY NEXT, 10TH INST., AT 12 o'clock M., we will sell at our office, 120 Princess street, 49 Shares Capital Stock Navassa Guano Co., in lots to suit.

CRONLY & MORRIS, Auctioneers.
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OPERA HOUSE.

Just One Night of Merriment, Friday, January 10th.

Al. T. Field's Minstrels and Utopia.

Over a half hundred merry Minstrels, embracing the best European and American art in the street parade at noon.

Two car loads of scenery and mechanical effects. jan 8 tf

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From the corner of Front and Princess streets will bring you to

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Call there, buy a pair and get a copy of the Puzzle of the Day, and see how the "Gold Bugs" and the "Silver Bugs" will get across "Greenback River" together.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans,

H. C. Evans' Old Stand.

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Commissioner's Sale.

IN PURSUANCE of a decree of foreclosure at September Term, 1895, of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in an action therein pending, wherein John L. Wescott is plaintiff, and W. B McKoy and K. H McKoy are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D., 1896, at 12 o'clock m., the following two parcels of land in the said city of Wilmington: 1st Tract—Beginning at a point on the north side of Market street, between Front and Second streets, bounded westwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jean DuBois, eastwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jacob Trout, northwardly by Toomer's Alley, and southwardly by said Market street, measuring 30 feet front on Market street, and running back 132 feet to Toomer's Alley, and particularly described in a deed from Nathaniel Hill to James Owen, recorded in Book "X," page 370 of the Records of New Hanover county.

2nd Tract—Beginning at the northwest intersection of Market and Front streets, running thence northwardly, with the line of Front street, 49 feet, to Augustus Lessman's line, thence westwardly 15 feet, to the line of William A. Wright and Thomas H. Wright, thence southwardly 49 feet to Market street, and thence eastwardly to the beginning.

E. K. BRYAN, Commissioner.

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Commissioner's Sale.

IN PURSUANCE of a decree of foreclosure at April Term, A. D., 1895, of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in an action therein pending, wherein John L. Wescott is plaintiff, and W. B McKoy, Katherine B. McKoy, and John D Bellamy, Jr., Trustee, are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner appointed by said decree, will sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D., 1896, at 12 o'clock m., the following parcel of land in the said city of Wilmington: Beginning at a point on the north side of Market street between Front and Second streets, bounded westwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jean DuBois, eastwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jacob Trout, northwardly by Toomer's Alley, and southward ly by said Market street, measuring 30 feet front on Market street, and running back 132 feet to Toomer's Alley, and particularly described in a deed from Nathaniel Hill to James Owen, recorded in Book "X," page 370 of the Records of New Hanover county.

E. K. BRYAN, Commissioner.

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M. CRONLY, Auctioneer.
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