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6.17 P M The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.) WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 81. Meteorological data for yesterday: Temperature: 8 a. m., 52°; 8 p. m., 55°; maximum, 58°; minimum, 50°; mean, 54°; Rainfall for the day, 06; rainfall

since 1st of month up to date, 8 17. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 29 .- At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 4 8 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY. For North Carolina, generally fair possibly light showers on the coast; easterly winds.

OUTLINES,

The Commercial Bank of Selma, Ala. has assigned. - The Committee on Ways and Means considered the question of sugar duties yesterday. — The Spanish Prime Minister is reported as declaring that Spain will not accept any intervention on the part of the United States in Cuba, - It is believed that the steamer Bermuda, which is lying off Liberty Island, New York, is about to carry another expedition to Cuba. - Under the ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury, the steamers Commodore and Dauntless, with cargoes of arms and munitions of war, will receive clearance papers for ports in Cuba. - Ex-Premier Sagasta says that Europe is in sympathy with Spain, but that Europe also wishes to see reforms established in Cuba. - Gen. G. W. C. Lee has resigned the presidency of Washington and Lee University on account of ill health; he has been appointed emeritus president for life, to render such service as his health will permit. - Two women were killed and a dwelling burned by the accidental explosion of dynamite at Tuckerton, Pa.; at Reading, Pa., a woman and two children were severely injured by a similar explosion. - The latest information concerning Maceo is that he was wounded and is now in hiding, attended by four of the best physicians in the insurgent army; it is reported that he was shot by Dr. Zertucha; insurgents are numerous in the province of Havana and are well supplied with arms, ammunition, etc. - The open revolt in Tammany against Juo. C. Sheeban is

the leadership of the organization. -In an engagement in Pinar del Rio the insurgents defeated the Spaniards. inflicting heavy losses. - New York markets: Money on call was easy at 11/02 per cent., last loan at 2 per ceut., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet-middling 7 1-16c; Southern flour was dull but steady -common to fair extra \$8 00@8 55, good to choice \$8 55@8 85; wheat -spot dull and weaker with options; ungraded red 81c@\$1.01; corn-spot quiet and weaker; No. 2, 291/c at elevator and 301/ @301/c afloat; rosin steady; strained common to good \$1.75; spirits turpentine quiet at 26% @27%c.

thought to have been started for the

purpose of forcing Croker to resume

Hon, Chauncey M. Depew is showiug signs of age. The Washington Times says that, although but 62, he looks as aged as some of his jokes.

Mr. Hen Peck, of Michigan, wants a divorce from Mrs. Hen Peck, the cause assigned being that there is too much of that thing in his house

The city of Chicago turns her dogs to some use. Within the past five

years she has got in all \$370,000 license tax out of them. Sarah Bernhardt says she has refused an offer of \$200,000 to play in

Germany, not that Sarah doesn't like money but she hates the Germans more than \$200,000 worth. Edward Weston, the walkist, did

not score the 112 miles he started to make in 24 hours in New York, but after. The Newbern district, as has he rattled off 103, which wasn't so bad for a 58 year old kid.

Mr. Wm. Waldorf Astor, formerly of New York, now of London, is presumably happy. He has renounced his American citizenship, sworn allegiance to the Queen and become a full-fledged British subject.

Zola may not succeed in getting into the French Academy of Science, but he is in no immediate danger of going to the poor house, if it be true as stated, that his annual income from writings amounts to \$800,000.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

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MPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Attention is called to the followng REDUCED RATES of Subscription O THE MORNING STAR :

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Gen. Buckner wants the Demo cratic party to get together. Well, let Gen. Buckner and his bolting contingent come in and join the 6,500,000 who made the thing lively for Mr. Hanns, and that's all there is to do. But Gen. B. and his contingent, which carried only one hip in the United States, mustn't expect to run the party.

Aaron Goldsmith, who with his wife and three children was burged in their residence in New York, had \$100,000 insurance on his life for the benefit of his wife, and now the usurance company is contending that the wife died first and is making this a pretext to beat the dead people out of the insurance.

They are still having lots of fun with the toll gate sociables in Kentucky. The "white caps" pull the gates down, the companies rebuild them, when the "w. c's" pull 'em down some more. Kentucky never lacks for something to afford amusement to its festively inclined citi-

| NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BIDS-For repairing sewerage. J. W. MURCHISON-An acrostic. S.W. SANDERS-Hog jowl and peas. BRADDY & GAYLORD-Happy New Year.

MEW BUSINESS LOCALS. WANTED-Insurance agents.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS Portingut Paragraphs Pertaining Princi pally to People and Pointedly Printed.

- Mr. J. L. Pinner, of Southport, was in the city vesterday. - Rev. W. S. Rone and family wil

eave us Friday for Goldsboro, N. C. - Mr. F. M. Foy and son, Mr. F. M. Foy, Jr., of Scott's Hill, are in the

- Sheriff George B. McLeod, of Lumberton, was registered here vester--Mr. Wm. McQueen, of Row-

land, was an arrival in the city yesterday. - Messrs. R. P. Hinton and C. D.

Koonce, of Jacksonville, arrived last

- Messrs. J. A. Beamann and I R. McPhail, of Clinton, were in the city vesterday. - Miss Eva Ward, of Verona, is

in the city, visiting the family of Mr. Geo. L. Morton.

- Mr. John A. McLean, a prominent merchant at Maxton, was among yesterday's arrivals.

- Mr. C. W. Strine and wife, of Sousa's Band, which is to appear here to-night week, were among hotel registrations yesterday.

- Mr. Fred S. Burr, of the Wilmington Iron Works, leaves for Newbern, N. C., in a few days, where he has accepted a position.

- Messrs: D. M., Flynn and R. B. Hall, comprising the firm of Hall & Flynn, Hallsboro, were here on a busi-

ness visit yesterday. - C. W. Bidgood, Esq., of Fayetteville, who is connected with the Cape Fear & Yadkın Valley Railroad, was in the city yesterday.

- Mr. W. T. Caho, of Newbern, deputy collector of internal revenue, who has been in the city and vicinity for several days on official business, was among the visitors at this office yesterday. He is to return to Newbern to-day.

- Other arrivals were J. Moore, N. C.; Chas. E. Batters, N. C.; W. H. G. Lucas, White Hall; Henry Grimes, N. C.: W. H. Butters, Hub: W L. Moore, Raleigh; James B. Waters, Hamlet; C. C. Vann, Jolord; S. G.

Hayes, Castle Hayne. - Through mistake it was stated n yesterday's STAR that Mr. O. L. Hall of Doctortown, Ga., was on his way to his former home in this State. He was on his return instead, and left on the W., C. & A. train to-day for Georgia, where he is engaged in steamboating on the Altamaha river.

- Rev. W. S. Rone called at the STAR office to say tarewell yesterday. He leaves to day, with his family, for Goldsboro, which will be his home herebeen previously announced in the STAR. will be under his charge. During his stay in Wilmington Rev. Mr. Rone won people and will be followed by their wishes for his prosperity and bappiness

wherever he goes. Another Large Back Brought Down. Hunting continues good along the line of the Wilmington, Newbern & paid for always in advance. Norfolk railroad. Mr. Arthur Holmes went up to Folkston Tuesday on a little The Herald's Disputch Bost. huntleg trip, and as a result of his good markmanship a very large buck, weighing one hundred and twenty-five pounds, was sent down to the city by express

LOCAL DOTS

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Roted. - There will be many reminders

in newspapers to-day and to-morrow about "writing it 1897." - The Howard Relief Social Club - The Howard Relief Social Club will give their annual New Year's ball

to-night at Adrian Hall. - Watch night services at Fifth Street Methodist church to-night, beginning at 10.18 o'clock.

- Remember, if you are going to "awear off" for 1897, this is your last day for indulging in "wet groceries." - The STAR learns of a very delightful party given last evening by Miss

Belle Gore to a few of her friends. - The supply of wood has been somewhat limited for the past day or two and prices were higher than usual, - A number of business houses will take advantage of the legal holiday and close their offices and stores to-

- Those of our subscribers who prefer to read the Talmage sermon, printed in the STAR to-day, next Sunday, should not fail to save the paper.

- The British steamship Crathorne, Capt. Lewis, from Las Palmas, December 14, arrived here yesterday, consigned to Mesers. Alex. Sprunt & Son. - Col. J. G. Burr will be glad to have employment as accountant or copylst, or in revising manuscripts on literary or scientific subjects. His quallfications are universally conceded wherever he is known.

- Rev. R. C. Beaman's first appolotment as Pres ding Elder is with his old charge-Fifth Street M. E. churchwhich he served as pastor for three years and where he preaches at his quarterly meeting next Sunday.

- There was a small fire in Mr. I. H. Bunting's drug store on Front street vesterday afternoon, caused by a lighted lamp. The blaze was extinguished with buckets of water. The damage was slight. No alarm was sent in.

- We print on our third page today one of Dr. Talmage's sermons. It is furnished by the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Company, of Cincinnati, with bracches in nine other cities. They guarantee this to be one of the sermons delivered by Dr. Talmage last Sunday.

- Capt, W. P. Oldham has apples "to burn"-a shipment of about 600 bushels from the great State of New York, where the apple crop this year was enormous. There are some sixteen different varieties, of which samples were sent to the STAR office.

BY RIVER AND RAIL Receipts of Maval Stores and Com-Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon 186 bales cotton. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.-100 bales cotton, 82 casks spirits

turpentine, 91 bbls rosin, 69 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine. Carolina Central R. R .- 14 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 284 bb's rosia, 38 bbls tar, 21 bbls crude turpen-

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R .casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar. Steamer A. P. Hurt-38 bales cotton, casks spirits turpentine, 199 bbls rosin

44 bbls tar. Total receipts-Cotton, 282 bales; spirits turpentine, 64 casks; rosin, 574 bbls; tar, 154 bbls; crude turpentine, 26

Orion Lodos's Newly-Elected Officers. Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Noble Grand-Jno. E. Gordon. Vice Grand-Wm. Simpson. Recording Secretary-S. A. Craig. Financial Secretary-Jno. E. Silva. Treasurer-H. O. Craig.

Widow and Orphans Committee-Jno. E. Silva, F. B. Rice, C. W. Stewart. The above, with the appointive offi cers, will be installed on the sixth day of January next.

Endowment Renk M. of P.

The annual meeting of section 221, E. R. K. of P., was held Tuesday night at Castle Hall, No. 25 North Front street, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term : President-H. O. Craig, Stonewall.

Vice President-T. W. Strange, Jef-Secretary and Treasurer-Jas. D. Nutt, Clarendon. Auditing Committee-T. D. Meares

Walker Taylor and John Harr. The Endowment Rank is in a fine condition. It has one hundred mem-

The Christian Herald. Rev. A. R. Craven, of Scott's Hill. with his wife and daughter, passed through the city yesterday en route to Whiteville, having been placed in charge | secretary. of the Whiteville Circuit by the last Conference, The Christian Herald which Rev. Mr. Craven has been editing at Scott's Hill will in the future be pub-

lished at Whiteville. Rev. Mr. Towe-

send, of Whiteville, gives up that circuit to succeed Mr. Craven at Scott's Hill. Hereafter advestisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be | ferson.

sertion; but no advertisement, however | C. Warren, Clarendon; Jao. Haar, Jr., short, will be taken for less than 30 cents | Germania; J. T. Scott, Jefferson. 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

The yacht Advance, New York Herald's dispatch boat, has been hauled up on the beach at Federal Point, where she went ashore Sunday night, for the purpose of recaulking her seams.

THE TALMAGE SERMONS.

"A letter before us from the Americ Press Association advises us that other paper in Wilmington can get Talmage's sermons as long as the M senger holds the exclusive franchise their use in this city. For years to sermons have been a prominent of popular feature of Sunday's Messen popular feature of Sunday's Message and will continue to be. Other sermo of Talmage, that were old, have be printed, and will, no doubt, be printagain, but we desire to remind a readers that the sermons appearing readers that the sermons appearing in this paper are the very latest prepared by this distinguished preacher. The lact is, the sermon in this morning's Messenger is the one to be delivered by Dr. Talmage to-day at 11 o'clock, so that our readers can always read the sermons each respective Sanday on which they are delivered.

"As long as the patrons of the Messenger enjoy them they will be published by us, as we do not mind the additional expense"—only 25 cents per column."—

expense'—only 25 cents per column."— Wilmington Messenger of Sanday.

The article quoted above was simed at the STAR; and its evident purpose was to discredit the aggouscement previously made in this paper to the effect that if any considerable number of our subscribers would notify us of a desire to read the Talmage sermons (one every week), their wishes would be gratified. Moreover, the article of the Missenger contained an Insinuation, as we construe it, that if the STAR printed any of the Talmage sermons they would be "old

Now, first, let us ask if the Messenger was not laboring under a mental hallucluation when it said: "No other paper in Wilmington can get Dr. Talmage's sermons as long as the Messenger holds the exclusive franchise for their use in this city." This statement, that paper tells us, is based on a letter tion, But the American Press Association could not sell the "exclusive franchise for the use of these sermons" to any newspaper in the United States. or elsewhere, and for the simple reason that the sermons are not copyrighted. That Association can contract with any one newspaper in a city to give it the exclusive right to the use of the sermons it issues in plate form ("only 25 cents per column"); but any other corporation or individual can supply the sermons as plate-matter, or otherwise, immediately after-but not before-Dr.

almage has delivered the But the painful conclusion seems inevitable that our esteemed contemporary is the victim of another delusion. It tells its readers substantially in the article we quote, that it has the right to print Dr. Talmage's sermons several hours before that distinguished gentleman steps into the pulpit to deliver them. And it did so print one '(whether right or wrong) on Sunday, the 18th, and another on Sunday, the 20th. But wast was "the matter with Hannah" last Sunday, the 27th? Why did the Me senger appear on that day shorn of its asual Sunday proportions, dressed by its ordinary every-day small-clothes, and, with no the sermons each respective Sunday on

Talmage sermon at al? It had promised its readers that they should "always read which they are delivered." This must have been a great disappointment to the readers of the Messenger, and they no doubt marvelled that our esteemed contemporary vouchsa'ed them not one word of explanation. In all our long experience in journalism we have never known a minister or

public man to permit the publication of his sermons or speeches before their actual delivery. What such an arrangement might result in is shown by the following incident: In the Messenger's article of the 18th, copied above, it says: "The fact is, the sermon in this morning's Messenger is to be delivered by Dr. Talmage to-day at 11 o'clock." But "the fact is," at the very hour the Messenger had Dr. Talmage preaching a sermon in Washington, he was in the city of Richmond hearing a sermon from that eminent divine, Rev. Moses D. Hoge. Both the Dispatch and the Times of Tuesday, the 15th, mention the fact that Dr. Talmage spent Sunday. the 18th, in Richmond. We quote from

the Times of the 15th : "Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, the eminent Brooklyn divine, and one of the most eloquent of America's many gifted men, spent Sunday in Richmond the guest of his daughter. Mrs Allan E. Dongan. So quietly did the distinguished visitor arrive that but lew knew of his coming, and no one recognized the gray-haired gentleman who sat in the audience at Dr. Hoge's church Sunday morning as one of America's greatest pulpit orators.
"At night he attended Dr. Kerr's church, again taking his seat in the

KNIGHTS OF PITHIAS

Arrangements for Public Installation Officers to Take Place Monday Night. A meeting of the joint committee, representing the four lodges Knights of Pythias, was held last evening at Jefferson Lodge, No. 61.

Mr. W. P. Oldham, of Clarendon Lodge, was called to the chair and Mr. A. S. Holden, of Jefferson Lodge, was

The following sub-committees were appointed : Music-A. S. Holden.

Refreshments-Geo. G. Lewis, Stonevall No. 1; H. W. Collins, Clarendon No. 2; H. H. Gieschen, Germania No. 4; A. D. Berkheimer, Jefferson No. 61. Decorations-J. R. Turrentine, Jr., Stonewall; J. P. Quelch, Clarendon; J. W. Dals, Germania; J. C. Morrison, Jef-

Mr. Washington Catlett, Grand Chancellor of the domain of this State, will be the installing officer.

W. H. Yopp, Stonewall: G.

Zeb Vance division U. R. K. of P., has been invited to attend in full uni-The installation will take place Monday night at 8 o'clock, in Castle Hall, North Front street.

Christmas German-L'Arloss Club. Wilmington's oldest german club,

L'Ariosa, gave its Christmas german last evening in Germania Hall, and a magnificent and fashionable one it was. At 18 o'clock a most sumptuous repast was served by the King's Daughters. After the supper each lady was presented with a handsome souvenir-a red silk emery, shape of a strawberry, with silver top and a red tassel.

The couples who participated in the dance were Mr. Harry Mclihenny, Miss Eliza Potter; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr. 2d; Mr. Geo. Chadbourn, Miss Agnes Foy; Mr. Geo. Peschau, Miss Annie Busbee; Mr. Pride Thomas, Miss Lucille Murchison; Mr. Arthur Belden, Miss Wilmerding; Mr. E. K. Calder, Mrs. Nye; Mr. Bradley, Miss Mary Busbee; Mr. Sharrer, Miss Sallie Potter; Mr. W. S. Howard, Miss Lola Martin; Mr. Ed Munson, Miss May Latimer; Mr. Geo. Elliott, Miss Kate Prescott; Mr. Wm. Atkinson, Baroness Poisson: Mr. and Mrs. Owen F. Love, Mr. Walter Daggett, Miss Rhes Daugett; Mr. Hugh Miller, Mrs. Herbert Borden; Mr. Beverly Mason, Miss Dena Angel; Mr. E. H. McKoy, Miss Oberia Rogers Mr. Wm. Dick, Miss Nellie Draper; Mr. Chase, Miss Mary Calder; Mr. Frank Stedman, Miss Kate Cantwell; Mr. DeKay, Miss Josephine Sharrer; Mr. Henry Johnson, Miss Busbee; Mr. Percy Munson, Miss Alice Green; Mr. Gaston Myers, Miss Agnes Foy; Mr. Thorpe, Miss May Meares; Mr. Robert French. Miss Mary Lilly Kenan; Mr. Milton Elliott, Miss Brady: Mr. Alex Adrian, Miss Bessie Gibson; Mr. W. G. Clark, Miss Sophie Busbee; Mr. Fleming, Miss Hannah Bolles; Mr. Chas. Chadbourn, Miss Abbie

Chadbourn. The visiting ladics present were Baroness Poisson, of London; Miss Kate Prescott, of Weldon; Miss Operia Rogers of Waynesville; Miss Brady, of Fayetteville: Miss Wilmerding, of Suwance, Tenn., and the three Misses Busbee, of Raleigh.

The Vaiting gentlemen were Mr Fleming of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. DeKay, of New York; Mr. Bradley, of New Haven, Conn., and Messrs. W. S. Howard, W. G. Clark and Henry Johnson, of Tarboro.

Attempted to Break Into Bunting's Brook-

lyn Pharmacy. Mr. B. C. Moore is clerk at J. Hicks Bunting's Brooklyn Pharmacy, and sleeps in a room at the rear of the building. Yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock, he was aroused by the sound of breaking glass. He hurried from his room towards the door, and saw a negro trying to force an entrance. All of one of the panes of glass in the door, except a small piece in one corner had been removed, and, falling on the floor, had made the noise which awakened Mr.

The clerk was just a little flurried. but had presence of mind enough to remember that a pistol might be of use in such an emergency and retreated to his room to procure one. On his return he found that the burglar had stooped so government has the greatest abundance that no part of his body was visible except his hand with which he was trying n the door. Soon, however, the negro arose and

resented a fair target for Mr. Moore, out the latter thought better to frighten than kill, and fired at the lower part of the door, upon which the would-be burglar made off down the street, leaving a file fifteen inches long, which he had used in prying out the glass. Colored policemen Louis Gyar and

oseph Sharp have the Brooklyn beat at night, but they were literally invisible until about thirty minutes after Mr. Moore had put the burglar to flight. THE ENCHANTED CASTLE.

in Biolovable Estertal ment by the Sunday School of St. Thomas' Church. A cantata, "The Euchanted Castle. in three acts, was excellently rendered

by members of the Sunday school of St. Thomas' Church at an entertainment given last evening in the parochial school building, South Fifth street. The characters in the play were peronated as follows: Santa Claus, Rob Banks; Inti, Jao. Meier; Starlight, Miss Louise Banks; Peace, Miss Flossie Wal-

lace; Love, Miss Nellie Corbett; Joy; Miss Elise Neilson; Happiness, Miss Nellie Galloway: Content, Miss Tessie Quinlivan. Chorus-Misses Katle Hayden, Annie Lockiaw, Eddie Reilly, Willie Gause, Joe Peel. Fairies-Queen, Miss Alice Reilly Misses Nellie Cammariero, Sadie Green, Annie Buamer, Agnes Price,

Louise Price, Bessie Price, Annie Strickland, Mattie Strickland, Annie Lacy, Rosa Bate, Rosa Gilican, Ella Humphreys, Mary Hayden. News boys and girls-Dan Quinlivan,

Willie Bates, Joe Quinlivan, Matt Meier, May Lacy. Esquimaux-Isadora Lockfaw, Joe Gillican.

Aladin-Joe Quinlivan. Sinbad the Sailor-Dan Quinlivan.

Watching the Old Year Out and the New Year In. The old custom of watch-night ser vices will be observed at Grace Methodist E. Church to-night, commencing at eleven o'clock and continuing until a few minutes past twelve, ushering in the

last hour of the dying year in a becoming manner and in religious worship. Several church bells will ring at twelve o'clock to-night indicating the arrival of 1897.

Funeral of the Late B. L. Dixon. The funeral of ex-policeman R. Dixon, who died Tuesday last, took place yesterday atternoon from Fifth Street M. E. church. The remains were interred in Bellevue Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Wm. Simpson, - Mr. B. H. Scott accepts a posi- T. J. Gore, Lewis Salling, L. A. Hewlett, tion with Mr. S. P. McNair to-morrow. Eli Batson, B. J. McClammy.

A DASTARDLY DEED.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK THE VESTIBULE TRAIN ON THE S. A. L.

A Preight Precipitated Down a Righ Em bankment-Five Men Killed-Engineer Injured-North Carolina State Guard-Annual Report of the Adjutant General. [Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH. N. C., Dec. 80.

Probably the most dastardly deed ever attempted in this State was the effort to wreck the Seaboard's Atlanta and Washington vestibule, southbound, at a point one mile west of the city last night at 1.30 o'clock. Train-wrecking seems to have become epidemic in the South. Had the vestibule not been an hour late the train, composed of seven cars and fi led with people, would have been precipitated down a steep embankment, thirty feet high. As it was, a freight train running on the vestibule's schedule, left the track. The engine and ten cars went down the embankment, being completely wrecked. The fireman, John Overby, a colored man, fell under the engine. His body, which was terribly mangled, having been burned and scalded, was not secured until 8 o'clock this morning.

Engineer John Robinson went down

with the wreck, but jumped from under the flying cars. His injuries were three

Mr. Robinson walked to Raleigh, and brought the news of the wreck. Spikes had been drawn from the rail, which was left open. The work was that of vandals, who evidently intended to wreck and rob the vestibule. Four tramps were put off the mail train yesterday near the point of the wreck. It s thought they did the work.

The Adjutant General has completed his annual report and submitted it to the Governor. It says: The general condition of the Guard is excellent. As far as practicable, inefficient commands have been weeded out and all possible means adopted for making the force a thoroughly reliable, efficient military To make the National Guard of North

Carolina second to none in point of

practical efficiency in spite of direct attacks and persistent opposition, has been the constant aim and desire of the present administration. With what success, the present condition of the Guard must On several different occasions during the past year the State guard was called out at the request of the civil authorities to enforce the law and prevent riot and met and trouble and bloodshed averted.

Commenting on this General Cameron says: "I can think of no stronger argument in favor of fostering and maintaining a well organized and efficient State guard than the object lessons presented by the increasing demand for their services every year." The Adjutant General commends the practical marches, as taken by the Fourth Regiment. Despite the adverse report of the commanding officer of the U. S S Amphitrite, relative to the naval reserves of this State, the reports of others

would clearly indicate that they had accomplished fully as much, if not more, than ever before. The present available force of the Guard consists of twenty-eight companies of infantry and three divisions of naval reserves. The Adjutant General says the armament is not satisfactory Application has been made without success for Springfield rifles, though the

coupled with known practical results o

these practice cruises this Summer

The Adjutant General recommends an annual appropriation sufficient to to remove the piece of glass remaining pay armory feats, expenses of encampment and marches; appropriation for medals of suitable design and inscription for service and marksmanship; the abolition of stationary annual encamp ments and substitute for them practica marches to cover at least six days; examinations as requisite for commissions of officers; the exchange of the monitor Nantucket for a smaller or lighter vessel, capable of entering the shallow waters of our sounds; increase the salary of Adjutant General.

The report shows that the Guard is better equipped and armed than ever be-fore. The former administration left a debt of \$2 250. This has been paid and a surplus remains. The entire Guard is equipped for six months service and could be put in the field on four hours notice. There have been eighty applica tions to organize companies since Feb. ruary 1898. Service strips are issued as the men become entitled to them.

[Special Star Telegram.] President McIver, of the Normal School, is here, and has drawn a bill which will be presented to a special meeting of the Teachers' Assembly committeemen and other educators. It provides for district superintendents of public instruction; each district to

consist of a group of counties. President McIver's report on the State Normal and Industrial School shows that 486 students are present, and that there is an earnest demand for increased accommodation [By Southern Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, N.C., December 30 .- There

is positive evidence that in the wreck

of the train on the Seaboard Air

and fish plates taken from it have been found near the wreck and the spikes had been freshly pulled. An iron crowbar has also been found concealed in the woods. The bar is the property of the Southern Railway and had been stolen Tracks of two men have been found leading from the point where the rail was removed. Bloodhounds have been sent for. Superintendent Moncure says there is no doubt that an attempt was made to wreck the vestibule train. Railway officials deny that four tramps were put off the train yesterday at the place where the wreck occurred. It is learned that two other attempts at wrecking by placing obstacles on the track have been made within three miles of Raleigh within the past ten days. Engineer Robertson says that this morning, a second before reaching the misplaced rail he saw something was new year. A cordial invitation is extended to those wishing to spend the parallel those of the Southern Railway and the former has used the latter's track to-day between Raleigh and Cary. Some of the wrecked cars were thrown on the Southern's tracks.

Bloodbounds arrived late this after noon from the penitentiary farms near Weldon and were immediately put on the trail. They went in a northerly di-- Joseph Simon, a Syrlan, was be-

fore Justice Bunting vesterday morning charged with disorderly conduct. He was adjudged guilty, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs of **WHOLE NO. 9.075**

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WILL NOT CHARGE PIRACY.

should the Three Friends, However, Again Take Out an Expedition She Would Be Treated as a Pirate. [By Telegraph to the Herald.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- I understand that it is not the intention of the Spanish legation to press the State Department for the trial of the alleged filibustering steamer Three Friends on the charge of piracy. According to information received the stories about the vessel's encounter with Spanish ships are greatly exaggerated, and the legation does not regard the recent episode as in any way changing the status of

that vessel. The legation will expect the administration authorities to try the Vessel for violation of the neutrality laws, and it is expected that she will not be released under bond, as was done some months ago. Should she get away, however, with another expedition and reach Cuban waters, every effort will be made to capture her, and if successful she will be treated as a municipal pirate, as was done in the case of the Competitor. For fear of complications with the United States, it is not expected that

any attempt will be made by Spanish ressels to take the Three Friends of the nigh seas, unless the pursuit should begin in Cuban waters. In this event the United States could not interfere. Attorney General Harmon left last night on a shooting trip, and Assistant Attorney Whitney, who has charge of the Cuban matters, under his general supervision, told me that it had been lecided to allow the district attorney at Jacksonville to prosecute the Three Friends without additional instruction from the department.

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