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Port Almanac—February 6

Sun Rises	6.58 A M
Sun Sets	5 31 P M
Day's Length	10 h 20 m
High Water at Southport	11 07 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1.50 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 6.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 35°; 8 p. m., 48°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 33°; mean, 44°.

Rainfall for the day, T. rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.25.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 4.—At 8 a m the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 27. feet.

OUTLINES.

Senate and House—The Nicaragua Canal bill discussed in the Senate; the Watson-Black contested case considered in the House. —— The battleship Indiana, unable to stand the heavy seas, returned to Hampton Roads. —— The North-western National Bank, of Great Falls, Mont., failed to open its doors yesterday morning; the directors have discovered a defalcation of about $27,-000. —— Bradstreet's review of the market—General trade retarded by the weather; wheat, corn and petroleum advanced in prices, business failures. —— Grain and provisions—Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade. —— Spots and futures—Net receipts at the ports; New York *Sun's* review of the cotton market. —— The New York Legislative committee investigating the sugar trust. —— Consul General Lee has a prisoner released at Havana, Cuba. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent; cotton steady—muddling 7 5 16c; Southern flour dull and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot dull but steady, No. 2 red free on board 94¼c; corn—spot dull and easier, No. 2 28⅝c at elevator and 29⅞c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine firm at 28½@29c.

State Geologist Holmes says there is mica enough in North Carolina to supply the United States for an indefinite period.

It is repeated that a London Syndicate has an eye on the Cincinnati breweries, and has offered $9,000,-000 for the batch.

Mr. Guthrie declares that he is still a Populist if he knows "what a Populist is." He writes like a man who is no right sure that he does.

The new tariff builders expect an increase $60,000,000 of revenue from it. To put that $60,000,000 in the Treasury the people will have to shell out about $160,000,000.

At home the Kansas farmers warm up on corn, but when they go to town and want to warm up on corn juice it takes about three bushels of corn to get up a moderate degree of warmth.

A Canadian editor named Tardivel wants a poet to pay him $50,000 for something he (the poet) wrote about him. But he should remember that it isn't easy to make decent rhyme to a name like that.

Mr. Moody says "Heaven is a city like New York." This is the first intimation we have had that Mr. Moody was stuck on New York. But how will he explain this remark when he goes to Boston or Chicago?

A gold standard contemporary remarks that "there never was a Democratic party in Idaho." There is probably a good deal of truth wrapped up in that remark, judging from the capers at the late Senatorial election.

The legal rate of interest in Kansas has been reduced from 10 to 8 per cent. With oats 20 cents, potatoes 15 cents a bushel, and corn being used for fuel, the statesmen concluded that 8 per cent. was about as much as the average farmer could pay.

In reply to the charges of corrupt methods pursued to secure his election, as made by Senator Butler, Senator Pritcard rises to remark that all he has to say is that Butler's charge is a "deliberate misstatement and a falsehood from beginning to end." And he said it with snap, too.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hon. James Wilson, Mr. McKinley's Secretary of Agriculture, is a Scotchman by birth. Being in the Cabinet would put him in the line for the Presidency, but as there would be several vacancies to create before that contingency could present itself, his foreign birth need not be a cause of embarrassment.

The reports from the ground-hog, as far as heard, are favorable.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. SANDERS—It is lard.
OPERA HOUSE—Sisson's Comedy Co.
OPERA HOUSE—Scottish Reformation

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Bank stock.
FOR RENT—Truck farm.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Col. D. S. Cowan was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. N. Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. Hall, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. D. Bradshaw, of Rose Hill, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Stephen L. Crocker, of Middlebury, N. C., was registered here yesterday.

— Dr. L. W. Robinson, of Wallace, was one of the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. Alexander Evans, of Antreyville, was visiting wholesale merchants here yesterday.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—18 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—19 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 375 bbls rosin, 71 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—2 bales cotton, 26 casks spirits turpentine, 51 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—16 casks spirits turpentine, 214 bbls rosin, 32 bbls tar, 52 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Minnie Ward—10 casks spirits turpentine, 81 bbls rosin.

Schooner Gold Leaf—5 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 10 bbls tar.

Schooner Samuel—1 bale cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls rosin, 138 bbls tar.

Schooner Ruth, Jr.—77 bbls rosin; 23 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 45 bales; spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 809 bbls; tar, 276 bbls; crude turpentine, 58 bbls.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the Convenience of Subscribers the Star Prints the Latest Corrected List of Fire Alarm Boxes.

Box 13—Wilmington Compress.
Box 14—Nutt and Brunswick.
Box 123—Standard Oil Company.
Box 15—Parsley's Mill.
Box 16—Fourth and Brunswick.
Box 17—Fifth and Nixon.
Box 18—Seventh and Harnett.
Box 19—Eighth and Hanover.
Box 21—Champion Compress.
Box 23—Water and Chesnut.
Box 24—Front and Red Cross.
Box 25—Front and Mulberry.
Box 26—Third and Red Cross.
Box 27—Third and Princess.
Box 28—Fourth and Mulberry.
Box 31—Fore & Foster's Mill.
Box 32—Sixth and Princess.
Box 34—Seventh and Mulberry.
Box 35—Ninth and Chesnut.
Box 41—Market and Water.
Box 42—Dawson and Surry.
Box 43—Front and Orange.
Box 45—Northrop's Mill.
Box 46—Third and Nun.
Box 47—Third and Wooster.
Box 48—Fifth and Orange.
Box 49—Fifth and Castle.
Box 412—Kidder's Mill.
Box 51—Seventh and Nun.
Box 52—Seventh and Queen.
Box 53—Eighth and Market.
Box 54—Twelfth and Market.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Mrs. Currie, the relic of the late John A. Currie, died in Rockingham yesterday. Her remains will be brought down on the Carolina Central this morning.

— Information has been received here of the death on yesterday morning of Mr. James Draughan, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Sampson county, living near Clinton.

— The regular services of the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men are specially invited. All welcome.

— Luther Williams and Kitty Campbell, both colored, were before Justice Buting yesterday charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, but were adjudged not guilty and discharged.

— Deputy Sheriffs Wm. Guyon and Wm. Fonfield yesterday morning arrested Simon Pence and Simpson Hayner, colored, at Powers & Gibbs' guano factory, on a warrant charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon.

— It is important that city subscribers notify us of all failures of carriers to delivers their papers. Call at or send a postal to the STAR office whenever you miss your paper. Carriers who do not attend to their duties will be promptly discharged.

— A colored woman, M. Scott, from Acorn Branch, was before a commission *de lunatico inquirendo* yesterday afternoon. The commission, Dr. Shepard and Justices Bunting and McGowan, adjudged her insane and ordered her sent to the colored insane asylum at Raleigh.

— The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Dixon took place yesterday afternoon from Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim conducting the service. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. K. Bell, J. W. Hewett, D. C. Ellis, Jordan Branch, W. H. Hardy and B. A. McClammy. The remains were interred in Bellevue cemetery.

— Mr. John A. Oates, Jr., of Fayetteville, managing editor of the *North Carolina Baptist*, was in the city yesterday. The *Baptist* will probably be published daily in this city during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Editor Oates is already in correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of making advertising contracts.

— Manager Schloss will offer two fine attractions to the theatre-goers this month. Primrose & West's celebrated minstrels will come to the Opera House Wednesday night, February 17th, to be followed the next evening, February 18th, by Loie Fuller, the famous danseuse, in conjunction with Eliason, the well known magician. Both of the above attractions are among the finest on the road, and will no doubt play here to standing room.

THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION.

A Grand Spectacular Representation of Historical Facts at the Opera House Next Monday and Tuesday Evenings at 8 O'clock.

The participants in this entertainment are very anxious for their public exhibition to be a grand success. Regardless of the weather there has been full attendance at rehearsals and to-night is the grand final and then everything will be ready for Monday evening. Mrs. Monroe is expected from Newbern to-day.

The allegorical drill, consisting of about one hundred people. They are all well up in their work. The characters will be very good.

The quarrel of the Puritan men and students will be settled by psalm singing.

The Court will be a fine display of talent, good clothes and military effects.

Miss Gibson, as Queen Mary, could not well be better, and Mr. C. H. Robinson, as John Knox, is certainly well presented. W. F. Robertson, as Lord James Stuart, takes his part in a fine manner. Hugh Miller, as Lord Burleigh, could not be excelled. Walter Huff, as French Minister, W. Atkinson, as Spanish Minister, Andrew Howell, as Sir Erskine of Dun, Herbert Cooper, as Lord Letherington, are all good in their acting.

Edward Huggins and Alex. Hall act as priest and advisors to the queen.

Master Earl Crosswell and little Miss Kay Sneed are to be the queen's pages.

The ladies of the Court are Misses Mary Lily Kenan, Elsie Calder, Annie Bowden, Kate Burnett, Mrs. John Frank and Mrs. Andrew Howell. Miss Kenan will sing "When the Mists Have Cleared Away," the Court joining the chorus, making a beautiful and appropriate ending to the great trial scene. Mary on her way to execution surrounded by her maids and her faithful Hannah Kennedy, personated by Mrs. Andrew Howell, will be a sad sight. Her maids will be the Misses Lizzie Peck, Martha Williams, Julia Hill, Mary Northrop, Bessie May Gibson and Mrs. Arrendale. The sorrow shown by these maids is keenly felt by many of them as they sympathize with the unfortunate queen.

The ladies of Westminster League are delighted with the progress made in rehearsals and their outlook for success.

Mr. Edgar E. Turlington Married.

Mr. Edgar E. Turlington, formerly of this city, but now of Elmira, N. Y., was united in marriage on the 26th of January to Miss Lillie Rebecca Rouse, of New Jersey. The ceremony was performed amidst a large gathering of friends at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. James S. McKenzie, No. 29 West Eighty-ninth street. A reception was there tendered the bridal party, after which Mr. and Mrs. Turlington left en route for a bridal tour through the South.

The Phonograph will cure the blues. No. 108 Market street. †

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Adjourned Meeting—Petitions Presented and Acted Upon—Report of City Clerk and Treasurer.

Pursuant to previous adjournment the Board of Aldermen met last night at 8 o'clock. Those present were Aldermen Maunder, Gore, VonGlahn, Cameron, Meares, Springer, Nixon, Walker, Mayor W. N. Harriss presiding.

The Streets and Wharves Committee reported work going on in all parts of the city, particularly and extensively on Princess street.

Alderman Meares moved that the sum of $330 be paid Mr. Wm. A. Wright, a judgment against the city for that amount having been given by a board of arbitration upon Mr. Wright's claims for the removal by the city of a large amount of clay from his premises. It was also moved to pay $15 to the board of arbitration, which consisted of Mr. W. F. Robertson for the city, Mr. W. M. Cumming for Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrew Smith, umpire.

Petition of Mrs. L. Rothwell to have buildings used for school purposes exempted from taxation by the city was granted.

The clerk read a petition from the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad requesting permission to run three or more lines of track out of the block at corner of Tenth and Orange. Attorneys Ricaud and Bryan appeared for the railroad. One of the city ordinances, however, requires that petitions of such a nature shall have ten days' previous advertisement in the newspapers, and on motion of Alderman Meares the Ordinance Committee was instructed to prepare an ordinance, and also a special meeting of the Board called for Tuesday, February 16, to take action.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., appeared before the Board, asking the body to appoint a committee to co-operate with like committees appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Commissioners in taking steps for the improvement of the Nixon street road. Mr. Chadbourn thought that the farming interest around Wilmington, which is yearly assuming larger proportions, demanded good roads into the city.

On motion the Committee on Streets and Wharves was instructed to confer with the committees already named.

Petition to overlook a difference of a few feet in the matter of the extension of wharf by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Champion Compress was granted.

The Committee on Lights was asked to take under consideration a petition to erect an oil lamp at the corner Sixth and Queen streets.

A claim for $5.000 damages on account of injuries received by Sallie Halsey, in falling through Sixth street bridge, was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to the clerk to secure more specific information, physician's certificate, etc.

The claim of Mr. Jos. S. Sneeden for $150 for the loss of one bay mare, injured in such a way at the fountain at the intersection of Front and Market streets as to render killing her a necessity, was, on motion of Alderman Gore, referred to the Mayor to investigate, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The petition of the Cape Fear Lumber Company that a fire alarm box be placed at their office was referred to the Fire Committee.

The following petitions were granted:

To Rebecca Wilkins, to rebuild a one-story tin-roof house on corner of Sixteenth and Dock streets.

To William Mercer, to build a frame house on block 248.

To W. F. Alexander, to erect a small stable at rear of residence on Princess, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

To W. W. Sellers, to erect a wood house on Third, between Bladen and Harnett streets.

To Silvia & Savage, contractors, to build a one-story and a two-story house on west side of Second, between Ann and Orange streets.

To Mrs. Mary F. VanAmringe, to erect a two-story house with tin roof.

To Mr. W. J. Meredith, to erect a stable on North Second street, between Chesnut and Princess.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to prepare special forms for use in applications for permission to build.

Alderman Walker made a request that the cistern at the corner of Seventh and Swann streets be filled. It was ordered, on motion, that this and other cisterns be filled.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer Rice for the month of January showed a balance on hand January 1st of $42 954 51; receipts, $31,301 81; due the city, $33,-953 60; expenditures, $9.000.91.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

SEACOAST RAILROAD COMPANY

Will Remove Into New Quarters on Orange Street.

The Seacoast Railroad Company will soon abandon their offices on Tenth and Princess streets for more suitable ones on Orange street, near Seventh, as the company owns considerable property in that vicinity. They will also move their yard and station to this new locality, which is on a direct line with the Street Railway Company. The STAR understand that a force of hands are now at work laying a track from the Seacoast Railroad, corner of Tenth and Ann streets, to the corner of Orange and Ninth streets.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the road shortly, and then something more definite will no doubt be learned.

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

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

GOV. RUSSELL'S MESSAGE IN REGARD TO LEASE OF THE N. C. RAILROAD.

The Seaboard Air Line Wants to Bid on It—Majority Populists Desert to the Minority.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5—Bills were introduced in the House to prohibit the sale of liquor in one mile of Saint's Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Craven county, twelve hours before or after service; to provide for election of cotton weighers at Fremont and Mount Olive by the County Commissioners of Wayne; to exempt certain benevolent orders from insurance tax and supervision, this including Masons, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias, Progressive Endowment Guild, Royal Benefit Society, International Fraternal Alliance, Knights of Honor, or other benevolent associations; to provide for annual election by Commissioners of Wayne of cotton seed weigher at Goldsboro oil mill, with a salary of $600; to provide for a cigarette dispensary similar to the Waynesville dispensary.

The bill to establish a uniform standard of time for the State was tabled.

The bill raising a committee to consider the reduction of salaries to conform to farm products was passed.

On motion of Mr. Duffy the resolution in the Broughton-Young contest, from Wake, calling for immediate action was taken up. The majority reported in favor of giving more time for Young to begin taking testimony—in other words, in favor of tabling the resolution. The minority report favored taking up the matter at once. Duffy spoke in favor of speedy action, saying that if February 15 was chosen it would be so long before the matter was disposed of that the session would be at an end and justice be perverted. He charged the Republicans with gross inconsistency and unfairness in continuing from day to day this matter; that it was a case of moral cowardice and fear. The resolution was tabled by a vote of 61 to 32.

The bill to make ten hours a day's labor in all factories employing five persons was tabled by a large majority.

By Mr. Newsom, a bill to amend the insurance laws of the State; to amend the Code in regard to attorneys. This bill limits speeches of lawyers in certain cases.

Bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate for the protection of educational and other interests in the State: Prohibiting certain games of chance; to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor within three miles of King Hiram Lodge, Cumberland county; to repeal chapter 10, Laws of 1893, in relation to concealed weapons; Grant's bill to appoint a standing committee of three to prepare the calendar each day was tabled.

The following bills passed: To establish a stock law in parts of White Oak township, Bladen county; to incorporate the Moore County & Northern Railroad; to allow the commissioners of Richmond county to levy a special tax.

The Senate went into a short executive session on receipt of the Governor's message. The Governor transmitted a special message to the Legislature relative to the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and embodying correspondence with President Hoffman, of the Seaboard. President Hoffman, in replying to a letter from the Governor requesting a bid for twenty years lease, wrote a letter to him under date of February 2d, in which he says, in part: "It is most gratifying to receive assurances from you of the likelihood of our being allowed to participate with competing lines in submitting a bid for the operation of State's property, a privilege not heretofore accorded us, although we have heretofore been, as we are to-day, prepared to submit a bid which is an advance of the amount paid by the present lessees and figure more consistent with its value. In the event of present lease being annulled our company would be willing to lease the property in its entirety at an annual rental of four hundred thousand dollars, which is equivelent to ten per cent. The North Carolina Railroad would prove a valuable adjunct to the Seaboard, not only benefitting the latter company, but affording the people that competition which is most essential to the upbuilding of any State or community. Should we acquire control, we would handle the trains of the present lessee over such portions of the line as desired upon the payment of charges not in excess of amounts paid out by them to other lines in this section for similar accommodations or upon such terms is usual in such cases."

Governor Russell says in his message: "The assertion of the Seaboard's President that the company was not allowed to participate in competing lines in submitting a bid and that this fact was known to the President and Directors of the North Carolina Railroad before the ninety-nine years lease was consummated, is startling. There appeared in this transaction an indication of undue haste and indefensible secrecy. If this allegation be sustained by proofs, the courts of equity would nullify the ninety-nine year lease on the ground of palpable and flagrant fraud. Any director or other trustee who would sell or lease property belonging to his fiduciaries when he knew that he could get a better price, would be rebuked and removed and the transaction itself be vitiated by the equity courts. If we advance in material development, as we hope and believe we will, at the end of the twenty years the State will have in this railroad a property that may be of great value to its people in reducing taxation or in augmenting the school fund. There is good reason to believe that the Seaboard would pay not only ten per cent., but also the operating expenses and the taxes, State, county and municipal, of the North Carolina Railroad. This bid of ten per cent. may be greatly increased by those who want property and by those who not only want it, but must have it because it is indispensable to them. If the General Assembly, in its wisdom, prefers not to authorize the sale in any event, that much can be stricken from the bill without weakening or impairing the efficiency or force of its general scheme. That scheme is to make such laws as are necessary to get for the property what it is worth. My own best judgment is that the stock should be sold unless better terms may be had by lease. No one railroad or line or system should be permitted to acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise any competitive railroad or line or system. I earnestly recommend that the measure relating to that subject which has passed the House be enacted into law. The State has a large interest in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad. It is entirely practicable to compel lessees or purchasers of the North Carolina Railroad to take the State's interest in the Atlantic road, provided the General Assembly will authorize lease or sale of the Atlantic Railroad and pass the measures necessary to enable the State to get the value for its property."

The majority jumpers, Speaker Hileman, Senators Maxwell, Person and Whitener, joined the minority caucus to-night.

At a meeting held in Hileman's room action on the committee's report as to the division of offices was deferred until to-morrow night. The caucus agreed to abolish the office of enrolling clerk, held by Swinson, and create an office. Swinson wrote a letter to the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker protesting against the appointment of clerks to supervise his office.

Permanent Democratic headquarters are to be established here this week. Secretary Thompson will be in charge.

At the Opera House.

By special request the Sission Comedy Company presented last night, for the second time this week, that piece which our favorite comedian has met with so much success, "The Colonel," to a large and appreciative audience. The leading comedy role was in the hands of Mr. Sisson, and it is useless to tell the Wilmington people that it was in good hands, for they know too well this gentleman's ability as an actor.

Miss Wallace, in the character of *Diana Simple*, succeeded, as she has done every night, in captivating her audience and everybody declares she is a drawing card. Miss Dorothy Reepine, as *Mrs. Honora Gingelethorpe*, the *Colonel* and Mr. Joseph A. Kerr, as *Simmons*, were well up in their respective roles and showed conclusively that they had the right conception of their parts, in fact they were all bang up and proved themselves once more to be an A No. 1 company.

This afternoon the company will present at the matinee "Nannette," and Mr. Sisson will take his favorite character, *William A.*

To night the company will close their engagement by presenting a triple bill, which consists of three separate and distinct comedies, in which Mr. Sisson and Miss Wallace appear to advantage. Matinee prices 10 and 25 cents. Seats for to-night on sale at Gerken's.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE

On the New Lease of the North Carolina Road, Embodying President Hoffman's (of the Seaboard Air Line) Letter.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.

Governor Russell will transmit a message to the Legislature this evening on the new lease of the North Carolina roard, embodying President Hoffman's (of the Seaboard Air Line) letter for the lease of the North Carolina road at ten per cent. per annum.

The conference committees of the Republicans and the minority Populists were in session until a late hour last night engaged in the delightful occupation of parcelling out the pie. Two changes were made in the division, as published in the STAR Thursday. The Republicans took the Eastern Asylum at Goldsboro and the Populists the Eastern Judgeship. This action was taken by the Populists for Walter Henry's benefit.

The penitentiary is still causing much dissatisfaction among the loving admirers and followers of Senator Pritchard. Broker and Abernathy, members of the Populist conference committee, voted against the committee report giving the Republicans the penitentiary. The Populists seem bent on having the penitentiary.

Major Grant will introduce a resolution in the Senate to-day providing for the appointment of a steering committee of three, who shall prepare a calender and map out a programme of legislation, and no bill or resolution shall take preference to those on the calender as prepared by the steering committee. Representative Hancock says the same thing will be done in the House.

It can be readily imagined that the object of this appointment of the steering committee is to rush through partisan legislation. All bills which make a change in the various institutions will be given preference.

Marshall Mott and some other Republicans are red hot because of the tardiness of the conference committees in parcelling out the offices.

Governor Russell will in all probability make reply to the attack made on him by Senator Butler.

Death of a Former Resident.

Mr. T. F. Bagley, secretary of Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M., received a telegram yesterday from Detroit, Mich., stating that E. W. Swensen had died in that city. Mr. Swensen was a true and faithful member of Wilmington Lodge, and resided in Wilmington several years ago, being in the Revenue Marine service.

Have you heard the Phonograph? Everything new, No. 108 Market street. †

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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.

The Churches.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. R. A. Willis, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m in the lecture room. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Class meeting at 6.45 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

Market Street M. E Church, next to corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev T. H. Sutton, pastor. Services every Sunday a 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m Class meeting at 9.30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7.30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. H Hoge, pastor. Divine service at 11 a. m and 8.00 p m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7.30 in the primary room. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m.. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m and 7 30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. J. B Harrell, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p m. Weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executor's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Stacy VanAmringe, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 1897, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of January, 1897.

MARY F. VANAMRINGE,
jan 23 1m Executrix.

Madame Amae,

SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, REVEALS THE past, present and future. If you are in trouble, either business, love or domestic, it will be to your advantage to consult her. Mme Amae can be found at No 312 Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth. jan 31 1w

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Oscar P. Sisson's Comedy Co
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To-night, farewell performance,
A Triple Bill,
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One hundred and fifty of Wilmington people in the cast.
Tickets 50 cents, with privilege of reserve seats; Children 25 cents.
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R. M. Jones' Pure Leaf open kettle rendered, the best Lard on this market.
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Learn the prices at the Store. This cutting will be kept up. Make your account with me and get the benefit.
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8th. We have Long Cloth in pieces and cut lengths.
9th. We have received the handsomest Laces ever shown here.
10th. We have about 25 Baby Carriages to sell cheap
11th. We have cut the prices on all our Blankets to cost.
12th. We have the largest Window Shades stock in the State.
13th We have polite salespeople to attend your wants.
14th. We have a 75c Storm Serge for 39c per yard.
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16th. We have a large stock of Blankets with low prices.
17th. We have a full assortment of Chiffons in all shades.
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20th. We have received our new Spring Mattings.

We will take our inventory February 1st, and in order to have our stock reduced we will offer special inducements this week. Visit us, it will pay you.

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Is still on exhibition. We invite you to look at it. Then walk inside and look. If then you do not see just what is wanted kindly ask for it. We will do our best to please every one.
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