IN THE STATE.

WHOLE NO. 9,804

Barnum used to say that the American people like to be humbugged, and he did his level best to gratify them. There is a French gentleman under arrest in Columbus, O., for doing the same thing. He is charged with using the mails prize money and increasing the ma- to defraud, while he was defrauding both males and females, regardless of age, sex, color or previous condition. He sold 'em a 1-cent lamp wick for 40 cents, with the guarantee that one would last ten years. He steeped it in some preparation (mixed with asbestos doubtless), which somewhat retarded burning and scooped in about \$100,000, American currency.

> In commenting upon our article a few days ago on low valuations for taxation, and the bad effects, the Winston Journal illustrates by calling attention to the fact that the assessed valuation of real property in that city is only \$3,500,000, which it says is nothing like a fair valuation, and puts the city in a false light to those who judge it by these

> A barber who on the sly married Kentucky girl in Michigan, is suing her parents for \$50,000 damiges for alienating her affections. He accuses them of barbarous cruelty in lacerating his feelings by mak ing him a compulsory grass widower in being deprived of his "blue grass"

> A New York woman worth \$175,-000 has been lifted for shop-lifting. A mistake, no doubt. It must have been kleptomania. Only poor folks do that kind of thing called shop-

And now the salmon packers up in the Columbia river country are forming a combine. This is no fish story, although it is scaly.

A gigantic skeleton has been reently unearthed in Ohio, which shows that even the prehistoric Ohioan was no small shoat.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery-A card. Opera House-"Side Tracked."

Meeting-Cape Fear Camp U. C. V. BUSINESS LOCALS.

McLaurin & Hays-Beef and mutton

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

- Mr. F. M. Pickett, of High Point, arrived in the city last night. France is very much troubled - Mr. H. A. Townsend, of Raynover the Dreyfus affair. But France ham, was a welcome visitor in the city seems to be also afflicted with some-

yesterday. - Mr. W. C. Woodard, of Rocky Point, was registered at The Orton last night.

- Mr. W. J. Mallard, of Hampstead, N. C., was in the city on business yesterday.

- Mr. F. E. Lyon, of Jacksonville, N. C., was in the city making business calls yesterday.

- Misses Nan Huggins and Sallie Egnett are on an extended visit to friends and relatives at Ashton,

- Mr. H. C. Canaday, a Confederate veteran and ardent champion of white supremacy, is spending a few days in the city. His home is at Jacksonville, Onslow county.

- The Richmond Dispatch of yesterday says of a well known Wilmington lady: "Mrs. William Parsley, a distinguished Confederate woman and a leading member of the Wilmington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, came to the city to be present at the reception of General Wheeler, and is the guest of Mrs. N. V. Randol ph."

Retribution Russell's Reply.

The Legislature having asked the Governor to give his reasons for the removal of J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson from the Railroad Commission, he yesterday sent to that body a special message in the form of an argument justifying his course. The STAR received the full text of the message last night, but as it would fill nearly four columns of the STAR, and is a very uninteresting document, we omit it. The chief point made against the Wilsons is the old The Grand Duke of Russia, when story that they were interested in the here; didn't rush into it but ex-Round Knob hotel, owned by the pressed it as his "deliberate" opin-Southern railway system.

the handsomest in the world. If City Board of Audit and Pinance. he had seen some fair samples of The regular semi-monthly meeting our Southern women that opinion of the City Board of Audit and Finance

would have sprung spontaneous, as was held yesterday afternoon. Chairit were, without a bit of "deliberanan H. C. McQueen presided and the tion" But it is all right. The Amerfollowing members were present: ican woman, individually or collec-Messrs. Jesse Wilder, S. P. McNair and C. W. Yates. No business other than that of auditing bills for current expenses, to the amount of \$1.069.49, was transacted. The board adjourned, subject to call of the chair-

Fayetteville's New Daily.

The first number of Fayetteville's new daily, The Reporter, was issued yesterday. It is a bright newsy sheet. The editor, Mr. H. I. McDuffie, says: "The Reporter is small now, but its magic growth to much larger dimensions during this week will astonish our readers. On Monday next the

size will be doubled." The STAR extends its best wishes

and physical examination, and that he should be appointed during good be-havior and not removed except upon formal charges preferred before the Mayor and after opportunity for a proper defence, but we believe this can be accomplished by providing by statute that the Board of Alderman

to Discuss the Proposed Amendments.

in the Legislature Object to the Primary Election and Police Commission Clauses.

A mass meeting was held in the court house last night, during which esolutions pertaining to the proposed amendments to the city charter were adopted.

The meeting was called to order about 8,30 o'clock by Mr. Jos. D. Smith. Mr. H. McL. Green consented o serve as temporary chairman and the representatives of the press were asked to serve as secretaries.

manent chairman. He announced that the object of the meeting was for the people to give expression to views regarding the amendments to the city to do charter now pending before the General Assembly.

open for business Iredell Meares, Esq. was recognized and spoke at length in opposition to the system of primary elections proposed in the bill for city charter amendment now pending in the Legislature, advocating the holding of primaries, at which the mayor, city clerk and treasurer, chief of police, chief of the fire department, and other executive officers shall be nominated, and the aldermen committed to their election. He also opposed the clause in the city charter which provides for the creation of a police commission. He read a series of resolutions, which he asked the meeting to adopt, but pending action upon which

Junius Davis, Esq., addressed the meeting, explaining under what circumstances the bill now pending the Legislature-that published by the STAR at the time of its introduction in the House by Representative Rountree-was drafted by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. T. D. Meares was chairman, with P. B. Manning, Esq., Mr. William Calder, Mr. Donald MacRae and himself as the committeemen. He said no selfish motives entered into their work, and the bill was thoroughly discussed. He spoke in advocacy of the various features of the bill opposed by

Mr. Samuel Bear, Jr., followed Mr. Davis with a brief speech much along the same line, declaring the points of difference between the bill pending in the Legislature and that advocated by Mr. Meares to be insignificant.

Mr. Owen F. Love moved that the meeting approve the bill pending in the Legislature as introduced by Mr. Rountree. The motion was seconded by Mr. C. C. Brown. For several minutes there was considerable hubbub, during which a number of motions and counter-motions were offered without recognition by the chair. Finally the vote was taken and the motion lost.

Esq., made further remarks in advocacy of the resolutions introduced by Mr. Meares, and Mr. A. L. DeRosset spoke in opposition. Mr. Meares was then allowed to read the resolutions by sections, and they were adopted as read. They are as follows:

Resolved. It is the sense of this meeting that in the amended charter to be passed by the Legislature for this city provision should be made for the holding of primary elections by political parties for the purpose of nominating candidates of such parties for Aldermen and members of the Board of Audit and Finance, in the respective wards, and for nominating the candidates of such parties for Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer, Chief of Police, Chief of Fire Department, City Attorney, and other of the exe

cutive officials of the city. jority vote in a ward shall determine the result in that ward as to the persons to be candidates of the party for Aldermen and members of the Board of Audit and Finance and Executive Committeemen from that ward. The majority of the aggregate vote cast by such primary in all the wards should determine who shall be the party's candidate for Mayor and other executive offices of the city.

In case at the first primary no one erson shall receive a majority vote, y reason of which there is a failure to nominate, a second primary should be provided for and the two persons for any one position who shall have received the highest and next highest vote in the first primary shall alone

meeting that when the Democratic citizens shall so nominate the candidates for the executive offices of this city, it shall be the duty of the Democratic members elected on the Board of Aldermen to vote for such candidates. and that they should be committed so to do before becoming the Democratic candidates in their wards for Alder-

Resolved, Second, That whether such system of primary be provided for in the amended charter or not, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Democratic Executive Committee should call a primary at the next city election for the expression of the wishes of the Democratic party as to all of the said candidates, and that persons so nominated by such primary shall become the candidates of the Democratic party, and that the Demo-cratic Aldermen should be committed

nated. Resolved, Third, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Police Commission provided for in the act introduced by our Representatives in the Legislature is unwise and inexpedient and does not meet with the approval of the Democratic citizens of this com-munity. That we approve of estab-lishing the police force of this city upon an efficient and proper civil service basis, whereby a policeman or fire-man elected shall first stand a mental

- A meeting of Cape Fear Camp Confederate Veterans is called for o-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the W. L. I. Armory. shall appoint no person as fireman or policeman until such physical or men-

tal examination shall have first been had and upon satisfactory proof of good character; and that such person the public was transacted.

> disposed of in his court yesterday and one peace warrant issued. -The local cotton market was inchanged yesterday, being quoted

firm at 51 cents for middling. Four hundred and ten bales were received - Yesterday Dr. Zachary opened

wish for him abundent success. - Only one case was tried at yeserday's session of the police court: Charlie Tyler, colored, was given ten days on the streets, or a fine of \$5 for

ment until arrangements can be made

- The Sanitary Committee of the Board of Aldermen will make final disposition of the matter of awarding the contract for scavenger service at a meeting to be held at 5 o'clock to-day. Three bids have been filed.

- The spirits turpentine market was steady yesterday at 414 cents for regulars and 411 cents for irregulars. Sixty-eight casks were received yesterday, most of which were brought in on the steamers Hurt and Haures

biggest issue in the campaign of 1900. - Raleigh News and Observer

17th instant: "Messrs. J.S. Westbrook, J. A. Westbrook, W. L. Hill and W.J. Boney, comprising the executive committee of the Truckers' Association. are in the city looking after the interest of the State Truckers' Association, of which they are leading members." - The C. F. A. and M. W. S.

foot ball teams went out for practice

for the first time last night, prepara-

tory for the benefit game which is to be "pulled off" Wednesday, Jan. 19th The captains and players are highly enthusiastic and a good game is as-- Mr. J. B. Farrar exhibited in the STAR office Monday some very fine specimens of marl, from Duplin county, dug in the vicinity of Chinquepin

thick, solid. Owners in that section hope to develop the deposits at some Raleigh News and Observer, 17th, inst: "The J.C. Stevenson Company, of Wilmington, was yesterday incorporated by the Secretary of State. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000 and the business proposed is the carrying on of a wholesale grocery and export

J. M. Stevenson."

Reports of Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Carolina Insurance Co .- Old Directors and Officers Re-Elected.

colders of the Carolina Insurance Company was held yesterday at the office of the company on Princess street. Mr. Henry Savage presided over the meeting and Mr. M. S. Wilard was secretary. The Audit com mittee, consisting of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Mr. B. F. Hall and Mr. W. R. Kenan, reported that they had examined the books of Mr. M. S. Wil lard, as secretary, and found them correct in every particular. Also that they had investigated the company's securities and found them thoroughly

\$24.044.74. During the year they paid out for fire losses \$5,610.92. The total amount of fire losses paid since organization is \$50,595.17.

During the meeting yesterday all members of the Board of Directors were re-elected as follows: D. L. Gore, C. W. Worth, S. Solomon, H. L. Vollers, Donald MacRae, H. C. Mc-Queen and Clayton Giles.

there was a meeting of the directors, during which Mr. D. L. Gore was reelected president and Mr. M. S. Willard secretary. It will be of interest to note that during the absence of Mr. Willard, in attendance upon the General Assembly at Raleigh, Mr. Clayton Giles is acting secretary, and is prepared to attend to all business connected with the institution.

- The regular, bona fide circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much newspaper published in Wilmington. and regular delivery.

- A meeting of the New Hanover Transit Company was held last night, but no business of interest to

- Squire G. W. Bornemann reports two cases for assault and battery

his office on Princess street and entered actively upon the practice of medicine a this city. His many friends here

disorderly conduct in assaulting Charlie Ashe, also colored. - Mr. Joseph Farrow, who be came suddenly demented while at his work Monday, was taken to the City Hospital yesterday morning for treat-

for him at the asylum.

- The STAR has reliable information that a new National Bank will be established here about March 1st. Books of subscription to the capital stock are now open at the banking house of Murchison & Co.

- The envelope trust is getting in its fine work now. A paper drummer who called at the STAR office yesterday said the price of envelopes had been advanced from 40 to 100 per cent. the latter on drug envelopes. Unrelenting opposition to truss twill be the

where there is said to be an inexhausti-

ble supply. There are veins 10 feet

business. The incorporators are J. C. Stevenson, Elizabeth Stevenson and

THE PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT.

One of Seamman's Strongest Companies to Play "Side Tracked."

At the Opera House Friday night the popular scenic comedy-drama "Side Tracked," will be presented by one of Seamman's strongest companies. The play borders on the farce, chock full of fun and bristling with just enough sensation to balance the mirth effects. The principal character is a tramp. The tramp has done great deal to bring out the humor of many plays of late, but it is rarely that he acts both as comedian and hero, but the one in "Side Tracked" s a very realistic tramp. He does nany laughable things, rescues the neroine, foils the many schemes of the villain, prevents the other hero from being hanged, makes love to the sou brette, and altogether works himself into the hearts of his auditors as a genial and kind hearted fellow, even if his clothes are ragged. Sale of seats will begin to-morrow

morning at Gerken's.

Emigrants for Georgia.

Mr. J. B. Wood, an emigration agent, of Statesboro, Ga., spent a few days here this week in search of turpentine operatives for one of the large farms near Statesboro. He left yesterday afternoon over the Atlantic Coast Line, carrying with him about twenty-five laborers, a large majority of them being colored. Mr. Wood advertised Tuesday morning for 150 hands, but secured only about twentyfive of the number, as before stated. He will work other towns in Eastern North Carolina for the requisite num-

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to at noon. deliver their papers. In all such cases larger than that of any other daily steps will be taken to insure promp

THE COURT QUESTION

Joint Democratic Caucus Decides Not to Abolish the Criminal Courts.

BUT ENLARGE THEIR POWERS

Gov. Russell's Message Giving Reasons for Suspending the Railroad Commissioners-Many New Bills and Resolutions Introduced.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.- The first nd only event in the Senate to-day was the special message of Governor Russell. When the message was announced the members dropped everything and gave the closest attention throughout to the reading. His Excellency, perhaps, never had a more thoroughly entertained audience. At the conclusion of the reading 200 copies were ordered printed. A diffi culty, however, arose as to how this was to be done. His Excellency, departing from the usual gubernatorial custom, had sent up but a single copy of the message for the use of both the Senate and the House and his private secretary was waiting for the Senate to get through that the copy might be carried over and read to the House. Senator Brown thought that a copy should have been furnished each house. The suggestion was made that the Senate order a copy from the typewriters and pay for it Senator Wilson opposed this. It was the business of the Governor to furnish a copy. It was desired also to refer the document to the Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission, but it was not quite parliamentary to refer a document that was in the possession of the other house. The matter was finally settled by agreeing that the message should be taken over to the House.

Additions to Committees.

The following additions were made to committees: Senator McIntyre to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institutions: Senator Murray, to Committee on Insane Asylums; Senators Skinner and Jones, to Committee on Education; Senator Speight, to Committee on Trustees of the University; Senators Fields and Justice, to Committee on Finance.

House Proceedings.

The House met at 10 o'clock Prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, editor of Zion's Landmark, of Wilson.

Just before the introduction of new business, a message from the Governor was announced. It was a special message, setting forth his reasons for the suspension of Railroad Commissioners J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson. After the reading of the document, which consumed half an hour, just exactly forty bills and resolutions and three petitions were introduced. Among them were the following of general interest and import-

By Thompson of Davidson: To amend Chapter 28 of the Code, so that 'children of the mother shall inherit from each other, as if all were legiti-

By Davis of Haywood: To appropriate \$40,000 for the school for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton. By Rountree of New Hanover: To

amend the law in regard to probating deeds and other instruments. By Clarkson of Mecklenburg: To mend the insurance laws of the State to enable manufacturers to secure

minimum rate. By Patterson of Caldwell: To pre vent the sale of adulterated or mis

branded food. By Winston of Bertie: To provide for the construction of monuments to served during the past year. Gen. Francis Nash and Gen. William Lee Davidson, for which purpose Con-

gress has appropriated \$10,000. By Wall of Richmond: To establish State text book commission to proride uniform books for public schools. By Reese of Ashe: To regulate the pportionment of school funds.

By Rountree of New Hanover: To abolish all exemptions from jury duty. By Currie of Moore; To reduce salaries and fees.

By McNeill of Brunswick: To amend the charter of Southport. By Craig of Buncombe: To provide for a thorough investigation of the cases of the suspended railroad com-

By Boushall of Wake: To relieve sheriffs and tax collectors of certain counties. During the consideration of the calendar five bills passed their third and

final reading, two passed second read-

ing, and two resolutions were adopted. Only two of the bills passed were of more than local importance. They were to repeal the local school taxation election law; to increase the number of commissioners in Hertford county to eight. The two bills passed on second read-

ing were to authorize Morganton and Charlotte to issue bonds. The two resolutions adopted were to

provide for the investigation of the case of the suspended railroad commissioners and to limit the time for explaining votes in the House to one minute. Consideration of the Pamlico elec-

tion case, which had been made the special order for noon to-morrow, was, on motion of Mr. Overman, of Rowan, made the special order for Thursday During the day leave of absence was granted Mr. Willard, of New Han-

over, till Thursday.

At 20'clock the Liouse adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The Criminal Court Question. A joint caucus of Democratic members was held to night. After a thorough discussion of the question of increasing the number of court dis tricts in the State, it was decided not to increase the number of Superior

Courts, but to enlarge the powers of the two Criminal Courts and add to the Criminal Court districts those counties having congested calendars. Also, that Superior Court judges may be asked to hold forty courts a year instead of thirty-four, as at present. What really settled the matter was the fact that Governor Russell had announced his purpose to appoint onehalf of the new judges Republicans, and half of them Democrats. Of course there was also the question of economy, but on that the Legislature was

about evenly divided. [By Associated Press.] RALEIGH, N. C., January 17 .- Gov Russell to-day sent to the General As-sembly of North Carolina a special nessage setting forth his reasons for suspending from office Railroad Com-missioners J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson. He charges in the message that both were interested in the opera-tion and profits of the Southern rail road, and were thereby disqualified under the law to act as fair and im partial judges. Specifying the grounds on which he bases these conclusions, the Governor sets forth that J. W. Wilson was mortgaged to A. B. An drews, vice president of the Southern railway, in the sum of \$6,000, which ne is unable to pay, and that Andrews and Wilson are joint owners of the Round Knob hotel, near Asheville, which hotel is dependent upon the railroad for its patronage.

This hotel, the Governor says was rented by A B. Andrews and J. W. Wilson to the other railroad commisioner, S. Otho. Wilson, for a term of ive years, and in consideration of bis taking this lease the Southern railway, through Andrews, contracted to transport Wilson and his family free of charge and deadheaded for him all freight and all provisions and supplies. It is recommended that the Legislature appoint a commission to take evidence and investigate the charges.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad-154 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine. W., C. & A. Railroad-240 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 131 barrels tar. C. F. & Y. V. Railroad-13 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine. 19 barrels tar. Steamer A. P. Hurt-3 bales

barrels rosin, 65 barrels tar. Steamer E. A. Hawes-36 casks spirits turpentine, 465 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar. Total-Cotton, 410 bales; spirits turpentine, 68 casks, rosin, 762 barrels; tar,

cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 225

Prominent Citizen of Fayetteville. The death of Capt. Samuel C. Rankin, member of the firm of A. E. Rankin & Co., of Fayetteville, N. C., is announced by the Daily Reporter of that city. He was on his way home from the place of business of the firm last Monday evening between six and seven o'clock and fell dead on the street. Capt. Rankin was born in

Guilford county, Sept 18, 1832. "Twelve years ago Capt. Rankin and Miss Eliza Prior were married and she and three sons, Messrs. Charles, Lacey and Henry Rankin and their wives survive him. The Captain was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, holding the office of senior elder for a number of years."

C. B. & L. Association.

The annual meeting of the Citizen's Building and Loan Association was held last night in the Mayor's office at the City Hall; the president, Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, presiding. The old board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year, and after the meeting of stockholders the directors met and also re-elected the officers who

A Progressive Whist Party.

There was a delightful duplicate whist party at the residence of Mr. John Maffitt, corner of Fourth and Nun streets, last night, given by Miss Florie Maffitt to a few of her friends. The participants were Miss Cowan, of Durham; Miss Eliza Metts, Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. Jno. K. Williams, Mr. Fred Dick, Mr. James Cotchett and Mr. Walter Daggett.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CAPE FEAR CAMP.

A meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, . C. V., is called for Thursday night, January 19th, 1899, at 8 o'clock, at the W. L. I. Armory. By order of the Commander, ja 18 it HENRY SAVAGE, Adjutant.

A Card.

To Friends and Customers and Others who wish to join us:

begin the delivery of Bread, and all who wish the Bread Wagon to make calls will please leave their orders at the store, or call us up over the 'phone. Thanking you for your former patronage,

and hoping you will remember us in the future, Very respectfully, we are, PALACE BAKERY. ja 18 1t

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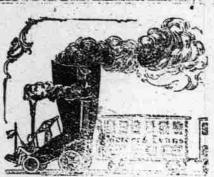
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HOOP IRON.

150 Bundles 1 inch Iron. 100 Bundles 1% Iron. 175 Bundles 1% Iron. 50 Bundles 1% Iron, 20 Barrels Glue. 200 Dozen Market Baskets. 25 Pic Nic Cheese. 900 Pounds Dried Apples. 840 Kegs Nails.

250 Bags Shot. 100 Bundles W. P. Caps. W. B. COOPER. Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N.

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Butter and Cheese,

Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Cakes and Crackers. ANDIES-In Penny goods, Fancy Mixed and

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For Sale. Also, Corn, Hay, Oats, Bran,

> D. L. GORE. 190, 122 and 124 N. Water stree

for the success of the new enterprise.

The Morning Star. OUTLINES. The Naval Personnel bill passed the

House with amendments abolishing rine corps to six thousand men. In the Senate the Nicaragua canal bill was considered. — Jno. Russell Young, librarian of the Congressional Library, died at his home, Washington, D.C. - President McKinley has lecided to order a court martial to try Eagan for abusing Gen. Miles. Fifty-five confederates in Muscogee county, Ga., petition Senator Butler not to abandon his bill to pension ex-Confaderate soldiers. — Ballot taken in Pennsylvania Legislature for U. S. Senator; Quay lacked 16 votes of an election; a prolonged dead-lock is probable. --- Col. Bryan made two speeches in Denver to large addi-- A Franco German alli-

ance finds favor in Paris now that England is regarded as the national enemy... - The Senatorial situation in West Virginia is unchanged; The Seaboard and Roanoke deal was con summated yesterday in Baltimore by transfer of stock to the Williams syndicate. - Three highwaymen held up and robbed a policeman in Chicago. - Five boys drowned in a mill pond in Susquehanna county, Pa. - New York markets; Money on call steadier at 21/2@3 per cent., the last ban being at 21 per cent.; cotton arm; middling uplands 6c; flour exce-lingly dull and in buyers' favor: wheat-spot weak; No. 2 red 791c; corn-spot weak; No. 2 43@43%c; rosin dull; spirits turpentine firm at

WEATHER REPORT.

WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 17. Temperature: 8 A.M., 50 deg. ; 8 P.M. 50 deg. ; maximum, 62 deg. ; minimum 50 deg. : mean, 56 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfal

since ist of the month up to date, 1.71

Stage of water in the river at Fav-

etteville at 8 A. M., 17.2 feet and fall-

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- For North Carolina-Threatening weather; colder: brisk-north westerly winds. Port Almanac ... Jan. 18.

London shelters in its lodging houses every night about 40,000 homeless mortals.

7.12 A. M

thing like a dry rot. Gen. Lee's friends claim that he has been designedly side-tracked and shelved by the administration. It looks very much like it. Gen. Lee is not figuring very conspicu-

onsig in Cuba. German bicycle manufacturers are trying to keep American bicycles out of Germany. They should not be blamed, for after a wheelist has taken a spin or two on an American bike, he never wants to mount those German cart-wheel contrivances any

We are indebted to the Philadelphia Ledger for its almanac for 1899, an excellent publication, crammed with interesting and useful statistical and other information, conveniently arranged for reference. This publication is not printed for sale, but as a gift to the Ledger. patrons.

James Tyson, of Australia, in addition to having amassed a large fortune had a unique record, for it is said that shortly before dying he boasted that he had never entered a church, a theatre, or a public house, had never tasted wine, beer nor spirits; that he had never sworn; that he had never washed with soap, -using sand instead-nor worn a white shirt, or gloves. He was a not-ty old bachelor.

ion that the American women are

tively, is a daisy. James Tyson, the Australian millionaire, who died worth about \$20,-000,000 a short while ago, at the age of 76 years, was never married because the girl he wanted to marry didn't happen to be at home when he called to ask her, and shortly afterwards married another fellow. Tyson always lived in a plain, primitive sort of a way, didn't care anything for show and not much for money. He went but little into society, and mingled little with men, but was benevolent and did good with his money.

THE CITY CHARTER. Mass Meeting Held Last Night

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

The Opponents of the Bill Now Pending

Mr. W. E. Springer was chosen per

there was a general discussion.

Iredell Meares, Esq.

Mr. J. A. Fore and Iredell Meares,

It should be provided that the ma-

be voted for in the second primary.

And it is the further sense of this

to vote for such candidates so nomi-

LOCAL DOTS.

shall not be removed at the will of the Board of Aldermen, but only upon charges preferred before the Mayor, who shall pass upon the same and have the power to remove policemen for misconduct in office. Resolved, Fourth, That it is the seuse of this meeting that the admin-

istration of the city government needs simplification, with its officials directly responsible to the people, and we advise and request the Board of Aldermen to appoint suitable persons to redraft at once the present Charter of the City of Wilmington so as to include all of its several acts in one act of incorporation.

Resolved, Finally, That the chair man of this committee be requested to appoint a committee to consist of two nembers from each ward, himself beng the chairman ex-officio, to present hese resolutions to our Representatives in the Legislature and to the Board of

of this meeting as they may see proper A large number of citizens signed the resolutions and it is the purpose of When the meeting was declared Mr. Meares to secure as many more as

Aldermen at once, and to take such other action in furthering the purposes

possible during to-day. Mr. Springer, as chairman of the mass meeting, will probably appoint the committee provided for by the last clause of the resolution some time to-

A NEW SECRETARY FOR THE Y. M. C. A. Mr. Howard Caldwell, of Charleston, to Take Charge of the Wilmington Association Work.

as General Secretary for the Young Mens' Christian Associatiou this city and will enter the duties of the position Feb ruary 1st. He will succeed Mr. Smith, who has been filling the position temporarily, and by the way very satisfactorily to the trustees, since the resignation of Mr. T. C. Diggs. He was sent here only temporarily by State Secretary W. M. Lewis, and owing to the fact that he is determined to prosecute his studies further before entering regularly into the Y. M. C. A. work, could not consider - the acceptance of a permanent secretaryship now. He will probably continue here, however, a few weeks after the arrival

Mr. Howard Caldwell, now of

Charleston, has accepted the position

highly recommended by leaders in the Y. M. C. A. work of this State and South Carolina. He is a native of York county, S. C., is about 24 years of age and is a graduate of Erskine College of South, Carolina. He was active in the Y. M. C. A. work while at college and during the late war was secretary in charge of the Y. M. C. A. tent of the First S. C. volunteer regiment. Since the war he has been associated with the county Y. M. C. A. work of Edgecombe and adjacent

of the new secretary, to assist him in

Mr. Caldwell comes to Wilmington

getting the work fully in hand.

counties.

Mr. Caldwell's acceptance and the date upon which he will take up the

A CREDITABLE SHOWING.

The trustees of the Y. M. C. A.

lected Mr. Caldwell to the secretary-

ship at a meeting held last week and

the correspondence has been conduct-

ed by President Jno. Frank, who re-

ceived notice yesterday afternoon of

The annual meeting of the stock

The eleventh annual statement of the company's business made quite a creditable showing. Since the organization of the company eleven years ago the cash assets have increased from \$53,243.15 to \$71,801.74 and the net surplus from \$471.50 to \$11,832.36. The receipts during the past year were

After the stockholders adjourned