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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.
Temperature 3 A. M., 43 deg.; 8 P. M.,
49 deg.; maximum, 46 deg.; minimum,
43 deg.; mean, 44 deg.
Rainfall for the day, .33; rainfall
since 1st of the month up to date, .85.
Stage of water in the river at Fay-
etteville at 3 A. M., 41 feet and rising.
STORM WARNING.
WASHINGTON, February 7, 2.00 P. M.
—Continue information signal. Storm
central on South Carolina coast. Brick
and possibly high north winds indica-
ted to-night and Wednesday morning,
with low temperature.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—For
North Carolina—Rain, followed in the
interior by fair, fresh to brisk north-
west winds, becoming brisk north-west-
erly.

PORT ALMANAC—Feb. 8.

Sun Rises 6.57 A. M.
Sun Sets 5.32 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington 10 E. 35 M.
Low Water at Wilmington 6.27 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington 8.57 P. M.

Egan is now on the President's
hands, and he has a pretty hot num-
ber.

The Chicago bill stickers have
gone on a strike, and they show a
disposition to stick, too.

Senator Hanna doesn't like to
have it called a subsidy bill. But
it smells the same, whatever it is called.

Gen. Egan is not the first
American citizen to talk himself
out of a soft snap by being too
snappy.

It is said that the 2,000 rag pickers
in New York pick up \$750,000
annually, from which it may be in-
ferred that that is a somewhat ragged
town.

When Gen. Miles made his em-
balmed beef charges he said he
was "shooting in the air." He
hit some birds that roosted pretty
high, all the same.

There are some hustling thieves in
Connecticut. One of them got away
with a whole saw-mill and when the
owner discovered it it was running
six miles away from where he left it.

The President will have a court
of inquiry to probe the army beef
scandal. If he had done that at first
perhaps the scandal would not have
grown so large nor smelled so loud
as it does now.

To prove that beggars make it
pay, a San Francisco man took a
hand-organ, went out on the street
and in the course of an hour or so
came in with \$1.50. They probably
paid him to hurry along somewhere
else.

A practical joker in Berkeley,
Va., dropped a lighted cigar down
the back of a fellow who he thought
would enjoy a joke. He did, and
promptly reciprocated by pulling
his gun and sending some bullets
whizzing through the nose and
cheek and hand of the p. joker.

A Connecticut farmer who was
experimenting in economy by feed-
ing his hens with a mixture of saw-
dust and corn meal, gave it up as a
failure when the first hatching of
thirteen eggs turned out twelve
woodpecker. The wooden legged
chickens couldn't scratch worth a
cent.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Virginia-Carolina Chemical
Stock was held in Richmond, Monday,
at 117 for preferred and 78 1/2 for com-
mon.

—The meeting of the board of
managers of the Produce Exchange
was held in the office of the Exchange
on Water street yesterday afternoon.

—The forty-sixth annual meet-
ing of the Seaman's Friend Society
for this port was held in the reading
room of the Home yesterday after-
noon at 3 o'clock.

—This afternoon at 3 o'clock in
Grace M. E. Church Miss Mamie
Daniel will be united in marriage to
Mr. J. W. Blomme. Cards of admis-
sion will be required at the door.

—To-morrow afternoon at 5
o'clock a consultation of the superin-
tendents of schools in the county will
be held in the Mayor's office for the
purpose of considering the question of
vacation.

—The last german before Lent, by
L'Agile Cottlin Club will be given in
Germania Hall to-night. The music
will be by the Boston String Band.
L'Ariseo Club's german will be given
to-morrow night.

—There was nothing doing on
the local spirits turpentine market
yesterday. Savannah opened at 49 1/2
cents. The receipts of all naval stores
were quite light on the Wilmington
market yesterday.

—Geo. Lewis, colored, was com-
mitted to jail yesterday by Justice
Powler in default of \$50 bond on a
peace warrant. He was also tried on
charges of assault and battery and aban-
donment, but judgment was sus-
pended.

—The small pox patient was re-
ported yesterday by the attending phy-
sicians to be rapidly improving. This
is the only case in the city. No new
cases have been found, and the Health
officers so far have the matter under
perfect control.

—A horse belonging to Dr. Chas.
T. Harper, attached to a buggy and
driven by a colored boy, became fright-
ened at some object near corner Trin-
coon and Front streets yesterday after-
noon and ran down Front to Orange,
and after breaking out of harness ran
up Orange street. No serious dam-
age resulted.

—Durham Sun: The new soci-
ety fads in the State recently have
been "A Procession Pie" at Winston;
and "A Mystery Tea," at Wilmington.
It is in order now for Durham to come
to the front with something entirely
new in this day, and nothing would be
more enjoyable than an "Ashe-Cake
and Butter Milk Party."

BOARD AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Consideration of Appropriations by Board
of Aldermen Deferred—Regular Rout-
ine Business Transacted.

The regular semi-monthly meeting
of the City Board of Audit and Fi-
nance was held yesterday afternoon at
the City Hall. Chairman H. C. Mc-
Queen presided and the following
members were present: Messrs. Jesse
Wildler, C. W. Yates and H. A.
Decever.

A communication was received from
the Board of Aldermen stating that an
appropriation of \$1,000, or so much
thereof as would be necessary, had
been made for the purchase of two
hose wagons and a patrol wagon to be
used by the fire and police depart-
ments of the city respectively, and
that a committee had been appointed
to negotiate the sale of some surplus
fire apparatus. The matter was de-
ferred until a future meeting of the
Board, which will be called by the
chairman in a few days.

The communication further stated
that an appropriation of \$1,000 had
been made for the erection of a pest
house and a house of detention for
smaller subjects. This matter was
also deferred until a special meeting
can be called.

The action of the Board of Alder-
men in employing M. D. Croom as
stock driver at \$30 per month was ap-
proved.

Eight hundred and sixty-five cou-
pons, amounting to \$18,217.50 and five
bonds amounting to \$5,000, which had
been paid, were burned. Forty cou-
pons amounting to \$1,200, which had
not matured and which were cut from
the bonds paid, were also burned.

Bills for current expenses were
audited and approved to the amount
of \$6,499.54, also coupons amounting
to \$18,217.50 and bonds to the amount
of \$5,000.

These bonds were known as Market
House bonds and were not due until
Jan. 1, 1903, but were called in under
an option.

THE CITY CHARTER.

EDITOR STAR.—Several communica-
tions have appeared in the papers
recently—one in this morning's Ra-
leigh Post—on the subject of our city
charter, which make it appear that
there is some radical difference of
opinion between Mr. Rountree and
myself in this matter. This impression
should be corrected, as there do not
seem to be any difficulties but those
which can be easily overcome. The
charter has been held up by Mr. Roun-
tree in committee, waiting to give
those who are opposed to his bill an
opportunity to be heard.

There need be no importance at-
tached to the fact that I was not con-
sulted in the drawing of this act. In its
present shape I did not see the bill
until just before it was introduced;
but I was shown a draft of the law
creating a police commission several
weeks before the Legislature met and
it was probably because I failed to
interest myself in the matter, thinking
Mr. Rountree much more capable of
dealing with this question, that I did
not know more about it.

Respectfully,
M. S. WILLIARD.

Plays Here Next Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Wright, advance agent
for a popular theatrical company
playing Hoyt's "Stranger in New
York," was in the city yesterday and
contracted with Manager Schloss for
the appearance of his company in the
Wilmington Opera House on Wednes-
day, the 14th inst. The company is
about the same as that which pre-
sented "The Milk White Flag," an-
other of Hoyt's productions, here last
season.

Freshet in the Cape Fear.

Mr. J. H. Madden, local agent of the
Cape Fear River Transportation Co.,
received a telegram from Mr. W. B.
Cook, of Fayetteville, at 2 o'clock
yesterday afternoon, stating that at
that hour there was forty-three feet
water in the Cape Fear and that there
was a steady rise of nearly two feet
per hour.

IMPROVED STORM SIGNAL SERVICE.

Telephone and Telegraph Warnings to
be Sent Throughout the District.
Improved Forecasting Service.

Very decided improvements are be-
ing inaugurated by Mr. W. H. Fallon,
chief observer of the U. S. Weather
Bureau station in this city, in the mat-
ter of severe storm or hurricane sig-
nals. The improvement is in pursu-
ance to instructions from Washington
and consists of a telegraph, telephone
and mail warning service, which will
cover the entire district for which the
Wilmington office is the chief station.

When storm warnings are re-
ceived Mr. Fallon will immediately
telegraph or telephone them, at the
government's expense, to the principal
towns in all parts of the district, which
comprise Bladen, Brunswick, Carter-
et, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin,
Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico,
Pender and Robeson counties.

In speaking of the Storm Signal
service, to a member of the STAR staff
yesterday, Mr. Fallon said that the
storm forecasting is now much more
accurate and very much earlier because
of the service which the Washington
Bureau has established in the West
Indies since the Spanish-American
war. Heretofore there has been no
warning of Atlantic coast storms from
the South until they struck Key
West on the south coast of Florida,
but now there are reports from Cuba
and the other West India islands two
days, so that the cities all along the
Atlantic coast can be warned of any
storms which pass those islands bound
this way, very much earlier than
previously.

Mr. Fallon says that arrangements
have been made for the most effective
forecast service, during the coming
Spring which have been given in the
history of the service. The forecast
will commence on March 15th, and
the warnings will be given from
24 to 36 hours in advance.

It is estimated that this department
of the service saved in this district
alone fully \$300,000 to truckers and
others last season.

It is claimed that there was not a
single frost last Spring which was not
forecasted by the service. This Spring
the citizens at any postoffice in the
district can get the service by asking
the Wilmington office for it. And the
daily weather forecasts will be mailed
to any citizen who will make a written
request for them.

MR. MABIE'S LECTURE.

"Literature and Life" the Subject—The
Audience Delighted—A Good
Attendance.

Members of the Wilmington Lyceum
and the Y. M. C. A. Star Course who,
in the face of dreadful weather condi-
tions, attended the lecture in the Y.
M. C. A. auditorium last night by
Mr. Hamilton Mabie, the distinguish-
ed author and orator, unite in pro-
nouncing the event a thorough suc-
cess from both literary and oratorical
viewpoints.

As previously announced the sub-
ject of Mr. Mabie's lecture was "Lit-
erature and Life." And during the
two hours devoted to the lecture the
delighted audience was carried through
the whole range of the literature of
the world, pausing here and there for
a clear conception of the beauties of
the "great books" and "great
authors" as they overshadow their fel-
lows along in the "corridors of time,"
and having pointed out, in a fluent
flow of most choice English, their
varied conception of human life
and their influence upon the lives of
students of literature.

The attendance upon the lecture while
very good was not nearly what it
would have been had the weather
conditions been more favorable.

Dr. Hoge introduced the speaker
and occupied a seat with him on the
stage during the lecture.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton
Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—171 bales cot-
ton.
W. C. & A. Railroad—171 bales
cotton, 66 barrels rosin, 217 barrels tar,
4 barrels crude turpentine.
Carolina Central Railroad—2 casks
spirits turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—4 casks
spirits turpentine.
Steamer E. A. Hawes—5 casks
spirits turpentine, 177 barrels rosin,
159 barrels tar.

Steamer Seabright—11 bales cotton,
6 casks spirits turpentine, 23 barrels
tar.
Total—Cotton, 352 bales; spirits
turpentine, 18 casks; rosin, 243 bar-
rels; tar, 599 barrels; crude turpentine,
4 barrels.

To Meet Again Friday.

At the annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the Wilmington Seacoast
Railroad Company, held in this city
yesterday a recess was taken until
Friday, the 10th inst., at 3:30 P. M.,
without transacting any business.
The meeting yesterday was called to
order at 11 A. M. and a majority of
the stock was represented. However,
several stockholders whose presence
was very much desired were unavoid-
ably kept away, and it was for this
reason that the transaction of business
was deferred.

Refuse to be Vaccinated.

Acting under instructions from Dr.
McMillan, Superintendent of Health,
Dr. Price yesterday afternoon visited
the jail for the purpose of vaccinating
the county prisoners, of whom there
are nine in number. All of these
stoutly refused to be vaccinated and
as Sheriff MacRae did not have suffi-
cient help at ready call to make the
matter compulsory, Dr. Price post-
poned the vaccination until to-day.

The Hibernian Society.

The Hibernian society and their wide
circle of friends are anticipating much
pleasure on the occasion of the society
social to be given on Monday the
18th, in Hibernian Hall. Detailed an-
nouncement of features of entertain-
ment will be made later. The Boston
String Band will furnish music for
the dancing.

FAMOUS BLINDFOLD DRIVE.

Will Start From the Orton at Noon To-
day—Last Night's Performance by
Lee, the Hypnotist.

The extreme inclemency of the
weather made some inroads upon the
audience at the Opera House last night
to witness the hypnotic performance
by Prof. Lee, but there was neverthe-
less very good patronage and the per-
formance was fully up to the high
standard of marvelous and mirth-pro-
voking hypnotic power set by the
initial performance on Monday night.

Probably the most wonderful feature
of the programme last night was the
"postoffice feat." Capt. Edgar Hart,
Herbert McClammy, Esq., Mr. H. J.
Gerken and Mr. W. R. Morrison were
selected as a committee and sent to
the postoffice, where they selected a
box in which they locked a card.

They then stopped by Mr. Mc-
Clammy's office, hid the key and re-
turned to the Opera House. Then
Prof. Lee hypnotized and blindfolded
one of his assistants, who took Capt.
Hart's arm and led him back to the
postoffice over the same route, stop-
ping at Mr. McClammy's office for the
key. At the postoffice the subject lo-
cated the box, procured the card and
then led Capt. Hart back to the Opera
House, still blindfolded. The commit-
tee had been instructed to agree upon
and think about some special person in
the audience to whom they wanted
the hypnotized man to deliver the
key. They did so, selecting Mr. E. P.
Boatwright and the key was so de-
livered.

To-day at noon the famous blind-
fold drive will take place. The com-
mittee selected to drive over the city
and hide a needle which Lee will find
is to consist of ex-Mayor Jno. J. Fow-
ler, Mr. Benjamin Bell of the Messen-
ger, Mr. R. W. Vincent, of the Dis-
patch and William J. Martin of the
STAR. Many new features are an-
nounced for the performance to-night.

CONCERNING NEW HANOVER.

Bill Passed for Additional Commissioners.
Bill Introduced to Reduce Rates of
Brunswick Bridge and Ferry
Company—Other Matters.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7.—At noon
to-day a joint ballot was held for two
new directors of the penitentiary,
there being only that number of vacan-
cies in the old board. W. C.
Newland, of Caldwell, and M. L.
Bryan, of Madison, were chosen.

A bill supplementary to the act put-
ting the penitentiary in the hands of
Democrats was passed by both houses.
The bill provides that if the board of
directors finds it cannot meet at the
penitentiary February 10th, it may
meet at any place in the city of Raleigh
it may select.

Bills were introduced in the House
as follows: To reduce fees on crop
liens; to provide for the appointment
of directors and State's proxy of the
N. C. Railroad; to amend Article six
of the Constitution by adding a new
section limiting eligibility to all elec-
tive State and county offices to three
successive terms; to repeal the act re-
quiring dentists to pass examination;
to prohibit shooting wild fowl over
decays in Carrick sound between
March 1st and November 10th; to
amend the charter of Polk County
Railway; to allow citizens of Union
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dispensary.

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To amend Chapter 200, Acts of 1897,
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To amend the charter of Hertford
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To give Richmond and Iredell coun-
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To incorporate the Carolina and
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To regulate bonds of officers in
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In the Senate.

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To create a new school district in
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The bill providing for changing the
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and the date of erection of building;
that a tablet of bronze or stone, with
the names of the men upon whose
plans said building were erected shall
be placed within the building.

Railroad Men.

At a joint meeting of the House and
Senate Finance Committees to-day,
hearing was given to railroad men
touching the proposed tax on gross
earnings. Those who spoke were
President Warren G. Elliott, of the
Atlantic Coast Line; John D. Shaw,
for the Seaboard; F. H. Busbee, for
the Southern; W. A. Guthrie and C.
B. Watson, for the Norfolk and
Western. Vice President A. B. An-
drews, of the Southern, also filed a
statement.

Another meeting of the committee
will be held to-morrow morning to
hear argument in advocacy of a repeal
of the merchants' purchase tax. It
is understood that merchants will ask
repeal of the tax and agree to have
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Atlantic Coast Line; John D. Shaw,
for the Seaboard; F. H. Busbee, for
the Southern; W. A. Guthrie and C.
B. Watson, for the Norfolk and
Western. Vice President A. B. An-
drews, of the Southern, also filed a
statement.

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