restarde President Roose-his The Senate on Foreign Relations has eport favorably the Panama y. - Banks Miller shot d then himself at Winstonih are dead. - A revoluto have broken out in Hon-- A man named R. Bedlich illed a woman named Garn killed himself, yesterday, rk. -- France is said to d a naval squadron to the fartinique. -- Four men a bank of \$10,000 at Camwere captured by citizens, by has not been recovered. m in Richmond, Va., last night es estimated at \$100,000. sels is willing that the allies referential treatment for one in the settlement of claims and end of that time all the claimtions be placed on an equality. New York markets: Money on

WEATHER REPORT.

leady at 2@3 per cent.; rosin

strained common to good \$2.10@

spirits turpentine firm at 66@

cotton quiet at 9.00c. for mid-

upland; flour was moderately

but firmly held; wheat-spot

red 81%c.; corn-spot steady, No.

; oats-spot quiet, No. 2, 42c.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 3. eteorological data for the twenty-Lurs ending at 8 P. M.:

stures: 8 A. M., 57 degrees M' 39 degrees; maximum, 65 dees: mhumum, 56 degrees: mean, 60

sainfall for the day, .05; rainfall e 1st of month to date, .05. tage of water in the Cape Fear r at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY. ASHINGTON, Feb. 3 .- For North olina: Rain Wednesday; Thursday much colder; brisk to west winds.

Port Almanac ... February 4.

5.27 P. M. s Length. 10 H. 30 M. Water at Southport 12.00 A. M Water Wilmington. 2.30 A. M.

Sapt. Mahan has written an are on "The Scope of the Monroe ctrine." And Germany has been oting holes in the M. D.

Railroading in this country is ut as dangerous as an average The fatalities in 1902 were 55, with 53,339 injured.

he question as to who "fired the shot" at San Carlos is likely to e its place with the interrogatory, ho struck Billy Patterson?"

the grand jury in Chicago has icted forty-four coal corporations conspiracy in restraint of trade proposes to make it hot for

Utah editor compared the Legture to jackrabbits, and the so protested. Some of them can't p showing their ears even when y protest.

Henry Rothschild, of Paris, prets that within ten years every icle in that city will be propelled motors, and the horse will be a miniscence.

The Democrats must nominate a n for President in 1904 who can ry New York. New Jersey and nnecticut. In the language of puzzle pictures: "Find the

The dairying business is becomone of the flourishing industries middle Florida. They find sale all their products at profitable es in the Florida cities. It be made a flourishing indus in middle North Carolina, and Eastern and Western North Car-

Parkhurst, of New York, disnts Marconi's trans-ocean wiretelegraphy, and Nik Tesla's amunicating with the planets, by dicting that mental telegraphy knock out the wireless system, that all we will have to do is to our minds in trim and commute with other people across the or anywhere else.

THE MORNING STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4. 1903

WHOLE NO. 11,060

ED. UTLEY ESCAPED.

Murderer of Hotel Clerk Hollingsworth Made Easy Exit from the Cumberland Jail.

\$600 REWARD OFFERED.

Ha Disappearance a Mystery Which the County Authorities Will Investigate to Pullest Extent-Evidences of Assistan : e by Prisoners.

A special from Fayetteville says that Edward L. Utley, under a twentyyear sentence for killing Hotel Clerk Hollingsworth in that city a few months ago, escaped from the Cumberland county jail night before last and has not since been apprehended. All the cell doors were found unlocked. Several prisoners were on the same floor and the jailor roomed in the building, but all profess ignorance of any unusual occurrence dur-

ing the night. An alarm was given about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and immediately telegrams were sent to all principal cities and towns in which it was thought Utley would likely seek refuge. It was by this means that the news first reached Wilmington, Chief of Police Furlong having received a message to "arrest Ed Utley, escaped murderer." Later a telegram came, saying that an aggregate reward of \$600 had been offered for the fugitive.

The escape caused a great sensation in Fayetteville, where the crime was committed and where the trial had taken place the week before. Sheriff Marsh, of Cumberland, who was at his country home in Gray's Oreek township, was sent for and he arrived about noon. He said that he and Chief Deputy Monoghan would make a thorough investigation of the escape and would leave no stone unturned to place the responsibility where it be-

Jailor Pate was in charge of the prisoner and was aleeping on the first floor of the jail. Utley was confined in the northeast corner cell on the second floor and the door was thought secure with two padlocks. One of them was found yesterday morning locked. Once outside the cell, the iron door to the tier of cells was open as was also an outer door. Underneath the iron steps leading to the third floor some boards were torn up and through this the prisoner is supposed to have crawled, letting himself down to the bottom steps, from which he ascended to the second floor again; descended by the outside steps to the yard, opened a gate in the northwest corner of the enclosure and made his way to liberty. Deputies scoured the town and sur-

rounding country yesterday with no effect. The prisoners were searched and on Delia Waddell, a negro woman in jail for selling whiskey and occupying a cell next to Utley's, was found a \$10 bill, a bunch of keys belonging to Utley and a note addressed to Mr. Herbert Lutterloh asking for a loan of \$20,000 and bidding his uncle goodbye. The note was signed by Utley. On another prisoner who had access to the corridor in which Utley's cell was located, was found \$50 in bills. Neither of the prisoners would say how they

came by the note or money. Deputy Sheriff Monoghan said he talked with Utley in his cell Monday; that Utley asked him "what he was hanging around his cell for; that he was not trying to escape." The only package Utley has received in the last few days was some novels from a book store, and Deputy Monoghan says he searched them thoroughly before they went to the prisoner.

The County Commissioners of Cumberland offer a \$400 reward for the fugitive and Sheriff W. H. Marsh offers an additional reward of \$200 for his capture. Utley was convicted at the last term of Cumberland court of murder in the second degree was and confined to jail pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. He is about 24 years old, slender, weighs about 150 pounds. retreating forehead, brownish-light hair, gray eyes, about six feet tall and very erect.

The Fayetteville Observer yesterday fternoon obtained the following statement from Jailor Pate:

"I heard nothing unusual during last night. When I went to feed the prisoners about 7 o'clock this morning I noticed that boards under the steps had been broken away, and concluded that an escape had been made. I went at once to Utley's cell, and saw what I supposed to be the prisoner's form under the cover. I said nothing to him. I went upstairs to the cage cells and found all the prisoners intact. I then came down stairs again and went into Utley's cell, and found that in-stead of Utley in bed it was the boards broken from underneath the stairs, wrapped around with some of Utley clothing to resemble a form, with the bed covering pulled up over it. I then notified Capt. A. B. Williams, chairchairman of the board of county commissioners. The door leading to the tier of cells in which Utley was confined was left open. is never locked. One of the padlocks on the door to Utley's cell was locked. How he got the keys I do not know. The outside iron door leading from the second floor to the steps on the outside of the jail, was death from apoplexy.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hall & Pearsall-Lost or stolen. Masonic-Meeting Orient Lodge. Mechanics' Home Asso'n-Meeting.

BUSINES LOCALS.

To Let-Furnished room. Wanted-Lady stenographer. W. M. Cumming-Take notice.

Cape Fear Camp, U. C.V .- Meeting.

WATTS' LIQUOR BILL. PENNY DAMAGE SUIT. AFFAIRS

port It Favorably, With Slight Amendments.

LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Bill Almed at Hats Which Obstruct View in Theatres-Increase in Appropriation for Confederate Soldiers. Temperance Petitions.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.-The House Committee on Proposition, and Griev ances decided this evening to report the Watts whiskey bill favorably, subject to two important amendments.

One of them is by Abell, of Johnsto as follows: "This act shall not b construed as applying to brandy man afactured from fruits, cider and wine, raised on the lands of persons so manfacturing, but the sale of such brandy is hereby expressly forbidden."

There is also an amendment by Watts, to insert a section providing it shall be unlawful to sell wine man ufactured from one's own growing ruit in less quantities than five gal lons and none to be drank on the premises where sold. Any person desiring to sell wines manufactured from fruits other than grown by himself must procure license from county commissioners.

Morton offered an amendment tha he act apply to no county until a majority of the qualified voters ratify it the county commissioners, to order an election whenever public sentiment demands election.

Section 6 of the bill is stricken out so as not to conflict with any county's prohibition laws, now in effect.

The committee meeting was a spirit ed one. Indications are that a stubborn fight will be made on the floor on Morton's amendment.

The Watts bill prohibits the sale or manufacture of liquor in the State, except in incorporated cities or towns where such sale or manufacture is not prohibited. The sale of liquors under prescription for sickness is not pro-hibited. The penalty for a violation disposal is imprisonment not exceeding six months, or fine not exceeding \$200 or both in the discretion of the court Violation as to manufacturing liquor a made a felony and the penalty is not less than four months nor more than wo years in prison, or a fine not less than \$200, nor more than \$1,000, or both in the discretion of the court. A heavy penalty is prescribed against physicians and druggists, who may abuse the privileges of the prescrip-tion clause and all druggists selling by prescription are required to keep a record thereof for the inspection at any time of the solicitor of the district and the mayor and police of any city or town in which the business is car-

Legislative Proceedings Yesterday. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.—In the Senate to-day, Baldwin, of Foreyth, introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to wear hats which obstruct the view in theatres, and providing in fine of \$25 for violations.

Other notable bills introduced were By Baldwin, to regulate contracts of laborers and renters.

McBryde, to increase the appropriation for Confederate soldiers to \$800,000.

Godwin, to amend the law regarding woodard, to incorporate the Wilson Savings and Trust Co.

Spruill, to abrogate the penalty for ot listing notes for taxes. Numerous temperance petitions were

Important measures that passed the Senate were: Resolution for a join sub-committee from the Senate and House Committees on Railroads; Railroad Commission to hear complaints of representatives of boards of trade as to freight rate discriminations; to incorporate the Piedmont Industria

Second reading bills were: To establish graded schools at Swan Quarter and Westfield.

In the House a great number of tem perance petitions were presented—one being by Morton, of New Hanover Important bills were introduced: Phillips, to amend the charter of Sha lotte, Brunswick county. By Brit-tain, for relief of the Worth Manu-facturing Co. By Roberson, to incorporate High Point Manufacturing Oc By Luther, to appropriate an additional \$20,000 for State institutions for the deaf, dumb and blind. By Drewry, to incorporate the North Carolina Vet-erinary Medical Association; to incorporate the Raleigh and Eastern Caro ina Railroad Co.

Notable bills passed were: To amen the act of 1797, incorporating the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; to incorporate Bladenboro; to incorporate the Bank of Whiteville. A grea number of local bills passed. The House adjourned to 10 and the Senate to 11 o'clock.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

- Mr. F. R. Corbett, of Shan non, Robeson county, was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

- Mrs. N. F. Parker has bee summoned to Southport on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Dosher. - Mr. D. E. Godbold, a prominent merchant of Mullins, S. C., was

in the city yesterday calling on the wholesale trade. - Capt. O. D. Burruss was sum moned to Southport yesterday by news that his mother was at the point of

- Mr. J. W. S. (kommonly kalled "Scott") Robinson, one of Sampson's most prominent and popular Democrate, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

- Mrs. Jno. B. Munson and two interesting little children, of New York, arrived last evening to visit Mrs. Louise Munson, No. 319 Walnut - Mrs. R. M. Wescott andilittle

Miss Mary, Masters Jno. L. and Tom Davis Wescott were passengers on the steamer City of Fayetteville yes-Wescott's son, Mr. Clem Wescott, at White Oak Academy, Bladen county.

Begun in the Superior Court Yesterday Morning.

TALES JUROR FINED.

Plaintiff Asks for \$20,000 for Isjuries Received in Being Shot by an Ejected Passenger Four Years Ago. History of Proceedings.

The \$20,000 damage suit of B. F. Penny against the W., C. & A. Railroad Company was begun yesterday morning in the Superior Court. Most of the morning session was taken up in the selection of a jury and in the land I. A. Orrell, reading of the complaint and answer n the case. In the afternoon three

witnesses testified and at 5:80 P. M. a

recess was taken until 10 A. M. to-day. The contentions in the suit are well known to STAR readers. On Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1898, plaintiff boarded a train of the defendant company, rid ing in the second class car. His destination was Leland, Brunswick county, about 20 miles from Wilmington. Capt. Sam Carmon, who has since died was conductor in charge of the train and at Leland he ejected from the car, Sam Callaway, an obstreperous negro, who fired at the train and Mr. Penny was hit in the groin by the bullet intended for the conductor. Callaway was subsequently filed in Brunswick county and sent to the penitentiary for 10 years. Mr. Penny brought suit against

perior Court of New Hanover. The jury at the first trial gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$6,000, but Judge W. A. Hoke set the verdict anide. At the second hearing a mistrial resulted. The best legal talent in the city is engaged in the fight now in progress in the court. For the plaintiff Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, E. S. Martin, E.

the railroad soon after the accident

and it has twice been tried in the Su-

K. Bryan, Herbert McClammy and A. Marshall are appearing and the interest of the railroad is being looked after by Messrs. Rountree & Carr, Bellamy & Peschau and Davis & Forty of the fifty talesmen ordered

for the day were returned upon the opening of court yesterday. Those not found were James Sinclair, Jno. F. Keyes, F. J. Dempsey, W. L. McKeithan, C. H. Heide, T. J. Pratt, C. B. Clowe, Edgar W. Rogers and L. Y. Styne. Those excused by the court were William Struthers, Geo. T. Bland, W. B. Thorpe, E. H. Munson, S. G. Hall, R. H. Gwaltney, J. Norwood Huske and G. W. Britt. Even with the unusual number of talesmen summoned the day before, others had to be picked up in the court room and elsewhere before a jury satisfactory to both sides was obtained. In addition to the list of fifty published in yesterday's STAR. others were summoned as follows: M. Rosemaun, T. S. McManus, G. W. Borneman, Jake Solomon, J. H. Hancock, D. N. Chadwick, Chas. Wessell, Julius Taylor, R. Grant, J. H. Holton, Julius Hahn, J. M. McGowan, C. R Davis, Walter Way, Oscar Morris, J. G. Barrentine, J. M. Bunting.

Wm. Calder and Walter Smallbones. The jurors at length empanelled to try the issues were as follows: J. T. Burke, W. L. Vann, J. F. Stanland, D. F. Klein, McL. Bell, D. W. Trask, W. H. Dock, C. F. Bell, J. O. Brock, D. M. Beardsley, Charles Wessell and

Walter Smallbones. Justin M. Bunting, a talesman summoned in the case, was called and failed. Judgment nisi was ordered and defaulting juror was fined \$40. Mr. Bunting later came into court and after being heard, the court ordered that the fine be made absolute.

The evidence in the case is being taken down for the railroad attorneys by Miss Stella Shrier. The first witness yesterday was the plaintiff Penny, who testified to the occurrence and underwent a rigid cross-examination. Dr. C. T. Ford, of Mullins, S. C., who is now Mr. Penny's physician, testified as to the permanency of his injuries. Mr. Cyrus VanAmringe, baggage master on the train on which Mr. Penny was a passenger when he was shot, was the last witness for plaintiff before the recess was taken

for the day. During the morning session of the court, divorce was granted in a case

of Eliza Jones vs. William Jones. In the case of A. C. L. R. R. Co. vs. A. H. Blocomb, judgment was entered placing the costs of the action on the defendant, settlement out of court having been reached upon that basis. In the case of E. K. Bryan vs. Chas. O'Donnell Lee, Charles Morton Stewart and Redmond Conyingham Stewart, judgment in the sum of \$400 with interest from Feb. 20th was entered

Wedding This Morning.

and attachment was made.

This morning at 9 o'clock in 8 Thomas' Catholic church, the Rev. Father C. Dennen officiating, Mrs. Louisa Maria Korb, daughter of Mr. be married to Mr. William Bertram of Raleigh, appeared for the defend-Schuler, a popular young man of this city. The bride and groom will leave on the 9:30 A. M. northbound train for an extended bridal tour to Washington, New York, Philadelphia and other Northern cities.

Naval Store Market. The naval store market continues the wonder of the commercial world. Yesterday spirits turpentine went to 68 cents on the Wilmington and Savannah markets and rosin on the Wil-

The House Committee Will Re- Important Action for Damages Important Meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance Was Held Last Night.

> REDUCE MUNICIPAL

> Suggestion of Commissioner of Sinking Pand Approved-Many Small Appropriations Concurred in-Rock Quarry Was Discussed.

An important meeting of the City Board of Audit and Finance was held last night, members in attendance having been Chairman H. C. McQueen and Messrs. C. W. Yates, Jesse Wilder

A communication was read from the Aldermen, officially informing the Board of Audit and Finance of this action on several matters the night previous and at their special session ten days before.

Chairman Johnson, of the Streets and Wharves Committee, was present and urged concurrence in the award of the contract to the Stewart Stone Co, of Columbia, d. C., for 1,000 tons of crushed rock for use as an experiment, the price being \$1.56 per ton. He stated that it was the committee's purpose to macadamize the Front street market alley and Grace, between Front and Second streets. He said that he would prefer buying the material at home, but that the machinery at the quarry had so deteriorated that only about 30 or 40 tons of rock was now available daily, whereas the output formerly was from 70 to 80 tons. There was a general discussion of the best disposition of the city quarry, which is now idle, but action was deferred. The appropriation by the Aldermen of \$500 for a hoisting engine for the quarry was left over for further consideration. The award of the contract to G. C. Simmons for the care of the city clock

at \$60 per year was concurred in. The bids were submitted by Chairman Hashagen, of the Finance Committee. Chairman VonGlahn, of the Police Committee, was present and urged that some action be taken in regard to the purchase of a patrol wagon. Bids and specifications were submitted from several. An Atlanta firm bid \$370 and \$380; a Charleston firm \$295; J. O. Brown, of Wilmington, \$250; Cowan Livery Co., \$245 and \$150, and P. H. Hayden, \$165. After a thorough examination of the specifications, etc., the bid of the Cowan Livery Co. was accepted and Chairman VonGlahn was instructed to meet the bidder and arrange all details. In the meantime the action of the Aldermen in ordering that a wagon be rented temporarily for the patrol service was concurred in. The old "Black Maria" has been engaged at \$10 per month until the

new one arrives. The action of the Aldermen in adopting the suggestion of the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund was approved by the Board of Audit and Finance. The suggestion was that \$46,000 in bonds and certificates in the sinking fund be destroyed. Chairman McQueen stated that the effect of the action will be to cut the public debt down to \$694,000 and reduce the annual interest to \$34,200, leaving \$10,-000 still in the sinking fund. The destruction of the paper will save an annual interest of \$2,840.

Upon presentation of the facts by Aldermen Tiencken and Hashagen, the claim of the Howard Relief Co. for \$479,50 was ordered paid. The increase of \$10 per month in the

contract of W. B. Duke for the city oil lighting was not concurred in. Members of the Board expressed regret that Mr. Duke should be losing money on the contract but they thought it was not business to do other-

wise than maintain the price. Chairman Tiencken, of the Market Committee, asked concurrence in the \$125 appropriation for repairs at the city pound and same was granted; also concurrence was had in the usual \$150 appropriation for extra assistance with tax collecting in the Clerk and Treasurer's office.

extra lumber for Sixth street bridge were ordered paid, besides \$373.40 previously paid for timber. After auditing the usual bills for current expenses, the Board adjourn-

Bills of T. F. Tyler for \$100 for

U. S. COURT ADJOURNED YESTERDAY.

Case Against Insurance Company Compromised-Prisoners Are Off.

The work of the adjourned term of the United States Court in this city was completed yesterday. The civil suit of Mrs. Annie D. McQueen Ex'r. against the Reserve Fund Life Association, of New York, was compromised by \$3,750 being paid to the plaintiff and each side paying its own costs. Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, and N. A. Sinclair, Esq., of Fayetteville, represented the plaintiff, and Messrs. Hinsdale & Lawrence. ant. The amount sued for was \$5,000. representing a policy in the defendant

company, carried by plaintiff's late

husband, Archie McQueen. Yesterday afternoon Deputy Marshal J. T. Sharp left for Atlanta conveying Artemus Easterling to the Federal prison in that city and last night Officer Deputy Jno. C. Dockery left for Sheltonham, Md., conveying Ped Hines, colored, 18 years old, to the U. S. reformatory for youthful criminals. The boy and Easterling were convictmington market was quoted at \$1.80 @ ed Monday of robbing the postoffice at

FRIENDS OF SEAMEN.

Fiftieth Annual Meeting of Society at Wilmington Held Yesterday Afternoon.

HEARING OF YEARLY REPORTS

uch Good Accomplished by a Great In stitution - Officers, Trustees and Committees Chosen for Ensuing Term-Library, Etc.

The 50th annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society of Wilmington was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the reading rooms of the Seamen's Home, corner of Front and Dock streets. Mr. James Sprunt was called to the chair and Col. W. J. Woodward to act as secretary. The Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure opened the

proceedings with prayer and the various reports were submitted, and on motion were ordered placed on file, as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Fifty years ago to-day a large num-ber of prominent merchants and citi-zens of Wilmington assembled and organized the Seamen's Friend Society. Eighteen years prior to that time, on the 7th day of May, 1835, the Wil-mington Marine Hospital Association was formed by the humane towns-people, the population at that time num-bering only sixteen hundred white persons, but they subscribed on that day to the relief of suffering sailors of Wilmington, the handsome sum of \$1,894, and this noble work was taken up later by the society which we still honor and uphold. We are but s handful compared with the number of people who gave their time and money long ago in this good cause, but the spirit which animated them still lives in the hearts of our little band which has kept the lower lights burning to the everlasting welfare of many stormtossed sailors who have been safely anchored after your helpful guidance We revere the memory of Governor Dudley, of Aaron Lazarus, of P. K. Dickinson, E. P. Hall, and of others who began the good work, and of those who in later years established the fine building which has sheltered thousands from the dens of iniquity so prevalent in former years. I venture to say that there is not in all the

portant feature of our work, we again thank the venerable New York Society, whose support has so long encouraged and upheld us. The reports of our committees will show that the work goes steadily on with ever increasing usefulness. The rebuilding of our Bethel has been delayed by unfavorable conditions which we hope to overcome during the present year. We gratefully acknowledge the blessing of Almighty God upon the work which you have so faithfully performed.

world a Seamen's Bethel which affords

such helpful ministrations as ours on

continued benefit, which is the most im-

THE TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,095.87; receipts, all sources, \$1,800.25. Total, \$3,902,12. Expenditures, \$1,-281.34, leaving a balance in Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. of \$1,630.78. COMMITTEE ON RENTAL AND REFAIRS.

The Committee on Rental and Repairs reported no changes in rents or tenants from last report. The property in fair condition save Bethel building. The Mt. Tirzah property has been sur veyed, and stone posts placed at the corners of the four lines. Mr. Mintz is the care-taker. Titles have been searched and ownership by the society fully established. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The Committee on Public Worship reported regular services having been held every Sunday during the past year. The ministers of the city have officiated and manifested a deep interest in the work. The faithful and ever present choir has not faltered in their efforts to please the sailors, and the committee recommends the re-election of Miss Anna Sprunt as organist and Miss Carrie White as so-

prano for the ensuing year. THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT. H. G. Christoffersen, reported that during the past year the visitors to the reading room and attendance at Sunday services has been as follows

Seamen, Citizens, Total February.... March..... April...... 138 June..... July.... August September ... 2,609 October 1,905 2,657 1,954 737 614 November.... December.... 597 January.... 489-

541 8,870 Total 8,329 For same period last year: Sailors 8,831; citizens, 699. Total, 9,080. Read Sailors, ing Room open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 10 o'clock P. M. daily. Services every Sunday at 3 P. M. COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND READING

ROOM, J. W. PRICE, CHAIRMAN. On behalf of the Committee ap pointed for the oversight of the read ng room and library, I have respect fully to say that the members of the Committee have visited the reading room at least once a week and that i has been kept clean and tidy;and that i

has been attended by a fairly good number of the sailors in port. We have so little severe cold weather that there has been no special need for dispensing coffee to the men, of which we have still a good supply. A friend has offered to replenish our supply of tobacco which is given gra-tuitously at intervals. We have also supplied free stationery to the sallors who desired to write letters to their people at home. We have not kept an account of the number of letter sheets supplied but it is estimated to be about

one thousand. Charitable citizens who are disposed

The Election of Trustees.

The following named gentlemen were nominated as trustees to serve the ensuing year: James Sprunt, James I. Metts, W. J. Woodward, Rev. R. W. Hogue, Rev. A. D. Mc-Oiure, D. D., T. E. Sprunt, James Mc-Dougal, N. Jacobi, James Price, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., E. D. Williams, Swift Empie. Walter G. MacRae, D. L. Gore, Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D. D., and Rev. J. N. Cote.

kindly and valuable ministrations. There being no further business, the

Meeting of Board of Trustees, The Board of Trustees were called to order with Gen. J. I. Metts in the chair and Col. W. J. Woodward sec-

retary. The following officers were President-Col. W. J. Woodward. Vice President—James Price.
Sec. and Treas.—J. Hunter Wood.
Rev. Dr. McClure, James Sprunt
and James I. Metts were elected to

constitute the executive committee with the president, vice president and

The following committees were ap-

pointed:
Rentals and Repairs—James l. Meits,
T. E. Sprunt, W. G. MacRae.
Public Worship—W. J. Woodward,
James I. Meits, James McDougal. Reading Room and Home-Jame Price, James Sprunt, E. D. Williams. Auditing-N: Jacobi and James Mc-

Dougal.
Building Committee The Executive Mr. H. G. Christoffersen's appoint ment as Superintendent of the Home and library was confirmed. The appointment of Miss Anna Sprunt and Miss Carrie White as organist and soprano was approved. The board then adjourned.

BRANCH OFFICES IN WASHINGTON

Banking House of Hugh MacRae & Co. t Be Represented at the Capitol.

Mr. Hugh MacRae left last night for he North in connection with the opening of a branch office of Hugh MacRae & Co., bankers and brokers, in Washington, D. C. The principal banking house of the firm will remain in Wilmington and the Washington office will be in charge of Mr. H. A. Pressey, professor of civil engineering in the faculty of the Columbian University and an attache of the U.S. Geological Survey. Mr. Pressey will resign his position with the government but will continue his services with the Columbian University.

Temporary offices will be established n the Kellogg Building, Washington, but later the banking firm will occupy handsome apartments in the Colorado Building, now nearing comple-

The banking firm of Hugh MacRae & Co., is rapidly being recognized as a factor in the financial world of the country and the establishment of the Complimentary Dance. Washington office is only a step still further in that direction.

FOR A HOSPITAL AMBULANCE.

tions for a Worthy Object.

The Star Will Receive Popular Subscrip-

Owing to the imperative and immediate need of an ambulance or some vehicle in which the sick and wounded may be carried in case of accident to their homes or to the hospital, and encouraged by the favor with which its suggestion in yesterday's issue was received by the public, the STAR announces here that it will receive and acknowledge any and all popular subscriptions that may be sent to the office for this purpose. When an amount sufficient is in hand, it will be turned over to the proper authorities, who will select the vehicle and make the

purchase. The Board of Audit and Finance last night provided the city with a vehicle for caring for criminals picked up on the streets, and it should now appeal with special emphasis to the public to provide a means of rapid removal from the streets of all who may be overtaken by accident or other misfortune.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE BY THE SEA.

Residence of Capt. W. H. Northrop, Jr., Destroyed Monday Midnight.

The handsome residence of Capt. W. H. Northrop, Jr., on Wrightsville Sound, was totally destroyed by fire Monday at midnight with its entire contents. Members of the family, except Capt. Northrop, who was up late, reading, had retired and they barely escaped with their lives. The origin of the fire is thought to have been a defective flue from the dining room and the flames had gained considerable headway when discovered

by the roar. The loss to building and contents is about \$3,500 with insurance of \$900 on the building and \$1,200 on household goods. All of it was carried with Col. Walker Taylor's agency. Adjoining property was sayed with difficulty.

The Pire Last Night. At 11 o'clock last night fire at the

residence of Mr. W. N. Harriss, 118 North Third street, caused a loss of something over \$1,000 to building and contents. The department responded to an alarm from box 27 and very quickly extinguished the flames, which originated in a closet under the stairway leading from the front door. Members of the family escaped by the rear stairway but had a close call. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by Mr. Harriss as the family was retiring up-stairs. The building is owned by Mr. Timothy Donlan and the loss to both building and contents is thought to be covered by insurance.

Confederate Soldier Dead.

Mr. B. M. Roberts, a native of Brunsto help us in this work, might do so by contributions of pictorial magazines, which are always gratefully acknowledged.

Mr. B. M. Roberts, a native of Brunswick county but for many years a resident of Wilmington, and a faithful Confederate soldier, died at 4:28 A. M. Confederate Soldier, died at 4:23 A. M. yesterday after an extended illness at his home, 608 South Seventh street. Cape Fear Camp of Veterans, of which he was a member, is called to assemble at the W. L. I. armory at 9:80 o'clock this morning for the purpose of attending the funeral in a body from the late residence at 10 A. M.

C. S. Blackwell, D. D., and Rev. J. N.

Cote.

Mr. James Price moved that a vote of thanks be given to Dr. McClure for All are invited.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison bank building on Chesnut street: Services this evening at 8 o'clock, All are invited.

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LOCAL DOTS

Two Months.

- Orient Lodge No. 395, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular monthly convocation this evening.

- The Dorcas Society will hold meeting at the Luther Memorial Building Thursday evening at 4 o'clock

- The steamer City of Fayetteville arrived yesterday afternoon with cargo of 78 bales of cotton, 7 barrels tar, cattle and other country produce.

- Gus Hill, a colored A. C. L. fireman, was arrested yesterday for the larceny of a breast drill from the Coast Line shops. He gave bond for his appearance to-day.

- The Mercer & Evans Company has an attractive display of the famous Douglass and Floraheim shoes in patent leather and vici in the windows of its store on Princess street. - License was issued yesterday

for the marriage of Miss Lula J. Knowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Knowles, and Mr. Alonzo J. Burriss, a well known young man of Wilmington. - The annual business meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will

be held in the lecture room of the church this evening at 8 o'clock. Members and friends of the church are asked to attend. - A correspondent at Teachey's, N. C., writes that a crate of nice, ripe strawberries was shipped from there yesterday and others will go forward

from day to day, as they have been do-

ing all during the Winter. Those

shipped yesterday were grown by Mr.

J. J. Wells. Dr. Blackwell Called.

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., to succeed Rev. E. B. Hatcher, whose resignation expires March 1st. The call was extended Sunday at a congregational meeting of the Norfolk church. The First church of Norfolk pays a salary of \$1,500 a year, but if Dr. Blackwell accepts it is said that amount will likely be increased.

Miss Leonora Cantwell last night

gave a delightful complimentary ger-

couples participated and many new

man in Hibernian Hall to her advanced class in dancing. About 20

and pleasing figures were introduced. The hall was very prettily decorated for the event. Big Pire at Plorence. One of the big tobacco prize houses and 300,000 pounds of yellow leaf be-

longing to several buyers were burned

at Florence at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The total loss is \$30,000; insurance about \$25,000.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE. Executive Session Held Yesterday in Raleigh-Union Depot Bill.

[Special Star Telegram.] LALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.-Representatives of the various Chambers of Commerce of the State, notably those of Wilmington, Winston, Greensboro and Wilson, have been in session here to-day, discussing the best methods of securing effective legislation against alleged freight rate discrimination by the railroads. The sessions were executive and nothing was given out.

The members of the Corporation Commission were in session with

The Senate Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission decided tonight to report favorably what is known as the Durham bill, giving the Corporation Commission authority to compel railroads to join in union depots, where the Commission deems them desirable. The vote was a tie,

the chairman and introducer, Senator

Justice, of Marion, voting report favorable. It has passed the House, but will have hard sailing through the For Asthma use CHE-EXPECTOR-

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feb 4 1t Annual Meeting

Of the stockholders of the Mechanics' Home Association, will be held to-night at office of W. M. CUMMING.

Secretary and Treasurer Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

Seven bags Sweet Potatoes from Steamer Whitlock

at Hall & Pearsall's wharf. Please return same to HALL & PEARSALL.

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