The Morning Shoe

large factories; damage estimated at \$350,000. —— Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear by several European powers to prevent war be-New York markets: Money on was casy at 364; per cent; cotton quiet at 130; flour unsettled; wheatgot firm, No. 3 red 93%; corn-spot meany, No. 3 53c; oats-spot steady, No. 3 48c; rosin quiet; spirits turpen-

lork city last night destroyed two

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,) WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.) Meteorological data for the twenty our hours ending at 8 P. M .: emperatures: 8 A. M., 30 degrees M., 43 degrees; maximum, 53 de-

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall

PORECAST FOR TO-DAY. VASHINGTON, Dec. 31. - For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, colder at fair, colder in east portion; light to fresh southwest winds becoming vari-

Port Almanac -- December 22. Sau Sets 4.49 P. M

Day's Longta 9 H. 41 M

High Water at Southport. 10.47 P. M.

Bigo Water Wilmington. 12.47 P. M. Winston, N. C., ought to be good place to try air ships. Now don't ask can Winston-Salem?

Wonder how Perry S. Heath feels since he has been so ignored as not to be given a place in the graft line-

Walh, Yes, we stand for free reech, but the air brakes ought to po put on some of the stuff that passes for the real article.

An exchange denounces Congressman Crumpacker as an ass. This is monstrous injustice-to the ass-We mean the Balaam kind.

A friend of ours recently started a paper called "Up-to-Date." Soon or late we will see that there has

been a failure in the Date crop. An article is going the rounds under the head of "Rich Men Are Not All Happy." Neither are we poor folks, but if we were rich we

could afford not to be overly happy. Why don't some of these United States elect senators and representatives to Congress who know something more than how to hold their

seats and draw their pay? The Treasury Department has raced a statement about "Our l rade With China." Senator Hoar evidently would like to have a fuller statement about our trade

with Panama, We see that the Greenville Refactor has just celebrated its ninth birthday. Truly it is quite a bright pratter for its tender years. Its refactions are bright fisshes from a source where plenty are in store.

"Immeasurable Christmas bargains for every woman," says a merchant's advertisement. We believe in free speech, but wide open announcements like that should be suppressed. It will cause every man's wife to get him into trouble.

North and South it has oustrated that girls make the best ushers. The STAR has always been ahead of everybody else in the belief that blushers make the best ushers. If the girl standard is to be adopted we can say beyond the peradventure of successful contradiction that ushers make the best

The special correspondent of the Savignah News writes from Panameriat the Panamanians say that the \$10,000,000 canal money to come from Uncle Sam is too much boodle for them to handle. A few grafters sent down from Washington or from most any of our large cities would run through that little sum in a juffy and then be prepared to sand bag Unole Sam for digging contracts on the canal.

blushers.

MANY BEFORE MAYOR

Christmas Week Opened With Sixteen Chronic Offenders in Municipal Court.

SEVERAL TU THE ROADS.

Sallor Who Assented Itis Graftsmaster Negro Stole Tebacco and Will Repent at Liesure -- John Grady is Muchly Wanted.

Mayor Springer did not gaze with composure upon the row of pentients who crowded the long beach answering for a prisoner's dock in the police. court yesterday. It was an array principally of old offenders whose features were recognized long before the city attorney called their names in reading the indictments against them. Sixteen in all smiled at the Mayor as he remarked upon the unusual number and the record a great majority of them bore. Two of the number received straight sentences to the roads and a half dozen others will also go out in default of fines.

Peter Glasgow, the drunken sailor who attempted to make a murderous assault upon Capt. McKeen, of the schooner "Adele Thackara" Saturday afternoon, was fixed \$10 and costs for simple assault. John Grady, a little black bullet-eyed negro, who had been dodging the police for months and was finally landed by Officer Frank George, was given 30 days on the roads for vagrancy and bound over to Superior Court on two separate counts of gambling on May 24th and June the 29th, the evidence being furnished by Officers George and C. E. Wood. John Moreley and Thos. Williams, colored, were charged with engaging in a fight in a negro house of questionable repute near Fourth and Castle streets. Williams was charged with breaking in a door to get at \$30,000 and in late years had devoted Moseley but the evidence was that he his time to looking after large real frequented the place and he was discharged upon that count. He was fined \$30 and cost for the fight and Moseley was sent to the roads for 30 days for vagrancy. Mary Pope and Sam Faison, both colored and plain drunks, were fined \$5 and costs. Chas. Hines re ceived \$10 fine for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and was ordered to work out \$17.35 back costs. Jim Green and John Owens, charged with drunkenness, couldn't establish a clean record and were each fined \$10 and costs. Chas. Evans was arrested at the instance of Sam Long, for drawing a pistol and threatening to shoot, but the evidence was of disorderly conduct on the part of both and each

was fined \$5 and costs. Plummer Johnson, a notorious negro thief charged with the larceny of several boxes of tobacco from the store Renail & Hunt, which was entered through the office of the B. F. Ketth Company to which the negro had access by means of a sicien key, was bound over to Superior Court in a bond of \$100. Mr. Keith, who was a witness in the case, was taken to task by the mayor for not having prosecuted the negro a short time ago when he was found asleep in the office, entered by means of the same key. Mr. Keith explained that he was mistaken

in the character of the negro. Ten other acrests for to-day's court were made by the police up to 13 o'clock last night.

GAMPBELL ENGAMPMENT NO. 1. Officers of Higher Branch of Odd Pellow-

ship Chosen Last Night. At its regular meeting last night

Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., elected officers for the ensuing year as follows :

C. P.-P. H. Murphy. H. P.-A. G. Martin. 8 W.-A. F. Gibson. J. W.-J. A. Jordan. Scribe-John E. Wood Treasurer-N. Jacobi.

The above, with appointive officers, will be installed by D. D. G. C. P., Chas. W. Stewart, on Monday night, Jan. 4th.

Southern Edition of Harper's. Mr. John H. Gould, who was in Wilmingion a year ago in the interest of a special edition of Harper's Weekly, the publication of waich was postponed from the date originally intended, was

here again Saturday in the same behalf. The scope of this edition of The Weekly has been vasily enlarged from the original design. More cities and other interests will be represented and 3,000,000 copies will be circulated. It will appear next month. The article upon Wilmington to appear in theedition was prepared by Mr. James Sprunt at the request of the Chamber of Commerce.

appointment of a general court mar tial to meet at Fort Caswell for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. The detail for the court is : Major John A. Lundeen, Capt. Robert E. Callan, First Lieutenant Russell P. Reeder, First Legutenant William Roberts, First Lieutenant Philip Yost, Second Lieutenant William F. Jones, Second Lientenant John R. Musgrave, judge advocate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. L B. Baodes-Notice. Academy of Music-"Romeo and

Juliet." CUSINDES LOCALS.

sale at Gaylord's store.

Wanted-Pine ties. J. B. J. Sandlin-Notice. Wanted-Furnished room. E. Warren & Son-Florida oranges.

DEATH OF W. T. BANNERMAN.

flighly Esteemes Citizen of Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday Afterneen. Funeral at Bargaw To-day.

Mr. William Tate Bannerman, for fifteen years Clerk of the Superior Court of Pender county just after the war and a resident of Wilmington during the past five years, died rather suddenly at his home in this city, No. 120 Walnut street, yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in the 67th year of his age. "Judge" Bannerman, as he was familiarly known on socount of his long service as clerk of the court when that office was one of probate judge, had been in poor health for some time, but recently his condition was thought to have been very much improved. Sunday night, however, he had a sudden attack and he came at the hour stated. His demise will be generally regretted throughout the community where he was well and

favorably known.

Judge Bannerman was born and reared in Pender county and was a man richly endowed with those char acteristics which make up the useful and respected citizen. Soon after removing to Wilmington five years ago he transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian church, of this city, and was a consecrated member of that congregation. His first wife was Miss Hawes, a daughter of the late Albert Hawes, of Wilmington, and his present wife, who is left alone of the immediate family to mourn her loss, is a daughter of the late Atlas Grady, for 15 or more years a commissioner of New Hanover county. The deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. Knox Bannerman, of Pender county, and several sisters who live in Pender and Sampson counties. Judge Bannerman had not been actively engaged in business for several years. He leaves an estate valued at from \$35,000 to

estate interests in the city. The remains will be taken to Burgaw this morning at 9:30 o'clock and the funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock from the Burgaw Presbyterian church, by the Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., of this city.

LOCAL DOTS.

- To-day is given in almanacs as he shortest of the year. - L'Agile Cotillon Club will give

its annual holiday german on the night of December 80th. - During a gale of wind at Cron-

ly Sunday morning, a large hall near the depot was blown down. - The additional battery of coast artillery from Cuba is expected at Fort

Caswell about the first of the year. - Miss Sarah E. Ormsby, 21 rears of age, died yesterday of conumption at the family residence, No. 915 North Third street. The remains will be taken this morning to Ashton,

N. C., for interment. - The marriage of Miss Annie Bell Black, of Ivanhoe, to Mr. Angus Oromartie, of Garland, N. C., will be celebrated in the Presbyterian church at Ivanhoe to-morrow evening by Rev. V. H. Starbuck.

- State Y. M. C. A. Secretary A. G. Knebel has resigned to take up work in the railroad department of the National Association. He is suceceded as State secretary by General Secretary G. C. Huntington, of Char-

- A feature of Christmas among the Chinese colony of Wilmington will be a dinner to the Orientals by Grace M. E. Sunday school. The din ner will probably be given at one of the Chinese habitations on Market telephones. Under the merger plan street.

- General Organizer B. P. Lewis of Memphis, Tenn., will address the local union of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen in Germania Hall tomorrow night, beginning at 7:80 o'clock. All members of the union are urged to be present.

--- Peggie Anderson, colored wanted since last August for an assault with a deadly weapon, was landed in fall by Constable Savage at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He will be given a preliminary trial in Justice Fowler's court to-day.

-- Calvin Rogers, a young white man, sged about 25 years, died Bunday at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he had been under treatment for paralysis about three weeks. His remains were sent to his home near Fair Bluff, N. C., for in-

-- Since she entered the hospital streets last week. She is hardly yet out of danger, but Dr. Akerman says each day the chances grow more and more hopeful of her recovery.

- Under the new law adopted by the last Legislature four Christian Science healers from the Wilmington church have procured the prescribed license from the Register of Deeds, paying the same fee of \$5 as imposed upon members of the secular professions. The four are Miss Bridgers, Mrs. Fishblate, Mrs. Weill and Mr. Theo. Runge.

If you want a good light to read by, get one of Bissinger's Lamps. 119
Market street.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller.

TELEPHONE MERGER

Southern Bell Company Gains Exclusive Field in Wilmington Beginning Jan. 1st.

THE MORNING

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMEN

nter-State Exchange flere Absorbed by its Neighbor, Resulting in Saving to **Basiness Community—Division** of Business le the State.

Less than two weeks ago unofficial

out pretty safe announcement was

made in these columns that a deal was on between the Southern Bell and Inter-State telephone companies by which it was proposed to effect a prein this State between the two systems named. The statement was made at the time that in the division, the Wilmington business would fall into the hands of the Southern Bell Company, which has recently installed here an underground, metallic circuit system second to none of its size in the South. Absolute confirmation of the rumors printed at that time relative to Wilmington was received from official sources inte last night to the following

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: "Negotiations have been concluded between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the Inter State Telephone and Telegraph Co., by which the Inter-State exchange in this city will be merged into that of the Southern Bell Co. The Southern Bell Company has nearly 900 subscribers connected with its exchange while the Inter-State has less than 400, and of this number fully one-half are also subscribers to the Bell. From this it will be seen that there will be a substantial reduction in the cost of telephone service to such parties as now have two telephones and no increase impressed with Wilmington and exin charges to those subscribers who pressed a hope that the relations be- to Mrs. Russell. That was followed at have only the Bell, although they will very soon have connection with a much larger number, and the increase to the small number who have only the Inter-State will be small, as a full share of the business of the port it is not the purpose of the Bell Company to increase its rates on account of the changed conditions. The management of the Southern Bell Company assures the public that it will continue to give them a service up to the highest standard of efficiency and it will be borne in mind that all subecribers connected with the Bell exchange can get connection with its extensive toll line system direct from their own telephones. As a matter of the total number of patrons will be less than the amount heretofore paid."

READY TO TAKE OVER Eleven expert men from the construction department of the Southern Bell Co. arrived in the city yesterday and the work of cutting in all Inter-State subscribers to the Bell exchange will be commenced at once, so that the merger will be in full force and effect Jan. 1st. It is understood to be the idea of the Bell people to fill all existing contracts with Inter-State State subscribers at the same rate as they are now paying. The suburban lines of the Inter-State wil be overhauled and made metallic circuit. Not a piece of she present construction of the Inter-State plant will be in use after the merger is in effect. The present exchange of the Inter-State will be closed, but it is under stood that the additional work required in the increased Bell exchange will be sufficient to give employment to nearly all, if not all, the operators now employed by the Inter-State.

It is estimated from the books that 150 business houses now have the two these 150 will no longer pay for the the Inter State at \$30 per year, which will result in a saving of \$4,500 per year to those concerns. Inter-State residence 'phones at \$18 per year may change to the Bell duplex service at

the same rate. As to the merger in the State, it is understood that the Bell gets the Goldsboro, Winston and Raleigh exchanges while some kind of a traffic agreement has been reached by which the two companies will occupy the Durham field amicably.

ELLIOTT COUNTRY HOME SOLD.

Mrs, Pembroke Jones Purchaser of Valua-

ble Property-Other Transfers. By deed of date Dec. 16th, Col. Waren G. Eilfott and wife, of Baltimore, Md., transferred to Mrs. Pembroke Jones, for a consideration of \$7,000, the handsome Elliott country residence on Wrightsville Sound, known The Department of the East, Gen.
Corbin commanding, announces the aged woman who was run over by a taining about 25 acres and being a part Place." The property adjoins the present country estate of Mr. Jones known as "Airlie." The deed was filed for record yesterday by Mesers. Dick & Reilly, real estate agents of this city.

By other deeds filed for record yes terday, B. G. Emple, commissioner, in a special proceeding entitled John W. Neil, administrator, vs. C. M. Epps and others, transferred to Johannah Rehder for \$635, lot on west side of Anderson, 183 feet north of Rankin street, 38x165 feet in size; and Clarissa Bingham transferred to Selina Loftin, in consideration of the affection for a grand-daughter, lot on west side of Eleventh, 47; feet north of Queen street, 47x47; feet in size.

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filed watches. J. T. Burke, Jew-eller, No. 27 South Front street.

NEW SEABUARD AGENT HERE.

Mr. E. O, Williamson Arrived Yesterday and Took Charge of Office-Pavorably Impressed With Wilmington.

Mr. E. B. Williamson, the newly appointed general agent of the Seaboard Air Line in this city, arrived yesterday and at once assumed charge of the affairs of the office. Though the formal transfer from Capt. Meares to his successor will not be completed until to-day upon the arrival of a travelling auditor of the company, Mr. Williamson is in full charge and bills. of lading, etc., were signed by him yesterday. During the interim of Capt. Meares' refusal to further affiliate with the company and Mr. Williamson's arrival, the office was in charge of Mr. P. C. West, who performed the exacting requirements under the

per of a veteran railroad executive. Mr. Williamson is a young man of most engaging manners and his life has been spent in the railroad service. Prior to going with the Seaboard a few years ago, he was with the Southern Railway and ranks well up in the railroad world. He is a native of Virginia, his home being Norfolk. He was before coming to Wilmington a travelling auditor of the fifth district of the Seaboard, which is one of the important ones of the great system he is with. Mr. Williamson is unmarried and is thoroughly imbued with the railroad spirit. For the present he is a guest at Mrs. S. C. Morton's, 114 South Third street, and has entered upon his work here with an enthusiasm and determination characteristic of the successful railroad man of to-day.

A representative of this paper had a very pleasant interview with Mr. Williamson last evening. While he has not yet had an opportunity of acquainting himself fully with local conditions, he spoke of being favorably tween the Seaboard and the shipping people would speedily become more favorable. He said that it would be his aim to make the Seaboard merit and intimated that facilities would be shortly improved by which these conditions may be met. He is enthusiastic for his system and a firm believer in its capacity to please, all things being equal.

Mr. Williamson said for the present his office would remain at the Nutt and Brunswick depot and he saw no reason with the presence of a soliciting | confident of his original efforts and agent up-town, why the agent's headquarters should go back to the Front subject with the statement: "I am fact, the actual amount of money to street office. On yesterday Roadmasbe paid out for telephone service by tee G. W. Harrison, of Hamiet, came down to Wilmington for the purpose of improving the yard facilities here. There are no reasons why further steps should not be taken to make Wilmington one of the foremost terminals of the company.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Vessel Stranded Off Cape Lookout -Brit ish Barquestine Repairing.

Local tugboat owners were advised y telegraph from Beaufort, N. C., Sunday night that the schooser "Ray" mond T. Maull," 519 tons, Capt. Smith, bound from Philadelphia to Charleston with cargo of coal, had been stranded on Wreck Point, in Cape Lookout cove. The life-saving crew had gone to the crew's sasistance. The vessel is a very old one and tug owners here didn't think it worth while to go to her assistance, though prospects for floating here were said to be good, weather permitting.

The British barquentine "Hillside." Capt. Trefry, which put into Southport in distress last week, having been in collision at sea with the British schooner "Sirdar," is being refitted and is making temporary repairs, preparatory to proceeding the last of the week to Boston with her cargo of wool which was undamaged. Sails for the vessel are expected on the New York steamer to-day.

Quite a fleet of outward bound vessels proceeded to sea from Southport at 11:80 A. M. yesterday, viz: Schooners "Wm. P. Hood," to Boston; "C. C. Lister" to New York; "John Bussell," to Bogue Inlet, N. C., and brig "Sullivan" to Port-au-Spain, Trinidad.

Cotton remained steady at 12tc. on on the local market yesterday with receipts of 3,703 bales against 1,976 same day last year. There were sales of spirits late in the afternoon at 55c. and tar declined by \$1.60 per barrel. British steamer "Devonshire," Capt.

Coull, cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 12,300 bales cotton consigned to Messrs. Sprunt & Son. On account of rough weather on the outside, the steamer "Sanders" didn't proceed to Little River, S. C., until 10

CONCORD CHAPTER NO. I, R. A. M. Election of Officers Last Night and a

o'clock yesterday morning.

Sumptuous Banquet Following. Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: High Priest-W. H. Chadbourn.

King-U. M. Robinson. Scribe-R. H. Pickett. Captain of Host—S. P. Adams. Treasurer—J. C. Munds. Becretary—W. A. Martin. Member of the Building Committee,

W. Price. After the formal exercises an elegant repast was served in the banquet room, during the progress of which a select programme was rendered by

POSTOFFICE

Republican Chairman Rollins Tenders His Endorsment to Mrs. D. L. Russell.

Miss Darby, Present Incombest, Declines Offer of Assistant's Position-Mr. Wallace Says Nothing, But Reiterates He's Still in Race,

The figut for the postmastership at

Wilmington reached the acute stage

yesterday upon private advices of un

derstood all along to have been the champion of the cause of Miss Mary C. Darby, the present incumbent. A lace to agree among themselves. Mrs. Russell, through the ex Governor, is

chance for Miss Darby. A conference in Washington of those high in the councils of their party in this State, having resulted in no agreement, the chances of the several persons mentioned in connection with the office were thought until yesterday to have been about even with the probability that there would be no further developments until after the holidays. Chairman Rollins quite unexpect

place, Mr. Wallace appeared very

ter is appointed by the postmaster, who has the exclusive privilege of appointing tom he or she may choose, every other employe in the office bei-z under civil service. The assistant's office pays \$1,500 per year. night were that there had been no further developments in the contest.

The following from Sunday's Baleigh's Post correspondence, however, will be read with interest: MRS. RUSSELL, THE FAVORITE. "The selection of postmaster for Wilmington may take place next

week, and it looks now as though Mrs. D.L. Russell, wife of former Governor Russell, has the best chances of success. Developments of the past few days confirm the report published earlier in the week that State Chairman Rollins favors the appointment This being so, it would appear that Mrs. Russell's name will be sent to the

Senate by the President, for the State chairman will have the naming of the postmaster. While National Commit-teeman Robinson recommended Miss Darby, Mrs. Russell's selection will be satisfactory to him. Just why the State chairman balked on the appointment of Miss Darby has not been as-certained. Some of the organization Republicans are criticising his action. for they say that in the Lincolnton postoffice case, he made strenuous ob ection to the selection of a lady for the position, laying emphasis on the plea that an active working Republidan should be rewarded in such cases.

port Plan to Special Committee. A special meeting of the Chamber

of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed last week to formulate a feasible plan for a rigid inspection of spirits turpentine received on the Wilmington market with a view of and pleasure trip to New York, Philapreventing an adulteration of the product, which has been so generally complained of lately. The committee is composed of the following receivers of spirits turpentine who met yesterday and agreed upon a report, viz: Messrs. C. W. Worth (chairman), H. K. Nash and B. F. Hall. The nature of the plan to be recommended will not be given out until the meeting to-day.

Fire Works for Retail Customers at wholesale prices at Gaylord's store. I

Parlor. 119 Market street.

the Temple Quartette composed of C. H. Cooper, U. M. Robinson, Herbert K. Holden and Burdis Anderson. Burke.

CONTEST BECOMES WARM.

doubted authority to the effect that State Republican Chairman Rollins, of Asheville, had tendered the place, to Mrs. Rhesell, wife of Ex-Governor. compromise of such a character was suggested in advices from Washingtop, voiced in this paper several days ago, the causes leading up to same having been stated at the time, viz: The impossibility of friends of the present incumbent and Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wal-

said to have positively declined the use of her name in connection with the office unless there was no shadow of a

edly, however, livened up the fight a bit yesterday by a tender of the office mastership to Miss Darby, but in an interview yesterday afternoon Miss Darby said most emphatically that she would not accept the assistant's office and was still a candidate for the postmastership. Since Miss Darby's declination, the slate is then said to have been fixed with Mrs. Russell postmaster and Mr. T. E. Wallace assistant postmaster. Mr. Wallace was seen last night and asked if he would accept a tender of the assistant's

declined to be quoted, dismissing the now and have been a candidate for no other position than that of postmas-Friends of Mr. Wallace, who profees to know, say that his acceptance of the present term as assistant postmes ter was originally with the understanding that at the expiration of that term he would receive the appointment of postmaster. The postmastership at present pays \$3,100 per year with the strong probability of an increase of \$100 per year so long as receipts continue to increase in the present ratio. The assistant postmas-

Advices from Washington last

ADULTERATION OF SPIRITS.

Chamber of Commerce Committee Will Re

Special sale of Dinner Sets, Lamps and Toilet Sets, at Bissinger's China

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Renders Reha

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From now till Christmas, it s only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing. All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be

old. We carry nothing over. Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf s laden with these reasons. Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfac-

torily you will be served. The C. W. Polvogt Co.

To Wives and Those Who Soon Will Be!

"HE" can't get off during the day, BUT you can tell him, that, commencing Monday, December 14th,

Parker, 206 North Front Street.

will keep open 'till 9 P. M., every evening 'till December 25th. Now it XMAS BUYERS will find Useful and Ornamental Pres

10 cente to \$100. -Your House Furnished from top to bottom

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

- Capt. E. C. Cohen spent Sunday in the city. - Mr. R. C. Applewhite, of Cronly, was here yesterday.

- Mr. L. J. Merriman, of Ivanhoe, N. C., is in the city on a business - Mr. Ernest Gilbert, of Nor-

folk, is in the city on a visit to rela-- Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kornegay and children, of Kenansville, are at

The Orton. - Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew and children, of Norfolk, are here to spend the holidays.

- Mr. Albert Gore, who is at Bingham's School, Asheville, will spend the holidays in Charlotte. - Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Empie and Mr. Adam Emple, of New York,

are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Virginia Empie. - Mr. John B. LeGwin, of the Pharmacy School of the University of North Carolina, is at home to spend

the holidays. - Greenville Reflector: "Mrs. H. P. Hill, of Wilmington, arrived this morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Andrews."

-- Mr. Jas. H. Cowan will leave this morning for a two weeks business delphia and other Northern cities. - Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and children arrived Sunday from

New York to spend the holidays at

"Airlie." They have issued invitations to a dance to be given on Tuesday night, Dec. 29th.

Their Silver Wedding.

Carolina."

Cards have been received by friends reading as follows: "Reverend and Mrs. John Nelson Cole request the pleasure of your company at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on the evening of Friday, January the first, nineteen hundred and

four, from pine to eleven o'clock at

their residence, Rockingham, North

CREDIT. Cuban Blossom

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Matinee Prices-25 and 50 cents. Evening Prices-25 cents to \$1. Seats for night performance on sale at Pium-

mer's Thursday. tu we fr dec 22 81 Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of A. V.
Horrell, deceased, this is to notify all persons
indebted to him to make immediate payment to
me, and those to whom he was indebted to file
their properly verified ciaims with me by or before the first day of December, 1904, or this
notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This 23rd day of Fovember, 1908.

E. J. W. ANDERS, Administrator,
A. V. Horrell, deceased.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. tu no 346t

NOTICE

My Stall will be closed Briday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th. My patrons will kindly let us have their I. B. RHODES.