WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY, - - December 31, 189

Set. Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of I spect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when posterior strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will play a simple announcement of Marriage or Death. Postal doney Order or Registered Letter. Postmaters will register letters when desired.

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on one side and by the President on the other, presenting the odd picture IN A MUDDLE. of the Secretary appointed by the Secretary Gage's unequivocal de President advocating one thing and claration for the gold standard, that the President who appointed him adis a gold standard more emphatically vocating nothing, for his recommenprojounced than it has yet been dation as to retiring the Government and his refusal to modify that declanotes practically amounts to nothing. ration, has got the Republican poli-Here is an administration comticians and statesmen in a muddle mitted to bimetallism divided, one of that they would give something nice its leading members coming out to be out of safely. The Secretary squarely for the gold standard and seems disposed to push his scheme. insisting that this is in full accord in which he may be supported by with the St. Louis platform, while Bastern gold Republicans and by the others are mum and are afraid to gold Democrats, but when he does either approve or disapprove for he will cause a racket in his own fear if they approve they will drive party and then fail to carry away voters in the West or if they through. disapprove they will drive away It may have been noticed that th voters in the East. They need the votes of both the silver Republicans

President took good care not to endorse his Secretary's scheme in hi message to Congress, and only wen so far as to recommend that the Government notes be retired on redemption when the Government receipts amounted to more than the expenditures, a very marrowless recommendation, for there is little probability of this happening any time during Mr. McKinley's time, unless they devise some new way of raising reveaue, and follow the suggestion of Senator Hoar by putting a heavier tax on beer, or strike on something else, which in addition to an extra beer tax migut do that. It is intimated that the President refrained from going with Senator Gage in his carrency reform programme at the earnest sol citation of Western Congressmer, who declared that i. wou d def at the Republicans in the next Cangressivial elections a d je pardiz the Presidency next tine if it didn't also wreck the Re paplican party in the meantime, and he ce he touched that question very gingerly and played upon the "in ternational ag eement" string as if the people could be fooled with that fake any longer.

This is what they are banking on now, and this is one of the reasons way they do not wish the currency question agitated, especially on the Gize lines, for however it is agitated i. will cause dissensions in the party and put on record the statesmen who would much prefer to play mum. They hope to play the international agreement fake and thus dodge the carrency issue that they do not wish

the remarks he made in the Senate shortly before it adjourned for the bolidays, and he took occasion to good humoredly score the Eastern gold men at that New England dinner in New York and to throw a few sharp darts at Secretary Gage, for med dling with their game. Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, is a silver Republican, but he stuck to the party in the last election and supported its nominees, as Senator Wolcott did. He agrees with Wolcott, and would, if he could, gag Secretary Gage, whose declarations for the gold standard he pronounces out of line with the St. Louis platform. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger | quotes him

"Secretary Gage's radical declaration in favor of the gold standard is not in line with the platform of the Republican party. A special train carried a gold standard contingent to St. Louis last Summer. The object of these gentlemen was to force their peculiar figancial views upon the party. They failed to do it, because they met there the combined Republican Wisdom of the country, and batter counsels prevailed. Had they succeeded in their purpose Mr. Gage would not be Secretary of the Treasury. The President has earnestly endeavored to comply with the mandates of the con-Vention which nominated bim. He will not cease to arge other nations to join us in an international agreement, and the great mass of R publican voters will

Toe Woont C'm n'esion bar done remarksoly well. The Republican party. u id r'a rolema pleage to promote inter national bimetallism. his been in power a stile more than eight monthe, and yet due of the great European nations has positively agreed to co operate with us. wile the great Bank of England met our commissioners half way. The conditions in Europe are ripe for a continuation of further effort on our part. To stop now would be suicidal; It would be almost criminat. There is no danger of the passage of any 16 to 1 legislation by the Senate I am quite sure that there is not a 16 to 1 m .j .rity in that body. With the pres eat bright pro-pects for international bi metallism, the maj mity of the American perple are opposed to independent actionary basis. I do not know of anything that would drive this country into a fi sancial revolution unless it be the narrow, radical and pig based policy of the gold-standard advocates Mr. G ge's policy has put new life into Populism."

This frontier Senator evidently. appreciates the danger of the "narrow, pig-headed policy of the gold standard advocates," and right well he may for, as he says, there, is "revelution" in it. Scuator Chandler has sounded the warning from the Bast, and Wolcott and Hansbrough emphasized it from the West, and even the gold statesmen are shaky about joining hands with Secretary Gage lest it knock the props from under the old party and put an antigold standard man in the Presidency next term, give him a Democratic Congress, and clinch the business by that his was a hopeless struggle. He | without asking.

kept that thin gray line of ragged, hunpassing a bimetallic bill that would gry men, growing thinner and hungrier each day, together. His courage, his knock the gold standard clear out. wonderful presence and strong person-ality kept that little band of tattered When Senator Hansbrough says-Secretary Gage's policy has put new and emacuated men in battle array, and life into Populism, it is simply another way of saying that it has

honesty in dealing with great ques-

and that's what's troubling them.

They are dealing with this ques-

S:cretary Gage now wants the coun-

A GRAND TRIBUTE TO LEE.

versity, R. I, is a man of convictions

and he has the courage to utter them,

whether those to whom he utters them

agree with him or not. The position he

took upon the silver question aroused

the resentment of the gold advocates.

upon the trustees of the University

that they requested a modification of

his views or silence, which he, of course,

understood and refused, and his res-

ignation was promptly sent and ac-

cepted "with regrets." But the storm

aroused forced a reconsideration of

he was requested to recall his resig-

nation, which he did, and he accord-

But since then he has raised an-

other racket, this time in Grand

Army Circles, by an eloquent tribute

to Gen. Robert E. Lee, delivered in a

lecture on Lee a short while ago.

which is all the more remarkable as it

devotion to the Union by fighting as a

private soldier in the Union army,

where he lost an eye in battle. The

letters would make a guide to holiness.

He was always a soldier-never impure

in thought or act: never profane or ob-

did Grant, Hooker, or Pail Sheridan, and

when he lost a fight it was never said

of him that the defeat was due to a

habit which makes men's heads into

muddles. He was never outgeneraled

by Grant in all the campaign from the

Rappahannock to James river, never

trapped and never caught napping.

fail to find in the books any such mas-

terfal generalship as this hero showed

holding that slim gray line, half starved

with no prospects of additions, and

fighting when his army was too hungry

to stand and the r.fl:s were only usefu

as clubs. His courage was sublime. He

was as great as Gustavus Adolphus, or

Napoleon, or Wellington, or Von

Moitke. His cause was not the lost

cause so much as is supposed. All that

was good in his cause has been grafted

is in exact accordance with his claims

on the point. Gen. Lee lost at Gettys-

burg because the Federal troops had re-

ceived a new motor of tremendous

strength, whose power no one knew-

Gen. Hancock. He also lost because

Meade's men were fighting on Union

soil-almost within hearing distance of

the prayers of their wives and children

for victory. They were at their bearth-

stones. Men are tigers when wives and

It was not until the Federal a

stood almost at the very doors of Rich-

mond that Gen. Lee was sent to the

front. Heretofore he had been but

naif-kindly regarded, but when he took

com nand of that ill-disciplined, ill-

armed and regged army he was hailed a

savior. He outwitted McClellan, whip-

ped two armies much larger than his

own, stopped the advance on Richmond.

drove back the Union army, saved

Richmond and was famous in a day.

The world had never seen such general-

ship, and the world was astounded at it."

Lee successively defeated, outgener-

aled and routed the best generals that

Washington could send against him,

and it was not until the immortal Grant, with the finest army of veterans that the

world has ever seen, took the field against him that Lee's marvellous ac-

complishments received a check. Even

against Grant Lee fought as probably no

other general ever fought, and against

odds that would have driven Napoleon

"It was a great death struggle when Grant faced Lee, and Lee then knew

families are the inspiration in war.

"The doctrine of State's rights, as

into our laws and our constitution.

scene. He did not touch the cup, as

Senator Wolcott gave this away in of indignation which this piece of

the University.

"loyal"

fought to the last ditch, surrendered only when he realized that it would be murder to keep up the struggle. opened the eyes of a good many "Goo. Leo's cause is not lost. All that people to the true inwardness of the is good of it remains; all that was bad his been wiped out. Our country is Republican party on the money quesbetter and grander to day because the tion and to how little reliance can relations of several States in the Union be placed in its managers to carry have been intelligently defined, and perhaps we owe at least that much to Gen. out in good faith its platform declara-Robert E Lee and the cause he fought tions and to their lack of sincerity in dealing with the people and of

MINOR MENTION.

tions. This is fully illustrated in The news from China in reference the course pursued by the Secretary to the movements of the land grabbers is becoming quite interesting, and indicates a pretty lively racket over there, unless those who have already grabbed take counsel of their discretion and hold up until they reach a better understanding with those who want to do some grabbing on their own account. In the meantime poor, pitlable old China, which, with her 400,000,000 of people, ought to be a match for any power that could be massed against her, looks on dumbfounded and in astonishment, apparently not knowing what to say or to do or which way to turn for backing. She was counting on Russia, but Russia seems to be so much occupied with her own schemes that she isn't give ing much attention to China's interests. England and Japan seem to in the West and of the gold Repubbe acting in concert, while John licans in the Bast to hold their grip Bull pushes his more impulsive and daring ally to the front to knock the chip off Russia's shoulder, but Japan tion as they deal with all great quesrecognizes the fact that if Russia tions, simply as politicians, regardgets a foothold on the Chinese less of platform declarations, and coast her game is up, and the exthey are playing and hoping to pull tension of her own dominion in that direction effectually blocked, and the wool over the eyes of the people as they have been doing for years, hence the celerity with which she and as they did again at the last acts in opposing the Russian proelection when they roped in the gold gramme. She has more than that at men by declaring for the gold standstake, for with Russia firmly ard, and roped in the silver Repubestablished at Port Arthur, or licans by putting an international at any other winter open port agreement tail to the gold standard her prestige would be in dandeclaration. The gold men attached ger and her power imperilled, for no importance to the silver tail and with the co-operation of Russia and therefore they were content with the with Russia as an instructor in the gold standard declaration, to which art of war China might recuperate and sore from her defeat by Japan try "more thorough'y committed." seek the first opportunity to avenge In the meantime the Republican herself, when Japan might not find statesmen are in a muddle, out of her as soft a snap as she did in the which they would like yery much to late war when she walked over her. As things are progressing now, unless the grabbers put on their thinking caps, and come to a halt they may soon be making some new his-President Andrews, of Brown Uni-

tory over there and new maps also. The British Hosiery Company, of Thorton, R. I., has decided to move part of its plant -the cotton part-South, to Nashville, Tenn. The reason assigned is the present condiwho brought such pressure to bear tion of the cotton manufacturing industry and the wage trouble up there, which they hope to escape by transferring their cotton business to the South. They seem disposed to. take a new departure, which will be watched with considerable interest, for the dispatch tells us that they proscription on account of opinion will send a number of their experts to operate their Southern plant and this action, and the result was that instruct the inexpesienced colored employes. This means that the plant will be operated with colored ingly continues in the presidency of help, for they can't be mixed in this latitude. We do not suppose the employment of colored help is a matter of sympathy, but simply of business, the company concluding that this will be cheaper than white labor. If it be, then they will have another advantage, for the New comes from a man who showed his England mill men say that white labor in our mills is now from 40 to 50 per cent. less than the same labor in their mills. The experiment, following is the tribute which has however, will be worth watching. raised such a racket among the

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew thinks "He had the faith of the crusader; his the way to capture the markets of the world is to inaugurate a universal war on foreign nations by a prohibltory tariff. This looks somewhat wild, but it is logical. The Republicans believe in a protective tariff, and the only logically protective tariff is a prohibitory tariff. But a prohibitory tariff would keep out too many things that the nabobs want,

The Cincinnati Times-Star counts at thirty seven of the great papers in the North which advocate pension reform, and only nine of these are opposed to the Republican party. These papers have more nerve, whether they be sincere or not, than the Congressmen on that side, who will dodge pension reform every now interpreted by the Sapreme Court. | time.

The great Salt Lake of Utah, which is several miles long by about fifty wide, with a depth of from twenty to forty feet, is said to be gradually losing its saltiness. Many of the springs which flow into it. which were once quite salty, are now nearly fresh water.

A Republican organ remarks that there might be danger in publishing the pension list as it might show on what small pretexts a pension may be received. Phew! Are there not several thousand lawyers, experts in manufacturing pretexts, already engaged in that business?

We are under obligations to the Philadelphia Ledger for its Almanac for 1898, a very convenient and valuable publication, not intended for sale, but for presentation to patrons and subscribers of the Ledger.

"Give Tammany a Chance," exclaims a New York Republican paper. The indications are that with the grip that Tammany now has, it will take all the chances it wants

A WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE. 'Que More Unfortuner, Sashly Importa-

pat , Gone to Har Death " Mamie Mays, a fallen woman, shot and killed berself this morning at 1.80 o'clock in Mattie Ailen's house, near the corner of Fourto and Castle streets. When the pistol shot was heard, some of the inmates entered the room, and found her lying on the floor by the pedside with a 88 calibre pistol under her head. She was dressed and had her hat and shoes on. The ball entered just

The woman is about 26 or 28 years old, and has relatives living near Ral eigh. She came here several months ago from Darlington, S. C. Her acquaintances say she was not perfectly sane. She had been despondent for t day or so on account of unrequited pasion, and had threatened to take her life.

in front of the upper part of the right

ear, and death resulted in about half an

It was rumored that she wanted to go out with a young man, and upon the proprietress' refusing to let her go she killed herselt. It was not possible to get a physician until after the unfortunate woman had p seed to her reward.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Still Stretching Out-It Adds \$40 Miles

R. ilroad to Ite System. The following telegram may be relied on, the STAR having verified all the material statements at the head-

quarters of the Atlantic Coast Line in

NEW YORK December 28 -Thos. F Ryan to day confirmed the report that. in conjunction with Gen. Sam. Thomas, he has sold the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad to the Atlantic Coast Line interests. Ryan declined to discuss the price or terms, other than to say that Thomas and himself were entirely out of the property. From other sources it was learned that the transfer of the road to the Atlantic Coast Line had been effected and that the property will now be merged into that system, thereby increasing its mileage 840

The acquisition of the Charleston & Western Carolina by the Atlantic Coast Line is a very important event in Southern railway circles, for the reason that it will open up a very valuable territory with much business. The present road is the outcome of the absorption of the old Port Royal and Port Royal & Augusta roads, acquired three years ago

by Thomas and Ryan. The road will also form an important feeder for the Atlantic Coast Line and it may be necessary for the latter to do a little building to make direct coone: tions with the property. At present the Atlantic Coast Line reaches Charleston and Western North Carolina at Augusta. over South Carolina and Georgia from Danmark, S. C. a distance of \$7 miles. Under the . ew arrangement the Atlan-Norfolk. Wilmington, Charleston and Port Royal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BALTIMONE Dicember 89 -On Jaguary first, the Atlantic Coast Line wil add to its system an important line by securing the Charleston and Western Carolina Rulroad. Mr. N. B Newcomer, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, said that for the

present the same management would be continued on the road The S A L has troffic arrangements with this road to get into Augusta and Charleston, S. C., and change in control, it is thought, may mean some change in this arrangement. In some circles it is thought, however, that it will be continued, owing to the amicable feeling existing now between the two systems as a result of the Sesboard making peace with the Southern Rulway, with which the Atlantic Coast Line works in bar-

The capital sock of the newly acquired road is \$1 200 000. Its booded dept consists of \$3 700 000 of first mortgage bonds, \$1,800,000 of income bonds, and Augusta terminal bonds aggregating \$600 000 The fixed charges are said to be \$8 000 a mile, and the property is paying, it is said, five per cent. on a \$5,000 000 cap tai zation.

The Shabby Corners Becoming Splend d. The shabby corners in Wilmington are getting to be the splendid ones. The displacing of the unsightly structure on the corner of Fifth and Princess by Dr. F. H. Russell's new residence has already been stated in the STAR. Now workmen are busy tearing down the old store on Fifth and Chesnut streets, and the one story frame houses on Chesnut, above the store. On the lots Mr. J. F. Woolvin will erect several new houses. The old house on the corner of Fourth and Market has been torn down making room for the erection of a handsome two-story house with modern improve-

BANK OF SMITHFIELD.

Organis of Lest Monday Week-W II Commence Business Sonn. [Star Correspondence.]

SMITHFIELD, N. C., Dec. 28. The Bank of Smithfield has been duly organized, and will commence business in a few weeks.

The following board of directors have been chosen: A R. Smith, T. R. Hood, E. J. Holt, W. A Barnes, W. L. Fuller, C Radford, Wm. M. Sanders and I. A.

All the gentlemen are well known in business circles, and their names connected with this institution will insure sale and efficient management. They are all very popular men, capable financiers and thoroughly competent in every respect. Above all, and most impor

tant, they are of sterling integrity. The directors met Monday evening and elected A K Smith, president; W L. Woodall, vice president, and Jao. O. E lington, cashier.

The officers are all well known to the people of the county. Mr. Smith is a capable figancier and a most excellent business man; Mr. Woodall is probably the largest merchant in Johnston county-sale, reliable and aggressive; and the cashier, Mr. Ellington, is a young man of fine business qualities and well suited to the duties to which he has been assigned.

Total Loss of Schooner and Cargo. The cargo of the schooner Samuel W. Hall which stranded at Hatteras December 24 consisted of 426,000 feet of lumber, shipped by the Cape Fear Lumber Company December 17. Telegrams received yesterday from the company's agents in New York stated that the vessel and cargo would probably be a total loss. The cargo was fully in-

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder discases relieved in six hours by the "New GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidney, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. it relieves retention of water and pain, In passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure, this is your remedy. Sold by R. R. Bellamy, Drug-gist, Wilmington, N. C., corner of Front and Market streets.

COLORED YOUTH KILLED.

He Jamped from a Beliroed Train while It Was in Mction.

Passengers who arrived in the city resterday afternoon on the 19 05 o'clock Seaboard Air Line train brought news of a sad accident that happened at Clarkton, forty five miles from this city, which resulted in the instant death of a young colored man of that place named Andrew Kelly.

I: seems that when the Seaboard Air Line train stopped at Clarkton yesterday morning Kelly assisted a colored woman to board the train, and then stood by her side in one of the coaches conversing with her. When the train left the station, after the usual signal had been given, Kelly left the coach walking slowly and bidding his female companion goodbye and started to jump off the train, which was nearing a switch. Mr. Mellyon , Yarborough, a flagman in the employe of the road, but who was then off duty, was standing on the platform alongside of Keily and warned him (Kelly) aot to attempt to get off while the train was moving, but Kelly paid no beed to the warning, and with his back turned towards the direction the train was going jamped from the train, and, losing his footing, was the next instant prostrated upon the track and the wheels of one of the cosches severed his head from his body.

Thestrain was immediately stopped. but Kelly was past all human aid. The remains of the unfortunate young man were turned over to his parents, who reside in Clarkton, for interment.

Death of Mr. Chas. F. Bell. The death of Mr. Charles F. Bell or ast Saturday night removed a good man and a valued citizen. Toose who knew Mr. Bell speak in the highest terms of his Christian character and his personal qualities. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and a more faithful member or one who

strictly could hardly be lound. The deceased is survived by three children, Miss L'zzre Bell, Miss Lee Bell and Mr. C. F. Beil, Jr., of this city, and one prother, Mr. Samuel Bell, of Shal-

carried out the Christian teachings more

The funeral took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from St. Andrew's Courch, Rev. A. D McClure officiating, essisted by Rev. W. L. Cunninggim The hymas, "Asleep in Jesus," "Some Day We Shall Understand" and "Jesus Liver of My Soul," were readered by The interment was made at O kdale

Cemetery, and the mound was covered with beau i'ul f ral offerings. Tae pall bearers were : Honorary, Dr. A D McDonaid and Mr. John R. Latta; Hand, J. C Stewart, Oscar Pearsall, H. Toomas and T. R Post.

SENT TO THE CRIMINAL COURT Case Against Chief of Poline Melcon and

The case against Chief of Police Inc. R Melton and policemen C. O Kaox. Rowan, Green and F. P. Toomer (col ored), charged with committing an assault upon the person of Deputy Sheriff Wm. Guion, colored, on the 17th inst. by imprisoning him (Gaion) in the guard house, was called for trial in Justice McGowan's court vesterday mornng at 11 o'clock, the State being represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and the defendants by David B Sutton, Eig., and Mesers. Bellamy & Bellamy. Mr. Marsden Bellamy inquired if the counsel for the State was going to contend that the case was one in which a magistrate could not take final jurisdiction. Mr. McClammy stated that such would be the State's contention, as the alleged assault was not an ordinary one, but on the contrary

was a most aggravated one. The ruling of the court upon the question of final jurisdiction was then requested, and Justice McGowan sustained the contention of the counsel for the State. Euch of the defendants, through their counsel, waived an exam ination, and were recogn's:d in the sym of \$50 each for their appearance for trial at the next term of the Circuit Court.

Will Probably Not Accept. It is quite probable that Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Rosnoke, will decline the call tendered him by the First Baptist church of this city. A private letter received from him Tuesday states that he cannot wait until May 1, the date the call from here is to take effect, to begin work in a new field. He will, therefore, most likely accept one of the other flattering calls that have been given him. However, positive information to this effect is lacking. He will not make known his final decision before next Sunday.

Coroner's Ir quest, Coroner David Jacobs went to Prospect Church, seven miles from here, yesterday morning, to empanel a jury to hold an inquest over the body of the late Miss Carolina Humphrey, who was killed by a train day before yesterday. The names of the jurors follow: E. W. Manning, W. P. Oidham. J. T. Howe, W. T. Shepard. E G Pollock and T. B Carney. The jury will meet at the

Court House at 10 a m. to-day. A New Club House at Carolina Beach. Another Sammer will find Carolina Beach ornamented with two new club houses. The work on the Atlantic Club house will be completed by the time the "heated term" begins; and now it is learned that subscribers are being secured for another. It will be owned and managed by our German friends.

- Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxtoo, cotton dealer and proprietor of "Maxton's Livery," sends the STAR an exceedingly pretty calendar, the illustration representing a winter scene which is true to nature and very attractive.

- The local cotton market wore a slightly improved aspect yesterday; 5 7-16c was bid for middling, against 5%c on the day before.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take, and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1 00.

NOP ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

A fact often overlooked, or not always aderstood. is that women saffer as much from distressing aidney and bladder traubles as the men The womb is situated back of and very close to the pladder, and for that reason any disire s. disease or inconvenience manifested in he kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb irouble of

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting orine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or seting is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning-these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the exraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the bighest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists, fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphiet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE MORNING STAR and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the geou-

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

RESOLVE TO ENFORCE THE ACT PROHIBITING FREE PASSES.

Further Time to Answer Refused the Wes-

tern Uaim Tel grap 1 Company-Other Baleigh News-The Executive Office R opened-Convection of Ausdemies i , Session.

[Special Star Correspondence]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 29. The Executive office was reopened today for the first time since Christmas. Private Secretary Alexander has been in the Eastern part of the State.

The University Dramatic Club wil present "London Assurance" here January 6th, for the benefit of Rex Hos-

Dr. Abbott arrived this marning from Washington, D C. The Railway Commission convenes at noon. No important business, other than organization will be transacted to day.

Both Messrs. Caldwell and Pearson are known to favor a reduction of freight and passenger rates on the railroads Just what views the two gentlemen hold they decline to give out at this tims. Mr. Pearson said yesterday he would be governed by information presented to him and do what was best for the people of North Carolina and the oilwave alike

Secretary of State Toompson says he believes the proposed Federal issurance bill is intended to wipe out the small insurance composies Nearly all the large insurance companies in the State

The Convention of Academies is have og an interesting session here. There are about twenty five members to attendance. The sessions have been consamed so far in the reading of prepared papers on topical subjects. The asso ciation will continue in session through-

Special Star Telegram.

The Railway Commission to day adopted a resolution agreeing to enforce the commission act prohibiting the use of free passes. The commissioners returned passes sent than by a certain railroad. the name of which they refased to give.

Tae commission refuses to grant the Western Union Telegraph Company. any further time for an assect in its

MERRY MAXION.

Bar Quet Given by the A. F. & A. M. Lidge M J. 417-Miny Gueste Wers Present, [Special Star Telegram.]

MAXTON, N. C. December 39 .- The banquet given by the A. F. & A. M. Lodge No 417, of this city, in their hall to night, was largely attended and duly appreciated by the many guests present. The oysters served in all styles, as well as other delicacies comprising the bill of lare, were promptly disposed of and the adieus said in clouds of smoke arising from the fragrant cigars which completed the list. Success to the A. F. & A. M. and the Maxton boys.

TRUCKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Large Quantities of Strawberrise and Vegetables Will be Baised Along the C. F. Y. V. Bailroad this Sesson.

[Star Correspondence.]

CURRIE, N. C., Dec. 29. Your correspondent notes with pleasure the great increase that is being made in truck, and strawberry culture along the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad from Wilmington west. For several stations above Wilmington num bers of fields of strawberries are being planted and truck, such as beans, peas potatoes, lettuce. &c., will also be in large quantities shipped season. The soil along this line s well adapted to the growth of these profitable crops, and the enter prising men around Currie and other rations near are pushing the business in way which will insure success. If our people will make the proper effort, these new crops will greatly develop this sec tion, as they have the country along the Wilmington & Weldon railroad above Wilmington.

A local Truckers' Association has just been organ z:d at Currie, with Dr. G F. Lucas as president, and J. A. Harman secretary, which will be of great benefit to truckers.

The mission of Hood's Sareaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfills its mission well.

ANOTHER EXPRESS ROBBERY. Agent at Brunswick, Gs., Skipped With \$14,000 in Currency. By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

ATLANTA, GA., December 29 .- A special to the Journal from Brunswick. Ga., 83ys: O H Maver, agent for the Southern Express Company at this place. skipped with \$14 000 in curreacy of that company to day. The money was shiped by Savannah bankers to the banks in Branswick. The money is supposed to have been taken ab out 8 o'clock last night, and it is thought that Mayer left the city is a tug. He stands very high in the social life of Brunswick and is considered one of the most polished gentiemen in the city. This robberg coming as it did in connection with the bank failure this morning, has set the city in the greatest pitch of excitement,

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by milions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world.
Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind." † sthe only alternative."

EVENTS IN THE EAST.

THE ABSORBING TOPIC IN DIPLOMATIC

rapid movement of events in the far

East continues to be an absorbing tooic

in diplomatic circles here, particularly at

the embassies and legations of the

Powers which are aligning for an ap

parent struggle for Chinese territory.

There is no further talk of the U ited

States as a possible factor in the con-

test, as the recent understanding at a

cabinet meeting is accepted as remov

lag this Government from the field of

controversy. At the same time an emi-

nent authority on international affairs

said to day that a situation might de-

velop when the Uni ed States would be

called upon to go much further than

protect American interests at the treaty

ports of China. This situation would

come, he said, if the scramble for Chi

nese territory went to the extent of ex

inction of China and the complete ab

sorption of the old empire by for

drift of the plesent movement, ha

said. and if it became a reality

then a condition would arise simi

lar to the extermination of P. land.

Poland had established a precedent in

ing that precedent, if China was to be

absorbed thee it was a question which

the United States in common with all

the nations of the world must take

cognizance of. Until this final movement

occurred, however, it was plain to at the

United States had no interest in the

fencing of European nations and Japan

or coaling stations and ports on the

In the meantime, however, the diplo-

mats are much concerned in the move-

ments of their respective governments.

A leading Japanese diploma: said to day:

volving the partition of China, and no

event has occurred thus far to indicate

that China is about to be divided among

The only tangible fact is that Ger-

many has occupied Kiao Chou bay and

Russia has a firet at Port Arthur. But

Germany's ction was taken to collect

an indemnity for an indignity to Ger-

man missionaries, just as she enforced

ndemnity from Hayti. Beyond this,

Germany may seek to establish a naval

station at Kiao Chou and thus have a

But that does not involve the taking cl

any considerable portion of Chinese

territory, and it is yet to be shown that

Germany will take more than a coast

port and such land immediately adjacent

as to give the port proper facilities. If

it comes to taking territory, the course

of China must not be overlooked. While

China is weak from a military and naval

number of men ready to take the field,

white the entire force of Germans at

Kaio-Chou cannot exceed a few thou-

"There are reports that Jopin would

aid China in an extremity, but there is

nothing in that. Japin doubtless will

act alone if there is any reason for act-

ing at all. Thus far, however, I know of

no steps that Japan has taken or con-

templates toward taking part in the

controversy. My impression is that

she will remain an independent and

neutral observer. Her position will be

much stronger by such a policy than it

would be by an alliance at the outset.

As an observer, if she aces that the par-

tition of China is at hand, doubtless she

would have some part to take; but, for

the present, there is no evidence that

A Chinese diplomat said: "The alleged

official statements coming from the

Chinese legation have been unwar

ranted, as the legation has not received

word from Pekin since the first notice

was sent that a German force had

landed at Kaio Chou, without previous

notice to the Chinese government. I

is felt, however, that many of the reports

as to the ser ousness of the situation.

particularly those from Shanghal, aire

overdrawn. Judging from the press dis-

turn for her services during the China-

apan war. But it appears to be over-

deathat these conjectures as to the

by any of the actual circumstances

which have thus far developed. That

Prince Henry will extend his field of

operations beyond Chinese waters and

embrace Samoa and Hawaii is dismissed

as absurd, although reports of such a

PARTITION OF CHINA.

The French Flag Hoisted on Hat Non island

Without Opposition.

By Cable to the Morning Star,

SHANGHAI, December 29.-It is re-

ported here that the admiral of the

French fleet has hoisted the French

flag on Hai-Nan island, which is be

tween the China sea and the Gulf of

Tonquin. The Chinese offered no op

LONDON, December 29 -A dispatch

to the Daily Mail from Singapore con-

Nan island by the French.

city on its west coast.

rms the report of the seizure of Ha-

Hai-Nan island is off the south coast

of China, and separates the gulf of Ton-

quin from the China sea. It has an es-

timated area of 19 000 square miles and

population of a million Chinese, ex-

clusive of wild tribes in the interior.

Some of the mountains in the

center rise above the snow line. It has

several large rivers. The coasts are

generally rocky, but the west coast is

low and the south coast has some good

harbors. Timber is a principal product.

This is sent to Annam, Stam and Singa-

pore. Other exports are rice, sugar,

pearls, salt and a little gold and silver.

Its capital is Kiong Choo, a populous

BERLIN, December 80 .- The Tagliche

tiating for many months; that Chica

Russian occupation of Port Arthur, and

cession of the islands at Hong Hong,

strip of coast opposite Kow-Loon,

and the mouth of the river Canton; but

knowing that France also wanted com-

pensation, England suggested that she

LONDON, December 29.- A dispatch

from Pekin says: "The proposed ar-

rangement for a Russian guaranteed 4

per cent. loan of 100 000 000 taels is not

would take Hai Nan island.

position.

movement have been current.

as most valuable to Garmany."

such an emergency is near.

sand men. Even a weak nation is strong

in defending its own territory.

"I do not look at the question as in-

Asiatic coast

international affairs, he said and foil w

ign nations. Such was the apparent

CIRCLES AT WASHINGTON. We Further Talk of the United States Ba-

ing a Factor in the Contest - The Views of Chinese and Japasese Diplomate. By Cable to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, December 29 .- The

Prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

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THE OHIO SENATORSH P

inti-Hanna Republicans Will Test Their Strength in the Orga igation of the Legislature-Kurts Maintains That Hanna Will Be Defeated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBUS, O. December 29 .- There was an influx of legislators to night, and the scenes about the hotel lobbies indicated that the Secatorial election is the absorbing question, although the scram. ble for place in the organization of the House and Senate is livelier than for

That the anti Hanna Republicans, led by Charles Kurtz, will test the strength of their forces in the organization of the Legislature was indicated by the unofficial announcement that Representative Mason, of Cieveland, would oppose Representative Boxwell, of Warren county, for Speaker. Mr. Mason, accompanied by Representative Bromley. of Cleveland, both of whom are well known to be unfriendly to Senator Hanna, opened headquarters at the great Southern hotel to-day, and it was generally understood that the anti Hanna men would conduct their campaign from that place. On the question of his candidacy for the Speakership Representative Mason is non committal. It is significant that the Democratic State beadquarters are located in the same

botel. Allen O. Myers is the apparent leader of the Democrats in the proposed fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans. Mr. Myers has given out that the Democratic members of the House will support Representative Mason for speaker, and C. H. Gerrisn, of Columbus, one of Mr. Kurtz's lieutenants, for clerk of the House, in opposition to John Malloy. The anti-Hanna Republicans, it is generally understood, are to turn all the other offices of the House over to the Democrats in consideration of the election of the mea chosen by Mr. Kurtz for

speaker and clerk A conference of Democratic members of the Legislature and party leaders is proposed fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans. Within the last few days strong opposition has arisen from certain Democrats to the proposed fusion, and it is now certain that all the Democratic members cannot be whipped into line. Several Democratic members who arrived in the city to pight stated emphatically that they would not vote for States Senator. These members will serve their first term, and say that if they voted for any Republican to deleat Senator Hanna they would not be re-

There was a conference of Republi. can leaders at Major Dick's rooms in he Neil this afternoon and to night. but it was stated they were merely talk ing over the situation. Major Dick stated that Senator Hanna's re-election was assured.

It was significant that Representative Soider, of Green county, who was forquarters and working in Senator Hanna's interests. Several Republican members were claimed by Mr. Kurtz's ieutenants as opposed to Senator Hanna, but on being pressed admitted hey intended to vote for him. While Mr. Kuriz denies, himself to all public interviews he still asserts to his confidential friends that Seastor Hanna will

be deleated THE SPANISH CABINET.

Reply to Criticiams of the Government's Insetion-The N. w French Ambasasdor Received with Great Cerimony by the Queen Regert.

By C-ble to the Morning Star. patches there appears to be little doubt MADRID, December 29 .- In regard to that the original purpose of Germany to enforce an indemnity has now developed criticisms of the government's inacinto securing a naval station at Kaio tion, it is pointed out in ministerial Chou and possibly more territory, on the circles that the Spanish capinet has ground that Germany is entitled to a reinvariably protested against "the atempts of the United States to intervene in Cuba;" that President Mclooked that Germany has received dis Kinley's message, "however incorrect, tinct returns for those services in the did not adopt the commandatory tone of granting of large concessions which, at President Cleveland's; that the weakthe time of the grant, were considered sess of Senor Canovas in yielding to the demands of the United States in the The Garman officials here take the Competitor, Allianca and Mora affairs, view that there are but two active steps increased the difficulties of Senor Saon the part of Germany to be taken, gasta in combating similar demands. namely: The occupation of Kaio-Chou and that anyhow, a return to the policy bay and the dispatch of Prince Henry's of Senor Canovas, who, it is alleged, fleet to Chinese waters. Beyond this. sent 200,000 troops to Cuba and exthey say, all is conjecture as to what pended two milliards without result, is Germany will do, and they convey the

The Queen-Regent to-day received M. ules Patenotre, the new French Ambassador to Spain with great ceremony, seated on the throne and surrounded by the members of the cabinet and the dignitaries of her court. The palace guard

endered military honors. M. Patenotre, when presenting his redentials, read an address enlarging upon the sympathy between the two countries and upon the good wishes of President Faure for the happiness of the oyal family and the greatness of Spain. The Queen Regent replied in a similar

BLANCO-ISSUES A DECREE.

The Lines Upon Which a Home Rule Gov. ernment for Caba is to be Established. By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 29,-Captain Seneral Bianco has issued a decree antouncing the lines upon which the home rule government is established. The Governor General and executive assume charge of foreign affairs, war and the navy and, with five autonomical secretaries of supreme justice and the interior, figance, public instruction, public works, posts and telegraphs, and agriculture and commerce, with the president of this council, constituting the responsible government. The new officials will ake the oath of office at 9 a. m., on January 1st, and will immediately assume charge of their offices

Something to Know-

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, Rundschau, on what it alleges to be the gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, best authority in London," declares and aids these organs in throwing off that Russia and China have been negompuritie in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids indigestion, consented last October to a temporary and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier that England, hearing of this. demanded and nerve tonic. Try it Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at R R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

> According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British ad niralty has requisit oned three of the Empress line seemships, belonging to the Canadian Pacific railway company.

An engine and caboose on the Chicego. Hammond and West a railroad left the tracks while crossic bridge over Salt Creek, and plus and right feet of water. Six men were ir jured.