

CONFLICTING VIEWS.

The New York Herald is a supporter of the administration in its expansion policy.

Two opposite views of the Philippine situation are held by those persons who have followed the American campaign with close attention.

First is the official military view. According to this, the situation is now well in hand and the campaign has been as successful as possible.

The insurgent leaders are actuated solely by selfish personal ambitions.

The second view, which is held by military men in the field and leading thinkers, is that the ability of our troops to meet the situation will be proven, the suppression of the insurrection depends upon the ability of the men in authority to cope with the situation and upon the energy of the American press.

The method of making raids into the country and the withdrawal, leaving friendly natives at the mercy of the returning insurgents, has tended to alienate the population and not materially to weaken the insurgents.

The organization of the insurgents is still good and their resources are not greatly impaired.

The failure this season to take the railroad running through the valley of the rice country above San Fernando leaves to the enemy immense resources and fails to protect the interests of foreign investment.

With the present methods the war with the Filipinos can continue indefinitely. The only true method to pacify the country is to Garrison all the important towns and to surround them with twice the number of troops already there, including the volunteers, are necessary, with several regiments of mounted cavalry.

Four thousand men being in the hospital, 4,600 in the southern islands and 16,000 in Manila, Cavite and small garrisons, this leaves only 8,000 for active campaigning.

This number is not sufficient, since the troops in the north are in bad condition, many of the soldiers having irritable hearts, by reason of over-exercising on account of the small number of troops available, new advances are constantly required and frequent changes of the exhausted regiments.

There is great waste of time and energy of the men by long marches to the front.

The non-combatants are more friendly towards the insurgents than towards the Americans on account, mainly, of the petty tyranny of the soldiers.

The isolated insurgent outrages are only a repetition of similar isolated acts of our own men.

A pioneer and engineer corps is much needed for the building of good roads. Nothing on this line has been done, but it is indispensable for the pacification of the country.

A government free from the vexations of Spanish taxation should long ago have been established.

The business stagnation, it is held, will continue until the important ports of Luzon are occupied by small garrisons. Local bankers believe currency is leaving the islands. The estimated reduction is from \$28,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

The "official military" view is the view which comports with the views of the war managers at Washington, the views they have tried to impress upon the American people. They expressed these views some time ago when they said no more troops were needed in the Philippines, that the wind was knocked out of the rebellion, which was then staggering on its last legs, and now in the face of all these assurances they are enlisting men to give Gen. Otis an army of 40,000 effective men.

The official views have been completely discredited by the ghastly record of failure, and of horrid atrocities with which the worst of our Indian wars bear no comparison. Possibly there may have been some exaggeration in these stories of atrocities, although they are told by our own men, but even those who say there was exaggeration admit that there was some foundation for the stories, enough to make a protest from any American who believes that war even against savages or semi-savages should be conducted upon civilized principles by a civilized nation, more especially when we propose to "assimilate" the people against whom we make war.

The second view is borne out by the history of the campaigns against the Filipinos since the 4th of last February, by the failure to do what the planners of these campaigns started out to do, and by the reports which we have had from returning officers that the force in the Philippines was not adequate to the task before it, and finally by the admission of the war managers in Washington in sending more troops when they have so studiously tried to

make it appear that there were enough already there.

Who is responsible for the lives lost in these campaigns, for the men crippled by wounds, and bodies impaired perhaps for life by disease? Very little experience should have taught Gen. Otis that he did not have men enough to fight the Filipinos and hold the ground captured, and why, then, did he persist in the foolhardy attempt to do the impossible when he was thereby sacrificing the lives and health of as loyal and brave soldiers as ever marched under a flag or followed a leader? The presumption is that the war managers at Washington are kept informed on the movements of the armies, the effective force, the results of battles, and on the situation generally. Didn't they know what every intelligent, reading person in the country knew before Gen. Otis called his men back close to Manila, that the force was too small; and, if so, why did they not send the reinforcements needed, and why permit these foolhardy attempts to accomplish the impossible at such a fearful cost of men and money?

That we can conquer the Filipinos in time there is little doubt, for we are 75,000,000 of people, with unlimited credit and ships at command, to carry soldiers and munitions of war, while the people we are fighting embrace different tribes which have little in common, have no credit, and no ships, which throws them almost entirely upon their own resources, and yet they have disputed ground with our soldiers since the 4th of last February, and now we are told that peace is further off than ever. Peace will come sooner or later, for the Filipinos cannot hold out forever, but what a fearful amount of misrepresentation has been done about this whole business.

The authorities of the Hutchinson Southern Railway reciprocated the thoughtfulness of a little orphan boy at Reno, Kansas, who discovered one of the bridges on fire and ran to the station and gave the alarm, by sending him a letter of thanks with a pass over the whole system and a check for more money than he thought was in Kansas.

The Automobile should be popular with the baldheaded men, at least. The entomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture predicts that in relegating the horse it will also relegate the fly which is incubated principally in horse stables.

It is said the combination with Gov. Pingree and Pingree's talks about McKinley have got Alger in hot water. But a fellow who has been roasted as much as Alger has shouldn't mind a little hot water.

James Pearsall, one of the negroes in jail awaiting trial for complicity in the stealing of a large brass pump from the Atlantic Coast Line, yesterday morning attempted suicide by taking with his breakfast a quantity of powdered glass, which he procured in the jail from the corridor of the way. Fortunately for the negro, however, Jailor Mills discovered the attempt in time to save his life and took the glass from him. In his cell was also found a quantity of glass partially powdered. This also was taken from him. Mr. Mills says on several other occasions similar attempts at suicide have been made by Pearsall, but by watching him closely he has thwarted his plans. Pearsall is also said to have begged persistently some of his fellow prisoners to secure for him some of the carbolic acid used for disinfecting purposes about the premises. Jailor Mills now has him confined closely in a cell. Dr. McMillan, the county physician, was summoned after the attempt yesterday morning, but found that he had not succeeded in swallowing any of the glass.

L. V. Grady, Esq., returned yesterday from Lumberton, N. C., where he went Sunday to appear as counsel during the session of Criminal Court in Robeson county, for the defendant in the case brought by Messrs. W. I. Linkhaw & Co., against Mr. L. W. Bates, a horse dealer of this city, for embezzlement, the circumstances of which are familiar to STAR readers. Though the case was not called before Mr. Grady returned from Lumberton he says that it is in the hands of competent local attorneys and the case will likely be moved to this county for trial.

Mr. Chas. W. Davis died at his late residence, No. 418 Red Cross street, this morning at 1 o'clock, aged 62 years. He was an efficient and highly esteemed employe of the A. C. L. shops, and leaves a wife and eight children. Two brothers, Messrs. T. E. and J. Comer Davis, reside in Wilmington; Mr. Jno. C. Davis lives at Rockingham, and a sister, Mrs. T. B. Yopp, is a resident of Augusta, Ga. The funeral will be held from the residence at 10.30 A. M. Friday.

Friends in this city will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Thos. A. Shepard, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Gerken, corner Eighth and Chesnut streets. Mr. Shepard was about 55 years of age and had been in declining health for several months. He leaves four daughters and one son, all of this city, who have the sincerest sympathy of a host of friends. Funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Creditable Celebration by Wilmingtonians On Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches.

THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Beautiful Afternoon and Evening—Carolina Yacht Club Races—Canoe Club Contest—The Bicycle Races.

Wilmington celebrated the "Glorious Fourth" on Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach, and that the celebration was successful and enjoyable to a high degree is the unanimous verdict of the thousands of people, Wilmingtonians and visitors, who participated. The threatening weather conditions which prevailed during the forenoon, and particularly the rain, which fell in torrents between 9 and 10.30 A. M., kept the people indoors. But this merely prepared them for all the greater appreciation of the bright sunshine and refreshing breezes which prevailed during the afternoon and the beautiful star-light evening which followed.

The 1899 observance of the "Glorious Fourth" will be quite pleasantly remembered by Wilmingtonians and their guests.

A NEGRO ROBBED THREE POSTOFFICES.

Caught Looting Burgaw Office Monday Night—Previously Robbed Willard and South Washington Offices.

William White, colored, a train hand who has been running on the local freight between here and Goldsboro, was caught in the act of robbing the postoffice at Burgaw Monday night.

The negro had been closely shadowed, so a STAR reporter was informed yesterday by Bruce Williams, Esq., since the robbery of the postoffice at Willard, noted about ten days ago in the STAR. White acknowledged after he was arrested Monday night that he looted the Willard postoffice, and also that he broke into the South Washington postoffice a few hours prior to his arrest in the office at Burgaw. He seems to have started out as a professional burglar, and carried a small cold chisel which he used in prizing open doors.

A party of five or six officers and citizens discovered White in the railroad warehouse in Burgaw, let him do his work there and then shadowed him across to the postoffice, where they arrested him. In the warehouse he went through a number of express packages and very much injured the express agent's iron safe, which he attempted to break open. The officers found about \$30 in money on White's person, about \$15 in nickels and other small change, and was concealed in his shoes. He had taken about \$40 from the Willard and about \$10 from the South Washington office. To Bruce Williams, Esq., is due much credit for capturing the negro, the case having been turned over to him when the office at Willard was robbed. It was in compliance with instructions from Mr. Williams that the negro was shadowed Monday night from Little Washington to Burgaw.

United States Commissioner S. P. Collier went up to Burgaw yesterday and made the preliminary investigation, committing the prisoner to jail in default of \$1,000 bond to await trial at the next term of the U. S. District Court. He was brought to this city for imprisonment.

When the United States shall have gotten through with White proceedings will be instituted against him on the part of the State for breaking into the Burgaw warehouse, Mr. Williams having already filed a warrant with the sheriff of Pender county.

WANTED TO LEAVE THE CITY.

Negro Who Wrote Inflammatory Letter to Mr. Terry Asked for Escort Outside City Limits.

A large crowd of both white and colored persons assembled at Justice McGowan's office yesterday afternoon to hear the investigation of the charge against Holly Blue, the negro at whose instigation his twelve year old son, indicted a slanderous and infamous letter to Deputy Sheriff S. H. Terry, particulars of which were printed in the STAR Sunday.

The boy testified that he wrote the letter and that his father for services in so doing, paid him the sum of two cents.

Blue of his own accord made a statement to the effect that in passing a crowd of negroes in "Brooklyn," among whom was Will Bell, the negro whose name was forged to the letter, he heard them make dire threats against Mr. Terry and that the expressions embodied in the letter were those used by Bell, and he therefore felt it his duty as a friend of Mr. Terry to advise him of the threats made by Bell, so as he would be on his guard against possible injury. Being cross-questioned, he said that the reason he denied all knowledge of the affair when arrested Saturday night was that he was under the influence of liquor and thought it best to withhold his statement until he became sober so as to make it plain to the officers.

Will Bell testified that he knew nothing of the letter. He proved an excellent character and was exonerated of all blame.

The evidence was not sufficient to hold Blue for the higher courts, but in dismissing him, Justice McGowan warned him against such practices as he had been engaged in; he impressed upon him the gravity of the offence and showed wherein the law would not admit of punishment in a case of such peculiar status.

Blue also about this time recognized the position into which he had thrown himself, and asked for an officer of the law to see him safely outside the city. He was turned over to Lieutenant Police F. T. Skipper, who detailed a policeman to escort him to the 7 o'clock train on the W. & W. road, by which he left the city last night.

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CAROLINA BEACH.

There were numerous bathing barrels sky rockets, etc. gatoria. The fishing boat races and other Wrightsville Beach features of celebration materialized very satisfactorily.

The steamer Wilmington carried many pleasure seekers to Carolina Beach. The excursion by Concordia Castle Knights of the Golden Eagle, was very successful. The Sedgely Hall and Hanover seaside clubs, and Oceanic Hotel were the scenes of especially delightful festivities. There was also music and dancing at the public pavilion. In addition to the crowds at Carolina Beach probably 200 or more Wilmingtonians spent at least a portion of the day at Lake Waccamaw.

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THE YACHT RACES.

To Carolina Yacht Club, on Wrightsville Beach, is due much credit for the extensive and interesting Fourth of July celebrations, which have come to be of regular recurrence in Wilmington, celebrating as they do with an all-day festival, a principal feature of which is the yacht races.

The celebration by this club Tuesday was well up to the high standard established in previous years. As usual the club house and grounds were open to members of other clubs and their friends.

The races were witnessed this year by several hundred people and were among the most successful in the history of the club. The Judges were Messrs. A. S. Williams, M. S. Willard and W. A. Wright. The Mabel, Capt. E. A. Metts, won on account of the Mist, Capt. Richard Bradley, fouling her. The Bertha, Capt. Ray Powell turned over and the Francis Marion, Capt. W. N. Harris, broke her centre board.

The yachts and the order of their start and finish were as follows: The Mabel, Capt. E. A. Metts, start 4.30; Bertha, Capt. Ray Powell, start 4.30; Mist, Capt. Richard Bradley, start 4.31; Francis Marion, Capt. W. N. Harris, start 4.34.

Mist, Capt. R. Bradley, start 4.36; Francis Marion, Capt. W. N. Harris, start 4.38; Bertha, Capt. Geo. Harris, Jr., start 4.37; Mabel, Capt. E. A. Metts, start 4.39.

After the races Commodore Ancrum Lord awarded the prizes, the olive set to Capt. E. A. Metts, the marine club to Capt. Richard Bradley and the pocket compass to Capt. T. W. Davis. Capt. Metts also received the club championship flag. The various boats were credited with points in the order of their records toward the winning of the handsome John B. Lord silver cup, to be awarded the captain of the boat making the highest record in three consecutive races.

There was music and dancing at Carolina Club during the entire day and evening.

ATLANTIC CLUB'S OBSERVANCE.

The Atlantic Yacht Club's observance of the Fourth was thoroughly successful. The club house was profusely and tastefully decorated with bunting and flags. An excellent band discoursed delightful music, and there were many merry dances during the afternoon and evening. The grounds were beautifully illuminated during the evening.

THE BICYCLE RACES.

Much interest centred in the bicycle races, which were run between 12 and 1 o'clock, the finish being in front of Seashore Hotel. Quarter, half and mile races were run. J. Hardy LeGwin won the quarter mile race in 25.4 seconds. Jas. K. Forshee was a close second. Other entries were Geo. Phillips, V. A. Montgomery and J. G. Prempert. The championship medal was won by LeGwin.

Joseph J. Loughlin won the half-mile race in 55 seconds, and was awarded a handsome cup and saucer. Will Riley came in second. W. E. King and Will Blake also entered the race. The one mile championship race was won by Jas. K. Forshee, the time being 2 minutes and 5 seconds. Alf Jewett was second. The prize was the Hilton Park medal. Entries other than those mentioned were J. H. LeGwin, Geo. Phillips, V. A. Montgomery and J. G. Prempert.

The cyclists and their friends are enthusiastic in expressions of appreciation for courtesies extended by Manager Crawford, of Seashore Hotel.

CAROLINA CANOE RACES.

The races by Carolina Canoe Club were quite enjoyable. They started about 3.30 o'clock. The judges were Messrs. T. M. Emerson, Ancrum Lord and T. H. Livingston. The canoes in the order of their record in the races were:

Dolphin, Capt. J. D. Latham; Mic Mac, Capt. Bridges; Reckless, Capt. Platt Such; None Such, Capt. H. B. Short, Jr.; Hopsobah, Capt. N. D. Emerson; Four Brothers, Capt. R. N. Sweet; Little Rob, Capt. Junius Davis. The last named boat capsized and dropped out of the race. The others scored points toward the winning of the first and second class cups in the order of their time record.

At the Hotels. The two hotels on Wrightsville Beach were taxed to their utmost capacity. At the Seashore Hotel there was music and dancing during much of the day and the greater portion of the evening.

A special feature at Ocean View Hotel was a grand display of fireworks.

CO. BOARD MEETINGS.

Equalization and Pension Boards and County Commissioners in Session Yesterday.

TAX VALUATIONS REDUCED.

Meeting to Hear Further Complaints Next Monday Morning—Assessors' Books Reports of County Officers.

There were meetings yesterday of the County Board of Equalization, the County Board of Commissioners and the County Pension Board; the County Commissioners being ex-officio members of all three boards. The Board of Equalization met to receive the tax assessors' returns from the boards of assessors of the various townships; the commissioners' meeting was the regular monthly session for July, and the Pension Board met to act upon several applications for pensions.

The session of the Board of Equalization was in session yesterday forenoon, and the County Commissioners and the chairmen of the boards of assessors of the various townships were present. The chairmen are as follows: Capt. Jas. Cowan, of Cape Fear; Mr. C. H. Alexander, of Harnett; Mr. Jno. A. Biddle, of Federal Point; Mr. B. S. Munford, of Masonboro, and Mr. T. F. Bagley, of Wilmington township.

The books were received from all the townships except Harnett, which will be received at a meeting to be held next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the Board will set as required by law to hear complaints as to excessive tax valuation.

As the STAR readers are aware, the County Commissioners have been hard at work the past several days going over the assessors' books, especially of the Wilmington township, examining each item of property valuation and reducing or increasing them to figures which they deemed fair to the county and to the property owners.

The changes of valuation have been marked in red ink on the margin of the record books, and at the meeting of the Board of Equalization, held yesterday, on motion of Commissioner McEachern, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the following resolution was adopted:

It is ordered by the County Commissioners, and the chairmen of the Boards of Assessors of the several townships of New Hanover county, sitting as a Board of Equalization, that the assessors' returns for the year 1899 by the Boards of Assessors of the value of the several pieces of real estate in the county of New Hanover be and the same are hereby equalized and the value on the assessor's books set in red ink opposite each piece of property be and the same are hereby fixed as the assessed value of each said piece of real estate.

In this connection it will be well to note that those who contemplate appearing before the Board of Equalization next Monday to protest against excessive valuation should, before doing so, examine the assessor's books as revised and see what reduction, if any, has already been made.

Commissioner's Meeting.

There was little business of public interest transacted at the meeting of the Board of County Commissions. Regular monthly reports were made by Col. J. D. Taylor as Clerk of the Superior Court, Mr. W. H. Biddle as Registrar of Deeds, Dr. W. D. McMillan as Superintendent of Health, Mr. Biddle reported 23 marriage licenses sold and \$23.75 paid to the county treasurer.

Dr. McMillan's report was to the effect that he treated 10 charity patients at his office and paid \$5 visits to 48 patients at their homes. He reported the sanitary condition of the jail very good, the plumbing being in good condition and working nicely. The condition of other county institutions was reported favorably.

In compliance with a request made by Prof. J. A. Holmes, Capt. John Barry was authorized to attend the Road Builders' Institute which will have a 10 day's session at Charlotte, beginning July 11th.

Board of Pensions.

The session of the Board of Pensions was very brief. Two applications were considered, one from W. W. Mintz and the other from Allen B. Jones; but, owing to errors in the applications, action was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Members present, aside from the County Commissioners, were Mr. C. W. Yates, Mr. William Blanks, Mr. Owen Fennell and Colonel John D. Taylor.

Portable Convict Cells.

Yesterday afternoon at the Court House, a STAR representative saw a photograph of a new steel cell mounted on wheels for use in road building by convicts. From the picture, one would judge that the cell is about fifty feet in length and in it are sleeping accommodations for thirty laborers. The cell is portable and designed for service, where the convicts are constantly being moved from one place to another, as it can easily be drawn by four or eight mules along ordinary roads. The County Commissioners, if they should decide to make the common road law operative in New Hanover county, may decide to buy one of these cells for the use of convicts on the roads and the photograph is submitted by a cell builder with this end in view. The cost of these cells complete for thirty prisoners, is \$400.

APPOINTMENTS.

By the Bishop of East Carolina. July 9 Sunday, sixth after Trinity. M. P. S. Luke's Washington county. July 9 Sunday, sixth after Trinity. E. P. Advent, Roper.

July 12, Wednesday, M. P. S. Andrew's, Columbia. July 14, Friday, consecration of church, Creswell. July 16, Sunday, 7th after Trinity. M. P. S. Ionia, Scrapernoon.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

First Meeting of New Board for the Fiscal Year—Superintendent's Excellent Report—Meeting Next Monday.

The first annual meeting of the new Board of Education was held yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, the chairman, Maj. W. A. Johnson, presiding, and Mr. W. H. Sprunt and Capt. Ed. Wilson Manning, superintendent of county public schools, being present.

The chief feature of the meeting was the receiving of Captain Manning's annual report, which is very comprehensive covering the period of twelve months from July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899.

The report contains much valuable and interesting data concerning the public schools of the county. Of the total enrollment of pupils, 1,811 were white and 2,110 colored; total, 3,921. To sustain the schools the whites paid taxes to the amount of \$14,496.86, while that paid by colored tax payers during the same period was only \$1,800.70. The number of children in the county of public school age is 3,158 whites and 3,450 colored; total, 7,608. The average attendance during the year was 1,248 whites and 1,051 colored; total, 2,297. The number of schools taught for whites was fourteen, for colored sixteen. The average length of the school term in the county was twenty-three and three-fifths weeks for white schools, and twenty-two and one-third weeks for colored schools. The average term in the city was thirty-two weeks.

The value of public school property for whites, inclusive of property leases of \$30,000, is \$76,580. Value of school property for colored, \$17,500, which includes a \$4,000 lease.

The board adjourned to meet again next Monday afternoon, at which time a County Superintendent of Education and a board of trustees of twelve members, three from each township, not including Wilmington, will be elected. At this meeting the school appropriation for the fiscal year also will be made.

THE ARMY WORM PEST.

Dr. Porter Tells of Their Damage in Onslow, Pender and Other Counties.

Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, spent several hours in the city yesterday. He was returning from Onslow county, where he has been to look after his farming interests there. In commenting upon crop conditions Dr. Porter says that the army worm pest is increasing to an alarming extent in Onslow, Pender and other counties. Many farmers are using Paris Green in their efforts to check the inroads being made upon the crops by this devastating insect. They very much resemble a small caterpillar. They move in a direct line across a field, sapping the life out of all vegetation. Dr. Porter noticed yesterday on his plantation in Onslow county a field in which an army of these insects had entered and were moving straight across it, killing the crop in an area about three hundred feet wide. They usually advance something like fifty feet a day.

Southeastern Extension.

A gentleman who was in the city from Lumberton yesterday, says that arrangements are being made for an early completion of the connecting line of railway from Ashpole on the Southeastern railroad to Hub, Columbus county. The survey by Messrs. Forlong and Adams, of Wilmington, is practically completed and the Coast Line, which owns the Southeastern branch from Elrod to Ashpole, has closed a contract with the penitentiary authorities at Raleigh, for one hundred convicts to begin grading July 10th, and one hundred additional ones to begin work August 1st. It is thought the work will be completed about October 1st. The new road will connect with the Conway branch at Hub and with the connection of the Conway branch with the W. C. & A. at Chabourn, it will give shippers on the Southeastern branch a direct line to Wilmington via the Atlantic Coast Line.

Lumberton Patente.

Mr. Z. F. Highsmith, of Lumberton, N. C., is in the city introducing an automatic lamp lighter and extinguisher for oil or gas lights, an invention of his own upon which he has patents pending. A STAR reporter was shown the workings of the new device yesterday morning, by Mr. Highsmith, and was impressed with it as an exceedingly novel and useful appliance for the household. He will spend two or three days in the city taking orders for his new invention.

Railroad Negroes Fought.

James Pierce, a negro track hand in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line, was severely gashed on the hand and back and otherwise injured by a second negro with whom he engaged in a fight near the "Y" yesterday morning. Dr. W. D. McMillan examined the wounds and sent him to the City Hospital for medical attention. The negro who did the cutting evaded arrest.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of St. Albans that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898. Notary Public.

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The American delegates at The Hague peace conference scored a great success yesterday in obtaining from the conference a unanimous vote in favor of having the question of private property at sea in time of war dealt with at a special conference to be summoned hereafter. Much diplomatic management was necessary and many obstacles surmounted before the result was reached.

Persons wishing to locate in the tract near Wilmington to Norfolk, Washington City, Va., should correspond with the East Carolina Real Estate Agency, Burgaw, N. C. Read advertisement in the STAR.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Letters Patented Granted to Three Corporations by the Secretary of State.

FIRST N. C. VOLUNTEERS.

The Fourth at the Capital—Good Rains. Splendid Fever Killing Cattle—Raleigh's Delegation to the State Bar Association.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., July 5. The Raleigh delegation to the State Bar Association left for Morehead City this afternoon. The attendance from here is very large.

The "Fourth" was more generally observed here yesterday than usual. Good rains visited this section yesterday and it was greatly needed. Corn especially was suffering from drought. The rainfall extended from Greensboro to Goldsboro.

Fever Killing Cattle. The splenic fever has broken out among the cattle of this county and is rapidly killing them. Mr. John Broughton, a farmer living three miles south of here, has lost three cows since Sunday and has a dozen others sick. Mr. J. A. Dunn, six miles north of here, has lost two fine cows and his whole herd is sick. Dr. Cooper Curdick, the veterinarian to the Agricultural Department, went out to Mr. Broughton's place yesterday to investigate the disease and if possible stop its spread.

First Regiment State Guard. An order was this morning issued by the Adjutant General accepting the First North Carolina volunteer regiment, recently mustered out of service, into the State Guard. It will retain the name of the First Regiment with the old regimental and company officers as far as possible.

With the exception of the ten companies—Asheville and Charlotte (Linville), Graham, Rutherford, Buncombe and Wayne—will be accepted in its entirety, just as it left the service. The Asheville company declines to continue longer in the service. It is reported that the Board's Next Regiment is organized, but if so they have sent no papers to the Adjutant General.

The ten companies accepted are: Goldsboro, Statesville, Raleigh, Durham, Winston, Yadon, Forsyth, Charlotte, (Queen City), Winston and Wayneville.

Three Enterprises Incorporated. The Secretary of State to-day granted letters patent to three corporations.

Blowing Rock Line, for the purpose of transporting passengers and baggage and other freight to and from Blowing Rock, in Watauga county, to Lenoir in Caldwell county, and to and from either or both of these places to Blowing Rock, in Watauga county, and points between, also to conduct a general livery business, buying and selling horses, mules, carriages, stage coaches and such other animals and vehicles as are necessary for their business. The capital stock of the corporation shall be \$1,000 to \$2,000, and its business offices at Blowing Rock and Lenoir.

The Piedmont High School at Lawndale, near the Cleveland Cotton Mills, in Cleveland county. Its capital stock is \$2,500, and the incorporators are J. B. Schenck, J. F. Schenck and G. M. Gold, of Cleveland, T. C. Osborne, T. J. Ramsour and B. F. Falls, of Cleveland Mills.

The A. David Company, of Wilmington, with a capital