WILMINGTON, N. C.

Editor and Proprietor.

FRIDAY, - - JANUARY 4, 1901 A THOROUGHLY VICIOUS PRIN

CIPLE. We have lately written about the proposed European combinations against this country, the object being to check the progress that American producers are making in Kuropean markets, all of which means that the consumers of those countries are to be, if these schemes carry, forced to pay more for what they need than they have to pay now. This is one form of protection, protecting the producer by levying tribute upon the consumer, the very thing we have been doing in this country ever -since the inauguration of the policy of protection for the sake of protection, a vicious principle here, when carried to extremes, as it is everywhere, because it is the poor who can least bear the burden who have to bear it. As an illustration of how this operates in the matter foodstuffs, we reproduce the following list, showing which it is attempted to be justithe duties imposed by the Governments named on the two principal breadstuffs, wheat and rye:

	as way beer	- Water
	Wheat.	Rye
Country.	Cents.	Cent
Portugal	. 583	46
Sweden	. 27	27
Argentine Republic.		25
Italy	. 39 1	23
Spain	. 55	23
Germany	. 236	22
Hungary	. 192	19
France	. 36.7	15
Greece	. 168	12
United States	. 25	10
Canada	. 21.4	10
Turkey	7.5	5
miles and another		44

The ostensible object of these duties is to protect the producers of wheat and rye, while there is not a single one of the countries which levy them that produces enough of either for home consumption, except the United States and Argentina, which levies no duties on wheat. In some countries of Europe, rye is the principal breadstuff of the poor, it takes the place of wheat, which the people cannot afford to buy, and of corn meal not yet become familar. There is no duty on corn because little corn is produced in Europe.

American wheat cannot be produced and delivered in European markets for much less than a dollar a bushel and it is against such a price as this that the European farmers ask protection. This means that the European bread consumer must pay more than a dollar a bushel for the wheat he eats in the form of bread, a pretty heavy burden on him when we take into account the small earnings of the average European laborer. No wonder they eat little bread, and go hungry much of the time, even many of the small farmers not being able to eat of the wheat they grow, because they must sell it to pay rent, and content themselves with cheaper food.

At the present time there is an agrarian agitation in Germany for an increase of the duty on wheat from 22.6 cents a bushel to 44 cents, which would, of course, be absolutely prohibitory on American wheat, for this would mean that American wheat laid down in Germany would cost about \$1 50 g bushel, which the average German could not pay for it, and yet Germany does not produce within 50,-000,000 bushels as much wheat as her people need for home consumption. There is no special reason to believe that an increase of duties would result in stimulating produc tion to the extent of furnishing the necessary supply for home consump tion, although the advocates of the increase contend that it would, by bringing under cultivation lands that are now let run wild.

The Germany farmers are as: rule good farmers; they are industrious, methodical and come as near scientific farming as any farmers in Europe. They get more out of the soil than any other farmers in the world save the farmers of Japan and China, where the density of population makes it necessary to force the soil to its fullest capacity, and produce one crop after another in quick succession. If with all their good and methodical farming, the indicious and liberal uses of stimulating fertilizers they have been unable to raise wheat enough to meet the home demand for consumption there is little prospect of an in creased tariff doing it, so that the only effect of the higher tariff will be to enable the wheat growers to charge a higher price for the wheat an economic factor, is not to be they produce or in other words to succeed at. compel the bread eaters of Germany to put their hands into their pockets and pay the wheat growers the price

they demand for their wheat. At the same time that the wheat growers are asking for a doubling of the tariff on wheat to protect them from the American wheat grower, the German manufacturers are asking for an increase of tariff duties on manufactures to protect them from the competition of the American manufacturer. That demand coming from them is as reasonable as the demand by the German wheat grower for protection from the American wheat grower is, and yet the German agrarians who are clamorous for protection are howl-

ing against the protection which he manufacturers demand. They know that this means tribute put upon them for the benefit of the manufacturers, entirely forgetful of the fact that the tariff on wheat is a tribute put upon the manufacturers, their employes and other consumers for their benefit.

Doesn't this show the utter selfish. ness of this whole protective system, when carried to extremes, for the sole purpose of protection, regardless of the needs of revenue? Those of us who have been advocating protection in this country for protection's sake are not in a position to criticise foreign Governments for pursuing the same course, but when the object of such a policy is aimed directly at American products perhaps they may begin to realize some of the logic of it. It pinches then and they may yet discover that the policy which for years has levied tribute on American consumers for the benefit of favored classes, which had the power to dictate policies for the benefit and the influence to manipulate Congresses to adopt these policies, is a bad one. The principle of high tariff duties for protection's sake, especially on the necessaries of life, is essentially vicious whatever the pretence on

HANNA AGREES WITH CLEVE-LAND.

Senator Hanna agrees with Mr. Cleveland on the extension of the tenure of office for our Presidents and for substantially the same reasons advanced by Mr. Cleveland. Asked his opinion of Mr. Cleveland's views, on that question he said:

"It is a good business proposition to extend the term of the next President to 6 years, or longer, and then limit him to that one term. Such a procedure would avoid the disturbance of business relations, which now comes every four years, and would do away with a lot of useless agitation. It would be fool ish to advocate such a measure simply because Mr. Cleveland happened to speak of it, but the fact remains that longer tenure of office for President would enable him better to carry out a policy which required careful attention han does the present short term. Then imitation of his presidency to that one term would be an additional incentive for him to accomplish all the good things possible during his incumbency of the office, so that his administration

The subject of the extension of the tenure of office and one term for our Presidents has been agitated more or less for years, and every argument pro and con advanced before Cleveland said a word about it. Bills have been introduced in Congress to amend the constitution to previde for extension of tenure and one term, but nothing came of them. There was one introduced at the present session; but nothing will come of that. But it will come in time, for there are so many reasons for it to so few against it.

It has been said that six year would be too long a term for a bad President, but it wouldn't be as long purchase figures. as two terms of four years, and the President who is in, if he is a clever manipulator, and the people do not become disgusted, stands a pretty good chance for a second term.

GREAT LOCOMOTIVE BUILDERS

The Baldwin Locomotive Works n Philadelphia are the greatest in the world. The output last year was 1,217 locomotives, against 946 in 1890, the largest number ever built in one year up to that time. Of these 1,217 363 were shipped to other countries, every civilized or semi-civilized country in the world getting some of them. In speak ing of this the Philadelphia Times which is justly proud of the success of this establishment, says the locomotives built last year were nearly 50 per cent. more powerful than those built ten years ago, and that it would require 1,800 such locomotives as those constructed in 1890 to have the drawing capacity of the 1,217 built last year.

The proprietors of these works do not ask and would not give a snap for a protective tariff, for they sell their locomotives on their merits and have by the progress they have made in selling them in other countries demonstrated their ability to successfully compete with the locomotive builders of the world.

The hen of this country represents value of \$455,000,000, which is something for her to cackle over. She lays 14,000,000,000 eggs, worth \$175,000,000, and hatches chicks worth \$130,000,000, while the mother hens and their mates, which loaf around and do the strutting and the crowing are worth \$130,000,000. All of which shows that the hen as

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TAX EXAMINATION.

Another Dull Day in Standing Master Shepherd's Court Here Yesterday.

NO RAILROAD WITNESSES.

Coast Line Officials Will Be Examined Later-New Hanover Citizens Were Introduced -Also Some from Brunswick and Columbus

The evidence in the railway tax as sessment cases before Standing Master Shepherd in the W. S court room here was again devoid of interest yes terday and ginger that was ex pected to have been injected into the sessions by reason of the intro duction of Atlantic Coast line officials as witnesses, was lacking. It was thought that Secretary and Treasurer James F. Post, General Auditor W. A. Riach and others would be intro duced in the afternoon but it was found by the attorneys of the Corporation Commission that the examination of other witnesses could not be completed in time. It is now hardly probable that the examination of the railroad officials will be reached

It was hoped by the State's counsel to finish the hearing here this evening, but it looks now as if this will not be done, and the hearing at Warsaw to morrow and Saturday may have to be postponed. Col. Hinsdale, when asked about the matter last night, said he was unprepared as yet to make any announcement regarding the matter. To day's session will likely be taken up with the examina tion of New Hanover county assessors and others acquainted with real estate conditions here.

The examination was resumed at 30 o'clock yesterday morning and was conducted by Messrs. Hinsdale. Connor and Gore for the State and Messrs. Rountree, Shaw and Busbee for the railroads. The first witnesss was Mr. R. B. Davis, port warden of Southport. He testified to a true and over valuation of a large number of lots in his town. Messrs. Minus Meares, A. A. Williams, T. E. Bardin, J. M. Brown, S. W. Owen, M. W. Fridgen, Snowden Singletary and Charles Gore, assessors from Columbus county, were also introduced and testified to similar conditions in their

In the afternoon New Hanover wit about fifteen or twenty, including the railroad officials, who have been subpœuæd. Only two of this number were however, examined yesterday. They were Mr. J. T. Kerr, of Cape Fear township, and Mr. D. McEachern, chairman of the Board of County Com missioners.

Mr. Kerr was an assessor in 1899 and was also at one time a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina. He testified as to no uniform rule of undervaluation and the pur pose of himself and his co-assessors to value real estate at its actual cash valuation. Upon cross examination he gave iustances of the sale of real estate at a much higher price than the tax valuation, but gave reasons, in his opinion, for the seemingly inflated

Mr. McEachern testified that he was a member of the board of equalization in 1899 and an assessor in 1895; that as an assessor then, he tried to assess property at its true value in money; that in his opinion the assessors in 1899 greatly increased a number of the valuations in Wilmington; that the board of equalization greatly reduced the assessment on a great many tracts of real estate in Wilmington to nearer what the memb rs of the board deemed an actual cash valu ation. He detailed a number of valua ble lots in Wilmington, which he con sidered now over assessed. He said the purpose of the board in assess ing bank stock was to place it at actual cash value and not to make an arbitrary under assessment; that he had no knowledge of any design or purpose by the assessors or board of equalization to under-assess property.

Mr. McEachern was rigidly cross examined by the railroad attorneys and admitted that a number of Wilmington citizens had valued their personal property at a very low figure when considered in the light of cost price, but not with reference to what it could be sold for at cash sale. He further stated that he thought there was more cash on hand and on deposit than had been listed for taxation in the county.

Some of the other witnesses from New Hanover county for examination are Deputy Register of Deeds Jno. Mc-Laurin, Messrs. Andrew Smith. Geo. Harriss, A. D. Brown, W. F. Alexan der, C. H. Alexander, D. J. Fergus and Capt. Jno. Barry.

The hearing will be resumed this morning at the usual hour.

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Regulators at Mount Olive.

The A. C. L. northbound train Monday night, in charge of Capt. H. O. McArthur, was boarded by about twenty masked men as it was leaving the station at Mount Olive, and when a short way from the town the men pulled the bell cord, stopped the train and took from the colored passenger coach a negro, who was wanted for hay stealing in that vicinity and who was thought to have been one of the originators of the several fires which have occurred in Mount Olive in recent years. The negro was taken into the forest and given a sound thrashing. Later in the night the crowd returned to Mount Olive and took their first victim's brother, who was also said to be guilty of incendiary language, and he, too, was given a 50 cents at R. B. BELLAMY's drug substantial whipping.

MR. JOSHUA G. WRIGHT DEAD

Succumbed to an Illness Which Had Been Preying Upon His Constitution for Years-A Long and Useful Business Career.

The STAR chromicles this morning with a sincere feeling of the deep loss the city has sustained, the death of Mr. Joshua Grainger Wright, which occurred at his home in Wilmington, corner Eighth and Market streets. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after a lingering illness brought about by three severe strokes of paralysis suf . fered at intervals during the past eight

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WILMINGTON'S EXPORTS.

Foreign Shipments from This Port

for the Past Two Years.

vesterday finished his compilation of

the exports from this port for the cal

endar year ending with December 31st,

1900. In both domestic and foreign

the city has made substantial increases

during the year as will appear from

the following comparative statement

which is made with the exports of the

DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

spirits, 23 074 casks; rosin, 26,540 bar

rels; tar, 51,015 barrels; crude, 19,647;

lumber, 23.503,067 feet; pitch, 2,538

casks; peanuts, 126,521 bushels; cot

ton goods, 8,240 bales; yarn, 862

packages; paper stock, 509 packages;

During 1899-Cotton 14,093 bales;

spirits, 28,805 casks; rosin, 8,274 bar-

rels; tar, 62,860 barre's; crude, 11,610

barrels; lumber, 18,730,360 feet; pitch,

2,125 casts; peanuts, 82,671 bushels;

cotton goods, 3,332 bales; yarns 444

bales; paper stock, 283 packages;

FOREIGN EXPORTS.

spirits, 1,533 casks; posin, 144,265 bar-

rels; tar, 18,924 barrels; crude, 200

barrels; lumber, 14,750,231 feet; ritch,

805 casks; peanuts, 12 bushels;

rels; tar, 19,655 barrels; crude, 175

barrels; lumber, 8,517,968 feet;

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.

Georgetown, Charleston and Wilmington

Steamboat Co. in Process of Forma-

tion at Pirst Named Place.

Messrs. Mark Moses, J. B. Steele

and Abe Moses, corporators, of

Georgetown, S. C., have opened the

books of subscription to the capital

stock of the new steamship company

for the operation of a line of boats

between Wilmington, N. C., George-

town and Charleston, S. C., reference

to which was made in these columns

some time ago in connection with a

notice of the purchase by Mr. Moses

of four steamers in Charleston from

the South Carolina Steamship Com-

The capital stock of the new cor-

Jno M Cole and Eutaw. It is learn-

other navigable inland water courses

THE YEAR'S POLICE RECORD.

Thousand-December's Onota.

The records at the police station show

that during the year just ended there

were 1 045 arrests made by the city

officers These were distributed among

the months as follows, June having

been accredited with the largest pro-

portion on account of the great num-

ber of warrants served at that time

for failure to pay license tax: Jan. 80;

Feb. 66; March, 83; April, 66; May,

83; June, 161; July. 81; Aug. 56; Sept.

While there has been much com-

ment about the unusual amount of

drunkenness during the Christmas

holidays this year, the number of

arrests in December shows up quite

favorably with the two years pre-

ceding. In the year 1900 there were

105 arrests during the month; in 1899,

On account of the great abundance

of rain during the past week or more

the water courses leading to Wilming-

ton are much swelled, amounting at

last accounts yesterday to almost the

proportions of a freshet. Capt. Irving

Robinson, of the steamer E A. Hawes.

which arrived last night from Delta

on Black river, reported that stream

very high but the water not yet out of

Cold Steel Or Beath.

"There is but one small chance to

save your life and that is through an

operation," was the awful prospect set

Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly

trying to cure her of a frightful case of

stomach troubles and yellow jaundice.

He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure

Stomach and Liver troubles, but she

heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife,

now weighs more and feels better than

ever. It's positively guaranteed to

cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney

troubles and never dissappoints Price

before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime

only 82, and in 1898 only 140.

Preshets in Rivers.

its channel.

117; Oct. 69; Nov. 78; Dec. 105.

pany at a cost of \$17,500.

line and towing.

in the two States.

During 1900-Cotton, 257 504 bales;

shingles, 4,199,746.

shingles, 2,293,400.

shingles, 1,139,250.

shingles, 2,911,325; 254 cases tar.

During 1900-Cotton, 30,301 bales;

will be The cause of Mr. Wright's immediate death was pneumonia but the Our books, telling about composition of fertilizest adapted for all crops, are free to all farmers. effects of paralysis were plainly seen to have contributed largely to his sad demise. He suffered his first stroke about eight years ago and several years ago another, and about a year ago still another. At one time last March his life was despaired of Comparative Statement of Domestic and but he rallied and appeared some better. His death Sunday, while not wholly unexpected, nevertheless came as a shock to the family and the com-Col. John L. Cantwell, secretary of munity at large. the Wilmington Produce Exchange,

Mr. Wright was born in Wilmington, April 17th, 1840 and was therefore, in the sixty first year of his age. His parents were the late lamented Dr. Thos. H. and Mrs. Mary Allan Wright, and he was born at the old family homestead on the southwest corner of Third and Market streets. He was the last of a large family of brothers and sisters, who traced their ancestry to colonial times, Joshua Grainger, one of the founders of Wilmington, having been the head of the family. Deceased was the fifth of the succeeding family which bore the name of his distinguished forefather. When a young man Mr. Wright graduated from the University of North Carolina and upon the breaking out of the Civil War he hastened to join the Confederacy and was made early in the struggle first lieutenant of Company E, First N. C. Regiment. At Chancellorsville, while fighting bravely for his country, he received a wound from which he never fully recovered and was forced to retire from the active service which so conspicuously marked his earlier

After the war, Mr. Wright began his career in civil life as agent of the a position with Messrs. Williams & During 1899-Cotton, 226,792 bales; Murchison, which position he filled have not yet met for a consideration spirits, 807 casks; rosin, 124,701 bar | with great credit for 18 years. At the of the invitation to them to attend, but end of this period he formed the well ing successfully conducted by his son. Mr. Thomas H. Wright under the

firm name of J. G. Wright & Son. Mr. Wright married Miss Florence Maffitt, a daughter of the late Capt. Jno N. Maffitt and she preceded him to the grave several years ago. The surviving members of the immediate family are Mr. James A. Wright, Mr. John M. Wright, Mr. Thomas A. Wright, Mrs. R. H. Northrop and Miss. Carrie Wright.

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poration is \$30,000, and the principal office of the company will be at Duplin People in Mississippi. Georgetown. The business proposed

Mr. W. W. Sellers, who has been to be carried on is the transportation for some time past with Messrs. of freight and passengers along the T. & F. Sessoms at Klondike, N C., was here yesterday on his way The four steamers purchased by Mr. to Casar, Miss., to take a position Moses are the Planter, which has with Messrs. J. A. and A. S. Carr, often visited this port; the Merchant, extensive turpentine operators and merchants at that place. Mr. J. ed that not only will the steamers A. Carr, one of the proprietors of the operate between Charleston, Georgebusiness and a cousin of Wilmington's town and Wilmington, but also upon esteemed townsman, J. O. Carr, Esq. the Santee and Pee Dee rivers and was also here yesterday on his return to Mississippi after spending the holidays at his old home in Duplin county. Mr. H. C. Carr, another former citizen of Duplin who has achieved suc cess in Mississippi, was here yesterday Number of Arrests Was More Than a returning to his adopted home.

- The well known law firm o Messrs. Simmons, Pou & Ward, has been dissolved. A new firm, composed of Senator-elect Simmons and A. D. Ward, Esq., will have offices at Raleigh and Newbern, and James H. Pou, Esq, will remain in the practice of his profession also at Raleigh.



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TO ATTEND INAUGURATION.

Wilmington Light Infantry Decided to Go to Raleigh January 15th - Naval Reserves and Veterans.

The indications now are that Wil mington will be well represented at Governor Aycock's inauguration in Raleigh on January 15th. It has been definitely decided by the Wilmington Light Infantry to accept the invitation to attend and participate in the ceremonies of the occasion; the Naval Reserves are also individually considering the matter of being present; the talk among quite a large number of Confederate Veterans is that it would be very appropriate and pleasing for Cape Fear Camp to attend in a body, and the general impression prevails that a much larger delegation of civilians will attend the exercises this term than ever before. A meeting of the W. L. I. was held

last night at the armory and while all the members were not present, it was decided to go. The meeting was held after the usual drill by Capt. Adrian Southern Express Company in this and was very enthusiastic. The comcity, but gave that place up to take pany will likely go on a special train. The Naval Reserves, as a division, will meet Tuesday night after regular known real estate agency which still | dmill. Lieutenant Skelding, commandbears his name and which is now be- ing, is quoted as having expressed himself favorably inclined toward an acceptance.

The question with the veterans of attending will likely come up at a special meeting, if it is seen that a desire to go is expressed by a majority of the members of Cape Fear Camp.

CAUGHT AT THEIR GAME.

Two Colored Youths Arrested on Suspicion of Stealing from a Store.

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock Policeman E. R. Chadwick, while passing the store of Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, corner of Front and Orange streets, saw a negro boy moving around in the back part of the store. The boy saw him and quickly disappeared. The officer immediately notified Capt. John J. Furlong and Sergeants Davis and Williams at the City Hall of his discovery and they, with Mr Chadwick, went to the rear of the building and effected an entrance into the oyster roasting place of Mr. Geo. R. Smith, which is in the basement. There they found two colored boys about fourteen years of age lying down pretending to be asleep. Their names are Albert Howe and William Spencer, and they are employed by Mr. Smith, who had given them permission to sleep there. It was found that one of the boys had climbed up into the store through a hole in the floor 7x12 inches, which is used as a kind of elevator for send-

ing oysters etc., up stairs. The boys were taken to the City Hall and locked up. Their case will come up before the Mayor this morn-

Chief Parmele suggests to all merchants that they keep lights burning in their stores at night so that policemen may be able to see any one mov ing around in them.

POSSIBLE RAILROAD DEAL

Interesting Rumor from Greensboro Re garding Purchase of Property. [Special to News & Observer.]

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 1.-There s apparently some truth in the rumored sale of the Mt. Airy and Sanford division of the Southern Railway to the Norfolk and Western, wired to the News and Observer from this place last night, though it is impossible to learn the details. A gentleman who is well up in railroad matters said to-day that, in his opinion, the sale if there is such a thing, is the result of an understanding or pooling artangement said to have recently been entered into in New York between the Southern, the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Norfolk and Western, and probably other roads In his opinion, this particular division of the Southern is to be operated by the Norfolk and Western on account road, convenience and economy coming into consideration.

- Raleigh Post: Mr. John Greenwood and daughter, members of one of Surry county's best families, were carried to the Morganton Hospital Tuesday night. Four men had them in charge. Mr. Greenwood and two of his daughters became violently insane at the same hour a few days ago. The elder daughter died soon after the attack. The other two have since been raying maniacs and at times it is necessary to restrain them by force from killing some one. The two physicians attending them are of the opinion that their insanity is caused by religious excitement.

Five trainmen were killed and one badly injured in a head on collision between two freight trains on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad at Mel-ton, Miss., last night. PORT'S SHIPPING INTERESTS.

Report of Harbor Master Makes Creditable Showing for the Year Just Ended. Commerce Increased

The annual report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, for the year just ended shows arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over at the por of Wilmington as follows:

American-Steamships 57, tonnage, 70,138; barques 4, tonnage, 2,729; brigs 6, tonnage, 1,969; barges 29, tonnage, 29, 156; schooners 82, tonnage, 25,629. Total vessels, 178; total tonnage, 129,

Foreign--Steamships 36, tonuage, 61,177; barques 32, tonnage, 18,347; brigs 2, tonnage, 514; schooners 83, tonnage, 2,728. Total vessels, 83; total tonnage, 82 766.

Grand total-Vessels, 261; tonnage, 212,385.

The report shows a very material increase in the shipping interests of the port over the year 1899 both as to foreign and American vessels loaded at the port and the increase in foreign craft was 20 in favor of the year just ended. There was in this connection a notable increase in the entrance of foreign tramp steamships, the difference being 9 in this class, 7 in barques, 1 in brigs and 3 in schooners. As to American vessels, the difference in favor of 1900 was 8 barques, 5 brigs, 1 barge and 8 schooners. There was a slight falling off in the arrival of American steam-

The tonnage of American ships that entered the port in 1900 was, however, over 9,000 tons in excess of 1899, and that of foreign vessels over 20,000 in

The current report compares almost equally as favorable with the reports for the years 1897 and 1898, and upon the whole, business men of Wilmington have every reason to be proud of the fine showing exhibited.

Capt. Williams' report for the month of December shows arrivals of 17 American vessels, of a net tonnage of 12,413, and 7 foreign vessels, of a ton nage of 6,276, making a grand total of 24 vessels, of 18,689 tops.

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J. NEWTON HATHAWAY, M. D., 221 South Broad St., Atlanta, Ga.

The Chief Justiceship.

Local politicians were amusing themselves yesterday with conjecture of Governor Russell's probable action in the appointment of a successor to the late Chief Justice Faircloth. The most interesting surmise was that Russell would resign as Governor and be appointed to fill the position, which lasts two years longer, by the new Governor Reynolds. Other possibilities mentioned in this connection are Chas. A. Cook, Robinson, Timberlake. Bynum, Linney, Furches and Judge A. M. Moore, of the Eastern District Criminal Court, whose term expires this month.

Governor Aycock Here. Governor-elect Chas. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city last evening from his home and is being greeted by his admirers here at The Orton, where he is a guest. Governor Aycock came down to consult with a number of the distinguished North Carolina attorneys, who are in attendance upon the railway tax assessment cases before Judge Shepherd, The business upon which Gov. Aycock is here, sis of a private character. He will probably return to Goldsboro this morning.

- Friends of the State Baptist Female University will be interested in the announcement that the late Chief Justice Faircloth left that ininstitution \$20,000. It is presumed that this amount will be used, when available, toward the extinguishment of the \$45,000 debt upon

the buildings, etc.

- Fayetteville Observer: Mrs. Sarah Gill, wife of Mr. Thomas Gill, died Monday evening at the residence of berson-in-law, Mr. W. S. Maultsby, in the 58th year of her age. — It is our sad duty to announce the death of Captain J. A. McArthur, which occurred Monday night at his residence in 71st township. He passed away just after the new century began. He was a brave and true Confedrate soldier. He went out as a private in Company H (the F. I. L. I), of the Bethel regi ment, and was promoted successively until he became a captain in the 51st. He was thrice wounded, and suffered short imprisonment at Fortress Monroe along with Sheriff McEachern, of Robeson, and others, after the battle of Drury's Bluff.

A Night Of Terror. "Awful anxiety was felt for the

vidow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELL'AMY's drug store. †

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The Citizens of Columbus County Aroused on That Subject. Last Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900.

POPULAR EDUCATION.

strong delegation of the leading men of Columbus county met in the town of Chadbourn for the purpose of taking steps to secure a better system of public schools for the entire county. The following has been furnished by the Secretary who recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

"The County Board of School Directors for Columbus County and the Township Trustees with Mr. J. A. Brown, Senator elect, met in the office of Mr. Brown Dec. 26, 1900 and organized by electing Rev. J. A. Smith Chairman of Board Directors, chairman of the meeting and C. W. Brown, secretary. Parties present in the meeting were Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, Superintendent L. W. Stanley C. W. Brown, Thomas Barefoot, M. F. Owen, Snowden

Singletary, F. D. Page, L. R. Powell, Rev. C. P. Bullock, A. A. Williams, K. L. Lone and M. F. The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to advise with the Legislative members to inaugurate better plans for the public school system. It was resolved to discuss first, the advisability of comlisory education. After a full and free discussion of the general bearing of the question it was unanipulsory education for children be-

mously agreed to recommend comtween the ages of 6 and 12 years. It was resolved, second, that the next Legislature soon to assemble would be requested to submit to the voters of Columbus county as to whether or not a special school tax shall be levied for said county of not less than ten cents nor more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property, to lengthen the term and increase the efficiency of the public schools, said election to be held not later than May 15th. 1901. It was agreed, also, that the County School Directory be appointed as heretofore. The meeting also unanimously favored the adoption of text books for public schools by a State Board of Examiners. It It was also agreed to publish the proceedings of this meeting in the

county papers and others.

The only objection that has been

heard against these suggestions has been in regard to the matter of compulsory education, but when our people understand the question there will be a radical change in sentiment. It is alarming here in North Carolina to think of the carelessness and indifference of parents in regard to the education of their children, and the remedy which is being used in many of the States is compulsory education. Quoting from suggestions made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislature: "All of the New England States have compulsory education. All of the Middle Atlantic States except Missouri have compulsory attendance laws. All of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States and Territories except New Mexico have compulsory laws.' According to a list given us by Mr. Mebane North Carolina has more illiterate white people than any State of its grand possibilities ought to have, and the time has come for the people to be aroused as never before on the subject of popular education.

HOUSE PARTY NEAR WARSAW.

Young People Delightfully Entertained at Home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Peirce. | Special Star Correspondence.]

WARSAW, N. C., January 2 - During the Xmas holidays the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Peirce, near Warsaw, has been the scene of a delightful house party. The attractiveness of the young people who were entertained and the hospitality of the host and hostess, together with a series of gaieties, has rendered the occasion a most happy one. On Xmas day a beautiful dining was given by Mr. and Mrs. Peirce in honor of Miss Mar-

garet Peirce and her guests. Among the guests were Miss Eleanor Watson, of Salisbury; Miss Sethelle Boyd, Barium Springs; Miss Susie Saunders, Washington; Miss Nellie DeVane, Faison; Miss Mary Faison DeVane, Warsaw; Messrs. James C. McEachin, Wilmington; J. O. Carr, Wilmington; George M James Watson, Salisbury; Gilchrist McCormick, Maxton; Alman Griggs, Norfolk, Va.; Ferdie Johnson, Clinton; John DeVane, Fayetteville; Moseley Faison, Warsaw, and Frank DeVane, Faison.

Senator Ransom, of Omaha, has in troduced in the State Senate of Nebraska a bill to make kidnapping under certain conditions punishable by death.

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