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PILOTAGE. The main arguments advanced by the business men of Wilmington, and others, against compulsory pilotage, seem to be unanswerable.

That the system, as it now exists, will be "torn up, root and branch," is probable; but that the compulsory feature will be abolished may be regarded as certain.

THE ROOSEVELT-GARFIELD PLAN.

We have from time to time given some views to show how the Roosevelt-Garfield plan to place under Federal control all corporations doing an inter-State business is being received throughout the country.

Says London Truth: "The Kentucky woman is simply the Venus of Milo in warm, healthy flesh, with grace in all her motions, and when in, love heaven in her eyes. She has the American capacity to adapt herself to fresh conditions. Her nerves have not been set on edge by an Atlantic east wind, and she has a broad and sympathetic nature."

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got their business and political experience when a man calling for a piece of legislation like the Garfield bill would simply be laughed down. And if it were not that the administration is behind Garfield in this, they would find it hard work to take it seriously, even at this date.

Recently Garfield sent out word to the New York Central, the New York, New Haven, and Hartford, and the Boston and Maine roads, calling for information. Garfield particularly wanted to know, among other things, was just what amount and what proportion of its total earnings the road got during its last fiscal year from its business in each State of the Union.

Desirable immigration is needed in the South, but we can well understand and sympathize with those who fear a flood of unassimilable barbarians from the worst districts of Europe. The thing to do is to guard the quality of the immigration. The surest way and the easiest way of doing this, however, is for the national government to provide and enforce certain restrictions.

With bankers men have little chance when they want to get the cash. But woman with a song and dance can just play the very smash. With just the Cashie Chadwick style and much beauty, dash and grace, she gives the financiers a smile and gets money on her face.

Chicago is to have a daily paper to be run exclusively by women. We will get into no controversy with that paper, because when a woman gets to disparting she thinks of some new "dig" every time you think she is ready to let up on you.

Mr. J. H. Cotton, of Atlanta, claims that his wife locks all the doors at night and hides the keys to keep him from going down town. That Atlanta woman is all right. She is just showing a determination to hold her Cotton.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Lawrence is Everybody's friend. Boston Globe. The President has decided not to remove Mr. Morison post-masters in Idaho who are known to be polygamists. It is claimed that they are not working at it now.

Former Attorney General John W. Griggs says the Federal government has no right to usurp the functions of the States in dealing with corporations. Still, there is a suspicion that the corporations would rather take their chances with the Federal government than with governors like Van Sant and La Follette.

With a total attendance at the St. Louis Exposition of nearly 19,000,000 persons, the number of arrests for offenses of all sorts was only 1,439 in the whole period of seven months. This is only one of the 13,500 of the fair's traditions "population." It is doubtful if any great assemblage of people ever left so clean a record.

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TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH.

Veteran Member of Printing Firm Shot Down by His Partner Yesterday. J. H. ALFORD THE VICTIM. Killed by Raymond D. Bynum, with Whom He Had Dispute About Business Matter—Murderer Made Good His Escape.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 29.—This morning shortly after 10 o'clock Raymond D. Bynum shot and fatally wounded J. H. Alford, aged 65 years, and his partner in the printing firm of Alford, Bynum & Christie, of this city.

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WEDDED SATURDAY EVE.

Mr. William Stedman Bernard Elms as Fair Young Bride Miss Sallie Elizabeth Frederick—Bridal Trip. The marriage of Miss Sallie Elizabeth Frederick, the attractive young daughter of Mr. J. Frederick, No. 118 North Seventh street, and Mr. William Stedman Bernard, both of this city, was celebrated Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., rector of the parish, officiating.

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SHIPPING DECLINES.

Annual Statement of Harbor Master Shows Falling Off in Craft Arriving. THE OFFICIAL REPORT. Number of Vessels During Year Just Ended Was Only 279 Against 385 Year Before—Mostly Complacation for December.

The annual report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master of the port of Wilmington, for the calendar year ended Saturday, shows arrivals of 279 vessels, 93 tons, and 6,929 tons, against 385 vessels, 107,965 tons the year ended Jan. 1st, last year; 385 vessels of 111,461 tons the year before, and 307 vessels, of 274,988 tons the year ended Jan. 1st, 1902.

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RAILROADS OF THE STATE.

Interesting Report to General Assembly Made Public—Some Statistics. [Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission filed today with Governor Aycock its annual report for transmission to the General Assembly, showing that during the year there were 3,863 miles of main line railroad in the State, the gross earnings being \$20,287,940, operating expenses \$12,848,929, leaving a balance net income from operation of \$7,559,011, a net increase of \$1,065,173 over the preceding year.

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RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER. The proposed compulsory education law has many obstacles to overcome before it is enacted.

Three suits have been instituted against the city of Winston as a result of the reservoir disaster on Wednesday morning, Nov. 2. The complaints have not been filed, hence the amount of damages claimed is not yet known.

Charlotte Observer: The Greenville, S. C., News says the South Carolina dispensary is running dangerously near the rocks of destruction, and it is of the opinion that the high-lioness life-boat may save it.

Charlotte Chronicle: Another ship, this time a big steamer, has been caught on the treacherous shoals of Hatteras. Ships will continue to meet their fate there until the government has solved the light house problem.

Charlotte Chronicle: We are indebted to Mr. Joe Kline for a notice of the death of a young fellow which occurred at Taylorsville, Lincoln county, a few days ago.

Charlotte Chronicle: A dispatch from Greensboro on Friday says: John Reeves, the seven-year-old son of New Reeves, died this morning at his home at White Oak Mills, of hydrophobia.

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