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got their business and political ex-

the corporations of the country (out

try. Already the Senators have

heard from corporations of all kinds,

and they have some idea of the cost

of such a change in the law not the United States, but to the business concerns as well. That

Garfield himself has no idea of that cost is more than likely. Certainly some of the inquiries he has already

sent out have been followed by pret-

ty savage comment among the cor-

calling for information. What he

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. That is, while

of course the bulk of the business

might be done in the New England

States, say, just how much of the amount ought to be allotted to each

of those States, and how much to far

away States like Texas or California,

where some charges might be col-lected on the roads' business. To

for one trip, say, through four

States, meant that the amount re-

ceived weuld have to be subdivided

where a ticket was sold. It was cal-

"This, however, is only one class

of corporations. If such an order

had been sent to every corporation

doing interstate commerce, one

could imagine how the protest would

come in. In the case of the rail-

be sent to Garfield that the compa-

nies will go to the courts to fight

the order if Commissioner Garfield

insists on it. Perhaps, after thinking

the matter over, he will withdraw

his circular. But the very fact that

it was sent out without any confer-

ence with the roads beforehand gives

a little side light on the possibilities

of any such law as Mr. Garfield

Says London Truth: "The Ken-

ucky 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

herself to fresh conditions. Her

nerves have not been set on an edge

by an Atlantic east wind, and she

has a broad and sympathetic na-

ture." If a fellow can go off like

that over a Blue Grass girl he would

have a duck fit over the peacheranas

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 Chad-

wick style And much beauty, dash

and grace. She gives the financiers a

smile And gets money on her face.

six married women to pay \$500 a

piece to a young lady whom they

find it cheaper to turn up their

noses and make faces when they

It is announced that the inventor

of the "gold brick" has just died.

No doubt his heart broke when he

competition forced upon him and

his gang by Mrs. Cashie Loot Chad-

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 disputing she thinks of some

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.

The one thing to be dreaded is

The STAR wishes all its readers

that if the corporations are placed

under Federal control it will give

new "dig" every time you think sh

is ready to let up on you.

want to get even with that girl.

horse-whipped. They will hereafter

A Misssouri court has compelled

of the Tar Heel State.

double its force of clerks.

orations to which such inquiries

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PILOTAGE.

The main arguments advanced by the business men of Wilmington, and others, against compulsory pilotage, seem to us to be unanswerable; and it will be well for the representatives of the pilots who go to Raleigh to combat these arguments to realize that there must be a change in the present system, and to be prepared to make material concessions to those who represent the commercial interests of Wil-

mington and this entire section. That the system, as it now exists will be "torn up, root and branch," is improbable; but that the com pu sory feature will be abolished may be regarded as certain. This being done, the way will be open answer such a question would mean not merely setting clerks to handle for a compromise on the question all over again every item on the of fees and charges for both pilotage and towage. The STAR holds the of those millions upon millions of pilots in highest esteem. They are items, of ticket sales, freight charges, brave and manly fellows, and de-&c., had to be handled on an entirely new basis. The sale of a ticket serve and should receive fair treatment in all matters pertaining to their calling. But they should realize that 'times change and men on a mileage basis; and that this change with them." This is an age process would have to be gone of progress and material develop through with for every such sale ment; and "ilmington cannot af ford to be a laggard in the race. She has strong competitors for trade both to the North and to the South of us. This competition mus be met and it seems to be the concensus of opinion among her business men that the first and most important step in this direction is roads it is understood that word will the abolition of compulsory pilotage and a reduction of fees and towage

THE ROOSEVELT-GARFIELD PLAN.

We have from time to time given some views to show how the Rooseveit-Garfield plan to place under Federal control all corporations doing an inter-State business is being received throughout the country In discussing this matter the Philadelphia Record calls attention to the fact that some surprise was created when Mr. Dill, the legal genius whose professional ability has ushered many of the trusts into the world, expressed himself in favor of the proposition of Commissioner Garfield that only corporations possessing a Federal license be permit ed to eng ge in the manufacture of goods to be sold outside the State, except that he regarded the propo sition as insufficient and demanded something more radical. There is a sentence in Justice Potter's statement regarding Federal and State regulati n of corporations that perhaps explains Mr. Dill's attitude. "The claim would be made," said the Justice, "that corporations doing an interstate business, and organized under Federal law, must be wholly free from any interference upon the part of the States. Where as, as it is now, the States can regulate or control if they see fit to do so." The insurance companies say frankly that they desire national regulation in order to get rid of State regulation, and the trusts represented by Mr. Dill probably feel the same way.

It will be remembered that Mr. Archbold of the Standard Oil Com pany first suggested Federal control in order to get around the interference of the complicated corporation laws of the various States. It seems, however, that a railroad magnate has discovered how Federal control is liable to complicate matters. The Boston Advertiser (Rep.) ваув:

"It does not need a very full canvass of the United States Senate to make one sure that, whatever else happens this session, there will be no law passed such as the Commissioner of Corporations has asked for. The Senate will not vote for Federal licenses even of railroads and tele- | She is just showing a determination graphs; much less to put licenses on to hold her Cotton. every corporation that wants to do business on modern methods The poll of the Senate, if taken to day, will show ever fifty votes against the Garfield proposition. And of the others, there are but few who them an excuse for getting more are ready to say that they will vote | rigid in their Federal control. for the measure just as Garfield outlines it. If there were no other objections, the whole proposition is too radical for the Senators. Most of them are fairly old men. They New Year.

| Stick of a lat iron, I'll ten to dat one measured 171 inches one way and 161 any more New Year's resolutions."
| Washington Star. | Washington Star. | Washington Star. |

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1905.

CURRENT COMMENT.

perience when a man calling for a piece of legislation like the Garfield - Mr. Lawson is Everybody's plan would simply be laughed down. friend .- Boston Globe: And if it were not that the adminis-- The President has decided tration is behind Garfield in this, not to remove six Mormon postthey would find it hard work to take masters in Idaho who are known to t seriously, even at this date. be polygamists. It is claimed that "But leaving the novelty of the they are not working at it now .proposition out of the question, the

Washington Post. Senate would still beat the Garfield -- The official figures on the replan two to one. The plan calls for sult of the election, now being puba system of licenses, covering the business of at least 99 per cent. of lished, rob the administration of all the credit for the victory, which side of such public service corpora-tions as gas, electric light, street car and small local service companies), and, of course, including the in-spection of the business of the counseems to have been won by default -- Washington Post.

- 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 Folle te. - Washington Post.

- The Hartford Times remarks that "Colorado appears to be the most lawless State in the Union, and then it adds that it is "a State where, strange to say, women have voted ever since its admission to the have gone. Take a case that has just happened here in Boston, to Union, eighteen years ago." But is not that both irrevelant and unshow what the companies complain kind?-Charleston News and Cou Recently Garfield sent out word to the New York Central, the New York, New Haven, and Hartford, and the Boston and Maine roads,

- 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. That is only one to 13,500 of the fair's transient "population." It is doubtful if any great assemblage of people ever left so clean a record —St. Paul Pioneer-

- We cannot timidly admit that we are not altogether pleased with Senator Platt's taking charge of Senator Depew's fight for re election. We trust that this does not presage a radical change in the "southern policy" of the latter gen-tleman should he win out. e would like to know where he stands on the Platt reduction of representation bill before we lend him any more editorial assistance.-Charles,

-- Desirable immigration needed in the South, but we can well understand and sympathize with those who fear a flood or unassimilable barbarians from the worst districts of Europe. The thing to do is to guard the quality of the outside the State limits of the point immigration. The surest way and the easiest way of doing this, however, is for the national government culated that the road, to comply to provide and enforce certain rewith the request, might have to strictions. - Norfolk Landmark.

- An Associated Press dispatch from Washington indicates that under pressure of the Tobacco Trust the Administration will not urge the reduction of duties on Philippine products below 50 per cent. of the Dingley rates, instead of the proposed 75 per cent. reduction. It is a question whether the Tobacco and Sugar Trusts will accept such terms without a struggle to retain the whole Dingley tariff on Philippine imports.-Philadelphia Record

-- The legal authority of the the State board of dispensary directors to close a dispensary is now squarely before the Supreme Court. The question comes up for decision rbout the time the legislature meets, and it would be to the interest of the State should the question be given an early solution by the court. Whatever it may be, it will no doubt have its influence on any proposed legislation in reference to the dispensary. - Columbia Record. has the American capacity to adapt

--- The Portland Oregonian, one of the ablest Republican journals in the country, suggests that if the President desires to accurately gauge the quality of public sentiment on the race question he shall follow up his appointment of a negro Collector of Customs at Charleston, South Carolina, by the appointment of a negro Postmastor at Boston. The Oregonian opines that the roar of protest from Massachusetts would make the South Carolina dissent a squeak by comparison.-Philadel-

phia Record. - Italians are industrious and thrifty and are as a rule excellent farmers, market gardeners and tradesmen. In the parts of the South where the Italians have settled they have achieved a decided success as truck growers and in other employments, and their condition in comparison with many of their compatriots who have remained in the great cities as day laborers under the guidance of the exacting padrones in striking. If this work can be done on a large scale for all classes and races of immigrants, the gain for the country will be tremendous. The congestion in the cities will be relieved, the slums curtailed, many burdens lifted from the charities, the criminal class reduced, and the jail realized that he couldn't meet the population diminished .- Philadel-

bia Ledger.

Sallor Twice Loaded. Horace Taylor, a sailor found drunk and down in the rear of the A. C. L. office building Thursday afternoon by and costs by the Mayor yesterday. The sailor was loaded two ways when brought in the afternoon before. He was well filled with spirits and when searched at the station house a stick of something that very much resembled dynamite was found on his person. The hall officers handled the man "right side up with care" when the latter discovery was made and the contents of the man's pockets were very gingerly deposited in the locker provided for that purpose at the station. Later the dangerous package proved to be a very poisonous alloy for smalgamating iron, steel, broaze, copper, etc., the sailor doing ome work of that kind occasionally aboard

- "Do you favor the idea of whipping post for wife beaters?" "No, suh," answered Miss Euphemia in the lobby of the hotel and upon Goober. "While I kin han'le a mop which there was some very fine fruit. Year's resolution forever." "What

TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH.

Veteran Member of Printing Firm Shot Down by His Partner Yesterday.

J. H. ALFORD THE VICTIM

Killed by Raymond D. Bynnm, 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 senior partner in the printing firm of Alford, Bynum & Christothe shooting. Bynum has made good his escape. The men quarrelled about a business matter and the tragedy ocfirm on East Hargett street. Three shots were fired, only two of which took effect Mr. Alford was a highly esteemed citizen of Raleigh and the Church, of Raleigh, and had been in the printing business with the present firm for several years.

It is stated that differences had existed between the members of the firm for some time and that this morning Mr. Alford stated to Mr. Bynum that he did not like the way some accounts had been collected and accounted for; that there must be a change for the better in conducting the affairs of the firm or a dissolution of partnership. This is said to have brought on hot words between the two gentlemen, which resulted in the drawing of a pistol by Bynum and the firing of two bullets into Mr. Alford, one of the bullets making two wounds.

Before his death Mr. Alford made a tatement of the affair to Mr. W. A. Taylor, which is very damaging to

operation to locate the bullet that inflicted the most dangerous wound was being completed. Complications had set in that made the operation absolutely necessary. The ball was found to have penetrated the eighth rib on the right side, punctured the larger intestine and lodged in the tissue of the back. A slow internal hemorrhage had been in progress since shooting. Bynum, who fired the fatal shot, is still at large and is believed to have some station, where he boarded a train and is by now well out of the way. A buggy is known to have been sent to the suburbs of the city for him early in the afternoon. The funeral of Alo'clock. The inquest will be held by

the coroner to-morrow morning. POSTAL PIGURES SHOW INGREASE.

ladex of Wilmington's Business Growth Points in Right Direction.

The increase in receipts at the Wilmington postoffice for the month ended last night was 181/2 per cent. over the receipts for the corresponding month last year-a fact which indicates the continued business and indusfrial growth of the city and a fact of which every Wilmington citizen has just cause to be proud. The exact figures are as follows:

Present Month \$6.655.67 December, Last Year 5,599.72

Increase \$1,055.35 The receipts for the quarter ended Jan. 1st of the new year also show s substantial gain over the same quarter in 1903 as will appear from the follow ing tabulation:

Quarter ended Jan. 1, 1905. . \$18,554.67

Inc. ease \$ 1,481.75 There is no better index to a city's

growth than its postoffice statistics and the above tables are very gratifying.

LOCAL DOTS.

- During the past month the Register of Deeds issued license for the marriage of 22 white and 21 color-

ed couples. - Federal Point and Masonboro township property owners give notice of certain legislation they will ask of the forthcoming session of the Genera Assembly with reference to the stock law in that territory.

- Jno. E. Tharp, the husband of "Kittle Leslie" was committed to jail yesterday evening by Justice Bornemann in default of \$5 fine and costs for an assault upon his wife, whom he at the hospitable bome of Mr. and beat very severely in the face. The fight occurred late yesterday after-Policeman C. E. Wood, was fined \$5 | noon in the vicinity of Seventh and Wilmington. There were more than and Castle streets.

- Mr. Ed. George, the newly elected janitor of the Court House, took charge yesterday succeeding Mr. Jordan W. Branch, that faithful old "veteran" who has been a familiar figure about the building for years. Mr. Branch will engage in other business and his friends wish for him every success.

_ "A Raleigh correspondent inches in circumference," said Mr. Joe H. Hinton, the genial proprietor of The Orton, last night. "Look at these," he said to the reporter, leading him to a tree, growing in a receptacle

WEDDED SATURDAY EVE.

Mr. William Stedman Bernard Claims as Fair Young Bride Miss Sallie Elizabeth Prederick-Bridal Yrig.

The marriage of Miss Sallie Elizabeth Frederick, the attractive young daughter of Mrs. 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. Only relatives and a few very intimate friends of the young people were present to witness the service, which was according to the beautiful rites of the church and very impressive. Immediately after the ceremony the bride pheas, of this city. Mr. Alford died and groom drave to the A. C. L. pac in Rex Hospital early in the afternoon senger station, whence they left having been taken there soon after on the northbound train, via Wilson, for a bridal trip through Florida, stopping a few days with Mrs. T.O. Brown, a sister of the bride, at Orlando, Fis. curred in the job printing office of the They will return to the city in about ten days and will be at home to friends at No. 111 South Fifth street.

The bride is a young woman much loved and admired to a wide circle of homicide is universally deplored. He friends here. The groom is the young is a senior deacon in the First Baptist | est con of Maj. William H. Bernard, editor and proprietor of THE MORNING STAR, and is associated with his father to the management of that property. Hundreds of friends of the young couple, to whom the aunouncement of the marriage will come somewhat in the nature of a pleasant surprise, will congratulate them upon their happy

APT. D. T. CRONLY INJURED.

Fell on Stone Steps la Columbia Friday, Producing Concussion of the Brain. Special Train from Wilmingter.

Stores of friends of Capt. Douglass T. Oronly in this city will regret to learn of a serious accident which be'el one barque, 699 tons, and one schooner, him in Columbia, S. C. Friday afternoon. In some way Capt. Croniy tripped and fell down a section of Alford died on the operating table since steps, striking his head violently at Rex Hopital at 6 o'clock just as the against the stone, producing concussion of the brain. A telegram Saturday morais conveyed the news of the accident to the family, friends in Columbia having thought the injury nothing of serious consequence at first. However, Capt. Cronly later relapsed into unconsciousness and was still in a comaSaturday night. Mr. Mike Cronly, of this city, left Saturday afternoon for Columbia to be been conveyed across the country to with his brother. A telegram late Ba urday not stated that the injured man was and unconscious but the physicians exattendance said that the injury was not nechesarily said ford will be held from the First Bap- Hundreds of friends here hope to hear tiet church Saturday morning at 10 more enguraging news from Capt. more encouraging news from Capt. Cronly's bedside.

Upon the arrival of Mr. Mike Oronly in Columbia later Saturday night, a long distance telephone message was rec-ived here, which was not so encouraging, and at once arrangements were set on foot for a special train, which left at 2:25 o'clockSunday morning carrying to the injured man's bedside the family physician, Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, and Miss Daisy Cronly, s sister of Capt. Cronly. Mr. C. McD. Davis, a friend of the family, also accompanied the party.

DEATH OF MRS. J. A. LOCKHAR'.

Sister of Mr. F. T. Ashe, Editor of Messenger, Died in Wadesboro Priday.

A telegram received in this city Saturday from Wadesboro brought the sad news of the death of Mrs. J. A. Lockbart, wife of ex-Congressman J. A. Lockbart and sister of Mrs. S. T. Ashe, of this city. The deceased was about 55 years old, and was the youngest daughter of the lamented Judge Thomas S. Ashe. She was a very superior woman, a devoted wife and mother, and was greatly admired by hosis of friends throughout the State. Her husband, four sons and two daughters mourn the loss of wife and mother and have the sincere a; mpathy of the whole State. The sons are George B. Lockbart, J. A. Lockbart-Jr., Seber Lockhari and Ashe Lockhart and the daughters, Mrs. McLen. don and Miss Lina, Mr. J. A. Lcckhart. Jr., will represent his county in the Legislature to convene next week.

EHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY.

Mrs. W. A. Lineker Delightfully Entertained at Home, Near Acors Branch.

The Sabbath and day schools conducted near Acorn Branch were delightfully entertained Friday evening Mrs. W. A. Lineker, on the Castle Havnes road, four miles north of a hundred guests in attendance, in. cluding the children of the schools and not a few friends from Wilming. ton. An elegant luncheon was given early in the evening and later the young people delighted the gathering with songs, recitations and dialogues. Santa Claus was delightfully impersonated by Mr. Ed. Whitehurst, who drove up in a jingling sleigh and received the children at home with open arms. Later delicacies and pretty writes of lemons growing there, 12 Xmss gifts were distributed from a pretty tree. At a rather late hour the little folks said "good-bye" after one of the most charming incidents in their lives.

- "Biggins says he is going to succeed in keeping his last New

SHIPPING DECLINES.

Annual Statement of Harbor Master Shows Falling Off in Craft Arriving.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

of Vessels During Year Just Ended Was Only 279 Against 305 Year Before-Montly Compliation 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 of 90 tons and over during that period, their combined tonnage being 287,944, against 805 vessels of 809,905 tons the year ended Jan. 1st, last year; 386 versels of 311,461 tons the year before, and 307 vessels, of 274,988 tons the year ended Jan. 1st, 1902. The falling off, despite the continued advancement of the port during that period, seems paradoxical, but the condition is attributable to combination of reasons which need not be gone into here.

Of the shipping this year 212 of the vessels of 191,942 tons burthen, were American and 67, of 93,002 tone, were Foreign. The American vessels were 107 steamerr, 137,596 tons; five barques, 2,667 tons; two brigs, 693 tons; six barges, 10,774 tons; 92 schooners, 43,975 tons. The Foreign shipping consisted of 44 steamers, 82,530 tons; ten barques, 7,546 tons; two brigs, 622 tons, and 11 schooners, 2,304 tons.

The monthly report of the arrivals of vessels shows that during December the number was 22 of a tonnage of 24,372. There were 15 American and seven Foreign vessels, with tonnage of 14 345 and 10,027, respectively. The American vessels were nine steamers, 11,512 tons, and six schooners. 2,833 tons. The Foreign shipping consisted of five steamers, 9,216 tons;

MR. P. P. KEITH HAS SMALLPOX.

Residence Quarantined Yesterday-Two

Other Diphtheria Quarantices. Mr. B. F. Keith, collector of cusoms at the port of Wilmington, was quarantined for smallpex yesterday morning at his home, No. 214 North Fourth street. Mr. Keith had been unwell for a day or two and yesterday morning the family physician called in Dr. W. D. McMillan, smallpox expert and county superintendent of health, to confirm a diagnosis which he had made. The physicians' agreed that Mr. Keith had a well developed case of the zymotic disease and the city health authorities were at once called upon to establish a quarantine. Ten members of Mr. Keith's family and children visiting there were quarantined with the patient. It is thought Mr. Keith contracted the disease during a visit recently made to his farm

in Pender county. Two quarantines for diphtheria were also established by the Health Department yesterday. One of the patients is Mrs. John W. Blomme, Fifth and Campbell streets, and the other is a colored girl, 21 years of age, 806 McDonald's alley.

The numerous friends of Mrr. W. Blomme, are quarantined at the

WEDDING AT SAINT PAULS, N. C.

Miss Addle Johnson Married to Mr. L. A. McGeachy, of Florids.

[Special Star Correspondence.] LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C., Dec. [29,-A welding of more than usual interest was that solemnized in the Presbyterian church at St. Paul's, Robeson county yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when Mr. L. A. McGeachy, of Duval, Florida, led to the altar Miss Addie Johnson, of St. Paul's, N. C.

The ceremony was performed by Rev Joseph Evans, assisted by Rev. D. P. McGeachy: brother of the groom, and witnessed by a large gathering of friend and relatives from various quarters The contracting parties are members of two of the most prominent families the Scotch section of the State and the interest felt in the young couple was manifest in many ways.

Among those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Malloy, of Val-dosta, Ga.: Rev. and Mrs. D. P. McGeachy, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. J. A. Mc Geachy, of Wilmington, N. C., with large delegations from Lumber Bridge, Spring Hill and neighboring sections. The bridal party entered the church t the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march rendered by Miss Mary Jeannett McNeill Misses Josie Evans and Eo ine Shaw were ribbon girls, Miss Mary McLauchlin and Miss Margarette Me Geachy were maids of honor and Messrs J L Shaw and Walter Johnson wer ushers The bride was given away b her brother, Mr James Johnson, and th best man was Mr James A McGeachy The church, beautifully decorated and lighted, was a fitting scene for the imone An informal lunch and reception, given byMr and Mrs L Shaw.followed th

ceremony The young couple were the recipient of numerous handsome and useful pres sents They left after the reception for the Florida home of the groom and are lollowed by the best wishes of uncounted

- "Edith!" the old gentleman bawled from the head of the stairs, "you just ask your young man if he doesn't think it's near bedtime." "Very well, pa," replied the dear girl in the parlor; then, after a pause, "Jack says yes, if you're sleepy, go to bed, by all means."— Philadelphia Press.

- "Didn't you go to sleep during the classical programme?" asked Goober. "While I kin han'le a mop which the lemons on the small bush stick or a flat iron, I'll ten' to dat lemons on the small bush was it?" "A resolution not to make Mrs. Cumrox, severely. "No," an manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "I'll probably begin manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient." "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient." "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient." "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party crossing the patient." "I'll probably begin manager." "It's the party cr luck."-Washington Star.

NO. 10

interesting Report to General Assembly

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31 .-- The North Carolina Corporation Commission filed to-day with Governor Aycock its annual report for transmission to the General Assembly, showing that during the year there were 3,803.9 miles of main line railroad in the State, the gross earnings being \$20,387,940; operating expenses, \$12,848,929, leaving a balance net income from operation of \$7,539,011, a net in. crease of \$1,065,173 over the preceding year. Railroads employed 15,205 persons in the State; 120 persons were killed, two being passengers and 29 were employes There were 4,930, 095 passengers trans ported during the year. The commis. sion asks that it be allowed in future to employ their own counsel in any litigation in which they may become in volved. The report shows that the number of banks operating under the state laws has increased during the year from 155 to 192. Total resources of state banks is \$31,604,183, an increase of \$5,435,991 during the year. Forty_three building and loan companies in operation have \$2,542,988 assets and all are in excellent condition. The commission recommends that second class passenger fares be abolished and the first-class rate materially reduced. They contend that the requirement for two classes of fare

A summary of the Commission's re

necessitates the operation of more un.

port for the year 1904 is as follows: EARNIEGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES Earnings A. C. L \$ 5,234 869 \$ 3,130 346 3,721 718 2.173 502 S. A. L. So. Rwy.... Mis'laneous . 1,837 305 1,305 881 \$ 20,387 940 \$ 12,828 929 FUNDED DEBT AND CAPITAL STOCK. Funded Debt Capital Stock 17,882 842 14,164 028 9,353 184 15,246 878 So. Rwy.... M is'llaneous. 24,347 614 29,464 620

\$ 63,847 649 \$ 63,390 350 TAXES PAID. So. Rwy 278 446 00

Miscellaneous 51,492 00 EMPLOYES. Atlantic Coast Line.... Seaboard Air Line Southern Railway..... Miscellaneous Roads......3,051 Averages wages paid perday: Eng'rs. Conduct's. Machin'ts

A. C. L... \$4.19 3,60 Southern. 4.60 "ALUATION FOR TAXATION. Atlantic Coast Line \$24,454,014 Air Line...... 12,500,00 Southern Raiway 26,310,58 Miscellaneou Roads, Telegraph, Telephone, Street Railway and Express Com-5,061,0 \$74,542,02

Col. 6. S. McCall Dead.

News reached the city yesterday of the death of Col.'C. S. McCall, one of the wealthlest and most prominent citi- McConnell, who is only one of the zens of Bennettsville, S. C., and at one time a stockholder and a director of the Atlantic National Bank, of this hominy. city. The news of Col. McCall's death

came as a shock to many friends in this city. He was 63 years of age, a member of the State Senate and was prominently spoken of for governor at the time of his death. He was reputed Blomme trust that the disease will not to have been worth half a million, all the acreage during the coming year. manifest itself in virulent form in her of which he acquired himself, returncase. She and her husband, Mr. John ing home after the war with only the horse he rode in Hampton's Legion.

AN ALLEGED MURDERER.

E. McCotter Arrested in Norfolk Co Va., for Killing James Russell in North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30 .- Armed

with requisition papers signed by the governors of North Carolina and Virginia Sheriff Richard O. Riddick, of Gales county, arrived in Portsmouth to-day and proceeded at once to the farm of Mr. John Lindsay, in Deep Creek, Norfolk county, where he arrested J. E. McCotter, wanted in Gates county for the alleged murder of James Russell, who died about two years ago as a result, it is claimed of a blow on the head which he received at the hands of McCotter about a year prior to that time. Sheriff Riddick left for Gatesville, N. C. this afternoon, with his prisoner.

While both men were drinking, it is alleged, McCotter and Russell became involved in an altercation in a country store with the result McCotter picked up a carving knife and dealt Russell a severe blow on the head. Although the would did not appear to be of a dangerous character McCotter fled to this section immediately after the affair, and since that time has been employed on the farm of Lindsay in Norfolk county, Meanwhile his wife and children have been residing in Gates county, N. C. According to Cotter he and Russell. his alleged victim, were the very best pressive service which made the two lives of friends and it was solely on account of an argument that the unfortunate

by J. B. Waldrop. Both men seem who it was. Hopkins had a wound to have leased the same farm and on his neck as a result of the fight. when Maddox went to take posses- The ball that hit Mr. Day entered sion he found Waldrop there oc. his hip, and it is said that his death cupying the house. The men were was caused by blood poison. The well known and industrious white deceased was a son of Mr. James R. farmers. Waldrop has surrendered Day, proprietor of the Central Hotel, and was well known in this

- "I have here," said the amateur inventor, as he extracted a small model from his grip, "a device that will warn the engineer of a train when any one is crossing the track."
"No good," rejoined the railway manager. "It's the party crossing the patient. "I'll probably begin ing."-Chicago Daily News.

RAILROADS OF THE STATP.

760 pounds over December, 1983. The shipments that month amounted to 3,031,310 pounds. - Three suits have already been instituted against the city of Win-Made Public-Some Statistics. ston as a result of the reservoir disaster on Wednesday morning, Nov

> - Charlotte Observer: 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-license life-boat may save it. Another instance in which the theory was beautiful, but the practice most abominable. - Charlotte Observer : After a conference with his cabinet, the President has decided that no administration measure in regard to railroad freight rates will be urged on Congress. That body will be expected to prepare its own measure, out will be based on the views the President is known to entertain. - At High Point on Friday morning at 1 o'clock, the mutilated remains of Jeff Bessley, of Randleman, aged 17 years, was found on the track of the Southern Railway. A passing train had run over his body. The conductor and train crew did not see the young man on the train and it is of course inferred that he was beating his way at the time of the accident.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Raleigh News and Observer:

The proposed compulsory education law has many obstacles to overcome

-The shipments of manufactured

The complaints have not because

filed, hence the amount of damages

- Charlotte Chronicle: Another

ship, this time a big steamer, has

claimed is not yet known.

tobacco from Winston-Salem during December footed up 3,213,070 pounds. This is an increase of 131,-

before it is ratified.

weildy and expensive trains.

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. A light house that will resist the terrible force of the waves at that point has so far baf-fled the skill of modern engineer-- Fletcher Lane, a 10-year-old white boy of Greensboro, died Friday morning from lockjaw. Last

Friday week he was shooting a tov pistol, when it exploded, lacerating his left hand. Blood poison resulted and ended in lockjaw. Dr. Chas. L. Scott, in draining pusfrom the wound, cut a finger. Since

the patient developed tetanus, Dr. Scott thought it best to go North to have treatment and left for Baltimore on Friday. A dispatch from Greensboro on Friday says: Articles of incorpora-

tion of the Franklin Kaolin Mining Company have been forwarded the Secretary of State. The capital stock is \$35,000, subscribed by New York parties and J. E. Sinclair and S. J. Fisher, of Asheville. The company will mine and refine kaolin and other clays in Macon county. The lands were purchased from State Corporation Commissioner Rogers and others. The corporation attorney

is Judge H. B. Stephens, of Ashe-- Charlotte Chronicle: We are indebted to Mr. Joe Klouse for a notice of the death of "Big John" which occurred at Lo esville, Lin-coln county, a few lays ago. The deceased was 18 months old, and when dressed and thrown on the scales tipped the beam at 605 lbs. He was a hog--one of the four-legged kind, with a leg on-each corner, also a snout and bristles. The man who killed him is Mr. Julius

many prosperous Lincoln county

men, well supplied with hog and

- A dispatch from Goldsboro on Friday says: At a called meeting of the farmers of Wayne county yesterday afternoon it was decided to hold the cotton they have on hand for better prices and greatly reduce The meeting was largely attended by some of the best farmers from every township in the county, and the decision agreed upon was reached after mature deliberation. The difference between 6 and 16 cents, which is the fluctuation in the price of cotton at this time and near the same time last year, has brought ont the determination on the part of Wayne county farmers to keep their cotton off the market and make less during the year to come. The meet-

ing elected delegates to the coming

State convention to be held in Ra-

leigh. - A dispatch from Greensboro on Friday says: John Reeves, the seven-year-old son of New Reeves, died this morning home at White Oak Mills, of hydrophobia. Nine weeks ago the the boy was bitten on the finger by a small yellow dog in play, it was thought. Last Wednesday the boy became strangely afflicted, having convulsions and chokings. Dr. Kernodle was called to see him. and at once feared hydrophobia. A consultation of physicians, consisting of himself, Drs. Harrison, a specialist of Greensboro, and Dr. Booth, of Oxford, was had. After seeing the boy vesterday, they all agreed it was a case of hydrophobia and in an advanced stage. Heroic measures were resorted to, but the child, after a night of terrible suffering, died this morning.

- A dispatch from Durham on Friday says: Mr. I. C. Day died to. night at 9 o'clock as a result of a pistol wound he received two months ago. On the morning of October 23 he was shot by a colored man named Allen Hopkins. The shooting occurred in the eastern part of the city about two o'clock in the morning. Hopkins claims that he Near Greenville, S. C., yesterday was assaulted by two men, and said Samuel Maddox was shot on a farm he shot some ne, but did not know city. Hopkins was arrested soon after the fight and has been in jail ever since.

> - "What you need," said the physician, "is more exercise."
> "That will be all right," answered

