

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

FRIDAY MORNING Dec. 23, 1893.

A merry Christmas to all our readers.

Mr. C. C. Aycock went to Wilson Wednesday.

Mr. John Garris has moved into town again.

Miss Della Wadsley returned to Baltimore yesterday.

Frank Short left Thursday for a visit to Smithfield.

Miss Bedie Darden returned from Wilmington Thursday.

Mr. Perry Barnes was home from Richmond Saturday.

Master Walter Beddard leaves today for a pleasure trip to Pitt county.

Mr. C. F. Johnson has moved to J. W. Smith's house on railroad St.

You will find a very interesting letter from Cuba in another column.

Mr. Arthur Best is home from Trinity College to spend the holidays.

Mr. A. Rosecow editor of the Goldsboro *Headlight* was in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Speight is expected on a visit to Fremont tomorrow noon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cobb are visiting at Mrs. Ellen Dardens this week.

Mrs. Jones from Rocky Point is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. W. Morris.

There will not be any paper next week. Our compositors want the week off.

Mr. M. E. Britt was in town Thursday to meet his little daughter on the noon train.

Mr. Frank Aycock who is attending Turlington Institute at Smithfield returned home Monday to spend the holidays.

Nice line of STATIONARY at J. R. SMITH'S.

Mrs. A. D. Flowers and children who have been visiting in Fremont for some time returned to their home in Cemora Monday.

Miss Mattie Dexter, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Davis, for several months, returned to her home in Maryland yesterday.

Rev. Albert Barnes, wife and baby came up from Wilmington yesterday on a visit to his father and Mrs. Barne's sister, Mrs. J. B. Hooks.

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We are sending out statements to all our subscribers who are indebted to us for the paper making out our accounts up to the first of January 1899. Please do not neglect this matter even though it be but a small amount.

Goldsboro Headlight: We were at Fremont last Saturday and fully convinced ourselves that the buyers there were paying ten cents per 100 pounds of cotton above the Goldsboro market. How they can afford to do it our local cotton buyers, who are buying for the largest cotton exporters of the country, are at a loss to comprehend it, if better grades are not carried to Fremont than they are brought here. The result is that our merchants are the sufferers while Fremont's business men are the gainers.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

A Merchants meeting of Wilmington has recommended that the General Assembly give New Hanover county a no-fence-law.

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 20.—The entire plant of the South Dunn Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire to-day at 6 p. m. The plant had been in operation five or six years, making cheap grades of furniture. The loss will foot up close to \$10,000, including stock and material on hand. We are unable at this writing to learn the cause of the fire or the amount of insurance carried.—Star.

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a newspaper here says a powder magazine situated in the centre of the Chinese camp at Hang Chow exploded, levelling a square mile of houses. It is estimated that 3,000 soldiers were killed, including the general commanding the forces. The American and French missions are both supposed to have been damaged, but it is said there were no fatalities among the Americans.—Star.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, to-day gave notice of an amendment he will introduce to the pension appropriation bill pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers. The amendment follows:

"That from and after the passage of this bill, every pension law now on the statute books shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, the army nurses and all other pensioners who may be able to prove their claims under the present pension laws, without regard to whether said soldiers was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service of the civil war of 1861-65; provided, that those enlisted in the Confederate service shall not draw any back pensions prior to the passage of this bill, but their claim under existing laws shall begin and become operative with the passage of this bill."—Morning Star.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, D. C. Dec. 19, 1893.

Circumstances have brought the expansion question very much to the front, in Washington. President McKinley's speech at Atlanta, in which he asked "Who will haul down the flag?" is regarded as committing him in favor of expansion, and of retaining the Philippines, and it has enthused the expansionists in Congress, and out of Congress. Then came Col. Bryan's visit to Washington for the double purpose of trying to prevent Senators of his party opposing the ratification of the treaty of Peace, which he says should not figure in the fight against expansion, and of solidifying his party in both branches of Congress against expansion. He succeeded so well in the first that it is now generally expected that the treaty will be ratified by the Senate before the close of this session of Congress, although it cannot be sent to the Senate until the first week in January. He wasn't so successful in his other object. He found numerous Senators and Representatives of his party who told him plainly that they and their constituents believed that it was the proper thing for this government to keep all the territory it acquired in the war with Spain, and that so long as the administration policy was legitimate expansion, and not imperialism, they expected to

cordially support it. Col. Bryan admitted in conversation with his friends that public sentiment at the present time is favorable to expansion, but he argued that it will soon be changed and will support the position he has taken.

Members of the Anglo-American Commission no longer speak hopefully of success in the negotiation of a treaty that will remove all friction between this country and Canada, and establish commercial reciprocity. On the contrary, they now regard any satisfactory agreement on reciprocity, as improbable, if not actually impossible, and the negotiation of a treaty embracing any points of real importance is very doubtful. The Commission has adjourned until January 5, when a last attempt to agree on something will be made.

Col. Bryan's friends are divided as to whether the New Yorker who was quoted as follows in a local paper, meant to be complimentary or otherwise: "I think Bryan would have made one of the greatest actors that ever trod the boards, and even now, if he would adopt the stage, there is almost the certainty of success. He is a born actor, and had he started in time, would have outshone the greatest we have seen in this generation. His Chicago speech that won him to nomination for President was a masterly bit of acting—so was his going to the war. I don't mean by that to accuse him of insincerity, but it is the very nature of the man to play a part. He has a magnificent face, fine voice, and magnetic presence, all of which would have lifted him to the topmost place had fate decreed him to be a Thespian."

The gentlemen who are trying to bring about an extra session of the next Congress for the sole purpose of financial legislation have not succeeded in getting a promise from President McKinley, but they are still hard at work trying to bring additional pressure to bear upon him. They have adopted one unique method of influencing the President—a petition from republican members of Congress, asking the President to call an extra session of Congress in the Spring, and to state in the call that the session is called solely to consider financial legislation. This petition is now being circulated for signatures, and is said to have obtained a considerable number, but they do not include the party leaders. Regardless of this petition and other efforts of the same parties, an extra session is generally regarded as among the probabilities, but it will not be confined, if held, to financial legislation.

Same old Congress; same old talk about working through the holidays; same old joint resolution providing for a Christmas recess of two weeks, from the 21st inst. Amen!

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