## The Messenger.

Agents Wanted-Special. Real Estate-E. S. Tennent. Mechanics Home Association. Hirsh's Sweet Violet Ammonia-J. H.

# Hardin. Weather Forecasts. Local forecast made at Wilmington yesterday morning for twelve hours from 8 a. m. today: Fair; continued

cool westerly winds. For North Carolina: Fair; northerly to easterly winds; slightly warmer in the interior Thursday evening. TEMPERATURE.

1897-8 a. m., 33 degrees; 8 p. m., 36 degrees; highest, 45 degrees; lowest, 3:

Miniature Almanac-Sun rises 7:09 a m.; sun sets 5:04 p. m.; high water at Southport 11:06 p. m.; high water at Wilmington 12:53 a. m.

Moon's Phases-New moon, 3rd, 12:55 a. m.; first quarter, 10th, 4:37 p. m.; full moon, 18th, 3:08 p. m.; last quarter, 25th, 3:00 p. m.

### PITHY LOCALS.

A love feast will be held at Grace M 2. church this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. E. S. Tennent announces that he buys and sells real estate. See his advertisement in this morning's Messen-

A colored boy, son of Emma Webb who resides near the city hospital, accidentally shot himself in the arm with a pistol yesterday.

The business meeting of the North Carolina sorosis will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Young Mens' Christian Association parlors.

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held this afternoon at the chamber's room's, in the MacRae building, 27 North Front street.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday were 170 bales, against 216 bales the corresponding day in 1896. The loca' market closed firm at 6% cents, against 8% cents the corresponding day las

There is quite a penchant on the part of under aged couples to get married The register of deeds has orders from parents to not issue marriage licenses to about twenty-fle couples from 15 to 18 years of age.

The Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railroad's offices have been moved from the foot of Orange street to the building formerly occupied by Messrs Alm. Sprunt & Son, on Walnut street between Nut street and the river.

The married women of the Centra Baptist church, will give an instructive entertainment at the church tonight Rev. S. N. Vass, A. M. secretary of the American Eaptist Publication Society will preach. There will be a number of other speakers. There will be music by some of the best colored talent of the city. A cordial welcome to all.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Samuel Hairston, of Oak Hill, is at The Orton.

Mr. R. L. Vernon, of Charlotte, is guest at The Orton. Mr. C. H. Nademan, of Scranton, N

C.. came in last evening. Mr. O. F. Justice, of Sneed's Ferry was on our streets yesterday. Mr. W. R. Walker, of Currie, was in city on business yesterday.

Mr. L. L. Mallard, of Wallace, called on our wholesale houses yesterday. Mr. T. C. Barnhill, of Galivant's Ferry, was here on business yesterday. Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, was

here making business calls yesterday. Mr. J. W. Franks, of Birmingham Ala., is registered at the Bonitz house Mr. W. S. Prior, of Fayetteville, was among last evening's arrivals in the

Mr. R. E. Covington, of Sanford, was among last evening's arrivals in the

Mr. J. E. Royal, of Clinton, called on our wholesale business houses yester-J. M. Johnson, Esq., and wife of

Marion, S. C., were guests of The Orton yesterday. The Hon. D. L. Russell will leave here Monday for Raleigh and will be inaug-

urated as governor on Tuesday. Mr. D. N. Horne, of Moultrie, Ga. formerly of Duplin county, arrived here yesterday to employ turpentine hands.

Richmond State, January 5th: Mr. James M. Lipscomb leaves tomorrow for Wilmington, N. C., to accept a po-

Messrs. W. Hubbell, E. Quackenbush, B. Bly, W. Gates, W. Harelling, Gay Vanelke, and F. Huett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were at the Bonitz house yesterday returning from a trip to the Sunny South colony at Chadbourn

The Messenger has received a card announcing the marriage of Mr. Bernard J. McGarity, formerly of Wilmington, now of Baltimore, and Miss Florence Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Gilbert, of Baltimore. The wedding will take place at 5 o'clock p. m., January 20th, at St. Elizabeth church, Baltimore.

The Red Men.

Deputy Great Incohoene J. J. Hopkins, assisted by G. W. Carter as Great Prophet, John W. Walton as Great Senior, Sagamore and J. R. Davis is Great Junior Sagamore, raised to heir stumps the following chiefs of Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, at the wigwam last night that being the sixth sleep, cold moon G. S. D., 406, viz:

Sachem-J. R. Sneeden. Senior Sagamore-George Sloan. Junior Sagamore-H. D. Tucker. Chief of Records-J. M. McGowan. Keeper of Wampum-E. R. Wooten Trustees-Marsden Bellamy, Walker

Taylor, James Calder. After the installation four pale faces were adopted, and refreshments followed.

On account of the lateness of the hour, the installation of the appointive officers was postponed till the next

sleep.

The County Home Mr. T. A. Watson, the new superin-

tendent of the county home, informs us that there are now twenty-one inmates in the home-fifteen colored and six whites. There are four white females two white males, six colored females and nine colored males. In the insanc department there are four patients. In the county house of correction there are four prisoners, not included 'n the

foregoing. Mr. Watson said he did not care to speak about the condition of the home He says he will be glad to have the representatives or members of the Associated Charities, the United Chari- Anderson Alderman, LL. D. The inauties or other charitable organizations. or any person interested in benevolence January 27th, in Gerrard Hall, Chapel or charity, to call and inspect the home | Hill, and for this interesting occasion whenever they can. there will be a splendid programme,

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

hird Day of the Mid-Winter Term-A Day Theodore Schutte shoots Ellis White ons for the Offenders Who Corry Concealed Deadly Weapons and Attack People With Them.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Tuesday, the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county met yesterday at 10 a. m., and during the day's sitting disposed of cases as follows: State vs. Mary J. Howard, assault

and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment was suspended on the payment of the costs and the ommissioners were authorized to hire her out if they are not paid.

State vs. Mary J. Howard, carrying oncealed deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and the commissioners were authorized to hire her out if they are not paid.

State vs. J. F. Sutton, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. State vs. Thomas Lucas, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant submited and was fined \$10. and the costs.

State vs. Thomas Lucas, carrying oncealed deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. The commissioners were authorized to hire him

The commissioners were authorized to

State vs. Florence Smith, slander, apneal taken, and case continued for the lefendant to the March term. pattery with a deadly weapon, verdict mayor today at noon.

ruilty. Defendant was sentenced to three months imprisonment in county house of correction. State vs. Wm. Townsend and Allen Pearsall, affray, verdict not guilty. State vs. Louis Nixon and Amos Smith, affray, verdict guilty as to Nixon and not guilty as to Smith.

The court at 5:30 p. m. took a recess till 10 o'clock this morning. Oakdale Cemetery Lodge Completed.

Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., the conractors, have completed the handsome new lodge at Oakdale cemetery and it will be turned over today to the direcvent out to the cemetery yesterday and

The lodge is in the some location as was the frame lodge that was destroyed by fire but as it is larger, the west wall extending nearly to the fence. The building is 45 by 35 feet in dimension, is one story high and is surmounted by two towers, one 48 feet high -- the northwest corner and a lesser one on ford brownstone, and the trimmings consist of buff stone quarried at Gulf, Chatham county, so that all the material is North Carolina product. The plans were furnished by that experienced, veteran architect Mr. James F. Post, and in carrying them out under his superintendency the contratctors have made a magnificent job of it.

The inside finish is very pretty. The chapel is 34 by 24 feet in size and is itted with an altar and will be arrangd for accommodating about 400 people. Mr. T. Donlan, the popular superintendent, has a neat office 12 by 12 feet a size, located under the main tower. There are also lavatories and toilet ooms with the most modern improvements.

The lodge is truly worthy of beautie, Dakdale and is a fitting testimonial to he zealousness of the directors of the cemetery company.

If you desire a luxurious growth of healthy hair of a natural coor, nature's crowning ornament of both sexes, use only Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair

Renewer. A Handsome Monument.

A very handsome monument has just been erected in Oakdale cemetery by the family in memoriam of the late Mr. Luhr Vollers. It was built and put in position by Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., and is one of the finest monu ments to be seen in the cemetery. Its height is 17 feet and its weight is 30,000 pounds. The base is a hammered granite block six feet by four feet six inches, in graduated squares on the front one of which is chiseled in large letters the name "Vollers." On the base rests a die of beautifully polished gran te with the inscription in front and lillies carved above it, and at each corner of the die are polished columns surmounted by Corrinthian caps. Or the die sits a hammered granite cap or the front of which is a polished design in which is chiseled a "V" in German text. Surmounting the whole is a beautiful figure of Faith wrought of fine Italian marble. With her hand she i clinging to a cross entwined with passion flowers, and with her right hand up-lifted and her index finger pointing

The monument is a very handsom piece of workmanship from bottom to op, and it does great credit to Messrs. Tucker & Bro., having been made entirely of native material at their marble yards, 320 North Front street, between Grace and Walnut streets. All the work was done by home workmen and the structure is certainly a gen-

uine piece of art. The United States Benevolent Fraternity. At the regular meeting of Hanover Council No. 25, United States Benevolent Fraternity, held at their hall on Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by the supreme president, Rev. Dr. S.

Mendelsohn: President-James F. Post, Jr. Vice President-Henry Burkhimer. Counsellor-B. J. Jacobs. Secretary-Thomas R. Post.

Treasurer-Nathaniel Jacobi Chaplain-George H. James. Guide-J. W. Keen. Warden-Carl Mugge, Sentry-John Baker. . Medical Examiner-Dr. D. W. Bul

The council was addressed by the Mr. John D. Roe, of Baltimore, Md., the were blistered and smoked up and the supreme organizer for the Benevolent Fraternity in the United States. During the last ten years this institution has distributed in Wilmington

to the widows and orphans of deceased oil. If the attendant had remained in members about \$75,000. The council the room he would no doubt have been here has seventy members and it is increasing in membership at nearly ev-

The Inauguration of President Alderman The Messenger acknowledges with stages thanks an invitation from the trustees and faculty of the University of North Carolina to attend the inauguration of the president, our former townsman, the distinguished Edwin guration will take place on Wednesday,

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

the Head With an Old Musket-T Wound not Dangerous-Shutte Surrent ers Himself at Police Headqua ters. Yesterday afternoon about a o'clock

in Mrs. Geo. L. Schutte's stoye, on the corner of Bladen and MacRa streets her son, Theodore Schutte, and Elli White, colored, were handling an old fashloned single barreled musket that is fired with a percussion sap. They were endeavoring to get the cap of the tube and when it was prized off i fell into a barrel. While they wer trying to get the cap out of the barrel young Schutte was holding the gun in his hands and in some way the hammer was thrown, causing the gun to be dis charged. The load, consisting of bird shot, struck White on the right side o the head and face. About two doze shot penetrated about a half inch above the ear, and inflicted a bad though no dangerous wound. The cheek and ea were also lacerated. Dr. T. R. Mac' was called and picked out a lot of th shot, but did not consider it safe t probe far into the wounded man's head At last accounts White was getting along very well. He is about 20 year old, and is afflicted with St. Vitus

Young Schutte was 13 years old yes erday. As soon as the accident oc curred he went to police headquarter at the city hall and surrendered him self. In view of the fact that the shoot ing was accidental and the wound no dangerous, Chief of Police John R. Mel ton recognized him, with Mr. W. G. A State vs. Wm. McQueen, assault and Ottersen, for his appearance before the

> Sousa's Peerless Band Tonight. Sousa, the peerless composer of American marches, conductor of the unrivaled band whose playing has aroused music lovers of every community in the United States, is again on a grand concert tour, and before its completion the strains of his viril marches and the harmonies of hi splendid organization will have resounded over 21,000 miles of territory

PEERLESS BAND TONIGHT. Tonight at the opera house Wilmins ton will be favored by a performanc fors as a finished job. The directors by this splendid band, and it is the use of idle words to say that a musica treat is in store for those who will attend this superb concert. The indications point to the largest audience for Sousa that ever assembled for any at-

traversed by the "March King" and his

traction in our opera house. .That Sousa's influence over every manner and kind of humanity that loves music is out of the common. He stands as a proof of the theory of hypnotism the southwest corner. The foundation It is related upon the authority of a and base is constructed of Mt. Airy well-known correspondent, who was in feelingly to her mother, "But papa will granite, the body of the building is the Orient, when the Chinese forces retreated in disorder before the victorious Japanese, that the military bands of the conquerors inspired their soldiery by the stirring strains of Sousa's marches. They are played by all the famous bands of the armies of England, France, Germany and Russia.

> This is not fancy. It is a fact. Accompanying Sousa on this tour Miss Martina Johnstone, violiniste, and Mrs. Elizabeth Northrop, soprano, as well as several instrumental soloists of world-wide fame. The box sheet for the reserved seat

> sale will remain at Gerken's until o'clock this evening. THE PRIVATE SECRETARY. "The Private Secretary" will be the

> attraction at the opera house tomorrow night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night. One of the funniest comedies eve

> produced is "The Private Secretary," and one of the wittiest writers of America is William Gillette, its author. For several seasons this remarkable play caused one great laugh that resounded from ocean to ocean, and after a rest it again starts on a tour, entirely up-to-date, with a superb company of comedians, headed by Mr. Edwin Travers, who was long associated with the original production.

The reserved seat sale for the engage-

ment opens this morning at Gerken's. ductive of colds and coughs than a January freeze. Then is the time Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is needed and proves so extremely efficacious. Ask your druggist for it, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

Officers Installed. At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., last night, the following officers were installed by District Deputy Grand Master L. L. Boon, assisted by Past Grands G. W. Branch, P. T. Dixie and F. B. Rice, viz: Sitting Past Grand-C. C. Parker. Noble Grand-John E. Gorden. Vice Grand-Wm. Simpson.

Recording Secretary-\$. A. Craig. Financial Secretary-John E. Silva. Treasurer-H. O. Craig. Warden-J. W. Cate. Conductor-George H. Howell.

Right Supporter to Noble Grand-G. W. Branch. Left Supporter to Noble Grand-Dr. A. H. Harriss.

Right supporter to Vice Grand-F. B Left Supporter to Vice Grand-John Right Scene Supporter-George Smith

Left Scene Supporter-John T. Haw-

Inside Guard-P. T. Dixle. Outside Guard-C. W. Stewart.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Yesterday morning the kerosene oil stove used in the operating room at the city hospital exploded and did considerable damage, but fortunately no one was hurt. One of the attendants had afterward a loud explosion was heard and smoke was seen pouring out from the room. Immediate attention by those on the premises, however, prevented what might have been a serious fire. the plazza of the hospital and the explosion considerably shook up the building. The room had just been comsupreme president, the president and pleted and the newly painted walls frosted glass in the five windows were shattered. Fortunately the floor of the room is cement, else it would have been impossible to have prevented the place from catching on fire from the burning

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh, Hall's Catarrh stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment, Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The Man Who Did Not Know Who He Was Captain J. D. Nickerson, the nan who was at the city hospital .nd who had lost his identity, has eached his home in New Jersey. He

vas captain of a schooner and suddenly eft her in Hampton Roads, as she was oaded and about to sail. It is thought is trouble was caused by a severe low that he received on the head while joing down the companion way of his

ine following in connection with this ase is interesting: Wilmington, January 6th, 1897.

Editors Messenger: In The Messenger of January 1st unler the head of "A Strange Case," you ,ive the story of a man, apparently 28 or 30 years of age, who had convenienty acquired what Diogenes wanted to earn, the "art of forgetfulness"-at ast he was successful as far as his wn name was concerned. I think I ecognize your mysterious incognito in patient who presented himself for ye treatment at my office Friday irly well. He said he was a sailor on he English steamer Morbry, now at prunt's wharf; that his name was latter Munro, the sirname lettered by im, as I have it, and claimed Scotch ationality. He gave his age as 38, was bout 5 feet 8 inches in height, looked ke he weighed 140 pounds; had light air, thin on top, sandy moustache, cant reddish whiskers, blue eyes, high orehead, straight nose, large mouth nd fair complexion. If you had noiced him closely you would have found nly his left eye dilated, and I made he bay window in it to get a view of he lens and fundus of the eye. As he xpressed to you, he prefessed to me o have a blank memory up to Thursay, December 24th; and he ascribed he same date as the beginning of his ve trouble, and it came on him like a hief in the night, suddenly and withut warning; but an examination reealed the fact that his kind of an eye oesn't do things in a hurry. It didn't ake up one morning, like Pope, and nd itself famous; it imitated the acion of the tortoise, slowly progresced p to the present. I am sure the disase in the eye had been there two nonths, and, possibly, very much longr. When I asked him for the name of he captain of the Morbry, that wonerful, disjointed, handy memory of his ailed to dovetail; the art of solicing he rope forsook him completely. He ook three minutes, with his right hand p to his head, trying to think of the aptain's name; but, with a tender reard I told him he needn't sit any onger waiting, Micawber-like, for it to urn up, for the memory, sometimes, in he language of the immortal Sam Wel-His brogue was "nerwerge." cetch, and he talked glilly, "trippingly n the tongue" about some things, parcularly Scotland, Sweden, Norway, he German or North sea, and the Bible.

e was wonderfully familiar with the Bible, quoted from it freely-took mine, which was near him, and turned with acility to any book or page. He claimed to have been with Nansen, the great arctic explorer, to within four degrees 240 miles) of the north pole. In speakng of the Nansen family when Nansen vas about to depart on one of his expeitions, and there was some doubt expressed about his returning, he remarkd that Nansen's little daughter said ome back, mama!" and the sailor's yes, as he repeated it, welled up with ears. He was acquainted with the sistory and poems of Bobby Burns (I ike Bob myself), and quoted several assages from him. When I took a picure from the mantle and held it near him, with the name upon it obscured, nd asked him what place it was, he aid at the first quick glance. "It's the nome of Burns," and then added, "I've een there and smoked and drunk beer n the house." He was correct about the icture, and as I took him to be a deotee to Bachus, and he vo'unteered is love of the soothing wine. I did not uestion his varacity. He had what I technically, the call, net

ambles he would only touch upon a ubject and then fly to another. His ttic story, it seemed to me, needed alt, a heap of it, of the rock kind. I sually size up a fellow when he comes my office, but I'm afraid I did not horoughly sift Munro. He did not have sense enough to be a Urlah Heep. or cunning and shrewdness sufficient nass as a Fagin, nor volubility to qual Peraud; but he reminded me nore of Rigaud, and if his forehead had narrower, rose hawk-billed, noustacke long and black, and if, when he laughed, his moustache had gono un nder his nose, and his nose had come

ave taken him for a good counter-W. C. G. art of that wizzard. Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores. The following were the receipts of oton and naval stores at the port of Vilmington vesterday:

own over his moustache I should

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad-4 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpenine, 50 barrels rosin, 21 barrels tar, 2 arrels crude turpentine. Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad-27 bales cotton, 7 casks spirts turpentine, 143 barrels rosin, 93 bar-

els tar. Carolina Central Railroad-50 bales cotton, 31 casks spirits turpentine. 159 barrels rosin, 37 barrels tar, 8 barrels rude turpentine. Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Rail-

road-26 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits urpentine, 160 barrels rosin, 8 barrels Steamer Hawes-1 bale cotton, 112 asks spirits turpentine, 397 barrels rosin, 40 barrels tar.

Steamer Sessoms-2 bales cotton, 21 asks spirits turpentine, 98 barrels rosin, 62 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Raft-332 barrels rosin. Total-170 bales cotton, 182 casks spirts turpentine, 1,339 barrels rosin, 261 parrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood-medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use." Physicians all over the land have made similar statements.

Wilson Notes (Correspondence of The Mesenger.) Wilson, N. C., January 6. About 2 o'clock yesteruay alternoon Mr. Lugar R. Gay, a leading merchant I wilson, died at his nome here. He ad been agreat sufferer for a long time with that aread disease, consumption, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. day has been an important factor in the business life of Wilson for years, and while only a young man at the time of his death, he had made a repuation in business circles that was en-

Ine tobacco market opened here on gone into the room and lighted the Monday and made a very good day's sale, lasting until the afternoon. It closed yesterday, however, for old Christmas day. Many people in this county regard the 5th of January as Christmas day. In consequence of that the stores here had a rattling trade on Monday in toys, fire works and other Christmas tricks. It is presumed that old Santa Claus visited some children on Monday night. It is hoped that he visited those that were overlooked on ais first round. their last meeting decided to drop the

tenth grade for the present. It was only added last September as an experiment, but will now be discontinued intil such time as it can be resumed. The crowded condition of the other grades made this action necessary. To Testify Against the Three Friends Jacksonville, Fla., January 6.- Eight ewspaper men appeared before the United States district attorney this

morning in response to subpoenas is-ued on Tuesday, but they were not alled upon to go before the grand jury o testify in filibustering cases, as was nticipated. After all had reported hey were excused until Friday mornng, when they will have to tell what hey know about the last expedition of he steamer Three Friends. Besides he newspaper men, there were present everal persons who are supposed to ave gone on the vessel on the last trip nd other persons who saw her being naded at Fernandina before she left n the last trip. All of the witnesses av that they know nothing about the alleged arming and fitting out of the

Healthy Condition of Southern Banks Baltimore, January 6 .- The Manufacturers' Record has received from Comptroller Eckels a statement as to the general situation of the banking nterest south. Mr. Eckels says:

The strength of the banking condi-

tions of the south cannot better be evidenced than by the fact that during the fiscal year of 1896, which embraced the most trying portions of 1895 and 1896, there occurred but six national bank failures, while since November 1st the failures have numbered but two. Of these two, the bank at Roanoke, Va., has proven solvent and arranged to pay its creditors without the intervention of a receiver and go into voluntary liquidation. As against these two failures we have a condition of imrovement in the cash reserves of the of thrilling adventures in trying to banks in the south as shown by the bank call of December 17th over that escape. of October 6th, which proves how much noney must have been brought out of hiding since election day.

The two states thus far reporting. Mississsippi and Arkansas, show an inrease from 29.42 per cent. to 32.61 and rom 30.49 to 39.65, respectively. Of the eporting cities in the south the reurns from Louisville show an increase from 36.90 to 42.02; St. Louis -m 25.95 to 31.84; Houston, 67.17 to 74.57; Baltiore. 30.89 to 35.31; New Orleans, 31.42 39.46. When it is remembered that the requirement of the law, based upon that which is deemed the point of safey, requires a reserve of but 15 p -- cent. in the state generally, and but 25 per cnt. in reserve cities, it is readily seen now able the banks are to meet every lemand to be made upon them by outhern depositors.

Nebraska Free Silver Conference. Lincoln, Neb., January 6.-The Lansing theatre was completely filled this norning when the state bimetallic conference was called to order. When Mr. Bryan entered the hall he was greeted with deafening applause. Judge Green reviewed the campaign of 1896 and said hat while beaten at the polls, the silver forces were not conque ed. The bat-tle of Bull Run did not ecide the war, nor has the battle of '96 decided the sil-

ver cause. Mr. Bryan said the warm reception accorded him prompted him to paraphrase an old saying which would read: "It is beter to have run and lost than not to have run at all." He re-viewed the campaign from the Chicago convention until the close of the polls He showed the great gain made by the silver party since '94, and said that he believed that, with the efforts to be made during the next four years, there could be no doubt of a victory in 1900. He spoke of the bimetalli eague, which is about to be organized in this state and advised that all friends of silver regardless of party affiliations should be enrolled under one banner He suggested that the legislature should still further amend the election laws of the state to the end that the voters should be better protected from intimidation, also that the corporations should not be permitted to contribute funds for election purpose.

Governor Altzeld's Wholesale Pardoning Chicago, January 6.- Governor Altgeld capped the climax of an unusual pardon record by granting freedom to nineteen convicts, one of whom is John McGrath, for a decade the e leader of the Henry street gang, and an arch-enemy of the police. Five other Cook county criminals were turned loose by the retiring governor, but not all of them together will be received in the city with so much fear and horror as the noted McGrath. Of much interest to the police also is the commutation of the sentence of Mamie Starr, a life prisoner at Joliet, sentenced from Chicago in 1890 for poisoning her employers. The sentence in her case was commuted to welve years and allowing for percentages off, she will soon be free. Springfield, Ill., January 6 .- Governor Altgeld today commuted the sentence of Charles J. and Frank R. Meadow. croft, convicted of receiving deposits up to the time their bank at Chicago was placed in the hands of a receiver. one year in the penitentiary to sixty days in jail. Executive clemency was recommended by Judge Brentano, the trial judge, and ex-States Attorney

Victous Attack of One Prisoner Upon Another St. Louis, January 6.-Arthur Dues trow, the convicted millionaire double murderer, made a terrible attack on George Kendall, a burgiar, as the latter was passing his cell fluring exercise this afternoon. Duestrow's cell had been temporarily unlocked, in order that the prisoner might enjoy a little liberty in the corridor. Kendall came slouching down the corridor past Duestrow's cell. "Hello, money bags," he said sneeringly. Duestrow pretended not to hear him. "Hello, cigarette flend," said Kendall, tauntingly. Still there was not a word from the condemned murderer. "Hello, crazy." In an instant the cell door was thrown open and Duestrow was upon Kendall like a mad man. The attack was so impetuous that Kendall was thrown to

the floor. Duestrow leaped upon his prostrate body, kicking and stamping

him repeatedly about the face and head.

As he did so he cursed like a demon.

Kendall shrieked for help and guards came to his assistance. Kendall is badly injured. Train Laden Wish Salt Silver Springs, N. Y., January 6 .-One hundred and sixty cars loaded with 5.450,000 pounds of salt left here today, consigned to New England firms. The train was the Worcester salt special bearing a consignment of orders to New England, which had been given contingent upon President Mc-Kinley's election. The vast shipment made up the finest freight train ever put together. The cars were handsomely decorated with vari-colored banners. The train will go over the Erie railroad to Jersey City, and thence by the Consolidated railroad to Boston. The shipment contains 14,222 barrels packed with salt in bags and bulk, and 10,774 sacks not in barrels. If the barrels in the train were placed standing one on the top of the other

he most elevated barrel would be over The Work of Train Wreckers. Tampa, Fla., January 6.-A wreck occurred on the Plant system just outside the city limits, in which Engineer R. H. Finney was seriously hurt and Fireman R. L. Gosst received severe injuries, both of Sanford, and men of families. Some villain placed a crosstie lengthwise on the track. The pilot passed over and it stuck under the engine, overturning and smashing it and the tender. Fireman Gosst jumped and sustained severe injuries about the head and his teeth were knocked out and his left hand hurt. Engineer Finney was caught underneath his engine and had to be dug out. His legs and feet were badly scalded and he received severe internal injuries.

A Murderer Assassinated. Chattanoogs, Tenn., January 6.—The "HIRSH'S: SWEET: VIOLET enacted in McMinn county one month today, fell a victim to the assassin's George Jack, a farmer living near Nonaburgh, Tenn. while gathering wood in his own yard, was shot and killed by unknown parties, who lay in wait in a thicket about 150 yards from the house. Five shots were fired. The crime is thought to be the vengeful deed of friends of Taylor Miller, who was cut to pieces recently in a quarrel by Jack. The trustees of the graded school at Both men were farmers, and Miller was wealthy.

A Mysterious Lynching.

Columbia, S. C., January 6.-Law-

rence Brown, a young negro, was found hanging by the side of the South Caro-lina and Georgia railroad near Orange. J. H HARDIN, Proprietor burg this morning with a placard on his breast saying that Judge Lynch would execute any man, woman or child who destroyed their property, There is absolutely no clue, the coroner's jury adjourning until tomorrow. Brown was accused of burning the barn of R. E. Wanamaker, but was yesterday at Wanamaker's request, dis-charged. An unlikely theory is that he was lynched by accomplices who fear-ed his telling on them. Gream Li mon or Eugaluptine

The Dolphin Reaches Jacksonville Jacksonville, Fla., Jaruary 6.—The United States dispatch boat Dolphin arrived at St. Johns bar this morning at 10 o'clock and came up the river to Jacksonville. The Dolphin is the first of a number of vessels detailed to watch fillbustering expeditions to ar-

Banth of a Noted Federal Soldier New York, January 6.—"Big Pete" Aubrey, a war veteran, died at his nome in Florence, Mass., today of blood oisoning, resulting from an old wound. He was famous as the giant chief of police at Andersonville prison and other southern prisons in the latter part of the war. Aubrey was born at Rouses Point, N. Y., in 1833. When the civil Ninety-eighth New York regiment and was in the peninsula campaign. At Yorktown he was wounded in the head by a bullet which was never removed. On April 4th he was captured and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was elected chief of police. Later he was removed to the prison at Florence, S. C., and again to the Charleston race course, and at both he acted as the head of the police. He had a number

Charges Against Georgia Judges Atlanta, Ga., January 6 .- Attorney General J. M. Terrell has declined to act as prosecutor in the investigation of the charges against Judges Reese and Sweat. He says that it is not mad; his duty under the law and he has no authority to act as prosecutor. He writes this in reply to a request from the house committee asking him to conduct the examination of witnesse: in behalf of the state. The members of will have to conduct the investigation themselves. Three officers were sen! out today with summons for 200 wit

The Wonderful Rotary Engine. that he has today transferred the right to manufacture and sell the engines to Henry Francis Allen, representing the Allen syndicate, of England, for \$3,3 100,00. This represents the sale for only the United States, England, Germany France and Europe having been previously sold for \$4,000,000. The inventor yet controls the engine for Mexico and the Adriatic province. The inventor was yesterday elected an alderman of the village here.

Weyler Ordered to Send Good News London, January 6 .- The Daily News omorrow will publish a dispatch from Madrid saying that the postponement of the usual Wednesday meeting of the cabinet until Friday caused a great deal of uneasiness in the Spanish canit. al and gave rise to rumors that a minsidered more likely, however, that General Weyler has been ordered to send to the Spanish government good news at any cost before the next meeting of the cabinet.

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