

### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

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### OUR STATE SOLONS.

They Propose a Number of Amendments to the Law—The House to Take Thereas That the Hall may be Cleaned—Proposition to Print 10,000 Copies of the Governor's Address.

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By Senator Person, to provide for reasonable rates on railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and to establish uniform standard of time in North Carolina.  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, to establish the North Carolina reform school. By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, to require foreign corporations doing business in this state to take out license; to levy a special tax; to give out the chain gang and to abolish the criminal court of Robeson. By Mr. Cunningham, to amend The Code by allowing joinder in actions for wages. By Mr. Dixon, of Greene, to repeal the law forbidding remarriage of divorced persons, actions for divorce, and this act not to be brought later than March 31st next. Mr. Dixon's bill in regard to a reform school provides for the discipline, training and education of youthful criminals; it provides for a \$10,000 appropriation for the first year, for the second year, and for the purchase of from 300 to 600 acres of land for farm purposes. It was ordered each Monday should be the day for enrollment of bills, but the presiding officers of each branch of the legislature can ratify any bill at any time.

**GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.**  
Annual Address by Grand Orator Aycock—Eight New Chapters—The Orphan Asylum Election of Officers.  
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**Fatal Plunge Down a Mine Shaft.**  
Pottsville, Pa., January 13.—William L. Taylor, Henry Flynn, John Taylor and Peter Tracy were instantly killed and Theodore Franzenstein was fatally injured at the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's new shaft at Wadeville this morning. They composed part of the day shift and were on the rim of a big iron bucket that lowered to the bottom of the shaft a distance of 600 feet. The rope passed through a heavy cross-head, made of angle iron which served as its guide. On account of the bitter cold weather the cross head did not move when the bucket started down the shaft. After it had descended about 300 feet, the cross head gave way, precipitating the four men and boy to the rocky surface below a distance of about 275 feet.

**The Dry Goods Market.**  
New York, January 13.—The dry goods market shows signs of improvement in the latter part of the morning. The St. Lawrence is frozen over.  
Saratoga, N. Y., January 13.—The thermometer registered the lowest temperature thus far this season in many places throughout the State last night. At Blue Mountain the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero; at Marion River, twenty-three below; at Schroon Lake, twenty and at Warrensburg, twenty. The lowest temperature indicated was ten below.

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**Highest of all in Leaving Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.**

### IMPERIALISM IN AMERICA.

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The Addition of an Unusual Extradition Clause to Treaty With Two Foreign Nations Proposed by Secretary Olney—Opposed to Its Incorporation in the Treaty.

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At midnight last night Congressman Harry Skinner said: "You can say that the populist minority caucus has issued its ultimatum to the populist majority and that ultimatum is 'Pritchard for senator.'" This morning Representative Hodges, one of the most extreme of the bolters, said they had issued no ultimatum. The fact developed last night that twelve of the nineteen bolters were "instructed" to support Pritchard. This was a new revelation. That leaves seven who may not support him. McCreary seems to be the least advanced of the bolters, and he admits as much. Yet he is their chairman and spokesman. The populist majority to like the inaugural address of Governor Russell. They say that they agree with him. Ex-Congressman Brower, now in the lower house, says he thinks the opening part of the inaugural address in bad taste. Some other republican bolters admit this, but say that it should be overlooked in view of the fact that the remainder of it was so good.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 17TH, 1896, CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	\$554,687 17	Capital	\$125,000 00
Overdrafts	1,174	Surplus	\$45,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent bonds (at par)	50,000 00	Undivided profits	18,738 91
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	44,570 00
Due from other banks	132,701 84	Total	719,281 91
Cash on hand	179,819 77		
	\$822,200 54	Total	\$822,200 54

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