#### SUMMARY

TATE. dission orders that erly reports of rails and expenses shall stailed reports of each division.-Two more tmasters are appointed -The Association of

isors of Education met at rday; several subjects in public schools were discuss-Abbott says he is too busy to says he expected to win the irt .- Pearson and Caldwell preils against the state for expenses tending the supreme court while cases against the Wilsons were heard .- The railway commission

C. C. Fagan and elests N. C. Sharp lerk to the board of tax equalization. DOMESTIC. bett writes Fitzsimmons that when latter signs articles he will give him will give him \$1,000 more; at the and hipped he will give him another \$1,000 more; but if Fitzsimmons should win he will quit forever all claim to the championship. Hugh McLaughlin will retire from the democratic leadership in -Fitzsimmons will meet Mc-Coy and Corbett only on condition that the former defeats Joe Wolcott and the latter Peter Maher.—The Maine cotton mills will cut wages.—A son of Lieutenant Commander Arnold, U. S. N., commits suicide,—J. B. Haggin, the multi-millionaire of New York, was yesterday married to Miss Pearl Voorhies, of Versailles, Ky .- Experiments in Missourl prove that sugar beet raising there would not be profitable.-Western distillers will pool their stocks of whiskey, putting about 500,000 barrels into the ol .- An Iowa state bank suspends .-A West Virginia man kills his sister-inlaw with his fist,--The navy department orders a gunboat to Salvador to protect American Interests .- The Ward Line will transport, free, supplies to Cuba for the destitute.- The navy department will make experiments looking improvement in gunfiring on ship-On January 1st Governor's Island will fire 100 guns as a salute to Greater New York .- The expedition of relief for the Klondike sufferers will b oint between the United States and

window glass workers at Pittsburg is threatened .- In no year since 1887 has the number of railways going into hands of receivers been as small as for the year closing .- The parents of Theodore Durrant bring suit against Juror Smyth for slander and demand \$50,000. FOREIGN. 'At Paris is issued a semi-official denial of the reported hoisting of the French flag over the Chinese island of Hai-Nan. steamship line men know nothing of the government making requisition for the naval reserve fleet .- Genthe insults to the Spanish army in the message to congress of President Kinley.—It is rumored that Great Britain to modize her naval reserves.— It is rumored in Montreal that the Canadian Pacific railroad is instructed by the government to be ready at short notice to transport 3,500 men to the Pacific

exhaustive report to his chief upon the

with pension attorneys—At Linden, Ind., Oren Stingley accidentally shoots

and kills his father. - An Idaho stage is

ment is not worried at the action Russia or Germany on the Chinese Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventnally break down the strongest constitution. Febri-Cura (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron is more effective than quin-nie, and being combined with iron is an excellent Tonic and Nerve medicine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money "just as good" kind don't effect cures.

Blenhelm palace to raise money to re-

Seld by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress The Last Issue of the Presbyterian Here The North Carolina Presbyterian, which has been published in Wilmington for nearly a quarter of a century, will hereafter be published in Charlotte by the gentlemen who purchased it from Mr. John McLaurin, its editors and proprietor. In his valedictory, Mr.

McLaurin says: "With this issue will terminate the writer's connection with The North Carolina Presbyterian .Something over God, as we esteem it, we took up the work of management of this paper, and at the call of God, not less unmistakably made known, now we lay it down. We entered upon our duties with distrust and fear; we retire from them not without satisfaction, yet with deep regret. Satisfaction in the thought that others abler than we will take upon them the burden and the cares and the responsibilities and that the mission the paper is called to fulfill will be more efficiently promoted by the change."

New Shingle Mill

Our enterprising friend, Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Hawes is a well | 1897: known lumber manufacturer and he has just commenced operating a shingle mill gurns out 15,000 shingles per day. He has in modern machinery and his equipment

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, road, and \$1,781,000,000 of bonds and he will, if wise, heed these warnings stock, defaulted in their obligations only. and resort to the right remedy, before | and were turned over to the control of it is too late "Parker's Sarsaparilla" | the courts. In 1897 the number of the "King of Blood Purifiers" makes | similarly unfortunate roads was eighthe appetite keen and hearty-invigoteen, their mileage was 1,537 and their rates the liver-purifies the blood and capitalization was less than \$93,000,000. fills it with the life-giving elements of In 1896 the number of roads was fiftythe food. It is a wonderful blood four, the mileage 5,441 and the capitameker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. lization \$275,597,000. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen-

Unsuccessful Sugar Beet' Test

Columbia, Mo., December 30 .- Since 1890 the Missouri experiment station here has been making experiments with sugar beet, with a view to ascertaining the percent, of sugar contained in them, The experiments it is announced, de- the factory of W. P. Jones & Co., at monstrate that it would not be profit- Eaton, Ind., was started with cutters able for the Missouri farmer to raise and flatteners who are not members of the beets for sugar approses, if he in- the league, but who are connected with tends to go to the expense of erecting the blowers' assembly of the Knights factories for manufacturing the sugar. of Labor. The flatteners and outters

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



### COUNTY SUPERVISORS

OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORM STATE ASSOCIATION.

The Body Meets in Raleigh—The Superin tendent of Public Instruction is Elected Revision of the Public School Law-Tendered a Reception at the Executive Man

(Special to The Messenger.) , Raleigh, N. C., December 30 .- The Association of County Supervisors of Education was called to order by Rev. H. W. Norris, of Wake, Rev. Mr. prayed and read the "Sermon on the Mount." C. H. Mebane, state superintendent, was unanimously elected president. J. R. Rodwell, of Warren, was appointed secretary. Mebane spoke on the importance of this meet-

Superintendent Norris opened with the subject "Organization of Supervisors' Asociation."

Ellis, of Buncombe; Noble, of New Hanover, and Gray, of Meckienburg, were appointed committee on organi-

'An invitation to attend a reception at the executive mansion was accepted and a resolution of thanks adopted. President Alderman, of the university, spoke on "Training of Teachers," and that subject was discussed by Supervisors Ellis, Gray, Rowe of Catalwba, Lieutenant Governor Reynolds, Matticks of Vance, and Professof Butler of | talnment, and much was left over to

Supervisor Brewer, of Sampson, opened discussion of "Graded Schools in Townships." Much interest was shown in this subject. Brewer explain-

ed how he graded his schools. Ellis opened the discussion of the subject "Plan for Supervising Public Schools," and it was discussed further Canada. -- Assistant Roosevelt makes an by Matticks, of Vance; Davis, of Fornel of the navy.—Pension Agent sythe; Cooper, of Onslow; Painter, of

Evans has a scheme whereby to do away Jackson; Green, of Davidson. Supervisor Rowe, of Catalwha, open-Examinations." which was further handled by Simpkins, of Lenoir; Ellis and others and a committee was anpointed to consider this matter and correspond with all supervisors, the committee having power to act if finds result's can be obtained.

> Gray, of Mecklenburg, discussed in a forcible way: "What May be Done by Combining Some of Our Smaller Schools." He declared that in this way more money would be available, better teachers could be obtained, especially primary teachers, and thus lay the

Supervisor Noble made a well receivcoast .- Private theatricals are given at ed talk on "What Supervisors May Do to Raise the Standard of Scholarship pair St. Mary's church, Woodstock. The London Graphic says the governamong Our Public School Teachers.' He said county supervisors ought to emphasize the value of trained teachers, and have good teachers for short terms rather than poor ones for long

J. W. Bailey, editor of The Biblical Recorder, opened discussion of the subject "Moral Character as a Factor in Granting Certificates," and P. P. Claxton, of the State Normal and Industrial college: "Graded Course of Skudy for County Schools."

John E. Ray, principal of the blind institution, made a brief talk on that

Charles D. McIver discussed "What Supervisors May do to Secure Needed Legislature Two Years Hence." C. H. Mebane, C. D. McIven, Noble,

English and Gray are appointed a committee to submit suggestions and to receive suggestions as to proper changes

of the school law. P. P. Claxton is requested to publish twenty-three years ago at the call of an outline of the course of study for the benefit of schools.

Gray, of Mecklenburg, is elected vicepresident of the association.

"You need Cod Liver Oil, you say but think you can't take it? Try "Mor rhuvin" a perfect "Wine of Cod Liver Oil." You get all the virtu of the oil, without the disagrecable effects. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H.

Chicago, December 30.—The Railway fishing. Age makes the following statement of the receiverships and foreclosures for

No year since 1887 has shown so few roads or so small mileage confessing insolvency, while compared with the record for any one of the five years immediately preceding 1897 the list of new receiverships in the last year is surprisingly small, in respect to the number of lines, mileage and capital involved. In 1893 no less than seventyfour companies, with 29,340 miles of

Another Strike of Window Glass Men Threatened

Pittsburg, December 30,-Another strike of window glass workers which may prevent the general resumption on January 8th in threatened. After the settlement of the wage differences aid say a strike will be ordered if prembers of the flatteners and cutters' organization are not substituted. President Burns, of the blowers and gatherers, insists that the men shall not be disturbed and declares that if | in this city, and how heartily welcome the manufacturers change them he will order out his men.

A Stage Robbery

Lewiston, at Idaho stage was held Lewiston-Mou. Tuesday night by two up at 9 o'clock from Grangeville, highwayman one mile. Lewiston-Mon up at 9 o'clock . highwaymen, one mile . "ed of about Two passengers were relieved and the robbers secured the co. of two mail sacks, but missed the one containing money packages. A vigilance committee has been organized at Grangeville. The robbery is supposed to be the work of the two men who have made attempts within the past two weeks to destroy the town by fire.

Wages Increased Kittanning, Pa., December 30.--An advance of 121/2 per cent. in the wages is granted to the employes of the Wick China Company and the men

#### ENTER FAINMENTS.

The Little Felks of the Chapel Sunday School Have a Good Time-A Christmas BY THE RAILWAY COMMISSION Tree at Brooklyn Raptist Church-The Grace Church Children Have a Great

The Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd had a good time President-Addresses Upon Appropriate Wednesday night. Five beautiful Subjects-A Committee Appointed on carols were sung by the school, after which came very interesting exercises by the infant class. There are thirtyseven little ones in this class, and they reflected great credit upon their teach-Misses Mary Bernard, Carrie Moore, and Sarah Gardner. They admirably rendered the following pro-

Carol-"The Angels," by the class. Recitation-"The Child Jesus," by Gertrude Lewis. 'Carol-'Once in Royal' David's City,'

by the class. "Why we like Christmas," a recitation by four members of the class. 'Recitation-"At the Party," by Fannie May Marine. Recitation-"Three Little Frogstools,"

by Maggie Mills. Recitation-"Directions to Santa Claus," by Thomas Young.

Carol-"O Holy Child of Bethlehem," the class. Last, but not least, came the Christ masfeast. 'Assoon as the exercises were over, some partition doors were lifted, disclosing to view a beautiful scene, six tables, four large ones for the larger children and two small ones for the infant class, all loaded down with delicious food, turkeys, ducks, chickens, pork and ham, sandwiches, cake, and fruit. Coffee was served to all, and each child received a pretty bag filled with nuts

and candy. There was an abundance of supper for all who were present at the enterbe distributed afterwards in the neigh-

After supper, Mr. Cornwall, the veteran treasurer and senior warden of the Chapel and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, stepped forward and in a neat speech presented an envelop, filled with money to Mrs. A E. Carter, the faithful and efficient organist. It was a well merited testimonial from the board of charities and

congregation of the Chapel. The whole affair was a gratifying success, and the officers and teachers of the school deserve the heartiest congratulation. They worked untiringly and with loving zeal to make the occasion a notable one. May success always attend their efforts in behalf of

the growing generation. BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH. Last night was a happy time for the children and friends of the Sunday school of Brooklyn Baptist church. A Christmas tree was given at the church and there was standing room only in the church. A beautiful tree had been erected on the pulpit platform, and it was prettily ornamented and brilliantly lighted with wax tapers. It was loaded down with beautiful toys and presents for the children and teachers. and among the presents were many

very valuable ones. After the assemblage gathered, Mr. John H. McDougall, superintendent of the school, made a few remarks, and with Miss Mary Davis as organist song 7 was sung.

Then followed an admirable recita-"The Child's Prayer," by little Glenn Gore who did remarkably well Miss May Farrar beautifully recited "Over the River," after which song 54 A little tot, Miss Will D. Farrar then

cutely recited "The Child's Evening Prayer.' Master Marsden Smith then gave an excellent recitation entitled "The Truth," and Miss Mattie Keen followed with one entitled "Two Chiss Nicks." Miss Sallie Ballinger with "The Olden Story," and Miss Julia Farrar with 'The Two Stockings." All of these re-

lected credit upon themselves. After a gong had been sung, Superintendent McDougall and Messrs. B. F. Murphy and J. C. Gore, distributed the presents from the tree, with the assisance of several gentlemen and boys. The little folks were in high glee during the exercises, and all left for home

We learn from Superintendent Mc Dougal that there are now 269 pupils on the rolls of his school and that it is in a flourishing condition. GRACE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The members of the Sunday school of Grace M. E. church were treated in a novel manner last night at the city hall. There was a large attendance of the little folks and their parents and The rostrum was beautifully deco-

rated and on it were three improvised fish ponds into which hooks and lines were dropped for presents as the children came forward. The presents were underneath the rostrum and when the hooks were lowered, boys who could not be seen fastened the presents on the hooks. All the children and the teachers got presents. They consisted of toys and fancy articles and many of them very handsome. Messrs. James F. Post, Jr., J. H. Davis and R. B. Comparison of Railway Failures by Years Clowe were on hand to help out in the

After the children received their presents they were served with refreshments consisting of ice cream, candy, apples, oranges, nuts, etc. The whole affair was quite enjoyable to the big folks and was a source of delight for the little ones.

FIFTH STREET M. E. CHURCH. The Sunday school of Fifth street M. E, church will give a reception at the city hall tonight to the members of the school and their parents. There will be a beautiful Christmas tree full of candy and fruit and ice cream and cake will be served. Admission will be by ticket

Welcome by Society The New Bern Journal of yesterday

"No more cordial or spontaneous reception was ever given any newly married young couple than that last high at the residence of K. R. Jones, Esq., where New Bern royally welcomed Dr. Robert DuVal Jones and his charming young bride, formerly Miss Katharine Walker, of our sister city, Wilmington, the young couple having been married yesterday at high noon at Wilmington. and last night being their reception by New Bern society.

The parlors and halls of the Jones

residence were handsomely decorated throughout with flowers and greens, and light refreshments were served. From 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. the married, the single, the old and young of all the leading society circles of the city thronged in, cordially greeted Dr. Jones and his bride, welcoming both as only New Bernians know how to welcome and with soclaim that they are non-union men cial chat with the many others coming in, passing along and out, each parting visitor seeming to be replaced with two new ones.

The reception given the young married couple last night, an informal one, shows in what appreciation Dr. Jones is held his bride is to his friends and acquain-

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. De-Witt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, billousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

> An Iowa Bank Suspends · Iowa, December 20.—The

### CLERK FAGAN OUSTED

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

WITHOUT A HEARING.

Pearson and Caldwell Want Pay for Listening to Argument of Their Case in Supreme Court-Russell Expects to Lo e following: the Railway Commission Case in the Federal Court-Railways to Report to the Commission Quarterly on All Passes Form B, be amended so as to show a

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 30 .- Senator etc. Butler arrived this afternoon to look after his newspaper. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds promises Otho Wilson that he will come here and

Railway Commissioner Abbott, when so far as the railway commission is concerned, said: "I haven't time to express

canvass this district for him for con-

my sentiments." Governor Russell said in his office ter days ago to a Henderson man that he expected to win his rallway commission case in the state courts, but to lose it in the United States supreme court. ston Republican, said as they were leav- much money the rate can be reduced ing that the recent courts had embittered the populists and that they expect to see the latter split, part going to the re-

Dr. Abbott tells me he protested against tested against the injustice of preferring charges and giving him no hearing whatever and that finally the other commis- which he thinks will appreciate it. sioners said that, to be plain, all there was in it was that they wanted to put

in another man. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds saye he considers the outlook for railway devel-

opment in the near future good in the Shafting weighing 200 pounds fell at he Pilot cotton mills today and injured also that the co-operation of the Charles and George Hunt, little boys. The railway commission issues an order requiring railways to furnish quarterly reports of the total number of through and local dead-head passengers, including and excluding employes.

N. C. Sharp, who is elected clerk to the board of equalization, is a republican. H. Waxman, Mrs. J. Taylor. and elects Sharp. It is said the action of the commission in ousting him is directly at variance with the opinion of

the supreme court in the case of Stanford vs. Ellington. the auditor for \$60 and \$40 for traveling expenses while attending the hearings of the railway commission case before the

Roosevelt's Report on Personnel of the

Washington, December 30.-Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has submitted to Secretary Long a most exhaustive report intended to increase the efficiency of upon the personnel of the navy. He was the forts at Esquimault and relieve charged with a special board to consider and report upon means to break up the present stagnation in promotions, to and to devise a method for the betterment of the condition of the enlisted abordship. All of these things have been lone in a bill which is submitted to the secretary for his approval. Mr. Roosevelt's presentation of the evil of the present and reasons which have influenced the board in making its recommendaions are set forth in an accompanying report in a stronger light than has ever een thrown upon this complex subject and it is presumed that it will have in-

fluence with congress. The board recommends (a) that the line officers and engineers be amalgamated: (b), that when the number of officers to be promoted is so far in excess of the vacancies as to cause stagnation in the service, the requisite number of vacancies shall be caused by weeding out the men who are least fit to meet the heavy requirements of modern naval duty: (c), that the enlisted men abordship be given the same reward of pen sion and retirement enjoyed by brethren who fight ashore, while the uppermost machinists are made warrant officers to rank with the gunners and car-

To Do Away With Pension Attorneys Washington, December 30.-Commissioner of Pensions Evans has been giving some attention to a proposition whereby the services of pension attorneys engaged in the prosecution of claims before the office may be dispensed with, and their work done by officials under government supervision. Informally, he has been discussing the matter with members of the house committee on invalid pensions, but is not yet prepared to outline the details of his plan. The present system, he says, is wrong and should have been done away with long ago. Discontinuing the. services of the attorneys would result in a great saving to both pensioners and the government, and liability frauds in issuing pensions would be reduced to a minimum. Under government supervision the pension bureau would have direct control of the

person's appointed to look after the cases, whose business it would be to see that all honest claims were promotly and intelligently presented. The commissioner notes the fact that \$13,-500,000 has been paid out during the past thirteen years to pension attorneys by applicants for the prosecution of their claims.

British Naval Reserves to be Mobilized London, December 30 .- A news naval reserves will be mobilized.

According to recent estimates, the reserve forces of the British navy numit is calculated that at least 10,000 men would be required in case of war, to com- history was solemnized at 2 o'clock this plete the manning of the warships of afternoon when J. B. Haggin, the New Great Britain, which are understood to York multi-millionaire and turfman, require a complement of 110.000 men | led to the altar Miss Fearl Voornies, of whereas, only 100,000 are actually in this city, niece of his former wife. Mr. service. The naval reserve problem has long been discussed by British authority and the general opinion appears to be that the number of men available is far short of the number that would be required in case of war. In addition to the men in the reserve, Great Britain has a large reserve fleet and a number of reserve merchant cruisers, including such vessels as the Campania, Lucapia, Umbria, Majestic,

A Slander Suit by the Durrants San Francisco, December 30,-Mrs. Isabella M. Durrant and William Durrant, mother and father of Theodore Durant, have brought suit for slander against ex-Juror Smyth, and demand \$50,000 damages from him. The complaint was sworn to by Mr. Durrant. General John H. Dickinson and W. W. Poote are the attorneys representing the Durrants in the litigation. The suit grows out of remarks made by Smyth about Durrant, whom he accused of being a moral monster.

Coskaloosa, "raders' State bank Farmers and ... The following closed its doors today. "dayed: card from the directors was on... "This bank will receive no more deposits, but will at once pay its depositors in full as fast as their claims may be presented."

The bank has found business unprofitable and it was the sentiment of the great majority of stockholders to go out of business.

A Man Acoldentsly killed by His Son Lousiville, Ky., December 39.—A special to The Times from Crawfordsville, Ind., says: This morning at Linden, Oren Stringley, a prominent clitizen, accidentally business are form dyspepsia and killed his aged father, tally b... Mr. Stingley had started John Stingley. Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early and it was the sentiment of the great majority of stockholders to go out of business. A Man Appldentally Killed by His Son

THE PRELIMINARY STEP

Toward Reduction of Rates Taken by the Railway Commission-All Branch Lines and Divisions to Furnish Separate Detailed Reports

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 30 .- The railway commission today adopted the

"Ordered. That quarterly report, detailed statement of freight and passenger earnings, operating expenses

"Ordered, further. That a separate detailed report of earnings and expenses shall be made for each main and branch line or division

"Ordered, further, That this report shall be filed in the office of the railway asked what he thought of the situation commission within twenty days after the close of each quarter. Effective on and after January 1st, 1898."

There is no doubt that this is the preliminary step to a reduction of rates. As Commissioner Pearson says, the purpose of this is to make "every tub stand on its own bottom." If, for in-Reynolds, and Editor Ellis, of The Win- stance, one division of a road is earning while on another division it would stand. Each branch road will be treated as a line. The purpose of the resolution is to get at the passenger and discharging Clerk Fagan today and pro- freight earnings separately and for each line, division or branch. Pearson says the whole idea is just to the roads,

> To Rush Canada Troops to the Pacific Chicago, December 30.-A special

from Minneapolis says: Advices from Ottawa indicate that the British government is preparing to actively resist Russian occupation of Port Arthur and Russian influence in Corea, Japanese fleet with that of Great Brit-

ain is a well-settled fact. In formation has been received from an inside source 'that the Ottawa government thirty days ago notified the Canadian Pacific officials to be in readiness for the immediate transportation from Montreal to Vancouver and Esquimault of thirty-five hundred men, Fagan was elected for two years at \$1,000 | the contingent consisting of engineers, a year. It is claimed the board had no gunners and deck officers. According legal right to discharge him. He was as- to information at hand the road has sistant clerk to the railway commission. prepared for handling 10,000 men, five trains being held in readiness for this

The officers included in the first contingent are intended to reinforce the Japanese fleet, which is said to be very short in engineering talent and deficient in gunnery. The dispatch adds that Pearson and Caldwell sent in bills to a secret agreement has been concluded between Great Britain and Japan by the terms of which the Russian pretensions in Corea are to be overcome and Russian algorandizement in Asia

permanently checked.

Captain Ronald Rolfe, R. N. (retired) on inspection services, just returned from the welst and on his way to England via New York says that in his opinion the force above referred to is the crew of the North Pacific squaldron. He declines to discuss the probability of an Anglo-Russian imbroglio settle the long standing differences be- and asserts that, in view of actual tween the line and the engineer corps facts, the British Asiatic squadron is of sufficient strength to enforce any demands Great Britain may have to make. He denies that there is any probability of any Anglo-Japanese alliance, remarking that England's combining with a fourth rate power like Japan would be a confession of weakness that does not exist. Captain Rolfe asserts with positiviness that the contingent to be sent west is not for Japanese reinforcement, but rather to be used as a reserve for the fleets in operation should a naval war result from the political complications in the

Officials of the Canadian Pacific declare they have received no orders to prepare for handling troops or war ma-

London, December 30-In aid of the resoration fund of St. Mary's church, Woodstock, three performances, consisting of tableaux and theatricals have been given at Blenheim palace-last invitation, to the tenants of the duke of Marlborough on the estates; this afternoon for the country families in the seat, and tonight for the public generally who paid a crown. Trains were run from Oxford and the audiences were immense, particularly tonight. The entertainment was given in th long library. The white ceiling electrically lighted, long rows of red draped book cases and the silver piped organ made a fine scene for the well dressed crowd. The stage, draped with red silk curtains, was erected at the western

The performance opened with an organ overture by Professor Perkins, of Birmingham, who composed the music for the musical burlesque with which it closed. The participants in the performance were the duke and duchess of Marlborough, Lady Lillian and Lady Nora Spencer-Churchill, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Blandford, Lady Curzo and Lady Sarah Wilson, and Lord Ches terfield, Lord Curzon, the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Mr. Henry White, secretary to the United States embassy and Mrs. White, Mr. Henry Miller and Mr. J Churchill. The duke of Marlborough appeared in two tableaux as Louis XV duchess as a court lady of the court o XV. Both played the parts splendidly the duchess being particularly handsome. Lady Randolph Churchill, in a most superb costume, appeared as the empress Theodora. Mr. and Mrs. White appeared in a tableaux entitled "The Eve of St Bartholomew," Mr. White as the duke of Guiz. The tableaux won the heartiest applause. In the last Lord Curzon ap-

peared as Lord Nelson, the audience joining in singing "Rule Britannia."

A two act musical burlesque brought the performance to a conclusion. A Romatic Marriage most romantic wedding in Versailles' Haggin is a white bearded veteran of 74 fears, while his bride is only 28 years old. Miss Voorhies was married in a simple, but exquisite costume of blue cloth and white silk trimmed with point lace. The marrige took place at the residence of James Pamsden, stepfather of the bride and was very quiet, indeed, only the immediate family be-Mr. and Mrs. Haggin and at 7 o'clock they boarded Mr. Haggin's private car en route to their home in New York Mr. Haggin and his bride have been deluged today with telegrams of congratulations from all over the United

sailles knew of it until this morning The wedding created a sensation in local society. To Salute Greater New York Washington, Decmber 30,-Acting Secretary Melklejohn has given the necessary authorization to General Mentit at New York to fire a salute of one hundred guns from Governor's

States. The secret was so carefully

kept that not even the people of Ver-

COMMISSIONER SMITH WANTS NO

NEGRO CLERKS So Jim Young, Colored, Will Have to be Provided With an Office Elsewhere-Dem ocratic Members of Boards Resign-Mrs. Watson Sent to Johns Hopkins Hospital. C. C. Fagan to be Ousted as Clerk to the Dr. Deems Presented to the University

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., December 30. There is a queer little story current that the advent of John R. Smith as commissioner of agriculture has some thing to do with the going out of James H. Young, colored, who has a clerkship there. It is said the new man does not are to have a negro clerk and that hence efforts are being made to get Young in

the revenue service. B. F. Montague, of Raleigh, resigns as director of the institution for the white blind and the negro deaf-mute and blind saying that as a democrat, he is in the ninority and a mere figurehead. For four ears he has been chairman of the board. Mrs. Seamans, daughter of the late Rev. Matthew T. Yates, for many years missionary to China, is visiting rela-

It is learned that a democratic member of the board of agriculture has tendered his resignation to the governor. He does not like the way affairs are directed. Major Hiram L. Grant, of Goldsboro here. He is the officer, (then major of the Second Connecticut regiment), to whom Battery Buchanan, near Fort Fisher, was surrendered.

A. H. Plant is appointed auditor of the Southern railway. It is said that if Oscar J. Speares de-Loans ... ires the assistant United States district attorneyship of this district, he can have it. He was a candidate for the at-

can, was here yesterday to see Governor Russell. Upon this there was some re-mark, as the indifference, not to say coolness, of that paper towards the governor has been very apparent.
Mrs. I. R. Falson presents the state university an oil portrait of the late Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems. John Graham, of Ridgeway, denies J C. L. Harris' story that he is to be made commissioner of immigration at \$2,000 a year in case the fertilizer tonnage tax

case is won in the United States supreme

Editor Ellis, of The Winston Republi-

Today Mrs. Watson, who was shot in the back by her husband here in October, was taken to Johns Hopkins hospital. From the waist downward she has lost all sensation or movement. The bullet is lodged near the spine. For several days Senator Sharpe, Iredell county, has been steadily at the ailway commission office. It turns out that the new commissioners telegraphed for him the other day, to come here and take the place of Charles C. Fagan, who is clerk to the commission in its capacty as the board of tax equalization. Fagan is a minority or anti-Butler populist of the most pronounced type, and, of course, is persona non grata to Chairman Caldwell, of the commission, who s a Butlerite of the Butlerites. This morning the board was in secret session considering this matter of Sharpe vs.

The city public school superintendents made a good showing as to increase i attendance and interest. The publi schools in this city have no high grades such as they have at some places, The Stanley county people are denying hat they repudiated the \$100,000 of Yadkin railway bonds, and claim that the company has never given the county the stock subscribed for and that therefore \$6,000 a year interest was being paid on something intangible. Judge Purnell appoints John M. Wolfe of Beaufort, Cartret county, United States commissioner.

Adjutant General Cowles, receiver of the Piedmont bank at Morganton, says that he took charge without any trouble Many depositors are glad an outsider has been appointed receiver, as they think he will collect more closely than a Morganton man would do. Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was

ed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy .- R. R. To Improve Gunfiring on Shhipboard Washington, December 30 .- Acting Secretary Roosevelt was today in consultation with the chiefs of the ordinance, navigation and engineering bureaus, respecting the subject of gunfire on shipboard. It is the intention to make number of experiments on a large scale

to ascertain whether it is not possible to

greatly improve the present methods of

frightfully burned on the face and neck.

Pain was instantly relieved by De-

Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which heal-

cunfiring, particularly in the points of accuracy and rapidity of fire. J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

Free Transportation of Cuban Supplies Washington, December 30.-Assistant Secretary Day has just received a response from the superintendent of the Ward Line steamers in New York, in answer to his inquiry as to whether he could announce that his line would convey supplies to Cuba for the relief of he suffering people, free of cost. The prompt answer was: "Will be pleased to accept supplies for Cuban sufferers, free of cost. Presume they will be consigned to General Lee."

Cost of the Indian Famine Calloutta, December 30.—It is officially announced that the recent famine cost the treasury £800,000 while floans to agriculturists and suspensions of taxes, miainly repayable, absorbed another £400,000, irrespective of charitable contributions, approaching £1,750,000.



FTER suffering for nearly to lirty years from dyspepsia, Mrs. H. E. Dugdale, wife of a prominent business man of Warsaw, N. Y., writes: "For 28 years, I was a constant sufferer from desepsia and a weak stomach. The aightest food produced distress, causing severe pain and the formation of gas. No matter how careful of my diet I suffered agonizing pain after eating. I was treated by many physicians and tried numerous remedies without permanent help. Two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and Nervine. Within a week I commenced improving, and persisting in the treatment I was soon able to eat what I liked, with no avil effects I keep them at hand and a single dose dispels any old symptoms."
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Due from other banks..\$219,398 57 Cash on hand........ 68,294 00 287,692 57 Total..... Comparitive Statement. Dec. 15, '95. Dec. 15, '96. Dec. 15, '97 52,000 62,400 75,400 Surplus and Net Profits..... Bills Payable and Re-Discounts ...... None. None. Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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