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He Sends a Bellicose Messige to Congress

### THE CUBAN OUESTION

to Reviews the Situation, and Rev mouds Intervention by the United States Unitees the Present Tron-blas are Settled.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Wathingory, D. C., Dec. 7.— Congress re-assembled today with bright sunshine and generally bracbright sunshine and generally brac-ing air, the temperature forty to fifty-five degrees. Both halls have been renovated, purified and venti-lated in a manner more nearly con-forming to the hyginallo requirements than ever before attempted. There was by no means a full attendance of forming to the second second second was by no means a full attendance of Senators when vice-President Ste-venson rapped the Senate to order, though many of the grintled veterans were on hand. Central among them and recipient of many congratula-tions in Ohio's success in the late ction, was John Sherman, how tering on his forty-first year in tonal service.

congressional service. The House presented a bright, cheering appearance this morning when the galleries were thrown open to visitors. The old carpets had been replaced by brass furaish-ings and the chamber scoured. The galleries were crowded to overflow-galleries before free for Read or liked ng long before Speaker Reed called de House to order. The members of the house like the occupants of the galleries began to put in an apsearance as early as ten o'clock hough the hour of meeting wa noon. Shortly after the Senate and Touse were called to order the President's message was presented. Its reading consumed several hours. The feature of the message was the passage refering to the Cuban and Spanish imbroglio which is as fol-

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The insurrection in Cuba still continues with all its perplexities. It is difficult to perceive that any pro-gross has thus far been made to-wards the pacification of the Island or that the situation of affairs as

cted in my lastannual m has in the least improved. If Spain still holds Havana and the sesports and all the considerable towns, the

THE NEW BOARD. lly obtainable, especially by thos n and bred on the soil, it is obvi Takes Bold-Register and Treasur Bonds Accepted. he time during which hestilities of he time during which hestilities of his sort may be prolonged. Mean-This afternoon the bonds of Treas urer Knight and Register of Deeds Bogers, which are given by a Baltithis sort may be prolonged. Mean-while, as in all cases of protracted civil strife, the passions of the combatants grow more and more inflamed and excenses on both sides. become more frequent and more de-plocable. They are also partici-pated in by bands of marnuders, who more trust company, were accepted by the Board of County Commission Sheriff Jones' bond was turned over to the county attorney for en mination and will be accepted to-morrow, if in proper form. Mrs. A. E. Carver, Mr. J. W. Jones and

pated in by bands of marauders, who now in the name of one party and now in the name of the other, as may best suit the occasion, harrans the country at will and plunder its wretched inhabitants for their own advantage. Such a condition of things would inevitably entail im-mense destruction of property even if it were the policy of both parties to prevent it as far as practicable. But whi's such seemed to be the a Baltimore company are his sura-ties. Clark Young's bond will not be accepted until tomorrow. But while such seemed to be the original policy of the Spanish gov-crament, it has now apparently abandoned it and is acting upon the same theory as the insurgents, namely, that the exigencles of the contest require the wholesale anni-hilistion of property, that it may not order of use and advantage to the

It is to the same end that in pur suance of general orders Spanish garrisons are now being withdrawn and to adjourn. from plantations, and the rural popu-lation required to concentrate itself in the towns. The sure result would eem to be that the industrial value of the island is fast diminishing, and that unless there is a speedy and adical change in existing con it will soon disappear altogether. That value consists very largely, of course, in its capacity to produce sugar, a capacity already much re-duced by the interruptions to tillage, which have taken place during the last two years. It is reliably assorted that should these interrup tions continue during the current year and practically extend as now threantened to the entire sugar pro-ducing territory of the Island, so Roberts. uch time and so much money will be required to restore the land to its formal productiveness that it is extremely doubtful if capital can be in-duced to even make the attempt. The spectacle of the utter ruin of an adjoining country, by nature one of the most fartile and charming on the globe would engage the serious at-

## The Board will not complete its inbors before Wednesday or Thurs-day. Mr. Chas. B. Ray, as the Parse-Visiton first predicted, will be elected Superintendent of the county institutions tomorrow in all The retiring Board of County commissioners met at 11 o'clock in the Court House. The minutes of the last meeting were read and with one or two exceptions approved. Mr. Stronach stated that the Board would transact no business, having met for the purpose of approving the minutes of the former meeting

ng's bond will not

At 11:40 on motion of commiss Jones the new Board was notified that their presence was desired. Messrs, J. B. Hill, Rafas Barbee and W. H. Chamblee, the gentle men who comprise the new Board soon made their appearance and the old Board retired. In putting the motion for adjourn ment Mr. Stronach said that he

hoped his successors would meet their duties with promptness and pleasure to themselves. Maj. Hill hanked Mr. Stronach for his kind words at twelve noon the new Board was administered the oath of fice by Justice of the Peace, Harry business and exact methods, he ac-

The organization of the Board being in order, Maj. J.-B. Hill was ed in nomination for Chairman by Mr. Chamblee. His election was unanimous. Maj. Hill expressed his thanks for the honor tendered him, which came unexpectedly. The election of a county attorney was made the next order of busi-ness. John Ceburn Logan had the tention of the government and peo-ple of the United States in any cir- Mr. Harris was elected for a term cumstance. In point of fact, they have of two years. The question of salary a concern with it which is by no was postponed until a subsequent grams have been received by the

#### RALEIGH, N. C. MONDAY

Passed Away This A. M.

END CAME SUDDENLY

the Sanboard Air Line, Holding the Position with Honor and Gredit to

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of the Capitol. The news of the death of this emi-

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Major Vass was one of Raleigh's

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He established a position in the

railway world, which has been

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Two years ago Maj. Vass gave up

his position as Treasurer of the Sea-

board to devote his time more closely to his increasing personal interests. He however continued to serve in

During the day numerous tele-

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daughter of Dr Jas McDaniel of

NING. DECEMBER 7, 1896.

Engetteville, a woman of most, beautiful and lovelable character. Mrs. Vass' death occurred more than a year ago. This Distinguished Citizen To fully appreciate the splendid

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services rendered by Maj. Vass to the Seaboard air Line Railway as Treasurer of the system, the following fitting tribute from the honored President of the Seaboard, the late Monoure Robinson, is reproduced as it appeared in the State Chronicle at the tir

President's Office Seaboard Air Line, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 16, '86 Maj. W. W. Vass-My Dear Sir.:

The Board of Directorsof the Ral-Major William Worrell Vass passed eigh and Gaston Railroad Company vay this morning about 9 o'clock have commissioned Mr. Hoffman and myself to select a piece of silver at his residence on the corner of Halifax and Edenton Streets, north ware to be presented to you on the part of the company as evidence of the esteem which they believe is en nent citizen of Raleigh opcasioned general surprise when it was heard on the streets. It was known that tertained for you by every stockholder. It seems fitting that the op-portanity of acknowledging in some Major Vass was suffering from ill health, but the end came unexpectway your long period of service should not be lost on the ending of edly and was a great shock to the family and immediate friends. His illness had not confined him to bed, its fortieth anniversary. In sending you a silver pitcher' and stand, I beg to express to you, on the part of the Board, their sincere and afand only yesterday Major Vass was able to walk about the house, and fectionate regard. for a short while went out on the porch. This morning he had arisen

I am, yours very respectfully, JOHN M. ROBINSON. President.

and was sitting in his room, when he was seized with a severe attack of Maj. Vass made appropriate and beautiful acknowledgement of this very high honor and compliment. He had the record of having served best known, most respected and wealthy citizens. His familiar fig-ure, which only a few weeks ago was visible daily on our streets, will as treasurer of a railway organiza-tion for a longer term than any one else in the United States.

North Carolina has produced few be missed. A man of an always greater railroad mon than Major cheery disposition, he had a kind W. W. Vass. For nearly half a cenword for every one with whom he tury he has held the highest posicame in contact. Major Vass was a man of great iations in the management of railroads and was one of the best known railtelligence and business capacity. road financiers and managers in the By industry, careful attention to South.

> Thos. Vass, the father of the distinguished subject, was born in King and Queens county, Va., and was a descendant of the Huguenots who fled from France after the revocation of the edict of Nantes. Thomas was born in 1776 and came with his father to North Carolina when a boy. They settled in Granville county and there Thomas followed farming all his life. He died in 1849 and his wife in 1856. He was the son of Thomas, also Virginian. He was a pioneer Baptist preacher and settled in North Carolina in 1790, when he died.

CONDUCTORS MEET.

# HE IS VINDICATED.

Mr. John H. Winder Accepts the Offer ( a Compromise The Atlanta Constitution of yester

day says : Mr. John H. Winder's suit agains certain directors and officials of the Seaboard Air-Line for \$100,000 damages was settled yesterday out of court and the case was dismissed. Last June the directory he Sea-board passed a set of solutions which left the infer that Mr. Winder had mismar and the system while he was y ral manager.

Questions were ad about his negotiations for a site of the new freight depot. Atlanta, which re flected on his houor.

Mr. Winder brought suit for dam ages and had President Hoffman's private car attached and chained to the track here until bond was given. Mr. Winder was represented by Mr. Burton Smith and Mr. Shepard Bryan. Pending the hearing of the case, a proposition was made for a compromise. An examination of the books showed that every cent had been properly expended and the canceled checks were produced to prove it. Every dollar could be traced and it was shown that the

resolutions were unjust to the former general manager. He was not seeking pecuniary

gain, and when the compromise was offered, he accepted it with the understanding that he was fully exonerated. His salary was paid up to October 1st, and his expenses and attorneys' fees were sattled. Mr. Winder has been in Atlanta

for several days. He was perfectly willing to accept a settlement when it was admitted that his management was all right, as he stated at the time. He got \$2,000 past due salary and a liberal sum for expenses, It was seen when the transactions were explained that a grave injustice had been done Mr.

Winder. In one transaction the wrong entry was made on the records, but when this was explained, it was seen that the money was all properly accounted for, the only error having been made in recording, one item being counted twice.

Mr. Winder has not connecte himself with any road since his retirement from the Seaboard. He says that he took no part in the Ryan deal and has been waiting for times to improve.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

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STATEMENTS

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Justice Walter Clark contributes an article to the current number of the Wake Forest Student on "The progress of the Law."

The sales of tobacco last, week were the lightest of the season. This was to have been expected. The sales this week williu all probability be larger than usual.

Col. Oliver H. Dockery has met. with many reverses during his political career, but it remained for G. Ed. Kesler's Vestibule to endorse his senatorial boom.

Mr. Robinson, the janitor in the post-office building, had the misortune to fall from a chair a few days since, while reaching to a chandalier. His injuries, which were thought at first to be of a serious nature, are not so bad.

The negro who assaulted Mr. Frank O, Landis in Oxford election day has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Mr. Landis' assailant began to serve his sentence Saturday.

Durham has been without an opera house for a year or more. Stokes hall has been refitted and a new stage and opera chairs put in. Several attractions have been booked for this season.

Miss Lollie Williams has taken a position in the book store of Alfred Williams & Co., for the holidays and her many friends while on their Christmas shopping rounds will no doubt be pleased to call at this popular store, rendered doubly attractive by her presence.

Two Mormous are in Wake county propogating the doctrine of their church. The Mormons have not been very active since last year. when a large number of them came to the State.

Read the new announcement of

ts still roam at will over at at two thirds of the inland country. If the determination of Spain to put down the insurrection seems but to strengthen with the lapse of time, and is evineed by her unhesitating and is evinced by her unnestating devotion of largely increased military and naval forces to the task, there is much reason to believe that the insurgents have gained in point of numbers and character and uroes, and are none the less, in fienible in their resolve not to sucfiguible in their resolve not to suc-camb, without practically securing the great objects for which they took up arms. If Spain has not yet re-established her authority, neith-or have the Insurgents yet made good their title to be regarded as an indepent state. Indeed, as the con-test her arms on the est has gone on, the pretense that ivil government exists on the civil government exists on the inland, except so far as Spain in able to maintain it, has been practi-cally abandoned. Spain does keep on foot such a government, more or less imperfectly in the large towns and their immediate suburbs. But that exception being made, the entir-country is either given over it Anarchy or is subject to the mil Amerchy or is subject to the uni-liney occupation of one or the other party. It is reported, indeed, on reliable authority that, at the de-mand of the commander-in-chief of a Insurgent army the putative The correctness of this forecast need be neither affirmed or denied. The United Stries has, nevertheless, the government has now given up saving that government confessed ng it always to have been

The United Stries has, nevertheless, a character to maintain as a na-tion which plainly dictates that right and not might should be the rule of its conduct. Further, though the United States is not a nation to which peace is a necessity, it is in truth the most pacific of pow-ers, and desires nothing so much as the line matter with all the world. Where the Spanish armies able to most their antagonists in the open, or in pitched battle, prompt and de-cisive results imight be looked for, immensio superiority mish forces in sumbo anian more and equipment could fail to tell greatly. the advantage, but they in Red upon to take a for the man general ongagements. d, that from the nature of t and that fights only from when all the ad no era eradoun fin te. In accustry where all that all manuable to life in the way of

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ans of a wholy sent philanthropic characterit lies so pear to us as to be hardly separated Commissioner Barbee created a general smile by objecting to the from our territory. Our actual peection of an attorney for two years. cuniary interest in it is second only "Suppose the attorney failed to give satisfaction," he said. He did not to that of the people and govern-ment of Spain. It is reasonably es-timated that at leastfrom \$30,000,000 insist upon his objection, which amounted to nothing as Mr. Harris to \$59,000,000 of American capital are had already been elected for two invested on plantations and in railyears. ed, mining and other business en-A committee of one was sent out terprises on the island. The volume o notify Mr. Harris of his election. of trade between the United Sta The future adjutant general was and Cube, which in 1889 amounted con present and made due acand Cubs, which in 1889 amounted to about \$64,000,009, rosa in 1893 t<sub>0</sub> about \$103,000,009, and in 1894, the year before the present insurrection broke out, amounted to nearly \$96,mowledgement of theoffice tendered him.

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There were a number of magistrates present who desired to sub-000,000. Besides this large pecu-niary stake in the fortunes of Cuba, mit their bonds. Chairman Hill tated upon inquiry that unless the commissioners were satisfied with the eliability of the bondsmen the board the United States fikds itself in extricably involved in the present con-test in other ways both veratious yould make careful examination into eir responsibility. Attorney Harris stated to the The result is that this government

is constantly called upon to protect American citizens, to claim damages coard that the code required them to fix their pay and he suggested that they make their compensation American citizens, to claim damages for injuries to persons and property, now estimated at many millions of dollars, and to ask explanations and apologies for the acts of Spanish three dollars per day in addition to mileage, the same allowed the old board. policials, whose seal for the repress-ion of rebellion sometimes blinds them to the immunities belonging to Commissioner Barbee bids fair to ome a second Holman. He ob-

ected to Mr. Harris' suggestion. 'I think three dollars per day is too much," said the populist commis-sioner. "Prices have declined and I think our pay should be decreased in proportion." The matter was a proportion." The matter was ropped until some other day during

he present session. The time for accepting the bonds of the newly elected magistrates was set for Wednesday morning, when hey will be acted upon. Lan a ran article

Sheriff Jones' first official act wa cointment of a chief clerk fr. R. O. Eivers, foreman of the aucasian officereceived the appoint Caucasian office received the ap

lever gentlemen and every one wi ction. Mr. Bivers has been the man and business manager of Passa-Vistron 'sadjoining acighor. He is in every way a capable

and efficient business man and throughly qualified for his new futies. Sheriff Jones will not an onace his deputies for several days.

illy from Mr. St. John, Mr. Hoffman and other leading railway men expressing their sympathy and also inquiring as to the hour of funeral. It is very likely that Mr. St. John and others will be present at the funeral, the hour of which has not

been decided upon. Sketch of Maj. Vass.

Maj. Vass was born in Granville county, N. C., February 19, 1821. He was given a good preliminary scholarship in the common schools of his native county. He began active business life as a clerk in the store of Maj. John S. Eaton, with whom he remained for about eight years, the last two years of which time he was a partner in the coneern

January 12, 1845, he was elected treasurer of the original Raleigh & Gaston railroad and held that office until 1848. In the latter year the State of North Carolina became the C .: W S Powell, I S .: J R Stephens, owner of the road, and it was man- OS.

aged by a governor and a board of commissioners. They elected Maj. Vass president of the corporation, and he continued to discharge the duties of that responsible office until the State disposed of the road to a new company under a new organi-mation. This was consumated September, 1851, and the company retained the same name. At the first meeting of the directors Maj. Vass was elected treasurer and he con-

tinuously held that office until two years ago when he voluntarily re-tired. In October, 1862, he was made treasurer of the Obatham rail-

road company, known since 1872 as the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line railroad company and beld that position until he retired to private life a few years since.

For more than fifty years Ma Vass has been an earnest and con-sistent communicant of the First Baptist Church in this city and has ever carried his religion into has every day business life. His name is held in the warmest asteem and onfidence wherever known. His bility was great, and his bonesty

Mai. Vass was twice married. His first wife was Miss Freeman of ranville county, who died about a Sebamarried Miss Lillie McDaniel.

Election of Officers of the Releigh Divis-

ion Yesterday. The Raleigh Division of the Order

of Railway Conductors held an important meeting and election of officers yesterday at the Park Hotel. There was a large attendance and an interesting meeting after which

the Conductors enjoyed an elegant dinner in the elegant dining room of the Park. The meeting had before it the regular election of officers and the election of a delegate to the National Order of Railway Conductors which meets in Los Angeles in May. Capt. T. H. Chavasse was elected delegate to the Los Angeles Convention and the following officers of the Raleigh Division were elected: ET Morris, C C.; J T Alderman, A C C.; W W Newman, Sec and Treas.; G M Lasater, Sr C.; C W Fowler, Jr

Maj. J. B. Hill to Ce Marshal.

It is understood on reliable authority that Maj. J. B. Hill will be the appointee for United States Marshal for this district under the new administration. Maj. Hill's appointment, it is needless to say, will give universal pleasure to the people of Raleigh, who know and esteem him, and to all those who were thrown in official contact with him while he formerly held the office.

Stick This in Your Bat

While the weather prophecies are considered guesses, Hick's predic-tions are strictly in it thus far. He savs:

"The month of December will be one of the most severe that we have experienced in years. It is not like-by that the storm will be dangerous, because they do not come at the pe-riods of the year when dangerous storms are to beexpected. But you will get all the old fashioned blix-sirds you want during the last part of that month. Things will grow interesting about the 19th of the month and will continue until the 30th. We will have a good sprink-ling of bad weather before that, for the winter will begin early and will be a cold one, but the contre of the worst period begins December 19th During this time the influence of Mars will be added to others, pro-ducing a commotion on the earth b "The month of December will be

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street. New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

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The following were the closing opotations on the New York Stock Exchange today: New York Stock Market.

Burlington and Quincy ...... 78 Manhattan.... Bock Island ..... Southern Preferred ..... Western Union..... Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

Thefollowing were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Pro-

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vision market today: Wheat-December, 774; May, 804. Corn-December, 23; May, 264. Onte-December 184; May 214. Pork-January, 7.57; May, 7.87. Lard-January3.85; May, 4.07. Clear Rib Sides-January 3.85; May 4.00.

Liverpool Cotton Market. December. January-February ..... 4.08 April-May ..... 4.07 B May-June ..... 4.05 Closed barely steady

The University Record has made its appearance. Its object is to more thoroughly keep the Univerity before the alumui and people of

Messrs. Johnson & Johnson, the low priced coal and wood dealers. They are prepared to furpish all orders in their line at the lowest figures.

Delinquents should call on city tax collector W. B. Hutchings and square up. It will be seen by his notice elsewhere that all taxes not paid by December 1st are subject to a penalty of 1 per cent, and an additional 1 per cent. on the first day of each month thereafter until paid.

Mr. S. F. Green, formerly superintendent of the Barnesville Manufacturing Company, of Barnersville, Ga., has declined the superintendency of the Fayetteville mill to accept a position at the Pilot cotton mills of this city. Mr. Green and family will continue to reside in Raleigh.

The President's message to Congress today was transmitted over the Western Union wire to the PRESS-VISITOR last night and this morning and we are enabled to present its most important feature, bearing upon the Cuban question, to our readers this afternoon. The entire message covered one hundred and fifty pages of closely type-written matter, and would cover several pages of a newspaper if all the text were printed. We make our acknowledgments to Manager Edgerton of the Raleigh office for prompt and efficient service in delivering it to us.

## TEN MILLION SHORT.

The State's Real and Personal Property Valuation Will Show That Falling State Auditor R. M. Furman Is busily engaged preparing his biennial report for the legislature, The advance sheets of the auditor's report show a decrease of about ten million dollars in the tax valuation of real and personal propert in the state, the valuation bein about \$247,000,000 against \$257,000 000 last year. During the past two years there has been a decrease of about thirteen million. The very interesting problem of raising millcounted by this depreciation will con-front the fusion logislature. No other reason for the falling off is an-signed except a decline in values.