Will Report in Favor of Cuban Independence.

SECRETARY OLNEY.

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moned Before Foreign Affairs Com aittee and Gives Test Several Hours---Says Respon-

sibility with congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The mittee on Foreign affairs of the nate met at ten thirty this mornfug. All members were present. Secretary Olney appeared before the littee. The proceedings were nducted with the greatest possible secrecy. A guard was placed out

were closely drawn.
Secretary Olney appeared before the committee for two hours. He was closely cross-questioned. After his departure the committee without a roll call unanimously decided to report a resolution declaring the indence of Cuba. As reported it will be a joint resolution which makes the action of the President necessary. Although the resolution will be reported to the Senate Monday, no action is likely to be taken until after the holidays.

The committee changed the resolution to read 'the United States will use its good effices for Cuba" instead of "should use," etc. It also dropped the word "republic" with reference to Ouba. Secretary Olney told the committee that Congress had the responsibility and that it must be with Congress and not with the administration. "The acknowledgement of Cuban independence," he said, was an indirect declaration of war against Spain.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 18,-One hundred young men of this city last night marched down fifth street to Pederal. At the corner of the two streets an effigy of Capt. Gen. Weyer was hung to a telegraph pole. The figure was clad in a soldiers ziform and across the breast were the words "Weyler the coward." The effigy was removed by the au-

MADRID, Dec. 18 .- The minister of war denies that it is his intention to replace Gen. Weyler in Cuba.

Trained Nurses for Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. MINNEAPOPIS, Minn., Dec. 18 .-Several trained gurses of this city have volunteered to go to Cuba, and they agree to pay their own expenses if some one will arrange matters so that they can get there. Eighty men have volunteered and the Junta in New York has been telegraphed to see if there was not some way in which nurses in particular could reach Cuba, as it is believed that ere are fully a dozen nurses here who are willing to go.

Marie Barbert Disappears.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Dec. 18,-Marie Barberi, who had twice been tried for the murder of Domonico Cataldo once convicted and finally acquitted, bas appeared from home. The family sled as to her whereabouts All her mother knows is that she left Marie in the home of countess. Di Brazza in company with a woman unknown to her.

Who Will Be Clork?

Judge Dick will probably this reek appoint a successor to the late C.O. Patterson, clerk of the federal pourt A Asheville. This place is very good one and pays well for hose hard times, the maximum allowed by law being \$3,000. There are said to have been three applicants for the place before Patterson was buried. Among the candidates or the position are said to be Mr. C. B. Moore, the present assistant; Mr Valter E. Moore, of Jackson, and Mr S C Satterthwaite, of Waynes-

To Build on the Markham Site. The Atlanta Journal of yesterday vs: Atlanta will soon have another on Loyd street, adjoining the to erect thereon a modern six-

Spalding, Mr. John Silver and love had the matter of dis-

BUYING WEST POINT.

Louisville and Nashaville and Central Said to be After It. The Attlanta Constitution of yes-

Atlanta and West Point stock is in demand, and it is said that two railroads are after it. Usually, ex-A sa saluto lo do

cept about dividend time, the stock can be picked up around par or a little below. Now it is reported that a sale has been made for 108.

The Central and the Louisville and Nashville are supposed to be the purchasers. Report has it that both these companies are anxious to served American union, Canton, control the West Point road. The Ohio. Louisville and Nashville wants it, in the first place, to get into Atlanta, and in the second place to connect with the Georgia road.

And then there may be still another and even greater project behind that,

Suppose the Louisville and Nashrille should secure control of the Atlanta and West Point and then buy Mr. Thomas Ryan's Seaboard stock, That would not control the Seaboard, but it would have a tendency to draw the roads closer together. Then there would be a strong through line from Norfolk to New Orleans in direct competition with the Southern all the way.

The Louisville and Nashville now controls the Georgia road, claiming that the Central's right in the joint lease was forfeited when the Central failed to put up its share of the rental one year during the Central's receivership. Once the Atlanta and West passes into the hands of the Louisville and Nashville it is said that President George C. Smith will be elected president and general manager of the Georgia, as he is now of the Atlanta and West Point and the Western of Alabama. Mr. Smith's management of the two roads of which he is the head leads all others in this part of the country the past year or two. His earnings have shown a steady inorease, and while he has expended money liberally in keeping up the roadbed and equipment, the net earnings have been excellent. Every nonth shows an increase over the

corresponding month of last year. The passenger earnings for November and December last year were larger than the earnings from he same source this year, but that is explained by the fact that the exposition travel was very heavy last fall. When January 1st comes, however, the earnings of the West Point and the Western of Alabama will be ahead of the earnings for the

t half of the last fiscal year. In buying Atlanta and West Point stock, therefore, the purchasers, whether they are individuals or corporations, get a safe dividend payer while the lines are under Mr. Smith's management.

STATE SHORT ON FUNDS.

Preasurer Worth Issues 'Cry of Hard

Times" to Various Sheriffs. Treasurer Worth today issued the following circular letter to the sheriffs of all the counties, calling on them to make immediate settle-

"You will bear with me, I am sure, when I insist upon the importance of the prompt remittance of your 1896 State taxes to this office. The first day of the present fiscal year (Dec. I, 1896) found the State Treasury with less than \$88,000 of available cash in hand, with which to meet the following obligations falling due this month and next:

Interest on 4 per ct. bonds, 66,500 Portion of annual appro-priations for '97..... Half the expense of the General Assembly....

Total present needs "Sheriffs and tax collectors can be of service to their respective counties and save their circulating medium to that extent in their communities by cashing, as far as possible, out of tax funds in hand, all pension warrants. These warrants are just as good as cash in making your setents with this office, when countorsigned by the sheriff presenting

I trust you will realize the importance of prompt action, and let fast as possible. With the season's best wishes, I am respectfully,

State Treasurer.

Herrman's Puneral Sunday. By Telegraphito the Press-Visitor.

New York, Dec. 18 .- The body of fer Hermann jarrived this place from them Masonio temple

WRITES M'KINLEY:

Windy Billy" Renderson Gives th President-Elect a Few Tips.

The Honorable William Fentres Henderson, of Lexington, better known as "Windy Billy" and a brother to the immortal "Rough," who has been endorsed by the Charlotte Observer and other Democratic papers for a cabinet position under President-elect McKiniey, has addressed the following letter to the recently elected chief executive.

Major William McKinley, President elect of the great, grand, pre-

MY DEAR MAJOR:

Enclosed please find some sugges tions made by my friends through the press of North Carolina, indicating their wishes as to my welfare and as to your duty in the premises. It is not through any superfluous conceit or transcendent egotism that

I send these articles to you, but because of the patriotic impulses that move within my bosom. The South needs recognition at the hands of the Republican party so as to foster and develop the spirit of American manhood and American womanhood in the land of Dixie.

If you see fit to recognize the wishes of my friends and gratify their desires, I shall feel forced to sacrifice the remainder of my life as in the past, Selah

I was appointed Assessorof Internal Revenue for the 6th North Carolina district by President Grant, with my headquarters at Salisbury. N. C., which office I held until it was abolished. During my administration there was not a man shot. killed or put in jail. I increased the volume of collections and assessments almost double in said district. The Hon. Mr. Shober (Democrat) was elected to congress by a majority of over four thousand, but at the next election, when I ran for congress in the 5th district, I cut the majority of democracy down to less than fifteen hundred when it had heretofore been about five thousand majority.

I made the first Republican speech ever made, on the 4th day of July, 1865, in the beautiful little town of Lexington, General Kilpatrick and all of his troops were present, and it was considered by the general to be the finest and best union speech ever made by an American.

Please let me know by letter or wire what your intentions are in regard to this matter.

Some of my friends are very anxious that I should accept a foreign on account of my extensive farming

Keep me as near home as possible, where I can do the most good for my

With best wishes for your future welfare, and with kindest regards

to Mrs. McKinley, I remain, Yours most cordially, Col. WM. FENTRESS HENDERSON. P. S.-We must rescue Cuba from

the clutches of Spain. Held the Vestibule.

Rice's Evangeline Company came up from Raleigh this morning en route to Savannah, where they are to appear tonight. The train from Raleigh was late, but the vestibule was held for over one hour to accommodate them .- The Greensboro Record.

The Palmetto Railway.

President Hoffman and Vice President St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line, were here yesterday attending the meeting of the stockholders of the Palmetto Railway. The latter extends from Hamlet N. C., to Cheraw, S. C., and was recently sold under foreclosure. It was reorganized. Mr. Hoffman is president.

Educational Association,

The Southern Educational Associa ion will hold its annual meeting at Mobile, Ala., December 29th, 30th and 31st. The broceedings will be participated in by many prominent Southern educators, and the meeting promises to be one of unexcepal interest.

Car Load of Indiana People A car load of native North Caro

linians arrived in Greensboro last night from Indiana. They came to spend Christmas with relatives. The party went in different directions, five going to Winston.

In the chapel at the soldiers' united in marriage. Rev. Alvin the officiating. Both of this city. Se

EXPENDITURES

Are Far in Excess of the

Disbursements.

MUST CUT DOWN

Or Increase the Taxes Says the Legisla tive committee in its Report. -Treasurer Worth Says Decrease

Expenditures. The committee appointed by the cgislature to examine the accounts of the treasurer and auditor for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 895 and 1896 made their report today to the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The annual statement having the aggregate of receipts and disbursements of public funds for the fiscal year ending November, 1895, is shown to be as follows:

Receipt of public funds, \$1,433, 423.85; educational fund \$49.747.37. The disbursements of public funds werc \$1,343,013.55. and the educaional fund \$14,695.71.

This shows a balance of public funds in the Treasury, December 1. '95 of \$90,410.30. Of the educational fund there was \$35,151,66.

The receipts of public funds for the year ending November 30th, 1896, was \$1,333,493.23; the receipts of educational funds was \$36,707.01. The disbursements of public funds was \$1,245,140.20; of educational funds-it was \$1,648.70.

This leaves a balance of public funds in the treasury of \$88,353.03. The balance of the educational fund is \$35.056.31.

In submitting its report the committee says: "The warrants drawn on the treasurer during said fiscal years were in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided. The amount shown to be in the treasury by the books November 30, 1896 was verified by actual count. The books in the offices of the state treasurer and state auditor were found to be neatly and accu-

By reference to the report of the committee to the general assembly of 1895, it will be seen that the aggregate value of both funds in the treasury November '94 was \$311,-327.00. On the thirtieth of November, 1896 the aggregate balance of both funds amounted to \$123,411.34. showing a difference against the last two fiscal years of \$87,905.74.

past two fiscal years to the public fund, amounts to \$2,375,324.67; the disbursements for the past twofiscal years amounts to \$2,588,153.75. Showing an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$212,829.08.

During the past two fiscal years, the taxable property in the state, has decreased in valuation to near five and a balf million dollars, so it will be observed, in order to preserve the credit of the state the rate of taxation will have to be raised or

expenditures decreased. The report is signed by D R. Julian, W H Farthing and WREllis. Treasurer Worth is now preparing his report. He will recomnend to the legislature that the expenditures of the government be decreased in order that the expenses

VOLUNTEERS FOR CUBA

may be met.

Writes to Governor Carr.

If the United States and Spain should go to war, no state in the union would furnish a larger number of volunteers than North Carolina. Indeed, many applications have been received.

Goy. Carr received the following letter today from a very distinguished officer in the Confederate army, May 4.00. and who is one of the most influential citizens in the state: "Should the present complications with Spain bring on a war between that country and the United States and the president call for volunteers I beg to tender to your excellency my services to raise a regiment of ex Confederates as a part of North Carolina's quota. I would like once more to hear the old rebel yell and sec the Confederate line charge and when it was over where would the Spanlards be."

Private Secretary Telfair was today engaged in preparing and forented Congressmen, Judges and

THE S. A. L's. MOVE.

The Senboard s Plan Commends Itself to Everybody as Practical.

The Atlanta Constitution says: The Seaboard Air Line's plan to ten miles along the line created a great deal of talk yesterday.

The company owns land along its entire line, except in the cities and towns, and at some stations it has tracts which would make fine farms. This land was bought when the

right of way was secured. For some time past the division superintendents have been going over the system selecting the tracts for the farms. Captain Burkeley superintendent of the Atlanta and Monroe division, the Georgia, Carolina and Northern, went over the entire division with Mr Patrick on a small handcar run by steam.

They made a careful examination of the ground and picked out the places which seemed best adapted to the experiments.

With a farm every ten miles, hundreds of planters in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia will have an object lession in farming right before their eyes. No farmer along the road will be more than five miles from one of these experiment farms. It is believed that the influence on neighboring farmers will be vast. As it is demonstrated that this or that crop can be successfully cultivated, neighboring planters will get the benefit.

Travelers will not fail to derive strong impressions from what they see and the farms will be great advertisements of the country through which the railroad passes. Homeseekers will be enabled to see what the soil can produce and the experi ment farms will no doubt prove valuable adjunct to the immigration

department of the Seaboard system. Captain Berkeley is up on the line this week, partly on business in connection with the establishment of these farms. It is understood that the company will begin planting in the spring and will put in diversified crops all along the road from Atlanta to Norfolk.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their

special wire:

OPEN-HIGH-LOW- CLOS-7 00 6 79 6 79-7 06 6 89 6 89-7 18 6 96 6 97-7 22 7 03 7 03-January, March. 7 30 7 31 7 10 7 11-7 34 7 34 7 16 7 16-7 39 7 40 7 19 7 19 June, July,

December, 6 94 6 94 6 76 6 76-Closed steady sales 246,300 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market. American Tobacco...... 741 Burlington and Quincy Chicago Gas....
Des. and Cat. Feed General Electric 30 Louisville and Nashville..... Manhattan.... Rock Island Southern Preferred 244 Western Union..... 81

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quoations on the Chicago Grain and Pro-

vision market today: Wheat-December, 764; May, 794. Corn-December, 224; May, 25t. Oats-December 16#; May 20. Pork-January, 7.57; May, 7.87. Lard-January3.82; May, 4.00. Clear Rib Sides-January 3.85;

Liverpool Cotton Market. December..... 4.01 December-January ... 3.61 January-February 3.61 February-March 3.60 b March-April................ 3.61 April-May 3.62 May-June 3.62 Closed steady, sales 15,000 bales.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Mill. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

SANFRANCISCO, Dec. 18.-Manager Julian wired this morning that he Fitzsimmons to sign articles for the perature fight with Corbett March 17, Corbett signed the articles yesterday. The fight will probably take place

HELP BUILTENT UP.

School Children Aske .o Make a Xma Gift to the Se ol Library.

The libraries at the graded schools are greatly in need of books. In fact only a beginning in the way of establish experiment farms every libraries has been made. The books the school have are well selected and are in constant use. The teachers are doing a work in cultivating in the children a love of good literature and in directing them to the best books suitable to their age and advancement.

But the demand is greater than the supply. It is really sad to see the little girls ask for a book and be told they are all out.

Superintendent Howell wishes the Press-Visiron to ask all the friends of the public schools, pupils, parents and everybody who is interested in this good work, to give a book or set of books now as a Christmas present to the school libraries. Some books have already been given. There are hundreds of others in the families of Raleigh that the children have never read, and that are idle on the shelves or moulding in dark closets. It will need only this suggestion to bring out many of these. and put them where they will continue to do good.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The Press-Visitor Will Be 35 Cents Per Month After lanuary 1st.

The PRESS-VISITOR has now for nearly a year and a half been greeting its readers every afternoon, replete with all the news of the day, both at home and at a distance, and sal verdict of its readers has been and is that it is the best daily paper ever published in Raleigh. It has also taken its place in the journalistic field as the best and most upto-date afternoon daily paper ever published in the State. While giving our patrons a paper which has been in every way superior to its predecessors, the price has remained the same and the Press-VISITOR at 25 cents per month is today the cheapest newspaper in the raries charge four dollars and five dollars per year and none of our contemporaries, we think, charge as low as the PRESS VISITOR

at three dollars per year. The time has now been reached when it is felt by the management that in view of the superior quality of the newspaper which we give to our readers and the fact that other similar journals, whose newscolumus prebensive as ours, charge at a higher rate, and realizing that the class of newspaper which we give our patrons for a small increase in the subscription price of the Press-

VISITOR. During the approaching session of the legislature we propose to of the deliberations of that body and our expenses for that time will be

considerably increased. As we have been broadening and widening our scope our expenses have been otherwise increased and in the past year we have also borne the expense of equipping this office with a complete new outfit of the 454 most modern and attractive type. an investment which has materially cut down that legitimate, though modest profit, to which we feel we are justly entitled.

Accordingly on Jacuary 1st, the subscription price of the Press-Visi-TOR, will be raised from 25 cents to 35 cents per month, or from \$3,00 to \$4 00 per year if paid in advance.

We take this step feeling sure that our patrons will agree with us that the PRESS-VISITOR is fully worth even this small price and that we are fully entitled to the small increase asked, and that they will continue their patronage where they have heretofore deemed it worthily bestowed.

Weather Conditions.

moved rapidly eastward across the cloudiness and rainy weather in the pounds. Mr. J. H. Bibson killed east and snow in the Lake region, one of the same age that tipped the The weather has cleared over the scales at 345 pounds. Bocky Mountain slope, from North Dakota to "exist, in which section the bare let is high. Another 400 pounds. Several neighbors have consider de cole wave has appear- killed twenty-two hogs that tipped would leave for New York with ed in the extreme northwest, a tem- the scales at 6,750 pounds. Twelve perature 10 degrees below zero being reported at Bismarck, a fall of 26 degrees during the past 24 hours.

The ten perature has fallen in the central valley and risen in the cast.

\$3.00 PER YEAR.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Pa per -l'oints and People Portinent'y Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Mr. Frederick Going, of New York, gave a Shakespearin recital at the Institute for the Blind last night. His subject was Hamlet Tonight he will give another reading from Shakespeare's King Henry

A special communication of Hiram Lodge No. 40, A F and A M, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Work in the third degree. All Master Masons are cordially invited

The weather is bad but it does not prevent Messrs. Thomas and Camppell from making big sales every day from their complete stock for the holiday trade. Call and see them for Christmas gifts.

The case against the young men Garner, charged with beating Viola Mendozia came up in police court today. Miss Mendozia was not present and her whereabouts are un-

Mr. Frank Stronach's great sale of horses and vehicles will take throughout all that time the univer- place tomorrow rain or shine, hail or snow. Mr. Stronach will offer some extraordinary bargains and it will be a good opportunity to purchase. Don't miss it.

Don't forget the entertainment tonorrow night at the Blind Institution. The charge of admission is only 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children under fifteen years of age. The programme is a very excellent one and the cause a worthy

Mr. Sherwood Higgs, who has for so many years represented the well known firm of John E. Hurst & Co., of Baltimore, has quit the road to give his personal attention to his extensive business here. He is succeeded by Mr. Nelsom M. King, a brother of Ben King, who was for many yeaes the most popular and successful drummer in the South. Mr. Nelson King is also well known in North Carolina, having formerly represented Johnson, Omohundro & Co., of Baltimore.

They New York papers announce the marriage of Mr. James S. Meng, is worth more than the price we for several years a professor in the charge, we feel justified in asking A & M. College in this city, which occurred in the former named city yesterday Mr. Meng led to the altar Miss Loula Amelia Bischoff, a daughter of Judge Bischoff of the New York Supreme Court. Mr. give our readers complete accounts | Meng is a son of Judge Meng of Louisiana and is pleasantly remembered in Raleigh.

Robson Last Night. The appearance of Mr. Stuart Robson and his excellent company at the Academy of Music last evening was one o' the most enjoyable theatrical events of recent years. The audience that greeted this celebrated actor was not so large as it

Mr. Robson was heartily applaudad as was Madame Jaunuschek. "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past" is one of the few 1 gitimate comedies before the people. Laughter was irresistable. Few Raleighites had listened to Mr. Robson's eccentric speech, but should be come here again he would be greeted by a great house. Miss Kathryn Osterman, the 'ex-

music hall singer," made a pleasant hit in the second act. Her work throughout was very meritorious.

Champion Hog Killing. Mr. J. M. Morning of Morrisville lives in a champion hog growing section. Mr. Morning gave some interesting facts this morning about The storm from the west has the festive porkers killed this week. J. H. Morrow killed a twelve Lake region, causing increasing months old hog that weighed 4,24

> An eighteen months old hog belonging to W. H. Merritt weighed

should have been.