OUR SOLONS FOR CUB

Representatives Instructed to Vote for Independence.

BILLS TO THE FRONT.

Lunk Moves to Repeat "Assignment Act" Is Chairman of the Education

At II o'clock the house met and representative Dixon offered prayer. Murphy, of Rowan was added to the judiciary committee, vice Scales (who is a senator and not a repre-

A resolution was offered by Mr. Sutton and adopted to require the state printers to furnish an index book so as to have a complete record of action on all bills, and to show action thereon.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland introduced the following joint resolution: That our senators be instructed, and our representatives be requested to use all honorable means and as early as possible, to bring about the passage of an act of congress recognizing the independence of the patriots of Cuba who for so long a time have been struggling for life and liberty, the God given heritage of all men," It was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Lusk introduced the first bill. It is to repeal the notorious chapter 466, acts of 1895, the 'assignment

Mr. Peace, a bill to take Vance county out of the eastern criminal circuit.

Mr. Sutton, to repeal chapter 466 acts '95, and also chapter 453, acts of '93, regarding assignments; (this is the act forbidding preferences). Also bills regarding actions of cowarrantors, and regulating fees of sheriff of Cumberland in securing special veniries.

Mr. Alexander, to provide for making an entirely new list of jurors. Feb. 1, in every county in the state. The speaker announced the follow-

Finance-Johnson, Bryan, of Chatham, Whitener, Person, of Wayne, Alexander, Young, Alken, Petree Nelson, McKenzie, Brown and Peace Engrossed Bills-Pinnix, Spruill, Chapin, Arrington, Parker, of Perquimans, Holmes, Price, Carter, Ferguson and Leak.

Railways and Railway Commis sion-Brower, Blackburn, Dockery, Pinnix, Ferrell, White, of Randolph. Ward, Dickson, of Greene, McKenzie and Smith.

Corporations-Schulken, McBride Brown, Alexander, Dockery, Bailey, Walters and Ulmstead.

Education-Dockery, White, of Alamance, McRary, Peace, Cox, Young, Abernathy, King, White, of Randolph, Rountree, Whitener, Person, of Wilson, Dixon, of Cleveland, Nelson and Walters.

A Republican joint caucus was called for tonight.

The Senate was called to order by Lieut-Gov. Doughton at 12 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNeil of the Senate. The journal was then read and approved.

Senator McCaskey made a motion that the rules of 1895 be adopted by the Senate -carried.

Senator Clark offered an amendment to the rules "that after this session of the Legislature the seats ofSenators be drawn for asprescribed by the rules of the National House of Represenatives," referred to the

committee on rules.

Senator Grant then submitted the names of the several standing committees as adopted by the Republicans and Populists, stating that there were several vacancies left open to be filled at some future date. ator Grant stated that he desired to say that the committee on Judisi-ary had been misplaced and would be made out later Senator Butler said the committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission would also be named later. The report was ndopted. A resolution was adopted instructing the State printer to furnish an index book for the clerks of the Senate and House of Repre-

A joint resolution was received from the House of representatives instructing our senators and re-questing our representatives in Con-gress to use all honorable means to secure the passage of a bill recog-nizing the beligorancy of the patriots of Cuba who were struggling for liberty-the God given beritage of

Federal Relations, to be appointed. Senator McCaskey introduced a Bill "To be entitled an act to pro-

vide for counting the votes of the election of 1896 for State officers and carrying out the provisions of Article 3 of the Constitution. Referred to Judiciary. Senator Mc-Nair introduced a bill for the relief of the ex-Sheriff of Wilkes county, and Senator Barringer for the relief of ex-Sheriff Morrison of Cabarrus county. Referred. Leave of absence was granted Senator Mosby. The legislature adjourned until tomorrow at 12.

THE FUNDING BILL.

The Pacific Ruttroad Operation

in Congress.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The House today entered upon the consideration of the Pacific railroad funding bill. Great interest, was manifested in the opening of the debate by these present. A large map showing the route of the Pacific roads had been erected in the area in front of the Speaker's restrum and was frequently referred to by the several speakers. Under the special order adopted before the holiday recess the debate will continue until Saturday evening and the voting will take place Monday.

Before the debate began a bill was passed to amend the act providing for a civil government in Alaska so as to create a surveyor-general at \$2,000 per annum, to perform the duties of register and receiver of the general land office at Sitka.

The resignation of Governor Black of New York as a member of the House wasread,

Chairman Powers of the Pacific Railroad committee then demanded the regular order, and under the special order the House went into committee of the whole (Mr. Payue of New York in the chair), and took up the funding bill. Mr. Powers said that it had been arranged that the time for and against the measure should be equally divided, he to control the time in its favor, and Mr. Hubbard (Rep., Mo.), the member of the committee who made the minority report, against. The House confirmed this agreement.

Mr. Powers then took the floor and made the opening argument. He took his position in front of the chart. At the outset he declared that he purposed to deal with the house with the utmost candor. The bill which the committee presented to the members for their consideration, e said, constituted a plain busines proposition, and he asked members to consider it as such. He then launched his argument with a thoroughly exhaustive history of the Pacific roads. He described the necessity which existed in the early '60s for a trans-continental railroad, the difficulties which beset the undertaking at a time when the south was ablaze with red war, the hopelessness of private capital being able to accomplish anything without government aid and the determination of the government to back the hazardous enterprise by large grants of lands and by guaranteeing the bonds of the road up to \$16,000 per mile as far as the Sierras, and \$32,-000 for the distance across the moun-

The Thickness of a Negro's Skull. Ever since you can remember you have heard persons who pretend to know what they were talking about say the negro's skull is from two to four times as thick as the skull of a white man. No greater anatomical error has ever gained currency, says the St. Louis Republic. Physicians and surgeons who have made the question of the relative thickness of the negro's and the Caucasion's skull a study are very positive in their assertions that there is no truth whatever in the generally accepted fiction. In fact, it has been declared by some of the most widely known anatomists in the land that if there is any difference at all in the general average thickness of the skulls of the two races, it is in favor of the Caucasian. Make an investigation for yourself, if an opportunity is ever afforded, and see if it doesn't

of what you know about skulls. Hon Mr. Bryan in Chicago.

change your views on the question

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. . CHICAGO, January 8 .- William J Bryan arrived here from Omaha shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. He was in good health and spirits. He was met by a committee of Democrats and escorted to the Tremont house. He will speak tonight at the Bryan Club banquet.

A SECOND "SIBERIA."

A Convict Just out of the Penitentiary
Talks w.f.g.
W. E. Harris, the "mysterious" prisoner, who has been confined in the state penitentiary for the past five years, is a prisoner no more. When he was discharged he was given a ticket to Durham and arrived there without a cent and nothing to eat. The Durham Herald says: "He said he would leave this state in a few days and go to a city in an adjoining state, where he has not been in eighteen years, for the sole purpose of exposing the horrors of the prison,' which he says are simply awful. In speaking of how prisoners were treated in the penitentiary he said that they were beaten unmercifully and that several deaths had been caused in this way and the facts suppressed. This, he said, 'I intend to make known to the world in the near future. I lived in a semi-state of starvation for five solid years, charged with a crime which I never committed and refused pardon, as Governor Carr says, because I would not give my name and thus disgrace other innocent persons. I can prove that crimes have been committed in prison by the officials which are punishable by death If the incoming legislature wishes to investigate the state of affairs that actually exists at the penitentiary I can furnish the names of parties who will testify to what I say. The book I intend to publish will expose all of the crimes that have been committed

since my confinement in this place, which should be called the Siberia of North Carolina." Col. Olds says of Harris: "W E Harris was sent up for five years for stealing \$500 at Wilmington. There was a current belief that he was a man of fine family who wished to screen the latter. There appears to be no grounds for this idea. A fakir who was traveling with a circus here several weeks ago left \$20 for Harris with a showman here and Harris got this money. There are people who believe Harris conceals his name for other reasons. He is now circulating stories about barbarity to state convicts, a charge made once years ago, but absolutely disproved by official investigation."

STOPPED BYTHE RALEIGH

The Tug Watter A. Luckenbach Has a Thrilling Experience Off the Florida

The big tug Walter A. Luckenbach, Captain Willin, met with a ago, when the Cruiser Raleigh fired a shot at her, taking the vessel to be the filibustering steamer Three Friends

The Luckenbach left New York on December 9th for New Orleans. While off the coast of Florida, on the night of December 1st. the Cruiser Raleigh, which is patrolling the coast, ran across the Luckenback's bows, at the same time throwing her big search light on the tug.

The Raleigh kept cruising around the tug and finally fellastern. Captain Willin had an idea that he was being chased and did not for a moment think his boat resembled the Three Friends, so he ordered all steam put on, which drove the tug through the water at a fourteen and one half knots an hour speed. The cruiser also increased her speed and the chase became exciting. Then something happened. The cruiser let fly a solid shot, which fell not far from the tug and brought Cap tain Willin to his senses, causing him to slacken speed and finally came to a standstill. The Raleigh aboard the tug, and after examining her papers told her to proceed, which the Luckenbach did, arriving safely at her destination.

Weather Conditions.

The pressure is still high over the entire country except in the extreme northwest, where a storm center is developing. Fair weather continues everywhere, except a little snow at points between St. Louis and Cincinnati.

The weather is cloudy on the north Atlantic coast and in the Lake region, and is clear nearly everywhere

The temperature continues below freezing in the east as lar south as Montgomery and Jacksonville, but has risen above freezing in the lower Mississippi valley.

Dr E E Terry, our new veterinary surgeon seems to be meeting with good success, having already successfully trented several difficult

HENRY OUT IN A LETTER

Endorsing Senator Pritchard for Re-election.

THE FIGHT TONIGHT

Populists May Name a Candidate for Sen ator-Prirchard May go Before the Caucus-No Outsiders to be Admitted

Walter R. Henry has written a letter to Senator Pritchard declaring in favor of the Republican Senator for re-election. Mr. Henry is me positive in his declaration in favor of Senator Pritchard

Mr. Heury's action shocked Senator Butler's friends when they were acquainted with the contents of the letter. This was but natural as Mr. Henry has always played the "me too" act to Senator Butler.

The letter, which is characteristic of the man, is presented herewith. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 7, '97. Senator J. C. Pritchard, Raleigh,

N.C. MY DEAR SIR: - All Populists have pinned 16 to 1 upon their hearts and made bi-metallism their political creed until silver is once more raised to its constitutional throne whence it was hurled by conspirators in 1873. This being true the question is, can Populist members of the legislature, consistently support you for the United States Senate. I have scanned the field and think I understand existing political conditions. I answer unhesitatingly that it seems to me that they not only can support you, but it is their duty to do so.

I remember that when we spoke in Lincolnton in the fall of 1895, you declared yourself favorable to the white metal, and your record in the Senate in regard to silver has been, as far as I know, quite as patriotic as any one could desire. I understand that you have declared your status on this subject within the last few days in the following words:

"I am a staunch friend of all reforms contemplated in the Populist movement. I will vote for silver by International agreement or independent action at 16 to 1, and will take pleasure in voting to amend the national banking act so as to permit farmers to borrow money upon land and staple crops. Any statement that I have been or am now a single gold standard man, is without foundation."

The members of the People's party of North Carolina seem to have con ceded that the Senatorship ought to go to a silver Republican. In view of the above statement I am frank to say that I think you are the most eminent silver Republican in the field, and for many good and sufficient reasons, the one most deserving of Populist support. It is contended by some that you have spoken against silver in the past. I do not know about that, but if it be true, the question is how do you speak now, and if, you mean what you say. I am fully convinced that you do.

Chief among the considerations that dictate your election, I apprehend, is that it will insure a continuance of co-operation in North Carolina between the populist and republican parties, thereby guaranteeing us against political slavery at the bands of an intolerant democracy. Another reason is that we. the friends of silver, would benefit ourselves but little by defeating you, and bestowing the senatorial toga upon some fossil who, without influence in Washington, would be useless to the cause of silver and whose election would jepoardize or destroy populist and republican power in North Carolina. What could any gentlemen named for this exalted position attempt in Washington, that you are not willing to attempt, according to your declaration, with a hundred fold more chances of success? If you are for silver I fail to see why there should be any further fight,

Will the gentlemen named against you have any influence in Washington with the republican administration, when they have so tittle in North Carolina with the republican party? In addition to what I have said, the following words from the Atlanta Constitution ought to address themselves with force to the ideration of the populist mem-

"While believing that the true solution of the money question is the prompt and independent action of this country, the friends of silver are also in favor of bimetallism if it

stacle in the way of the Republican a decision as to whom the Populists plans to secure International Bimetallism, but they will give those plans their earnest support. The bers of the legislature will be allow-Republicans are pledged to promote Bi-metallism and they will have to do so or face the indignation of the people at the polls. The efforts they propose to make will clear up our constituents and ourselves. the situation and make many matters plain that are now dark to the average voter. If they succeed that will settle the matter. If they fail, their Pritchard before the caucus in order failure will demonstrate that the to obtain from him an expression of proposition for an International Agreement is merely a plan to delude American voters and thus prevent independent action. If there is anything whatever in the international proposition, Mr. McKinley can pluck the fruits for the people. If he fails to do so, the people will

know that the proposition is a snare and a fraud, and this knowledge will be of the utmost importance to the voters in the next campaign. A veil will be lifted from their eyes, and if they wish a continuance of the gold standard, and all of its evils, they can go ahead with their eyes

open." If we obstruct the administration, the Republicans will use their stock arguments of 1896 in 1900. They will assert that they were not given power to test their theories and to keep their promises. My opinion is that it is best since they are in, to

give them full power, as Mr. Bryan

said in Atlanta, and if they do not give us prosperity the people will

give them h-1 The slogan of the Republican party has been international bi-metallism. I have no faith in it, but think it best to give them a chance to secure it, and if they fail, they will be deprived of their war cry and their banners will droop in defeat. I will take this occassion to say further, that I regard any combination by populists with democrats for the purpose of electing a senator, as dangerous to the people's party, if not a step towards ts political death. I hope the populist members of the general assembly will unite with the republicans n giving you a chance to keep your pledges and return you to your seat in the national capitol .

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HENRY. Nothing was developed in the Populist caucus last night. Butler heavy buying for New Orleans ac spoke strongly against Pritchard as neretofore. Skinner made an impassioned speech in support of Orleans cotton exchange, makes the Pritchard. He defied Butler and stated that he would support no Republican save Pritchard.

"Before I would support any Re publican besides Mr. Pritchard, said Skinner. "I would vote for a Democrat. I defy Senator Butler to name his candidate. If he is brave he will speak out. We want to know his name.

In an interview after the caucus Mr. Skinner said: "I am absolutely certain of Pritchard's election. Butler was afraid to make a test of his strength in caucus. I am ready and anxious to precipitate the fight, either in caucus or out. I came here for that purpose.

Mewborne, Thompson, Skinner and Butler conferred together and all of them, in the presence of Representative Harris, of Hyde, said to Butler, "we are for Pritchard and we will also take pleasure in supporting whoever you say as a Populist, but you cannot count upon us to support any other Populist exsept Pritchard."

Peace, Thompson, Skinner and Mewborne so it is stated after a conference, went to Butler and told him to surrender as they did not wish to defeat him in open caucus. Congressman Skirner said this afternoon:

"Say for me that the talk about use of Hanna's barrell is without foundation; that if the PRESS-VISITOR, News and Observer or [any member of the legislature can furnish me with the least evidence that any money is being used that that moment I will become an open enemy of Senator Pritchard."

Chairman Holton, who came up when Congressman Skinner was making this statement, said: "I can swear that none of Hanna's money has been here. I know absolutely. Populists who are against Sen ator

Pritchard were charging today that Hanna's money bad been turned aloose and was being used freely in the interest of the republican Sena-

Congressman Brownlow, of Tennessee is here. He is interested in Senator Pritchard's election.

action of the nations. Not only will atorial matter will be settled. Both they refrain from throwing any obsides are said to be anxious to reach shall support. A leading Populist member said today: "None but memed in the caucus tonight. We are tired of outsiders speaking. We want an opportunity to talk over the situation and to discuss our duty to

Representative Harris, of Hyde told me today that he would make a motion tonight to invite Senator his views on financial and other matters. There are a number of Populists who say that Mr. Harris' motion will prevail. Senator Pritchard would not beaverse to going before the caucus, so it is said.

Capt. A. S. Peace expects to ad dress the caucus tonight in support of Senator Pritchard.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.

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

MONTHS.	OPEN- ING.	HIGH- EST.	EST.	ING
January,	6 98	7 07	6 98	7 06-
February,	7 00	7 10	6 99	7 09-
March,	7 08	7 19	7 06	7 18-
April.	7 15	7 25	7 13	7 24
May,	7 22	7 33	7 20	7 32
June.	7 27	7 38	7 26	7 37-
July,		7 40	7 35	7 41
August,		7 42	7 32	7 43-
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Closed	firm,	sales	185,200
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The following were the closing uotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market.

Sugar	1114
American Tobacco	78
Burlington and Quincy	711
Chicago Gas	
Des. and Cat. Feed	
General Electric	
Louisville and Nashville	491
Manhattan	
Rock Island	671
Southern Preferred	29
St. Paul	741
Tennessee Coal and Irot	
Western Union	

The market advanced chiefly by count to cover the short interest.

Mr. Hester, secretary of the New amount brought into sight up to the 3est of December 1 675,000 bales for Texas instead of 1,750,000 as ex-

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quo-

tations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today: Wheat-May, 801; July 761. Corn-May, 25; July, 26. Oats-May 181; July 151. Pork-January, 7.70; May, 7.95. Lard-January3.87; May, 4.05.

Clear Rib Sides-January 3,972 May 4.07. Liverpool Cotton Market

January	3.58-5
January-February	3.57
February-March	3.57
March-April	3.57
April-May	3.57-5
May-June	3.58-5
Closed barely steady, sale	
bales.	

MORE LIGHTS THURSDAY.

Put in a Better Plant Than Ever.

The Raleigh Electric Company in operation in this city by Thursday of next week. The company went to work immediately after their plant was burned out, to sup- ducing it is credited with making ply its patrons with lights. New dynamos and a new engine were ordered by wire and they will arrive Monday. A temporary shed is being erected where the power house stood before the fire.

The annual meeting of the stock holders and directors will be held all who have seen her in this role. here January 14th.

The action of the stockholders will depend largely on what the citizens of Raleigh will do to encourage them in re-equipping a plant. President Thompson will recommend, if 2,000 new lights are located, that the best equipped lighting and street car system in the State be put in. A brick house with iron roof will be erected and a double equipment for both lights and cars will be secured.

Mrs Louisa Barber died at 5 o'clock this morning at the residence of her Briggs. N. B. Broughton, Jo are also in favor of bimetallism if it can be brought about by the concerted again and it is thought that the Sen-Clayton. She was 81 years of age, op and W. H. Worth,

STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Plotured on Pa per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Por in Print.

Three Pinkerton detectives are said to be in the city-at work on the train wrecking case.

Special meeting of Wm. G. Hill Lodge No. 218, A. F. and A. M. tonight at 7:30 o'clock for work in the second degree.

There will be an oyster supper and chocolate tea tonight at the res-phis. idence of Mrs. Pool at the Jordan House, corner Blount and Morga streets. Admission free. All I

Mr. J. B. Martin, of Portsmouth; Mr. L. M. Weathers, of Rocky Mount, and Mr, and Mrs. K. W. Weathers, of Portsmouth, who came to the city to attend the funeral of Mr. K. R. Weathers, returned home today.

Subscribers to the telephone exchange will please add to their list the following new names: 261, C, Thomas & Cambell, furniture; 266, B, Royall & Borden, furniture; 267, C, Anderson, C. H., grocer; 80. C. Daniels, Dr. Eugene, residence.

Professor and Mrs. W. R. Craighill entertained a number of guests at their hospitable home last evening at a eucher game. Mrs. A Q Holiday and Prof. C M Pritchard took the first prize. Mrs. J R Chamberlain and B S Jerman were awarded the booby.

Young lady who has just completed the course in stenography and typewriting at Coleman's National Business College, Newark, N. J., desires a position. Address 163. Reference will be given upon appli-

There are not a few candidates for state librarian. Among the num ber are J H Lassiter, of Wake who did a great amount of work in assisting Hal Ayer at populist headquarters. Dr. Seawell of Moore county and Thos S Fowler, of Randolph. All of them are populists.

The directors of the Dime Savings Bank held a meeting recently and declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. The directors expressed themselves as being pleased with the condition of the bank after an examination of the books. The DimenSavings Bank is a prosperous and growing institu-

"Our Flat."

The great English musical comedy success, "Our Flat," a play by Mrs Musgrave, which raa 700 consecutive nights at the Strand Theatre, London will be at the Academy of Music Tuesday night. It was produced in New York by Mr Daniel Frobman and made a hit on the first night that was decisive and emphati O For 100 nights it crowded the Ly ceum Theatre with audiences of the most fashionable quality. "Our Flat' is one long laugh, this term having been applied to it by one of the most most accomplished of New York critics. Its fun is incessant and produces one continuous roar of will have a temporary lighting plant laughter from the rise to the fall of

the curtain. It is full of delightful bits of character acting, and the company promore distinguished individual hits than any that has appeared in New York for some time. Beautiful Marie Dantes plays the part of Margery Sylvester with such exquisite refinement and intelligence as to win for her emphatic endorsement from

Funeral of Mr. K. R. Weathers.

The funeral of the late Mr. K. R. Weathers occurred yesterday afternoon from the First Baptist church. The services were conducted by the pastor, Dr. Carter. A large num of friends ware present at the church. Mr. Chas. Newcomb sang very touchingly, "Lead Kindly Light." The interment occurred in beautiful Oakwook. The pallbearers were J. T. Pullen, C. S. Allen, T. H. son-in-law Mr Gaston Johnson near Matthews, John E. Ray, W. P. Bish