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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 18-9 - SECOND SECTION.

NOT MUCH CHANGE.

There is little doubt that the General

which is now due, and perhaps in opera-

bombardment, was holding its own.

London is cheering itself with rumors

ed about the possibilities of a British in-

vasion of the Dutch republics, and is

counselling the abandonment of the

Ladysmith investment; that General Jou-

bert is ill and has gone back across the

frontier to recover; that there are illness

and hunger in the Boer camps, and dis

affection between the Transvaal and

fully employed in the defense of Bloem-

in chief as to Boer losses.

well.

pression.



If the Act for the August Election Should be Repealed.

Republican Talk on the Amendment Salary of Theophilus White. Portis Gold Mine. Craig Law Test. Pension Warrants. School Fund.

RALEIGH, December 6 .- It is quite amusing to hear a Republican official hare say he believed the Democrats would, in the Legislature next June, repeal the act previding for an election republics. When Kimberley is relieved, next August on the constitutional amendment. Little is he aware of the it will become an advanced bise for the temper of the Democrats as to this par- invasion of the Free State. ticular question. The Republican went on to say that while there was no violent opposition to the amendment, yet there invaders from Cape Colony. Meaaced was an earnest and increasing feeling of in the rear by General Methuen, it is exaversion to it.

It appears to be assumed by Democratic leaders that the machine Populists, among who.n are of course Senator Butler and ex Congressman Harry Skinner, will fight the franchise amend-Butler's support of it would really have them votes. It is taken for granted that Skinner will be pronounced, in fact, extreme in his opposition. The machine Populists will make great class of the Republicans if they see an open-

ing. It was whispered around the public buildings that the Supreme Court would decide that Theophilus White, lord high admiral of the State's oyster fleet, was entitled to \$75 a month salary, and not to the entire \$2,800 which the Legislature this year fixed as the pay of the seven oyster inspectors it created.

It was said today that when the attorneys spoke to Judge Simonton at Charleston Sunday night about the Supreme Court's decision in the Abbott-Beddingfield case, he remarked that while the decision was bad law, it seemed that he must defer to it. This is a pretty sharp hit at the elasticity of lloke vs Henderson.

Raleigh people now own most of the stock in the Portis gold mine, which is lin countles. The mine has been oper ated more or less regularly for 60 years. Colenso. The new owners have put in a 15 stamp mill. The ore is crushed and there is to put in a hydraulic plant, as a fail of is large and the shafts are hence shallow, the deepest being only 30 feet.

There is necessarily much interest as to what the Supreme Court will decide

WAITING FOR TIDINGS. TOBACCO GROWERS Advance of British on Kimberley and Ladysmith. The Plan of Campaign.

The American Tobacco Co.

Agriculture Meets, Personal

Encounter Between Settle

and Duncan. Private

Schools Statistics

tobacco business at Greensboro for six-

teen years, bitterly denounced the

American Tobacco Company, saying

that year by year it forced prices down.

He also denounced the Dukes, of Dar-

ham, saying that they gave to Trinity

College nearly \$190,000 of which the

At the night session it was decided to

hold a State convention, with five dele-

gates from each county, at Raleigh on

the evening of January 17th. It was

It will take \$7,000,000 to handle the

The meeting of the board of agricul-

ture was presided over by Chairman

farmers had been robbed.

LONDON, Fecember 5 .-- General Methuen, it is reported, will resume his advance tomorrow in personal command of his column, from which it seems that his

wound is only slight. His delay is explained partly by the need of bringing up more ammunition and concentrating large supplies for Kimberley. The Boers are in force only six miles north of the Modder river.

RALEIGH, December 7-The North The two relief expeditions now in Carolina Tobacco Growers' Convention of Agriculture Patterson. He said the general scheme for invasion of the Boer condition of affairs are peculiar and the problems confronting the tobacco inmost of its inhabitants will go south, and dustry very serious. The crop of 1899 gars before. The price of tobacco is

The advance on Bloemfontein from Kimberley will withdraw the Free State and there is no decrease in the demand So the price does not follow the usual laws of supply and demand. Joel B. pected they will retire north, closely Philips, of Nash, was elected chairman. James F. Jordan, who has been in the

followed by General Gatacre. Similarly the relief of Ladysmith will be the beginning of the Natal campaign Whether the main line of invasion will be continued through Natal remains to ment. In fact, it is said that Senator be seen. The Natal operations will be directly against the Transvaal Boers. It been costly to the Democrats and lost is possible that a defeat of General Joubert's force would be followed by an invasion of the Transvaal, not from the Orange Free State, as originally intended, but from Natal.

Any moment may develop news of the greatest importance from Natal. Gen-

freely said that organization alone is eral Buller, for the operation of forcing necessary, and that then the farmers can build factories and manufacture tobacco the Tugela river, must now have nearly 24,000 men available. It must not neces-There was some hint at a secret organi sarily be assumed that all these will be zation, but this was ridicaled, and it was Free State burghers, growing out of a concentrated at Colenso. Builer may declared that the only way to fight the attempt what General Methuen said was American Tobacco Company was face and that the soldiers might be more useimpossible, to outfiank the Boers. He may feint at many places, but the actual to face. It was further said that it was not the purpose to array labor against fontein. point at which he crosses may be that at capital, but to unite as one man sgainst which he finds the Boers least guarded. that company. It was set forth in the Joubert is reported to have strengthresolutions adopted that the price of leaf ened both his right and left flanks in tobacco has been so forced down by preparation for tactics like these; but it the trust as to leave no profit to the by no means follows that he would be growers, and that the purpose of the able to frustrate them. The Boer posi State convention is to devise a plan to tion on the Tugela has been made ex

ceedingly strong as against any front select delegates are to be held January attack. The character of the country al+o largely helps Joubert's plans. The list. on the border between Nash and Frank- Boers are reported in great numbers at crop, but the money can be had easily if Grobler's Kloof and elsewhere around contract to sell to warehouses established From the British point of view it is

under their management. hoped that the Boers will stand and One plan which met with favor is the also sluice washing. It is now proposed await attack in a given position, Should establishment of a warehouse at each they spread them selves in mobile bolies market, this to be managed by two grow-10) feet has been secured. The ore body for miles along the course of the Tugela. ers and two dealers, and to make an adit would result in something like guerrilvance of 6 cents per hundred on tobacco, la warfare.

and then hold the latter until there The Boers are said to be confident of capturing Lalysmith soon unless their is a demand and sell. In other words, ning down from Buluwayo. as to the constitutionality of the Craig lines can be turned. The conflict will be in this way the market can be con-



THE ROBERTS CASE.

smith must not be confused with the was called to order by Commissioner Both Sides Holding Their Own in South The Special Committee to Consider It This Africa The Towns Holding Out. -Morning.

LONDON, Dec. 6-Long dispatches WASHINGTON, December 7-Represenwere received at the War Office from tative Taylor, of Ohio, chairman of the General Buller today, but the only parts apecial committee to investigate the case sold for about 20 per cent less than eir of them made public were a list of losses of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, has called a in a sortie from Kimberley November meeting of the committee for 11 o'clock lower while the production is smaller. 28 and a statement from the commander tomorrow morning.

Mr. Taylor says this initial meeting will be to determine upon a general line referred to the forward movement, of action. He could not say how soon the committee would be able to report, tion, but the War Office keeps its scorets although Mr. Taylor expressed the opinion that the inquiry would proceed with Kimberley was fighting hotly with the all due expedition as the claiman: was

Boers, but was not able to make an imentitled to an early decision. While the chairman would not speak Ladysmith, notwithstanding increased

for the committee, he said he had no doubt that Mr. Roberts would be allowed to be present with counsel if he desired, that President Kruger is seriously alarm- and would be afforded the usual facilities to have his side presented.

Remains of John Paul Jones.

WASHINGTON, December 6 .- The recent discovery by an American antiquarian of the bones of John Paul Jones in a neglected spot in Paris and the de sire that the remains of the famous ses fighter should be brought to America feeling that the siege has been a failure has led Representative Bingham, of Pennsylvania, to introduce a joint reselution providing for their reinterment in Arlington Cometery. The resolution provides that after permission is secured by the United States Ambassador to

France the grave is to be opened and American ship of war and reinterred in

the farmers will enter into an iron-clad as showing their strength.

Mafeking. An additional Boer force, with heavy guns, has started to co-operate in the slege. There is some hope of relief coming to Baden-Powell, not from the south, which just now looks impracticable but from the north. Four armored trains, it is reported, are run-



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So long as the Frere camp of the British remains quiescent it is tolerably certain that Ladysmith is not in the direst straits, for there is communication between Frere and Ladysmith by searchlights and runners. Any advance for the relief of the latter place would mean raise prices. The county meetings to hard fighting, as it is known that the Arlington Cemetery. Boers have strongly fortified the hills

between Ladysmith and Colenso. The fact that the Boers are not weakening in front of Kimberley is important

Great efforts are being made to reduce

the remains taken up. They are then to be brought to this country on an A MERICA'S Greatest Medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it possesses unequalled curative powers and its record of cures is GREATEST.

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Dress Linings. WM. T. HILL

"domestication" law. It comes up in a desperate and will tax General Buller's trolled. case of a telephone company from Dur resources. ham. Some persons say the court will declare that a Legislature cannot fly in the face of a Federal provision for cases in the Federal Courts. Others say that the company by domesticating surrendered all its tights in that direction, and that the court will so declare, and add that the court will view the matter from the popular standpoint. It is said that there was some talk of testing the Craig law in a more direct and stronger way. ferentiates the present from past mes

by having some insurance company not now doing business in this State apply the United States has been drawn into for license and when refused it put the the eidies of Eastern politics." matter in the courts.

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The Daily Mail, says: Commercial ex-The State Auditor had the pension pansion is the dominant note of the Mes warrants ready for mulling yesterday, sage. Shipping subsidies are plainly but the State Treasurer asked him to hinted at. If Congress carries these into hold them until December 15th, in order effect British ship owners and shipping to give time for money to come in. In firms will have to break through all rings 1807 the warrants were mailed December and enter upon a new epoch of enter-1st, but last year, at the instance of the prise."

Treasurer, they were not sent out until The Standard, says: "The reference December 15th. The Treasurer said toto 'Entangling alliances, would probably day: "The warrants aggreg ite \$119,000 have been omitted if a certain speech at Last year, though they were not sent out Leicester has not been delivered. Probauntil the middle of December, 90 per bly Mr. McKinley's party and most cent of them came to the Treasury for Americans who are affected with induspayment by the end of the month. The trial interests are most anxious to proheriff cannot settle December 1st for the mote closer relations with Great Britain, 1898 taxes." but the Irish voters and the anti-expan-

The Treasurer was asked when he alonists have to be considered." would pay the \$100,000 appropriated to The Daily Chronicle, says: "Toward the public schools of the general fund, Germany, Mr. McKinley's friendly exand replied: "Whenever the money pressions have guito a noteworthy emcomes I will pay." phasis and, if his tone is a shade cooler

There was, as stated recently, \$185,000 with reference to this country, we owe it balance in the Treasury on December 1, to the unlucky exaggerations of Mr. 1898. The expanditures for the year Chamberlain," ended November 30 last were so heavy

as to use up this \$165,000 and also to exceed the fiscal year's receipts by \$19,-0 10, making a total of \$204,900.

Issued a Free Pass.

RALEION, Dec. 5-An opinion was handed down by the North Carolina Sureme Court today, holding the Southern ay liable to the law imposing a fine his conclusion. of \$1, 40 for leading a free peas in this State. The case was sent up or appeal from Bucke county, the Southern rail-way being there indicted for giving a free pass to T. N. Hallyburion while he, was door kerper of the House of the

was door keeper of the House of the North Carolina i egisisture in 1997. The Southern railway has once before had to pay a similar flue for this offense. had to pay a similar flue for this offense.

N. Ja., November 28. - Passes REPORTOR, JE., November 28.—France Mr. J. Sheet, Socking, Mc., area and the vest coast of couth Amer. child s life by One Minute Cough Cure that particular. tried doctors, visited mineral springs, it and particular. There is seems Mule doubt that coids, grippe, preminonia, bronchills and the spidem's history but standly works. There is seems Mule doubt that coids, grippe, preminonia, bronchills and the spidem's history is to the building and the siene stowech, heartburn and all forms of dyshalog works are in the to the building and the siene stowech, heartburn and all forms of dyshalog works are in the booken what you wat. The second the stower and are the building and the siene stowech, heartburn and all forms of dyshalog works are in the popular.

BRITISH OPINION.

wife were adopted. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect English Papers Discuss The President's to the memory of W. A. Dills. The

Message. board audited an account for the fitting Lovnon, Dec. 5 .- All the morning paup of the court room of the corperation pers have editorials upon President Mcommission, which is in the agricultural Kinley's Message to Congress

building. The session was brief, as there The Daily Telegraph says: "What dif was an adjournment to the tobaccogrowers' convention, which was held in sages is its all but formal admission that the capitol. The Agricultural Department's re-

eipts this year have been \$59,644, and expenditures \$64,985, excess of expenditures \$5,840. Ex-Congressman Settle arrived from

Asheville yesterday afternoon and about midnight he and Revenue Collector Dun can had a tight, in which though blows were struck, neither was hit. They were talking in a hotel office, Duncan sitting in a chair and Settle at a table. Suddenly Duncan sprang up and struck at Settle. the latter was ready for a scrap. He was very cool and pulled off his coat. There

are two stories about the cause of the trouble; one that it was personal, the other that it was the result of a quarrel about the franchise amendment. There Is no love lost anyway between Settle and Duncan. There has been no making up and the state of war continues. H. L. Grant, clerk of the District Court, and Dr. G. Edward Flow, of the board of agriculture, kept the combatants spart. One of the queer sights at the Federal

ourt here (which, by the way, looks like a moonshiners' convention) is a man drassed in woman's clothing. He wears a big black hat, has a moustache, wears WASHINGTON, Uec. 6 .- Relative to the a dress made all in one piece like that a umor from Hongkong that Aguinaldo child wears; has white stockings and

that through the Consul himself has fellow presents He is a witness in court. Jan. cotton 7.88 7.48 7.88 7.43 The corporation commission today

> The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is sending out requests for COHN:-May Corviz:private schools, the name of the principal, the postoffice ad iress and the num-

Dr. Richard H. Lewis and Col. A. M. Pao 471 Shaffer, of the State board of health, made s very complete sanitary inspec-tion of the buildings and grounds of the Reading Sof Agricultural and Mechanical College Receipts at cutton berg and express themselves as pleased bales. at the state of affairs in this most impor-"I was nearly des

at par ticular. tried doctors, visited mineral springs. Prof. W. F. Massey sticks to his view and grow worse. 4-used Kodul Dyspep-

THEY LIKE US NOW.

Cunningham. Resolutions of sympathy Friendly Tone of Germany Due to Presi to J. Bryan Grimes in the death of his dent McKinley's Message.

> BERLIN, December 6-The German Government and press almost unanimously welcome President McKinley's message to Congress.

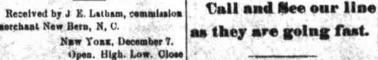
Even the agrarian papers, almost always opposed to things American grudgingly say that the message is fair and honest. The drift of private comment is the same. In the lobby of the Reichstag today similar sentiments were expressed my store in New Bern. without reserve by members of every

of political conviction. Emperor William, it is reliably reported had a long consultation with Count von Buelow, the Foreign Minister and expressed himself as much pleased with President McKinley's attitude toward Germany. It is also reported that he discussed the best mode of giving official voice to the feelings of the Crown and the Government In any event on De cember 12, the day fixed for the first reading of the budget, Count von Buelow will seize the opportunity of shewing Germany's high appreciation of the friendly tone in the message,

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is willing to surrander to United State heavy brogans. A kodak fiend would Consul Wildman, at Manifa, it is learned go into raptures over the spectacle the

Doubtful About Aguinaldo.

chorished that belief for some months past, the government here has been with | heard only unimportant cases, involving out any assurance of the soundness of alleged overcharges, etc.

Mr. Wildman is not the only official representing the United States in it e information as to the names of all the Far East who has expressed confidence in his ability to persuade Again side to cease hostillities, but the Administration ber of pupils,

Mr. J. Sheer, Bedalia, Mo., asved his