

# THE CAPE FEAR.

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 1876.

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## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

**Did You Ever!**  
The weather is the unfailing resource for lovers and Locals. The bashful youth twirling his thumbs before his Dulcinea can discourse beautifully and philosophically about the state of the atmosphere or the soil when all other resources of conversation fail him. Great is the weather as a topic. But this weather is death on reporters. The fellows run through sloop and mud all day in breathless hunt for just an item or two and are rewarded by—failure.

Nothing. No rush of business for it is half holiday. Nobody hurt, for people are afraid to get hurt for fear of not being able to pay doctor's bills. Nobody married, although leap year's sands are fast running out of the hour glass, because the girls are waiting to see who is going to be President. [Our girls bet hair pins on Tilden, but those Returning Boards and those bayonets—]. No news at all, but plenty of rain. It rains at daybreak. It rains at breakfast. It rains at 10 o'clock, when the fleet-footed and lynx-eyed collector goeth forth on his amiable business. It rains at dinner time, when somebody has borrowed your umbrella without asking you. It rains at every stroke of the town clock, and between strokes for variety. Rain, rain, rain, and not a glimpse of sun or moon or star.

This is sweet weather—for ducks; glorious weather—to sit by the fire and make resolves for the new year.

### The "Boys" Off.

Forty-three members of the Wilmington Light Infantry leave on the Charlotte train for Charlotte and Raleigh this morning at half past six. We trust they will find better weather at the other end of the line, and that they will have a really enjoyable trip.

This fine company will add greatly to the display at the Inauguration next Monday. There is the honor of acting as special escort to one of the noblest men of our time. The company are worthy the trust.

We commend Captain Taylor and his gallant command to the citizens of Raleigh.

### Christmas Tree at the Lutheran Church.

The Sunday School children of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have their Christmas tree entertainment this evening, commencing at 7 p. m. precisely. They cordially invite their friends and the public generally to this their annual Christmas Festival. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Sunday School.

Should the weather prove very inclement the entertainment will be postponed to New Year's night, or to the first fair evening succeeding.

### Taking "Horns."

Seventeen members of the Cornet Concert Club will accompany the Light Infantry this morning, as has been mentioned before. Raleigh will now have an opportunity of hearing some excellent music. The Cornets can blow the rag off any persimmon bush, or oak sappling for that matter, to be found in the neighborhood of ye City of Oaks.

### Lively-Hall.

Mary Eliza Lively and Alice Hall, two colored damsels, well-known in police courts, were arrested Wednesday, for creating a disturbance and cursing on the street, over in Brooklyn, and were arraigned before the Mayor yesterday morning. The case was continued until to-day.

### The Heaton Pardon.

The Raleigh News of yesterday says: "A reporter of the News called yesterday at the office of the Governor's private Secretary, and was informed that no pardon had yet been granted Mr. Heaton. The matter is still under consideration with His Excellency, the Governor."

### Mayor's Court.

Romulus Waddell, discharging firearms in the city; fined \$10 and costs.  
Henry Bowers, disorderly conduct; fined \$10 and costs.  
Mary E. Lively, cursing and creating a disturbance; continued.  
Alice Hall, same offence; continued.  
Harriet Middleton, throwing stones and acting disorderly; continued.  
Two white lads, discharging firearms in the city; continued.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank, for the purpose of electing Directors, will take place on Tuesday, the 9th of January, at the Bank.

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