

THE NEWS BY WIRE

To-Dav's Happenings All Over the Country.

TERRISS' MURDERER

PRINCE ARRANGED FOR TRIAL THIS MORNING

A New Yorker Calls a Cop to Take His Body to the Morgue--Bad Ferry Collision.

By Telegraph to The Times. London, Dec. 29.—Richard Archer, alias Prince, the murderer of actor Terriss, was again arraigned at Bow street Police court today and was committed for trial. He refused to accept legal assistance and complained that he had been dragged in Holloway jail, where he has been since the murder.

CALLED A COP

To Carry His Body to the Morgue—Then Shot Himself.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Dec. 29.—Early this morning John Bergman, who recently came here from Chicago, after squandering his wife's fortune, called a policeman to take his body to the morgue and shot himself. He killed his remains to a special named medical college.

BIG FIRE IN SHELBY.

Store of J. P. Nelson Destroyed by Fire This Morning.

By Telegraph to The Times. Shelby, N. C., Dec. 29.—Fire was discovered this morning at 11:15 o'clock, in the store of J. P. Nelson. This store and a large dwelling was totally destroyed. Very little was saved; insurance \$1,130.

FERRY COLLISION.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Dec. 29.—The Jersey Central ferry, loaded with commuters, collided with the Pennsylvania boat during a heavy fog this morning, seriously damaging the boat and crushing the side of the ferry, almost sinking her. Passengers were thrown about the boat. Several were injured, but none seriously.

MRS. BOOTH IMPROVING.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Ballington Booth is reported as improving today. She passed a quiet night. It will be a long time before she will be able to leave the hospital.

ANOTHER WRECK.

By Telegraph to The Times. La Grange, Ill., Dec. 29.—An engine on the Chicago, Hammond and Western railway was thrown from the track two miles north of here today. Six were seriously injured.

NEW FOUNDLAND NEUTRAL BA

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Hanotaux, will convene the international conference without delay for neutralization as to New Foundland banks during fishing season.

THIS HIGHWAYMAN KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

A reporter called on Maud Louise Barber the other day, and told her how much he had enjoyed the comedy "Lost—A Bride" on the previous night, and how he had especially appreciated Miss Barber's highly meritorious work in her role of Flossie. "Now," continued the scribe, "if you'll give me some interesting story about yourself, I'll be glad to publish it this afternoon." "I prefer relying on what merits the kind public may believe me to possess, rather than on any inventions of a literary character, thank you," modestly replied the actress. "What, not even a diamond robbery?" "No," not even an attempted one pressed undaunted, the sensational journalist.

"Well, when I was out west three years ago, I did come near losing my jewels," said Miss Barber, smilingly. "Our train was held up, and the robber came to where I sat trembling. 'Give me what you've got' said a stern but not unfriendly voice. 'Here they are,' I said cheerfully—glad to get out of the situation alive—handing the man a chamois skin bag. 'What?' said the robber. 'My diamonds,' I answered; 'I'm an actress, Maud Louise Barber, you know, and—' But he stopped me; 'Madame, I may be a train robber, but I am not an assistant to your press agent!'" "I thank you for that story," said Miss Barber's interviewer and rose and hurriedly took his leave. The above occurred in Danville, Va. Miss Barber, who is leading lady in the "Lost—A Bride" Comedy Company, will be here on Thursday, December 30th, and will on that date take part in the performance of that comedy success at the Metropolitan Opera House.

HANDSOME PRESENTS.

Cross & Linehan's Gifts to Deaf and Dumb and Blind Boys. One of the nicest presents given during the holidays was given by the popular clothing firm of Cross & Linehan, of this city. There are 182 deaf, dumb and blind schools in Raleigh, and this firm made a present of a necktie or some other wearing apparel to every one of them. Superintendent John E. Ray has written a pleasant note of thanks to Cross & Linehan for their nice gifts.

TONY'S GENEROSITY.

The Little "Coon" Provided Matches for the Nex Gemmen Who Called for Them.

"I just love children, and like to listen to their sayings, wise and otherwise," Franc LeMone was heard to say the other day, of the cast of the "Lost—A Bride" Company, who are to produce their much praised comedy success at the special holiday attraction at the Metropolitan Opera House on December 30th. "They are more often wise than laughable too. The other day, a druggist at Charlotte, in whose doorway I happened to be standing at the time, received quite a philosophical lesson of 'business generosity' from a little negro errand boy. The little fellow had seen a stump of a cigar fall on the sidewalk only a little way from where I was standing. He made a second base slide and grabbed it. "Dat war in Cuba is making Havana's skace, an' you can't take no chances," he remarked, as he brushed off the ash and blew away the sand and dust from the coveted stump. Going into the store, he said to the clerk: "Boss, gimme a match, please, sah."

"Matches are not here to give away, but to sell," said the clerk. "Deh is eh?" "That's what they are." "Woj, how much is dey a box?" "I nickel." The gammin' tilted the stump in one corner of his mouth, held to the band of his pantaloons with one hand, ran the other in his pocket and pulled forth a nickel. "Gimme a box," and he laid down the nickel. He got the box, struck a match, lit the stump so well that it poured forth volumes of smoke, and then handing the box back to the clerk, assumed a look of intense severity, and said: "Put dat box on de sheff, and de nex time a gemmen come in hyar and ax you for a match, you gin him one outen my box."

FIVE OFFICES ARE ABOLISHED.

Mr. W. H. Green Appointed Assistant General Manager of Southern.

With the beginning of the New Year a number of changes are to be made in the subordinate officers of the Southern Railway Company. The offices of Mechanical Engineer, General Superintendent, Superintendent of Transportation, General Storekeeper, and Fuel Agent will be abolished and the Chief Engineer will be relieved of the charge of maintenance of way. The following appointments are made, effective on same date: Mr. W. H. Green, Assistant General Manager, in charge of real estate leases within and adjacent to right-of-way lines, United States mail service, and marine, surgical, insurance, fuel and uning car departments. Mr. J. H. Barrett, General Superintendent of Transportation, in charge of train and station service, and the operation of motive power and rolling equipment.

IT WAS A GAME OF FREEZE-OUT.

"Never Again" Presented at Academy of Music Last Night. "Never Again" is correctly named. When you see it once you never want to see it again. Certainly not under such circumstances as those at the Academy of Music last night. It was a game of freeze-out. There were perhaps half a hundred people present, and during the warmest part of the play the temperature of the hall probably got up as high as 40 degrees. The man who would inveigle an audience into such a cold hall, and make not attempt to heat it, ought to be sent to the Klondike, where men are afraid to stop moving lest their shadows freeze to the ground. As for the show itself, it was not so bad, when all the disadvantages it had to butt up against are considered. Such was the iciness of the atmosphere and the frigidity of the people who greeted the players that they (actors and people too) were excusable for anything they might have done. Under ordinary conditions it is a good company and has been properly advertised it would have had a good house last night. They say the Academy of Music will now close for the season. It ought to have closed yesterday, then last night's little game of "freeze-out" would never have been played.

DAVIS-PORTER.

Yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock Mr. F. H. Davis, of Salisbury, and Miss Mary G. Porter, of this city, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. John Porter, the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. Bain in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Miss Porter is a young lady of many graces of mind and person. Mr. Davis was formerly in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line here, but is now an employe of the Southern railway at Salisbury. They left for their home in that city on the afternoon train.

ADJOURNED TO-DAY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Association of Academies Well Organized

TO MEET AT ASSEMBLY

A LETTER OF INTEREST, FROM PRESIDENT ALDERMAN, READ

Much Discussion but Little Matter Given out for Publication--The old Officials Will Continue.

It was a day for discussion and general conference, and the members of the Association of Academies expressed privately many opinions which have not been expressed publicly. A few of the younger men knew that the war was over, but some few of the older school forgot that they were not still fighting old battles. Subjects which were brought up at last night's meeting were again discussed today and though nothing startling was brought to light there were many sharp speeches made—some made in the quietest manner possible were lined with thorns, and others with a silver coating were inside filled with sour medicine for others. The new members Messrs. Catlett, of Wilmington; Middleton, of Cary; Turlington, of Smithfield, and John Graham, of Ridgeway. There were over forty members present and business was begun at the regular school hour, 9 o'clock, for Professor M. H. Holt had said, let us not set a bad example by not being punctual. Business was begun at once. Discussion continuing where it left off on the College Certificate Resolutions, which ended in the selection of the following committee to formulate by the next meeting an Academic Course of study for the Association: Messrs. Hugh Morson, M. H. Holt, Holland Thompson, J. M. Horner and W. H. Davis. Committee to report on School Ethics: Messrs. J. C. Horner, John Duckett, J. A. Holt, W. T. Whitsett and Rev. N. C. Hughes.

The question of inaugurating a Field Day for the various sports among the Secondary Schools was left to Mr. J. W. Oidnam, of the William Bingham School of Mebane. Dr. J. W. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, was present and gave a talk filled with earnest words on the power of a teacher's personality and the dignity of the profession of the true teacher. The following letter was read before the Association: Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 27. Prof. Hugh Morson, President Association of Academies: My Dear Mr. Morson—I had hoped that it might be my good fortune to be in Raleigh during the session of your association, in order that I might, at least, meet so goodly a number of men prominent in secondary education, and so many of them my friends. I fear this may not be possible, and I am unwilling that the occasion should go by without a fraternal word from me. While I am a staunch friend of all forms of public education, and a believer in the right and duty of the State to maintain and strengthen its educational system I am none the less a staunch friend of the Academies and Secondary Schools. They build our civilization in the past. They have kept alive the love of liberal learning unimpaired times. The brave men, the Wilsons, Caldwelles, Horners, Bingham, Graves, who gave their lives to the cause have furnished examples of heroic effort to all succeeding times. They are no less active and vital today in the face of present problems. If there be any antagonism between these great agencies and the colleges and the University let them be removed temporarily and in the spirit of wisdom. Any irrational relation between the parts of the great whole is confusion and folly. For the whole system is one and inseparable. I stand ready to do all in my power to promote the purposes of your organization which I assume to be the just expansion and increased usefulness of the academies and secondary schools of North Carolina. With my high personal esteem, I am, Very sincerely yours, EDWIN A. ALDERMAN.

"POSSUM WIT SOP"

Governor Atkinson Invites Governor Russell to Georgia.

This morning Governor Russell received from Governor W. Y. Atkinson, of Georgia, a letter inviting him to be present at a "possum supper with sop a taters," given in his honor at his home town, Newman, Ga. The supper is given by the Coweta Club and the invitations are neatly gotten up in appropriate style. In conclusion, the invitation to Governor Russell says: "If you want your name in the pot please respond at once." Dr. Abbott, when asked this morning if there was any fire beneath all the smoke rising, said: "I have never had any intention of doing other than work harmoniously with whomsoever the Supreme court please in power." All of which goes to show that the Governor's words are feared by many.

Meeting Called to Order in Greensboro

PROF. HOWELL'S TALK

PROMINENT EDUCATORS FROM MANY TOWNS ARE PRESENT

Supt. Howell of Raleigh Delivers an Interesting Talk on Why Geography and History Should be Taught.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—The School Superintendents are here in full force and are a jolly set of men while on vacation. Many arrived yesterday morning and others came in on the afternoon train from the east. Last night at 7:30 o'clock the association's second annual session was convened with Prof. D. Matt Thompson, the president, in the chair. The greater part of the session was consumed by the address of welcome by Superintendent Grimsley, of this city, and by responses by eastern and western members. This morning the following had arrived and were present at the meeting in Lindsey Street School. Prof. D. Matt Thompson, of Statesville; Prof. Graham, of Charlotte; Prof. Billie, of Winston-Salem; Prof. Lewis, of Concord; Prof. Crowell, of High Point; Prof. Sharpe, of Goldsboro; Prof. Mangum, of Wilson; Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Wilmington; Prof. Logan D. Howell, of Raleigh; Prof. Flowers, of Durham, and others. At the session this morning Prof. Logan Howell, of the Raleigh Graded Schools and Prof. Claxton, of the State Normal, made a report with reference to the North Carolina Journal of Education, which is in a prosperous condition and reports show the journal to be doing the work prescribed. Late in the morning session Prof. Howell, of Raleigh, read an interesting and valuable paper on "Why Geography and History of North Carolina should be taught in our Public Schools and How to Teach Them."

NOT A QUESTION OF SENTIMENT.

In this introduction Prof. Howell said: Aside from sentiment of patriotism, there are pedagogical reasons why the study of geography and history in our schools should begin with North Carolina. It is simply because North Carolina is the home of the children we teach. A child's knowledge of the world begins with what he can see of it for a number of years he believes the earth is bounded by the horizon. Now such is the teaching in our schools that the child and teach him the truth at once about the spherical shape of the world, the oceans, and continents with their mountains and rivers, and the world ridge like a big horse-shoe nailed on to it. We do this in no other study. The actual shape of the world determines how we shall direct our teaching, but it has nothing to do with how we shall begin it. That is determined by the contents of the mind of the beginner. And it is a fact of his experience that the earth is generally flat, with some slopes in places, and more or less hills, according to where each child lives.

IMPOSSIBILITIES EXPECTED OF CHILDREN.

To begin the teaching of geography with a globe, taxes the child immediately away from all his experience, and is the most violent sort of arbitrary instructing by authority instead of by reason. To use of flat maps representing large portions of a sphere is worse, for in addition to being an outrage upon the child's reason, it requires an impossible effort of imagination for a beginner to think of two circles as being opposite sides of a sphere, or to understand at all a Mercator's projection.

USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.

Much irrational teaching has got into our schools through a desire on our part of giving children the greatest possible amount of useful knowledge during the short while they are with us. We forget that knowledge can not be imparted to children, but is built up by experience. We teach children to repeat words, and to point out lines and dots on maps and think we are educating them in useful knowledge. But it is not the business of schools to finish the education of children. Education is a life long business, and school life is only a part of it. The purpose of our teaching should be not only the acquisition of useful knowledge, but the acquisition of good mental habits, and the love of learning. The most useful knowledge our pupils can acquire under us is the knowledge of how to study. START CHILDREN RIGHT. In teaching geography then, let us teach whatever we have time to teach of it, in accordance with the principles we profess to believe, so that if any children do not complete our course, they will go from us with a good foundation to build upon, that will stand them in better stead than a lot of unrelated items of information about a world of which they have no proper conception. LEARN HOME FIRST. The beginner in geography should learn first the country he is familiar with. This may seem a paradox. But a child under the guidance of a teacher will learn much about his familiar haunts that he hitherto escaped his notice. He has never thought of its drainage,

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Important Happenings in and About the City

FOR BUSY READERS

INTERESTING EVENTS OF TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

What is Heard on the Streets and Jotted Down in Our Note-Book--Personal and Otherwise.

Mr. Will West, who is in Florida on business, is expected home to-night. Capt. Ellis, editor of the Winston Republican, is here to see Governor Russell. Governor Russell returned this morning from Wilmington, and Private Secretary Alexander is back from Winston. Misses Allie Chilton and Sara Newcome, of Memphis, Tenn., arrived this morning to visit their school mate, Miss Ethel Norris. Mrs. Rosa Ashe, who was Monday stricken with paralysis at the home of her nephew, Capt. Ashe, was better to-day. It is said that Maj. Wilson contemplates instituting criminal proceedings against the new Railroad Commissioners for breaking into his private room at the Commission office. Joseph J. Brann, Jr., the colored janitor in the Governor's office, was married Monday at St. Augustine School, to Ella Perry, of Louisville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Delany. There will be a night watch service held at Central M. E. church next Friday evening, beginning at 11 o'clock p. m. sharp. All are invited to be present and engage in the solemn services at close of the old and the ushering in of the new year. Deputy Sheriff Spence, of Anex, who lost a pocket book containing \$75, while on his way here Monday with two prisoners, went back yesterday and found it. He dropped it in the edge of the woods, near the roadside and fortunately no one discovered it before Mr. Spence returned hunting for it. The county supervisors of the public schools of the State will meet in the Capitol to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. All teachers and friends of education are invited to attend the meeting. The programme will be printed in to-morrow morning's News and Observer. SECONDARY EDUCATION. The Term as Defined by the United States Educational Bureau. Prof. Whitsett said this morning that the letters read from Dr. Alderman, Capt. W. T. Bell, Capt. T. J. Drowry, Prof. Arthur Arrington and others at today's session, were of special interest to those present. Prof. Whitsett commended the discussion on School Ethics, Collections, College Entrance, and Aims of the Association, saying that it did great good to the members. The term "Secondary Education," as used by this association is in accord with the usage of the United States Bureau of Education, meaning those school preparing students for college, for business and for life. PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. One of the Results of the Organization of Pedagogues. There has for some time been under advisement a scheme which will result in the formation of a Teacher's Protective Association. This association will answer the same purpose as the Merchant's Protective Association, and will inform teachers when going to new towns just who will not pay their bills, etc. The matter is left in the hands of Prof. E. E. Britton and will soon materialize. WEATHER. For Raleigh and vicinity.—Fair to-night and Thursday; warmer. Weather Conditions.—A severe storm has developed north of the Lake region, causing cloudy weather over that section, while over the remainder of the country fine, clear weather now prevails. The barometer is very low at Marquette and dangerous gales are reported at Lake stations, the highest being 58 miles an hour at Chicago. The weather is coldest over New England; throughout the Mississippi valley and westward it is above freezing. Frosts occurred in the eastern States as far south as Tampa this morning. A little rain occurred over Southern Florida and snow at Marquette and Buffalo. C. F. VON HERRMANN, Section Director. MANY MORE MARRIAGES. Yesterday was a good day for the marriage license business. Six-five of them colored—were issued, as follows: John A. High and Mattie Debnam, both of Wake, (colored). John F. Broughton and Mary W. Parker, both of Wake, (white). Doctor Jeffreys and Ida Lancaster, both of Wake, (colored). Robert Holland and Alma Blalock, both of Wake, (colored). Gaston Whitaker and Lucy Copeland, both of Wake, (colored). George Bell and Alice Dunn, both of Wake, (colored). There will be a general meeting of the Ladies of the Presbyterian church at the Woman's Exchange, Friday afternoon promptly at 4 o'clock.