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CHAIRMAN BAILEY'S ADDRESS TO ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Chairman Bailey Delivered Address to Temperance Forces. Congratulates N. C. on her Progress Along Lines of Temperance. Work Yet to be Done.

Supreme Court Announced 31 Successful Applicants for License to Practice Law. List of Names. J. W. Bailey Elected Chairman of Anti-Saloon League.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, North Carolina, Feb.9.—The Supreme Court announces thirty-one successful applicants for license to practice law, having passed the examination before the court Monday. The class numbered 37. Those who receive license are: Lea Grear, of New Hanover; S. A. Bird, of Wayne; E. F. Young, of Harnett; N. A. Townsend, of Robeson; T. W. Simmons, of Sampson; W. J. Sherrod, of Marvin; H. L. Brothers, of Cumberland; J. H. Scull, of Columbus; W. L. Cohoon, of Pasquotank; I. M. Picot, of Warren; E. W. Timberlake, Jr., of Wake; J. H. Vernon, Jr., of Person; A. W. Dunn, of Rockingham; J. R. Henderson, Jr., of Wilkes; T. S. McKinney, of Burke; F. H. Petree, of Stokes; E. H. Bean, of Rowan; H. C. Carper, Jr., of Hyde; H. C. Elliott, of Cutherford; R. L. Gash, of Transylvania; T. S. Hassell, of Martin; J. W. Osborne, of Mecklenburg; R. I. Phillips, of Graham; D. W. Sorrell, of Durham; C. A. Jonas, of Lincoln; E. Branner Gilmer, of Haywood; Walter Clark, Jr., of Wake; E. J. Randolph, of Buncombe; E. M. Hairfield, of Henry county, Virginia; R. W. Harrison, of Kentucky; E. H. Bispham, of Marland.

Walter Clarke is a son of Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, and Branner Gilmer is a son of Attorney General R. D. Gilmer.

The executive committe of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in annual session here this evening prevailed on J. W. Bailey to continue as chairman despite the fact that he had presented his peremptory resignation because of special work he will do for the Wake Forest endowment fund and determined to put an active agent in the field to relieve Mr. Bailey of the greater part of the work in connection with the chairmanship.

Under direction from the committee Chairman Bailey issued an address last night to the temeprance forces of the State congratulating them on the progress made and the present 'unprecedentedly hopeful outlook."

Address to Temperance Forces of North Carolina.

We congratulate the people of North Carolina upon the progress of the cause of temperance within the last four years, and upon the fact that the situation of our cause at the present time is more hopeful than at any time in our history.

Legislative statutes have excluded saloons and distilleries from our rural districts and small towns in which police supervision could not be effectual; while under local option thirty of our best towns and cities have voted out saloons. At present saloons exist in only seventeen of the ninety-six counties in North Carolina and dispensaries in seven. Within four years about 400 liquor licenses have been cancelled in our State as the direct result of our temperance movement.

While the facte are gratiying, the conditions favorable to our cause are more gratifying. An examination of the recent political records reveals the fact that the political leaders in North Carolina are in smypathy with the temperance movement, and barring a few localities, are independent of the once powerful saloon vote. Moreover, the temperance people are in a state of great encouragement. They take assurance from the recent successes that the time is shortly at hand when the hopes of the fathers who labored before them in this cause are to be realized, when, with proper effort and sacrifice, we shall be able once and for all to utterly banish the saloon from our beloved commonwealth.

We recognize from year to year a most wholesome and substantial progress in opinion favorable to our cause. Everywhere new citizens are saying, "The Saloon Must Go." There are strongholds to be sure, but even in them the tide of temperance opinion rolls higher day by day.

Moreover, the state of mind, with reference to law-enforcement is increasingly gratifying. Officers of the law are realizing that behind our temperance legislation is the voice of the people, and that they must enforce the people's will or retire in favor of those who will. Violators of temperance laws are at last receiving punishments commensurate with their crime not only against the State, but against Society and common welfare.

We have also "made good." The evils predicted by our opponents have not come to pass. Our prohibition cities and towns are more prosperous than ever. Nor have the political leaders who stood for our cause lost thereby. Instead they have grown in favor with the people.

With thoughts of this kind we call the temperance forces to the work for another year. Our efforts in the past have been rewarded beyond our deserts. Let us put on the armor for the battles ahead in the spirit of gratitude to God, and of courage and victory in His name.

There is much yet to be done. While of the present we may be content to strengthen our present policy, enforce our present laws with a view of their improvement—and these are objects worthy to arouse our best efforts—we are also to look forward to the complete fulfilment of our hopes in the final end of the liquor traffic in North Carolina.

We respectfully advise that it becomes us now:

1st. To Rally our organization— to renew our allegiance, to get in line for the coming conflict.

2nd. To see to the enforcement of our laws; to be prompt to complain of officers who neglect them and to uphold officers that enforce them; to fear not to report violations or to rebuke that official indifference that would play into the hands of our enemies.

3rd. That we give more liberal support to our State chairman. He must keep in communication with our forces, and his postage, printing and stenography, etc., expenses must be paid. It is absolutely essential to our progress that we maintain a strong State organization.

Our watchwords for 1906 are Law Enforcement, Vigilance in the Cause, Organization, and Progress.

KAPPA ALPHA'S ENTERTAINED.

Professor and Mrs. Gore Delightfully Entertain Members of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Special to The News.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 9.—Professor and Mrs. J. W. Gore entertained the members of Upsilon Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at their residence on Cameron avenue last evening from 8 to 11 o'clock. Prof. Gore is one of the most prominent members of the fraternity and has never lost interest in the order. Mrs. Gore, by adoption, is also an enthusiastic member of the Kappa Alpha order and each year entertains the chapter. Her loyalty to her husband's fraternity is unwavering and by countless gracious acts she makes the Kappa Alpha realize that she is one of them in fact as well as in spirit.

The parlors of the residence were tastefully decorated with orange and gold, the colors of the fraternity, and the fraternity penants darped upon the walls lent added beauty to the general effect of the color scheme. During the evening delightful refreshments were served. In addition to the active and faculty members of the fraternity several of the most charming and popular young ladies of the town were present.

The following were Professor and Mrs. Gore's guests upon this delightful occasion. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Herty, Dr. L. B. Newell, Prof. L. P. McGehee, Louis Moore, with Miss Mary Graves; Frank S. Hassell with Miss Louise Venable; H. P. Gibson with Miss Nellie Roberson; F. B. Daniels with Miss Beessie Roberson; B. B. Venson with Miss Penelope Cobb; J. B. Nichols with Miss James; Messrs. Foye Roberson, Frank Gillam, J. S. Mann, Basil Muse.

GREENE—GAYNOR.

Concerning the Purchase of $14,990 Worth of United States Bonds Alleged to Have Been For Carter and Greene.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 9.—Clarksman Runion, of New York, testified in the Greene and Gaynor trial that Lachlan Kellogg, of New York, who has been attorney for O. M. Carter, bought on October 12, 1897, $14,990 worth of United States bonds through the firm of which the witness is a member.

District Attorney Erwin said he would prove these bonds were bought for Carter and Greene.

W. J. Albrect, undertaker, of Jacksonville, Fla., was placed on the stand to prove the death of Thomas J. Agnew, whose testimony before Commissioner Shields in New York in 1894, will be read. Major Cassius E. Gillette was questioned by the District Attorney relative to the duties of the officer of engineers in charge of river and harbor improvements.

BESSEMER CITY NEWS.

Personal Notice—New A. R. P. Church —Other News.

Special to The News.

Bessemer City, Feb. 9.—Dr. D. A. Garrison left Monday for Baltimore.

Mrs. C. E. Whitney has returned from Charlotte, where she has been for several weeks receiving treatment at St. Peter's Hospital. The very great improvement in her health bespeaks the skill an attention rendered to patients at St. Peter's.

The new edifice of the Associate Reform Presbyterian church is so far in course of construction that it suggests to the observer a model of architectural beauty, with all modern conveniences.

COL. PHIFER SAID TO BE IN THE RACE

Rumor Has it that He Will Seek the Nomination for Register of Deeds. Some Live Political Talk Heard on the Rounds To-day.

If rumor is correct, there is another "Richmond" in the field for the office of Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg county.

The News man heard from two different sources that Co. W. W. Phifer, one of Charlotte's well-known citizens, will try for the nomination in the May primaries. So far there are four avowed candidiates for this position. These are Mr. W. M. Moore, Mr. P. C. Henderson, Mr. C. A. Spratt and Mr. W. E. Cunningham. Up to the past few days there was some doubt as to whether Mr. Cunningham would run. His friends say say that he is in the race to the finish and will at once begin active canvass for this office.

Sheriff Wallace and Treasurer Walker are not bothered as far as any opposition is concerned. While some prominent gentlemen have been spoken of in connetion with the office of Sheriff, no one, so far has, even unofficially, made known his desire for the office. As for the office of County treasurer, Dr. Walker seems pretty sure of a clear field.

But there there is to be a lively fight for the office of county clerk, now held by Mr. J. A. Russell. Present indications point to only two candidates, however. These are the present incumbent, Mr. J. A. Russell and Mr. C. C. Moore. Mr. Moore gave notice yesterday that he was in the race to the very last and that he would soon be home to prosecute his canvass of the county.

As to the legislative ticket there is nothing definite. It is generaly conceded that Mr. McD. Watkins will be a candidate for the Senate and Mr. E. R. Preston will be one of the three candidates for the lower house. Further than this nothing definitely is known.

While some are making slates for the five county commissioners no one seems to know just who will run.

MONEY ORDERS TO JEWS IN RUSSIA ARE NOT HONORED

Prominent Jew of Portland Says Large Amount of Money Sent From U. S. to Aid Suffering Jews was Never Received by Them.

His Statement Corroborated by Local P. O. Officials. Letters Accompany Returned Orders Giving Various Reasons Why They Were not Paid.

By Associated Press.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 9.—According to the statements of Dr. N. Mosesohm, a prominent Jew of Portland, whose assertions are corroborated in a measure by the local postoffice officials, a large amount of money from the United States to aid the Jewish sufferers in Russia has never been received by those for whom it was intended.

It is stated that there has been a general failure of the postoffices throughout Russia to cash postal money orders which have been sent to Jews in this country and many of these money orders have been returned to the senders with the statement that they could not be cashed.

Letters accompanying the returned orders cite various reasons for their being dishonored, one of which is that orders had been issued from St. Petersburg to refuse the payment of them because the money is for the purpose of aiding the revolutionist cause.

FIERCE GALE SWEEPS COAST.

Virginia and North Carolina Coasts Swept by Northeast Gale.

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—A northeast gale with the wind at a velocity of 48 miles an hour at Cape Henry and 40 miles an hour at Cape Hatteras, swept the Virginia and North Carolina coasts last night and the storm continues today with high winds and dangerous seas for all shipping on the outside.

WHERE IS ROCKEFELLER?

Report Has It That He was on the Yacht Laid Up at Key West.

By Associated Press.

Racine, Wis., Feb. 9.—A private yacht with John D. Rockefeller on board was laid up at Key West, Fla., February 4, is the statement made by Vigo Hansen, of Racine, now traveling in the South. Hansen mentions having sat at the next table to that of Rockefeller at a hotel in Key West. The next stopping place of the yacht was not ascertained.

TROUBLE IS ADJUSTED.

Trouble Between U. S. and Cuba Is Adjusted—Concerning Forcible Expulsion of Cuban Cigarmakers.

By Associated Press.

Washington,, Feb. 9.—The trouble which arose some time ago between Cuba and the United States on account of the forcible expulsion of Cuban cigarmakers from Key West, Fla., has been settled. The Cuban Minister here has received a full report from the Cuban Consul at Key West, which also was sent to the State Department and there the matter is expected to rest.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

Little Inez Hartgrove, Whose Clothing Caught Fire From Burning Grass Died This Morning.

Special to The News.

Shelby Feb. 9.— Little Inez Hartgrove, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartgrove, whose clothing caught fire from burning grass on Wednesday evening died this morning at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon by Rev. Geo. D. Herman and the little body will be laid to rest in Shelby Cemetery.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION.

Delegates Not to Interfere With Powers of President of District Organization.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Patrick Dolan, president of District Five, United Mine Workers, went into court and secured a temporary injunction restraining the delegates to the district convention, now in session here, from interfering with his powers as president of the district organization.

BIG SNOW BLOCKADE.

Over 5,000 Men Are Forced to Be Idle on Account of the Blockade.

By Associated Press.

Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 9.—Five thousand men and boys are rendered idle owing to the majority of the collieries being compelled to suspend on account of the snow blockade.

ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW.

Colliers Suspend Operation — More Than a Foot Fell During the Night.

By Associated Press.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 9.—Several colliers were forced to suspend operations on account of the heavy snowfall. More than a foot fell during the night. The storm shows no signs of abating.

—Mrs. Margeret Champe Simpson, who has been quite sick at her home in Dilworth is much better today.

APPEARANCE OF BERNHARDT.

Camille to Be Attraction—Seats for Sale the 15th. Great Crowd Expected —Asheville School.

Special to The News.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the auditorium executive committee Wednesday afternoon to arrange final details for the appearance of Sara Bernhardt in this city March 9, Camille was decided upon as the attraction. Seats are on sale Feburary 15, the price ranging from $1 to $3, with boxes at $25 and $30. There is every indication that there will be a capacity house, as Asheville will probably turn out en masse to hear the "Divine Sarah," and the management has been notified that many will attend from towns throughout the western end of the State, fifty having signified their intention of coming from Marion. Madame Bernhardt comes here from Nashville, Tenn., and from Asheville goes to Charleston.

The management of the Asheville school, which is located some miles west of the city, expect to let in the near future a contract for an enormous dam across Ragdale creek to replace that which was carried away by the freshets last year. The estimated cost of the structure is from $20,000 to $25,000. It will be twenty feet thick at the base and fifty feet in height, built of concrete and steel on a rock foundation. The great body of water which this dam will pond will be used by the Asheville school boys for boating purposes.

A number of Asheville lodges are now considering the advisability of constructing lodge temples in this city. Committees of the various labor organizations of Asheville are working out plans for the construction of a labor temple and the Elks are also it is learned contemplating the erection of a home for the lodge. Pisgah lodge K. of P., it is stated, already has in the treasury a fund of more than $1000 for building purposes.

SAMUEL CASE IS NEARING A CLOSE

Argument in Case to Begin Today. Case May Get to Jury Tuesday. Mother Jones Lectured to Large House. School Superintendants Gathered.

Special to The News.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 9.—When court adjourned last night 19 witnesses had been examined during the day in the Samuel case. The testimony was in support of that given by witnesses at the opening of the case, some of it contradicting that of the defendant and his witnesses as to stills being destroyed. Others testified that the Bill Williams still had been out in the weather for twelve months to all appearances. It is not thought more than an hour will be consumed in the examination of witnesses this morning when the argument will begin.

Six hours will be allowed each side for argument, and it is understood that eight lawyers will address the jury. This gives each lawyer one and a half each. Special Assistant District Attorney J. J. Britt will make the opening argument for the government and will be followed by Judge Bynum for the defendant. Assistant District Attorney Price will follow for the government, then will come Governor Aycock and Mr. J. W. McNeill for defendant, followed by Solictor General Hayes. Mr. Watson will close for the defendant and District Attorney Holton will close the case for the government. The jury will probably get the case by Tuesday night, the winding up of the fifth continuous week of the trial.

"Mother Jones" spoke to a crowded audience at Labor Union Hall last night. She devoted most of her most impressive talk to a discussion of child labor and some of its abuses. She also touched upon the Socialist doctrines, predicting that the day was not far distant when the Socialist party would dominate the affairs of this country and said the greatest agency of its propagation was not agitation so much as the grinding of the sweat and honest physical and mental toil of the millions to build up millionaire collosuses and debauched moneyed autocrats.

About 25 superintendents of city graded schools have gathered here to hold their annual session. The organization meeting was held in the assembly hall of the Benbow Hotel last night, but there was so little heat in the large room it was impossible to transact any regular business. The main sessions of the association will be held today and tonight, the session this morning being in the library hall at the State Normal and Industrial College. Quite an additional number of superintendents came in on this morning's trains and the meeting will be largely attended. Last night there was about two book agents, or representatives, of publishing houses, present for every one of the superintendents. Dr. Preston W. Search will address the body this morning and tonight at Smith Memorial Hall he will address the children and patrons of the city schools, the superintendents attending ing a body.

Valuable Farm Sold

Mr. John W. De Laney, of Union County has purchased the 275 acre tract of land on the Providence road about ten miles from the city, known as the old Jimmie Caldwell place. He paid $4,500 for the farm and expects to move there next year.

Mrs Julius Leisel entertained at bridge, (three tables) this afternoon en compliment to Madame A. B. Gautier, and Miss Mabel Weaver, of New York.

Buys a Mineral Spring.

The Concord Times says that Mr. Nick J. Sherrill, of Charlotte, has bought the Sossamon Springs in No 10 township, and will take charge of it at once. He will later improve the property and open it to guests, but for the present will only put up the water to be shipped. This is excellent water, as many people can testify. Mr. Sherrill was here last Tuesday to make final arrangements about the transfer of the property.

CASTRO STANDING ON VERGE OF THE GULF OF REVOLT

It is Said that all Venezuelan Troops Will Desert and Turn Against President's Government as Soon as French Blockade is Declared.

Castro Busily Engaged in Enlisting Recruits Throughout Republic. Generals Have Been Commissioned in Each State and Preparations Made for War.

By Associated Press.

Willemstad-Island of Curacao, Feb. 9.—Travellers from Venezuela say: "President Castro is busily engaged in enlisting men throughout the republic and in other ways is preparing for war. Generals in each state have been commisioned, and orders have been given to call for recruits to the colors.

Information from the best sources indicates that the people do not support Castro. On all sides are heard expressions of a desire to revolt, and overthrow the President's government as soon as the French blocade is declared. A well informed Venezuelan told me that the troops will desert their colors as they have all been compelled to join the army, voluntary enlistment being unknown in Venezuela.

CHAPEL HILL NEWS.

Dr. Mitchell to Preach Sermon Commencement—Chemical Journal Club Meets—A Debate—Other Notes.

Special to The News.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 9.—The University has succeeded in securing Dr. S. C. Mitchell, professor of history in Richmond College, Virginia, to preach the annual sermon before the Young Mens Christian Association on Sunday night of Commencement week. Dr. Mitchell is president of the Cooperative Educational Committee, of the State of Virginia, which is arousing much interest in the work of bringing about proper relations between the higher educational institutions and the public schools. He is also an editor and contributor of literary and historical articles to the organ of the denomination.

He is a comparatively young man, only 38, but he has traveled extensively, and his treatment of his subjects while always on a high plane and posessing marked literary charm, is nevertheless, intensely practical and interesting.

The Chemical Journal Club met Wednesday night. The following subjects were discussed:

"Recent Progress in Organic Chemistry"—Dr A. S. Wheeler.

"A Delivery Funnel for Introducing Liquids Uuder Increased and Decreased Pressure"—Mr. Jos. Pagne, Jr.

"Chemistry Draughting and Connecting Flues in chemical works"—Mr. Hill.

The annual Sophomore-Junior debate between the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies will take place in Gerald hall Friday night. The query for discussion is, "Resolved, That the United States government should own and operate the railroads of the United States." The affermative side of the question will be presented by the Di. representatives, Messrs R. C. Day, '07 and B. F. Reynolds, '08. The University sermon for February, and the first of the current year, will be preached in Gerald Hall next Sunday night. The address will be delivered by Bishop Robert Strange, of the Episcopal church. Bishop Strange who resides in Wilmington is an alumnus of the University.

Big Real Estate Deal Rumored.

Rumors are flying thick and fast concerning a big real estate deal that is said to be hanging fire. It is said that a certain well known citizen has an eye on one of the handsomest pieces of property on South Tryon street. Rumor says that he will erect an office building and that the lawyers of the city will find a home in the new building, which is to be close to the Court House.

Wanted For False Pretense.

Chief of Police Irwin is very anxious for the apprehension of a negro who went to the home of a well-known young man this morning for a suit of clothes, claiming that he was one of the delivery boys of Mrs. J. M. Hester. The suit was given him and nothing has been heard of it since.

Name Rural Routes.

It has been suggested that the rural routes in Mecklenburg be named instead of numbered, as at present. A great number of the people who receive their mail on the rural routes have a lot of trouble remembering their number. If the routes were named it would save lots of trouble and many inconveniences.

McCALL'S CONDITION.

Family Physician Says McCall Is Seriously Ill of Liver Trouble—May Be Sick Long Time.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 9.—The family physician of John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life, says Mr. McCall is seriously ill of liver trouble and will probably be sick a long time, although he is in on immediate danger.

SALISBURY NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Heatheman Resumed His Practice —Other News From the Prosperous City of Salisbury

Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 9.—Dr. James D. Heathman, of Woodleaf, who had the misfortune about a month ago to break his arm while engaged in a friendly scuffle with a companion has resumed his practice.

The Bank of Cleveland, at Cleveland, a thriving village in western Rowan, which began business several weeks ago is doing a splendid business. This is perhaps one of the smallest villages in the State having a bank.

Salisburians are much elated over the city's prospects for a $75,000 public building.

Rev. J. H. Fesperman, a maimed and disabled Lutheran minister of this county, who has written several books has completed the manuscript for a work which is entitled "Ministry of Love,'" and will place the work in the hands of publishers in a short while.

The stockholders of the Post Publishing Company have received a charter and met yesterday afternoon and elected officers as follows: M. L. Jackson, president; J. X. Rouche, vice-president, treasurer and general manager; J. B. Doub, auditor; Henderson M. Brown, secretary. The company is capitalized at $7,500 with authority to increase to $40,000.

Prof. Griffin, superintendent of the city schools, has begun a new departure in the schools in this city. He believes many children are hindered in their studies by defective eyes and ears and has selected a grade and is having the children in said grade examined by Dr. R. V. Brawley, an ear, eye and throat specialist. If the experiment results in benfit to the pupils of the grade selected the examination will be extended throughout the entire school. This move is being made at the expense of the school board.

The officers of the First Presbyterian church will meet in a few days for the purpose of extending a call to a pastor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. Rumple. It is believed that the call will be extended to Rev. J. H. Gray, who has been assistant to Dr. Rumple for several years. Mr. Gray is a young man of ability, a splendid preacher and a most popular man.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

List of Today's Nominations of Fourth-Class Postmasters.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Fourth-class postmasters were appointed viz: Alabama, Barnsville, Addison Thompson; Fackler, S. M. McCrary. Florida, Albion, Drury R. McElveen. North Carolina, Hampstead, John W. Westbrook. Virginia, Auburn Mills, Mercer M. Terrell; Battery, William T. Noel.

MAY BE ALIVE IN MINE.

Of 26 Miners Entombed Some May Be Alive—Ten Were Taken Out—Were 36 in Mine Originally.

By Associated Press.

Hinton, W. Va., Feb. 9.—It is believed possible that some of the 26 miners who are entombed in Parrel mine, near Oak Hill, may be still alive. Ten have been taken out, there having been 36 in the mine when the explosion ocurred.

VETERAN PASSES RIVER OF DEATH

General Eaton, Distinguished Civil War Veteran, Answers Death Summons. Entered War as Captain and Rose to Rank of Brigadier General.

By Associated Press.

Washington Feb.9.— General Jno. Eaton the distinguished Civil war veteran and noted educator died to day. He was 77 years of age. He entered the war as captain of the 29th volunteer infantry and had charge of the freedmen in the Mississippi valley.

He attained the rank of brigadier General of the volunteers. He was United States Commissioner of Education for 16 years.

LOSS BY FIRE $135,000

Building Burned— Loss is estimated at $135,000.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 9.—Farrington and Whitney, importers and Spice grinders occupying the five story brick building at the corner of Greenwich and North Moore streets, is burned. The building and contents are ruined. The loss is estimated at $135,000. The cause is not determined.

Mining Property Changes Hands.

The papers conveying the property of the St. Catherine Gold Mining Co. to the St. Catherine-Rudisill Gold Mines Company, were filed in the office of the clerk of the court this afternoon. This property includes the old Rudisill gold mine, to the southwest of the city. It is one of the best known mines in Mecklenburg county.

Real Estate Deals

The Southern Real Estate Loan & Trust Company has sold to Dr S. M. Crowell, a house and lot on South Caldwell, near East Avenue.

The same company has sold to Mrs. Emma Vreeland a lot on Elizabeth avenue.

—All the Covenantors of the city are invited to meet with the Junior Covenantors of the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, at 4.30 P.M. A special program is being arranged.

CHARTER ISSUED BURWELL-DUNN RETAIL STORE

Burwell and Dunn Retail Store of Charlotte was To-day Chartered at Capital of $25,000, by W. R. Burwell, R. A. Dunn and M. M. Murphy.

Col. Cunningham President of Farmers Protective Ass'n. Decided to Hold Annual Meeting in Durham Feb. 12. To Control Acreage and Market prices.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—Col. Jno. S. Cunningham of the N. C. Farmer's Protective Association, has decided to hold the annual meeting of the Association at Durham Friday Februray 12. He urges the large attendance of the farmers from all the tobacco sections of the State to take steps to control the acreage and the market price.

Charters were issued for the Burwell-Dunn Retail store of Charlotte at a capital of $25,000 by W. R. Burwell, R. A. Dunn and M. M. Murphy. Sykes Lumber Co., Fayetteville; capital $20,000 by W. H. Sykes and others. Lawnsdale Lumber Company, $2,000 capital, W. T. Carlton and others.

TO INVESTIGATE ACADEMY.

House Committee Will Appoint Sub-Committee to Investigate Naval Academy at Annapolis.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a sub-committee of five to visit the Naval Academy and report to the committee upon the discipline and management of the Academy.

The House voted to adjourn until Monday at the close of today's session. The pension bills were then considered.

Passes Philippine Bill.

The House passed the bill revising the Philippine tariff by increasing the duty on European made cotton goods and decreasing the tariff on shoes.

Question of Power.

The House Judiciary Committee began an investigation of the question of whether or not Congress has the power to provide for Federal control of insurance.

In the Senate.

The Senate considered the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation bill. Senator Patterson move to strike out the provision abrogating the eight hour law in the canal zone.

Patterson's amendment was defeated without a division.

THE SMOOT CASE

Prosecution Announces Case Closed—Prosecution Announces Case Closed—ceed —Will Comunicate With Chair-Not Ready to Proceed.

By Associated Press.

Washington Feb. 9.—After the cross examination of C. A. Smurthwaiter, of Ogden, in the Smoot investigation, the prosecution announced their case closed.

A. S. Worthington, who, represented Smoot said he was not ready to proceed, but would communicate with Chairman Burrows within a few days. He said it might be the necessary to call from 100 to 200 witnesses to disprove the testimony of the prosecution, unless the committee permitted the filing of affidavits.

MR. JOHN HOLTON DYING.

Brother of District Attorney Holton Criticaly Ill at Yadkinville.

Special to The News.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 9.—The Samuel case closed at noon. The argument began after dinner. Since recess District Attorney Holton received a telegram saying his brother John Q. Holton, was dying at Yadkinville, and he caught the out-going Winston train. The argument will proceed in his absence.

John Holton was here last week went home and took pneumonia. He is a leading Yadkin lawyer and was formerly Solicitor and State Senator.

KILLED HELPLESS WOMAN.

Coley Shot Sick Woman and Then Killed Himself.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Ebb Coley, who live near Macon, Ga, and who was formerly sergeant in the Twentieth Field Artiller, shot and killed Josie Laba, of Santa Clara, today and then shot and killed himself. The shooting occurred in a room at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Coley killed the woman as she lay in bed sick and helpless. The couple had lived together for some time.

TO REFUSE DEMAND.

Illinois Coal Operators Vote Unanimously to Refuse Demands of U. M. W. of A.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The Illinois coal operators decided unanimously to refuse the demands made by the United Mine Workers of America.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 8 bales and the best price was 11 cents.

For the same day last year the receipts were 2 bales and the best price was 7¼ cents.