

Local and State.

Gen. Scales left for Washington City last Monday, to resume his place in the U. S. Congress.

A Mr. Datcher lectured on Temperance at the Court House last Monday night.

The first shad of the season went to Raleigh last Monday and was peppered at once.

Among the impossibilities of life is the successful effort at running a newspaper and a "bad cold" at the same time.

So warm was the weather on last Sunday, that we observed a number of ladies freely using their fans.

Hon. Burton Craige of Salisbury, a prominent North Carolina politician, died at the residence of his son-in-law in Concord, last Thursday.

The Sheriff of New Hanover county, gave a big Christmas dinner to the prisoners in jail.

Col. Thos. B. Long of Salisbury has been reappointed special postal agent. He has made an efficient and accommodating officer.

Robt. Blow, formerly of the Oxford Leader, while on his way to California had the misfortune to get shot near Ogden, Utah, by a pistol falling from the hand of a fellow passenger.

The Good Templars have moved into the Hall recently occupied by the Odd Fellows in Bogart building, and the Odd Fellows have removed to their new Temple, on the same street.

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Since the introduction of the present schedule on the N. C. Road, the mails have been ordered to run on Sundays, thus preventing the accumulation of mails at Greensboro and Goldboro. Also a through pouch will be made up between here and Goldboro and taken by the night train on the W. W. Road, thus securing us a rapid transit South.

A LARGE LOT of New Jewelry, Watches, Rings, Pins, Charms, Chains, &c. just received at  
7— CHAMBERLAIN'S.

We were pleased to receive a New Year's call from brother Tomlinson of the Piedmont Press, who gave us a half hour of his pleasant company. We found him a very clever gentleman, and like his excellent paper, a welcome visitor.

For some time past petty thieving has been going on in the wagon lot of Messrs. Jas. Sloan's Sons, greatly to the annoyance of themselves and customers, so a watch was kept and last week a negro lad was caught robbing a buggy, and was taken before the Mayor who committed him in the sum of \$100 to appear before the next Superior Court, in default of which he was sent to jail.

We are pleased to learn from the Raleigh News that Mr. T. C. Evans, our Tom, has taken charge of the local department of that paper. He is the right man in the right place. And the Sentinel announces that Mr. Jordan Stone has left the News and taken the Asheville Citizen. We observe that Mr. Stone's name disappears from the News.

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Our Presbyterian friends gave their pastor, Rev. Dr. Smith, a New Year's call last Saturday evening. We learn the occasion was one of great pleasure to all,—especially so to the worthy Dr. and lady who were made the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

Manning brothers of the Weldon News, have purchased an interest in the Danville Daily News, and W. T. Manning has assumed charge of the office and business management of the latter paper.

DIED.

In Greensboro, January 4th, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. S. Moore, Mrs. Robt. Woodburn, a very old, and highly estimable lady and resident of this city, and for many years a prominent member of the Presbyterian church.

The Messenger announces the heavy failure of the firm of A. & J. Edwards of Goldsboro. Also that the farmers are losing large quantities of freshly killed pork, by the long spell of warm weather.

And that the Record has removed to its old quarters a Magolia, Goldsboro not giving it the encouragement desired.

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KATIE PUTNAM.—This enchanting little sprite gave one of her inimitable entertainments at Bonow Hall last Thursday evening, and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather she was greeted by a large and appreciative audience.

The play selected was the "Old Curiosity Shop," from Dickens, and was admirably presented, Miss Putnam appearing in the dual characters of "Little Nell," and the "Marchioness," and in each of which she fully sustained the high reputation which had preceded her.

She is supported by an excellent company of skilled performers who make every effort to bring the play fully up to the demands of the piece in hand.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Katie will play here again on Tuesday The 11th inst.

Five Negroes Killed in a Novel Manner.

The Norfolk Virginian has learned of a remarkable occurrence on Roanoke Island, in which Mr. Clarence Meekins acted the principal part, and by which five negro thieves lost their lives. It appears that a few evenings since Mr. Meekins was awakened from his sleep by hearing a noise on his premises, and on getting up and going to his door found that some parties were attempting to rob his smoke house. He immediately secured his gun, and advanced cautiously towards the smoke house when he discovered a man seated on a pry on which rested one end of the building. Taking aim he fired and the party fell to the ground mortally wounded. On examination Mr. Meekins discovered him to be a negro, and, further that the building, falling back after the force at the longer end of the lever had been thus suddenly removed, had crushed to death four other negroes who had crept under the raised part, and were engaged in abstracting the contents. Mr. Meekins at once reported the circumstance to the authorities, and was by them honorably acquitted.

North Carolina is represented by the committees of the House of Representatives as follows. Indian Affairs—Gen. A. M. Scales (Chairman); Patents—Gen. Robert B. Vance (Chairman); Post Roads—Col. A. M. Waddell. Judiciary—Hon. T. S. Ashe; Claims—Maj. W. M. Robbins; Invalid Pensions—Maj. J. J. Yeates; Agriculture—Capt. J. J. Davis; Manufactures—Gen. A. M. Scales, John A. Hyman.

The Secretary of State has paid into the State Treasury in the last four days, over five thousand dollars for grants issued for vacant lands, mostly in the Western counties. All amounts over one hundred acres are charged fifteen cents per acre, and one hundred or less, at twelve and a half cents per acre. Grants were issued Friday to Mr. William D. Sprague,

of Morganton, for twenty, eight hundred dollar, worth of land in Caldwell county. Fifty or sixty more grants will be issued to-day for parties from all portions of the State.—Raleigh News.

While Amos Taylor, a white man living on the Fayetteville road, six miles from Lumberton, was at his supper, three blackened white men took him from his house a short distance, and beat him in a most unmerciful and cruel manner. As the three, satisfied with their brutal conduct were leaving, Taylor said he would have them up at Court about it, when one of them deliberately blew out Taylor's brains. The wife of the murdered man was all the time a helpless spectator of her husband's suffering and death.—Gleaner.

The Friends have recently had quite a number of interesting meetings in the lower part of this county and in Chatham; There has been at these meetings a visiting Friend from England and some four or five others from the North Western States. At Chatham, Rocky River, Cane Creek, and Spring there have been good meetings. This Society includes many of our very best people in that section of the country. We have known a few professed Friends that we judged a little harshly perhaps, but as a class we have no more substantial, good citizens. We have never heard of a Beecher among them.—Gleaner.

Mars Hill Asylum.

The Orphan's Friend gives the following particulars of the generous offer of one of those whole-souled northern men who lives at Asheville, in this State:

"Most of our readers have heard of Mr. Pease, the famous Reformer of Children at Five Points, New York. Several years ago, being in feeble health, he moved to Asheville and purchased valuable property; but he has been so modest and quiet that very few of our citizens knew that he lived in the State.

Recently he has taken an interest in the orphan work, and desired to see the Mars Hill Asylum moved to Asheville. To this end he has offered the tract of land whereon he now resides, reserving the use of the house and garden during his life. Not knowing exactly what turn affairs might take, the Grand Lodge, at its late Communication, covered the ground with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That if any eligible property should, before the next Annual Communication, be offered to the Grand Lodge for the more efficient conduct of the orphan work, the Grand Master is hereby requested to accept the same and instruct the Superintendent in regard to the use and management thereof."

Mr. Moore, the Steward of the Asylum at Oxford, went to Asheville and Mars Hill to confer with Mr. Pease and arrange the preliminaries. Mr. Pease promptly put his proposition in definite shape, and the citizens of Asheville promised liberal subscriptions for the erection of buildings and for the support of the work in the future.

With these facts before them, the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge, met in Raleigh, and after free consultation, agreed that Grand Master Blount, Deputy Grand Master Grissom, Past Grand Master Nichols, Grand Chaplain Reid, and perhaps others should start to Asheville on Friday, January 7th, and formally accept the property, confer with the citizens of Asheville, and give directions for the future management of the work."

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