Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building, Raleigh, Dec. 22.

Governor Glenn appoints H. H. Walton, of Morganton, a game war-

There is certainly no little local interest in the matter of the succession to the late Judge Purnell of the Fed-eral Court, but the general public opinion seems to be that Col. Harry Skinner can be picked as the winner.

This is very freely remarked. The Christmas trade continues to be much below the average and this too is talked about a great deal. Country people are spending very little. They are holding their cotton and watching to see what the times will be and most of them have but little ready money. At all the gins plenty of cotton is to be seen and a great many farmers have it stored at their homes Nine-tenths of it is exposed to the weather and to-day nearly 100 bales were seen lying broadside on the ground, in a pouring rain which had set in early last night. This is surely a bad form of improvidence. Some of the farmers say that in this way they avoid insurance and have very little risk of fire and some of them, alas, think it makes the cotton weigh more to let it thus lie out and face all sorts of weather but if they will find out that the loss after all falls on fondly believe.

year have its annual meeting for the latter part of January and the special speaker will be Governor Kitchin. There will be a very attractive musical programme under the direction of talented Prof. Wade R. Brown of the Baptist University for Women.
All the clergymen in the city are to be
invited. Last year Governor Glenn
made the speech at the annual meeting which was largely attended and of interest. The Associated Charlties is doing a great work here and is reducing begging to a minimum,

TREASURER LACY'S REPORT. State Treasurer Lacy completed to-day his report to the Legislature which is transmitted through the Governor and letter of transmittal tells a great many interesting things; in fact the whole report is full of interest and your correspondent has made a very careful sum-mary of it. The Treasurer reports a balance December 1st, this year, of \$556,-600, but there is chargeable against this cutstanding warrants aggregating \$47,-547; amount borrowed from the National Park Bank of New York city this year \$256.600; appropriation for the bospital commission uppaid, \$85.600; amount due the penitentiary for stock in the Mutathe penitentiary for stock in the and a muskeet Railway \$33,000, and for stock in the Eikin and Alleghany Railway \$32.000; amount paid into the treasury to cover the penitentiary farm bonds which fall due January 1st next, \$170,000, making total of \$617,540. This shows a deficit

a total of \$517,540. This shows a dencit of \$55,500. The State Treasurer says that the re-celpts for the past two years, 1908-09 agaggregated \$5,469,732, and that the disburse ments total \$5,878,777, so that the actual disbursements exceeded the receipts \$409,-

ESTIMATE OF INCOME. The Tremaurer's estimate of the income for 1909 is \$2,278,598. The chief items in the list are taxes \$1,600,000; railway taxes, the list are taxes \$1,000,000; railway taxes, etc., \$235,000; insurance companies. \$235,000; corporation taxes \$75,000. The estimated expenses during the coming year are given as \$2,155,550. The largest items sions \$400,000; interes on the public debt \$164,000; schools \$250,000; hospital commission \$125,000. Hospital at Goldsboro \$75,000. At Morganton \$165,-000; at Raleigh \$105,000; State University \$75,000; Normal & Industrial College for Women at Greensboro \$75,000; Railway Construction \$60,000; printing \$52,000; Legislature \$75,000, judiciary \$90,000; institution for the white blind and negro blind tion for the white bilnd and negro blind and deaf mutes at Raleigh \$56,600; School. But in 1910 there will be no Legislature. The penitentiary informs the Treasurer that it will turn into the Treasurer that it will be received from the same source next year may be added, so that in this way \$125,000 will be added, making the total balace available \$446,000. But against this must be off-set the amount due the National Park Bank and also the maturing bond, leaving the balance estimated as bond leaving the balance estimated as unappropriated \$41,000 LEGISLATURE TOO CLOSE.

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The State Treasurer said the last Legislature, that of 190, was too saguine as to the increase of taxes from the re-assessment of property for it estimated the increase at two hundred and fifty million dollars. The State Treasurer insistion dollars. The State Treasurer insisted that it was not at all improbable it would exceed one hundred million and the facts show that he made an extremely close and careful estimate. The Legislature made large apprepriations basing these upon the hig increase they figured upon. As a result the State Treasurer had to borrow money from the National Park Bank of New York city particularly to meet the appropriations made for the insane and epileptics by the Bickett Hosinsane and epileptics by the Bickett Hospital commission, and this loan falls due June 1st next. The Treasurer says this bank has been most obliging and for the third time has made a loan to the State, in every way showing its confidence in North Carolina's financial status, which is very gratifying He says that if no other appropriations are made by the coming Legislature this debt can be paid from the current revenues.

from the current revenues.

The law required the penitentiary to pay its bonds when the latter mature, but the last Legislature ordered the penitentiary to pay into the State Treasury to pay into the State Treasury. to meet the current expenses of the State \$175,696, and, therefore, the State will have to meet these bonds when they fall due and provision has been made for paying

WOULD FUND BONDS, On the 1st of July, 1910, there will fall due 4 per cent. bonds amounting to \$5,-437,000, and the Treasurer suggests that these be funded, to run for thirty years sided. rate can be secured but the credit of the State is so high that no doubt a very favorable rate will be arranged for.

The act providing for the settlement of the old State debt expires by limitation January 1st, next, and the Treasurer asked the Legislature to extend it two years further. There are yet ten of the North Carolina railway bonds of the issue of 1867 outstanding, and he recommends that authority be given to take these up at the same rate as that paid for the other bonds not long ago, that is. \$838 for each \$1,000 bond, without any interest.

THE MECKLENBURG CASE. The Treasurer refers at some length to trouble in Meckienburg county, arising out of the collection of taxes there by ial collectors and an excessive charge ilusions. He and his chief clerk wored to arrange this matter with Mecklenburg authorities, but it has en done, and he has laid the matter before the Attorney General. He that the Legislature take it and make a full investigation.

The Transurer in conduction suggests to the Legislature that it make such pro-cision, if, in its wisiom, it sees this course to be proper to permit the Sixts make to invest a part of their reserve in State bonds. He may that in this man-nir the home market will be secured for

the State bonds and that this insparticularly desirable. It seems that the banks stand quite ready to make such an in-

ELECTION IN HAYWOOD. Governor Glenn last week ordered that special election be held in Haywood county January 4th to elect a success t to Herbert R. Ferguson, of Waynesville, who died. At the request of the chairman of the Democratic county executive committee and of a number of representative citizens the Governor to-day changed the date of the election to Jan--News Notes of the State uary 2d, this being considered a more op-

FIRE IN NEW YORK THEATRE.

erald Square Opera House Has Narrow Escape From Destruction— Actors Cut Play Short and the Spectators Are Nearly All Out of the Building Before They Learn of the Fire—"The Three Twins" Was Being Presented.

New York, Dec. 22.-Fire broke out in the Herald Square Theatre at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway to night 10 minutes before the clos the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, had driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and caused great commotion among the theatre crowds on Broadway. There was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the executive offices, which are opposite the second gallery of the auditorium.

The actors cut the play short on being told of the fire, and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience. big crowd moved slowly out. Most them and not on the buyer as they of them soon reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for The Associated Charitles will this their wraps to be taken from As the flames began to public at the First Baptist church, the gain headway the theatre employes the tardy ones to hurry and told them there was a fire in Some left without waiting for their wraps and braved the driving snowstorm in their evening clothes.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving thought to their scant and unconventional attire. With the temperature hovering around the twenties and a fierce wind driving the falling snow into their faces the chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover at the Marlborough Hotel, a block further up Broadway, where they were made comfortable. Probably between \$50,000 and \$60,-

800 damage was done the theatre. A saloon and cigar store next door were practically destroyed.

Some time after the fire was practically out the theatre gallery fell and a moment later thirty-five feet of the roof on the Broadway end of the building came down. The damage chiefly was confined to the angle formed by Broadway and 35th street in which was located the offices of the Shuberts. Lee Shubert later said that he estimated the loss at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The Shubert and Lew Fields are the lessees of the

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Roosevelt Stockings Will Be Hung Up For the Seventh and Last Time Mr. and Mrs. Longworth Will Be on Hand For the Christmas Dinner, Washington, Dec. 22.-The Roos velt stockings this year for the seventh and last time will be hung before the big fireplace in the White House for a generous Santa Claus to

find their way into those stockings will later find their way into the will later find lonesome wilds of Africa—perhaps a handy bowie knife for the President and a jungle-proof photographic out-

fit for Kermit.
"Pine Knot." Mrs. Roosevelt's picturesque country place in the blue hills of Virginia, usually either the Thanksgiving Day or Christmas capital, did not hold forth sufficient at tractions this fall to draw the President and his family away from the White House. They may go' there, They may go there, however, for a few days during New

The entire family, including Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, it is understood, will be on hand to help make President Roosevelt's last Christmas dinner in the White House a happy family reunion.

ADAMS WILL ACCEPT JUDGESHIP

Republican State Chairman Says He Will Accept Appointment as Judge to Succeed Judge Purnell if It is Offered Him.

Greensboro, N. C. Dec. 22.—Re-publican State Chairman Spencer B. Adams gave out an interview to-night in which he says he will accept the appointment as judge to succeed the late United States District Judge Thomas R. Purnell. Ex-Judge Adams publican Congressmen-elect have telegraphed President Roosevelt urging his appointment.

I am frank to say that it is a position in keeping with my ambition and one that I would greatly appreciate," says the interview in conclusion

It is believed here that Judge Adams will be the choice of the Republican organization in the State, of which he is at the head.

Forefathers' Day" Celebrated at

Charleston, S. C. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 22.— Fore-fathers' Day" was fittingly celebrated Society New England of Charleston at its 89th annual banquet to-night. The Rev. Dr. Charles S. Vedder, the venerable president of the society, and the pastor of the only Huguenot church in America, pre-

Mr. Melville E. Stone, general man-ager of the Associated Press, Bishop William A. Guerry, of the Episcopal Church, and M. Wilmot F. Evans, of Massachusetts, responded to the principal toasts.

Former North Carolinian Dead in California.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.-Mrs. N. E. Turner and J. D. Laugenour have been advised of the death of their kinsman, Rufus Laugenour, which occurred at Colussa, Cal. Mr. which occurred at Colussa, Cal. Mr. Laugenour succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Laugenour was a son of the late Samuel Laugenour and lived with his father in this county until he was about 19 years of age. Soon after the blank years of age. Soon after the close of the civil war his parents moved their residence to California, since which time the deceased has been a resident of that State,

Killed by Falling Bridge. Baltimore, Dec. 22.—By the giving way of the false werk under a county bridge being erected over the Cheat river, at Point Marion to-day, John Gallagher, aged 22, an iron worker, of Vincent, O., was killed. Morris Thropp. of Pittsburge bad his leg termshed and Clinton Carr, of Frankfort, Ky., suffered a mangled arm.



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THREE DEAD IN STREET FIGHT. Prospecting For Orchard Lands in the

Warning Against Firing Cannon Crackers Starts a Row and Three Are Shot Dead Before the a Game Stand After Being Mortally

Ocilla, Ga., Dec. 22.-Within a tone's throw of each other, their life blood making crimson the shaded streets of this quiet town, three men were instantly killed to-night and an officer of the law received mortal wounds.

The dead are: CHARLIE MOORE. LEONARD SMITH. Policeman Cain Fatally injured:

Walters. Jack Sheppard and Charlie Moore met Police Officer Watson en the street shortly after 9 o'clock. Just is stated, fired a giant cannon er. The officer mildly remonstrated with him for the act, whereupon Moore took the side of Sheppard and

words passed between the trio. Moore, it is said, became violently angry and attacked the officer with his pistol, shooting at short range. Sheppard got out of the way and took no hand further than that related, in the tragedy. The officer, mortally wounded by Moore's first bullet, summoned his energy and gamely fired upon Moore as the latter ran. The officer's aim was unerring, the ball striking Moore squarely in the back. He ran across the street from the offi-cer and fell lifeless.

While the duel between the officer and Charlie Moore was in progress. Leonard Smith, a son of Chief of Police Smith, rushed to the officer's aid. At this juncture, Virgil Moore, brother of Charlie Moore went to the help of his brother and, it is said, fired upon Smith, killing nim in-stantly. Smith, like the officer, returned the fire upon his assailant, shooting him dead in his tracks.

N. & W. Creates a New Office. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 22.-Official auuncoment was made by the Norfolk & Western Railway to-day that N. M. Osborne has been appointed residen assistant to the president at Norfolk,

This is a new office. E. M. Graham has been appointed general agent and superintendent of terminals at Norfolk, succeeding the late Major E. L. Dubarry.

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Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22,-Mr. W. Three Are Shot Dead Before the W. Winchell, of Columbus, O., pass-Battle Ends—Police Officer Makes ed through the city a few days ago en route to Wilkes county prespect-ing for orchard lands on the Brushy ntains. The Huster says that Winchell went out on the mounmountains. tains and looked over most of the or-

hards on the road to the Lithia Springs, spending two days with Mr. Charles Tevepaugh at Oakwoods, looking about, and was sent Tuesday by Mr. J. C. Smoot to the Tidball or-chard at Kilby Gap, which orchard is now owned by J. C. Smoot & Sons Co. There Captain Roland, of Taylorsville, was to meet and take the gentleman to Taylorsville, from where he would go on to look at the Waynes-ville fruit section, before returning home and deciding. Mr. Winchell is informed on fruit growing and in-

Arrested in Chicago Brought Back to Statesville.

orchards.

ends to transplant and cultivate large

Special to The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 22 .- Sheriff J. M. Deaton arrived last evening on a be-lated train from Chicago with Sam Carlton, colored, wanted here for aron, who was arrested in Chicago last week by detectives. He is now safe-ly in jail and will be tried at the next term of Iredell Superior Court for burning Will McLelland's barn. Sherff Deaton left Chicago Friday, having spent two days in that city, and made the homeward trip with but little trouble, Carlton making no attempt to escape. Cariton's wife, whom he threatened to kill before he got into the trouble here and who left him and went to Chicago, is now in that city and it is believed by Carlton that either his wife or some of her people revealed his identity to the detectives, Carlton told Sheriff Deaton that since he joined the woman in Chicago she stole a large sum of money from him and trouble followed.

Mr. E. M. Purdy Takes Position With Lenoir Furniture Concern. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Dec. 22,-Mr. E. M. Purdy, well known throughout this section of the State as a furniture factory superintendent and who has been a director, and superintendent of the Imperial Furniture Manufacturing Company, of Statesville, since that company began operation some years ago, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Moore Furniture Company at Lenoir, has accepted the office and position and will go to Lenoir the first of the years take. factory superintendent and who has noir the first of the year to take up his new work. Mr. Purdy has resigned as superintendent of the Imperial company but as yet his successor has not been named. The Moore Furnished Company is a year large concern. not been named. The Moore Furni-ture Company is a very large concern which has been in operation three or four years and Mr. Purdy's election as secretary and treasurer is a promotion for him, although he held in position here.

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