

THAT VACANT JUDGESHIP.

Much speculation as to who will be appointed Judge Purnell's successor... Resolutions endorsing ex-Judge Timberlake heartily approved.

Those who are posted on the political situation in the State have no hesitancy in declaring that District Attorney Harry Skinner... will be named as Judge Purnell's successor.

AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

Christmas Tree and Interesting Programme by Young People Will Be Features To-Night. The Christmas exercises of Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school will be held at the church in Dilworth to-night at 7 o'clock.

TO MEET HERE SATURDAY.

Southern Textile Association Hold Meeting in Charlotte—The Programme. The following is the official programme of the meeting of the Southern Textile Association which is to be held in this city December 26th.

Rev. George Robertson to Move Here. Rev. George F. Robertson and family will move to the city in a few days from Steele Creek, where Mr. Robertson has served as pastor of the Presbyterian church of that community for several months.

Schools Close To-Day. All of the city schools and probably all of those in the county will close to-day, not to resume work until January 5th.

RAIN BUTTS INTO TRADE.

Weather of the Week Very Demoralizing on Christmas Business, But Fair Weather Is Promised To-Day. The rain of the week has materially interfered with the Christmas trade.

WOULD MAKE BED IN COACH.

Two Visitors to the City From Down the Line Very Well Pleased With the Restful Seats of One of the Seaboard's Cars and Didn't Want to Give Them Up.

Policemen Johnston and Hoagland were despatched to the station as soon as a message reached the station and they experienced various gymnastic exhibitions before reaching the prison cells with their game.

LOCAL COMMANDERY MEETS.

Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, Holds Enjoyable Session Splendid Banquet by Mrs. C. Furber Jones—Other Meetings of Consequence.

The Shrine meets Wednesday, the 30th. To become a Shrine one must be either a thirty-second degree Mason or a Knight Templar. It is supposed that the majority of those who took the Knight Templar degree last night and those who will take the Scottish Rite next Monday and Tuesday will be present and take the Shrine degree at the meeting in annual session of Oasis Temple next Wednesday.

PEOPLE MUST PAY TAXES.

Privilege Taxes Are Not Coming in Promptly Enough and Tax Collector Is Ordered to Proceed With the Collection Thereof. At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of aldermen yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, which were present his honor, Mayor T. E. Franklin, G. G. Scott, M. M. Murphy, W. J. Chambers and T. L. Kirkpatrick, it was ordered that those who have been holding their occupation privileges since July 1st would be given just until January 15th to pay for them.

DIED ON DAY OF ARRIVAL.

Death Waits for Sick North Carolinian at the End of Long Journey. Within eighteen hours after his arrival in this city from Mexico, where he had spent four years in fruitless search and battle for health, Mr. Jesse Moore died last night about 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Jane Hinson, No. 201 South Myrtle street.

UNDER DEPOSIT INSURANCE.

Morse's Feats of Promised Financing Would Have Been Impossible, Norfolk Landmark.

Many, if not all of the directors knew what Morse was doing and let him go on doing it. He goes to the penitentiary, as he richly deserves, but the directors get only a few words of criticism from the court, while Curtis, the next executive officer to Morse, has his sentence suspended after conviction and may be placed at the head of the bank on its reorganization.

Little Pleasure For Sportsmen.

There is little pleasure in the fields this season for the sportsmen. Actual roaming of the fields has been demonstrating a scarcity of quail which had not been anticipated and since the opening of the season hunting parties have been growing more and more diminutive.

FOR THE CRY OF A LITTLE CHILD.

Alfred Damon Runyon, in Smart Set. I dreamed of a legion of women, who waited with eyes aglow, in the shadow of loves forgotten, by the ports of long ago.

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