resolutions heartily dersing ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest, for the vacant Federal judgeship in the eastern district of North Carolina have been largely igned by the local bar, the cal opinion of the vast majority of the Charlotte members of the fraternity being that he is the man for the place. Judge Timberlake sat State years ago and is well known as one of the most capable jurists that over occupied that high office in North Carolina. A man of fine sense and splendid training, he would grace the bench as would few other men in

It developed yesterday that an effort is being made by those close in touch with the so-called G. O. P. machine of the State to excite some interest in the candidacy of ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, of Greensboro. Chairman of the Republican State executive committee, for the vacant judgeship. It was reported that a petition was in circulation asking that he be appointed, but nothing of definite nature developed. Those who are posted on the politi-

cal situation in the State have no hesitancy in declaring that District Harry Skinner, of Green ville, will be named as Judge Purnell's successor. They say that he is the logical man for the place, one who stands high in Washington and who commands the support of both Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the Circuit Court bench, as well as that of Na-tional Committeeman E. Carl Duncan. of Raleigh, possibly the two most influential Republicans in the State, certainly for an office of this kind. That Mr. Skinner has the support of both men is not to be doubted, cer-tainly not by those who will recall the manner in which he managed Judge Pritchard's campaign in Raleigh years ago when he was re-elected by the Legislature to the Senate winning a notable victory over Senator Marion Butler, who was then fighting Senator Pritchard with all his might. This fact presents another phase which is interesting, and that is the intervention of ex-Senator Butin the present fight, Senator Butler's influence in Washington, as well known, is not to be scoffed at for a moment and those who have had dealings with him know what trouble he can stir up if so inclined. There is no question as to Skinner's ability. He has made one of the most efficient district attorneys in the Federal Court service and is not unworthy of substantial reward. He is looked upon in Charlotte as the decided favorite, although there are not a few who hold that Judge Timberlake will win. Developments are expected shortly.

### AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

Christmas Tree and Interesting Pro-gramme by Young People Will Be Features To-Night,

The Christmas exercises of Westminister Presbyterian Sunday school will be held at the church in Dilworth to-night at 7 o'clock. After the rendition of an interesting pro-gramme the usual Christmas tree will play its part. A wireless message from Santa Claus received late last night stated that if no accident befell him he expected to be on hand.

The programme will begin with a mn, "While the Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." Herndon Alexander will then recite "The Di-Herndon vine Proclamation." The school will sing, "Star and Sceptre. Exercises by the primary school will follow, participated in by Mary Little, Lillie May Allen, John Dunlap, Robert Alexander and Ralph Culp. Mr Cyril "Holy Baxstresser will sing a solo, sing. "I Am o Glad 'Tis Christmas-time." The next number will be a song by the school, "Welcome to Christmas." "Hark, Hark, My Soul," will be sung by Miss Nell Dixon. An exercise, "What Jesus Is," will be given by Hugh Bernhardt, Herndon Alexander, William Duniap and Cecil Gitchrist. A duet, "O Little Child of Bethlehem" will be sung by Mrs. Charles Freeland and Miss Esther Bernhardt. Next will come a reci-tation by Tate Wilson and Ruth White on "In the Manger". Hannah Doron "In the Manger." Hannah Dor-ritee will recite, "What I Can Do." Abigail Alexander will give a recita-ment achool will sing, "Hear tion. The school will sing, "Hear the Joyful Chimea." Glen Little will recite, "Over Christmas Cider." The school will then sing, "Crowning Day of Gladness." Gien Little and Hugh Bernhardt will render a duet, "Snow Prayer." The programme will be closed by 'In the Footsteps of Our

Special attention has been paid to the musical feature which will be of especial interest. The whole enter-tainment has been under the charge of Mrs. H. O. Bernhardt.

### TO MEET HERE SATURDAY.

Southern Textile Association Hold Meeting in Charlotte—The Programme

The following is the official programme of the Meeting of the South-ern Textile Association which is to be held in this city December 26th;

MORNING SESSION-10 a. m. Meeting called to order by President J. Address on "Earning Capacity of Mills," by E. A. Escott, secretary of Raleigh and

Neuse River Cotton Mills.

Address by B. C. Cettrell, of G. M. Parks Company, on "Value of Humidification."

Discussion of practical subjects by members

AFTERNOON SESSION-3 p. m. Address on "Power Transmission," by W. S. Lee, Jr., of Southern Power Com-

Address on "Foreign Methods of Util-ising Waste," by W. A. Granam Clark, special agent of Department of Labor and Discussion of practical subjects by

Business meeting.

Her, George Robertson to Move Here. last Sunday to

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 commity for several months. He reaccept evangelistic work in North Carolina quarters for a time. Mr. Robertson is considered one of the strongest ministers in the denomination, and is especialy gifted for evangelistic services.

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 4th. The official time for closaccording to the books is to-morw, but when the time draws night
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enther of the Weck Very De-moralizing on Christmas Business, But Fair Weather is Promised To-The rain of the week has materially

interfered with the Christmas trade. The exceedingly unpleasant weather of yesterday stripped the streets of buyers and the merchants suffered accordingly, though not as greatly as some might expect. It is probable that additional thousands of dollars would have been expended Monday and yesterday, had the weather been fitting for people to venture out. The promise of sunshine for this afternoon will bring to the streetsa real congestion of Christmas shoppers, held back so far because of rain and generally disagreeable atmos-

pheric conditions. The rain of the past two days has been the hardest recorded at the local weather office for several months, the total registration showing a rainfall of nearly two inches. By the uninterrupted downpour of yesterday morning, people were reminded of the August floods which proved the most disastrous which has been experienced in this section of the coun-

try for many years. The merchants are hoping that there will be better weather for the next two days. The Christmas trade started off encouragingly and there was every indication that records of past sales would in many instances be eclipsed by this year's business, but the weather has seriously interfered so far.

Toward sunset yesterday the city was visited by a mixture of rain and snow, which combined brought about uncomfortable storm, acompanied, as it was, by an appreciable drop in the temperature.

WOULD MAKE BED IN COACH.

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

Choesing rather to make their beds in a coach at the Seaboard station than to suffer the confinement of prison life for a day and court pun-ishment thereafter, two visitors to the city yesterday, W. B. Hoffman and Hudson, very drunk men, pulled the perspiration from Patrolmen E. L. Johnston and Hoagland yesterday afternoon as they attempted to bring them to the station. The men were discovered in the coach after the noon train from Monroe had been in the yards for sometime and the train cleaners were going through the They insisted on the two visitors leaving the coach, being very ex-plicit in their explanation that their destination had been reached, but the men heard not their words.

Policemen Johnston and Hoagland were despatched to the scene as soon as a message reached the station and they experienced various gymnastic exhibitions before reaching the prison All along cells with their game. All along North Tryon street the two officers pulled their respective burdens. Hoagland, with his 300 pounds of avoirdu-pols, was given the more feroclous while the suave and easy-mannered Johnston was given the tamer of the couple. Hoagland and his prisoner took the front of the procession and a negro with the men's grips brought up the rear, with Johnston and his

game sandwiched between. Bu the time the march was stopped at the station, great streams of per-spiration were trickling across the leonine countenance of Potrolman Hoagland and the large supply of liquid eloquence which Johnston possesses had been expended along with the Herculean force of his as-

LOCAL COMMANDERY MEETS.

Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, Holds Enjoyable Session
—Splendid Banquet by Mrs. C. Fur-ber Jones—Other Meetings of Con-

The conclave extraordinary of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2. Knights Templar, yesterday afternoon and last night was one of the most enjoyable ever held in the city. There were nine candidates for initiation. Mrs. Furber Jones served the tradi-tional banquet in splendid style. Everything moved off in beautiful shape, nothing interfering to mar the pleasures of the occasion.

The next meeting of consequence is that of the Scottish Rite Masons next Monday and Tuesday, the 28h and 29th. Degrees will be conferred up to and including the 32d, work being carried on day and night. It is of interest to observe that the paraphernalia which will be used in conferring these degrees cost up into the 1, being the only one of the kind be-tween Richmond, Va., and Savannah,

The Shrine meets Wednesday, the oth. To become a Shriner one must be either a thirty-second degree Mason or a Knight Templar. It is sup-posed that the majority of those who ook 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 an-nual session of Oasis Temple next Wednesday.

Those who took the Knight Templar degree last night were: Messrs, L. H. Patterson, of Patterson Springs; J. D. Lineberger and William J. Hogue, of Shelby; W. Hope Adams, of Gas-tonia; William Baxter Bruton, of Concord; J. W. Seawell, of Gastonia, and S. L. Vaughn and G. Sims Rogers, of Charlotte. The following-named were visitors; Messrs. W. L. Hill, of Scranton, Pa.; M. C. Quinn and O. W. Spencer, of Salisbury, and Rev. B. Carpenter, of Gastonia.

### 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 com-mittee of the board of aidermen yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which were present his honor, Mayor T. S. 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. If these taxes are not by that date in the hands of the city tax collector, the virtue of the law relative to collecting such tributes will be tested.

tributes will be tested.

Among the firms and corporations and individuals included in the list which has been given to the tax collector are some of the most prominent citizens of Charlotte, who, for one reason and another, have neglected to attend to this important business. The amount of taxes due the city from this source of supply runs up into the thousands of dollars and this money is badly needed, so Chairman Scott of the finance committee says. Various other features of the tax system were discussed at the meeting and several rebates ordered to be granted on the same basis as the board of county commissioners have established.

DIED ON DAY OF ARRIVAL

Within eighteen hours after his arrival in this city from Mexice, where

he had spent four years in a fruitiess search and battle for health, Mr. Jesse Moore died last night about 8:30 Moore died last night about \$:30 o'eleck at the home of Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Jane Hinson, No. 207 South Myers street. Funeral ar-rangements had not been made last Mr. Moore, accompanied by his wife and two young children, a daugh-

ter of 7 and a son of about 5, arrived yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. About four years ago they went to the far West in the hope that he would rec er his strength and win out in the fight against tuberculosis, but this was abandoned and he came back to North Carolina to die. Mr. Moore was orig-inally from Spray. He was about 33 years old. He was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Spray and it is expected that the local band will be bidden take charge of the funeral.

UNDER DEPOSIT INSURANCE.

Morse's Feats of Frenzied Financier-ing 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. Colonel Thompson, the director who is being pushed for Secretary of the Navy, says that Curtis is the man to run the bank.

Under a system of deposit insurance supervised by the government, the government could not afford to take into the fold a bank administered by officers and directors who had already allowed it to be brought to disaster by outrageous acts of exploitation, which they were aware of and which they could have stopped had they desired to do so. The properlyadministered banks participating in a guarantee system could not afford to become responsible for the deposits of a bank run by discredited directors-Here is something mere to show that the proper sort of deposit-guarantee system would make for safer and saner banking methods instead of

Little Pleasure For Sportsmen. There is little pleasure in the fields his season for the sportsmen. Actual roaming of the fields has been demonstrating a scarcity of quall which had not been anticipated and since the opening of the season hunting parties have been growing more and more diminutive and hunting trips frequent. It is supposed that the floods in August, coming at the very hatching time of the birds, drowned the young ones and reduced the num-Rabbits, however, ber to a minimum.

encouraging wildcat banking.

FOR THE CRY OF A LITTLE CHILD.

are abundant, and those who like to

pack of hounds, are getting all that's coming to them in the way of com-

ourney without guns, but with

pensation.

Alfred Damon Runyon, in Smart Set. dreamed of a legion of women, who waited with eyes agiow n the shadow of loves forgotten, by the

ports of long ago; dreamed of a legion of mea whose faces were tenderly mild-And hark! In the night I heard it-the cry of a little child!

I looked on the waiting women through the mist of a thousand years; And some of their eyes were smiling, and some were suffused with tears. Yet they sang as a choir in training, and the song of the waiting throng Was the old, old cry to heaven: "How

long, O Lord, how long?" dreamed of a legion of women who stood in a driving rain; Who raised their voices singing, yet sang

but one refrain; looked on the waiting women, and their faces were white and wild-And hark! In the night I heard it-the ery of a little child!

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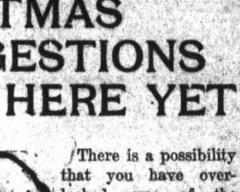
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