The Courier.

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An era of good road building seems to have dawned upon North Carolina as well as an era of better [illegible].

There has been until recently a duty of ten cents a pound on tea; the price will no doubt be reduced in the near future.

The betterment of our rural public schools and the improvement of our public roads are issues which are receiving attention at the hands of the people and the legislators.

One of the brightest books we have read in many moons is "Mrs. Wiggs and the cabbage patch," the author being Mrs. Alice [illegible] Hegans, a native of Mecklenburg county and a grand-daughter of [illegible] Pinkney Caldwell.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison, the great electrician, declared a few days ago in an interview that the newspaper is the great school of today, and looks for wonderful developments in the next year. And yet you occasionally find a man who says he has not time to read a newspaper. Poor fellow, there is little hope for him.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, wife of Gen. John C. Fremont, first Republican candidate for President and a daughter of Thos. H. Benton, for thirty years a United States Senator, died Dec. 27th at Los Angeles. The deceased was 78 years old. Her father, as every North Carolinian knows was a native of this State, was educated at Chapel Hill and won fame in his adopted State of Missouri.

One of the principal educational problems now is to get the children in the schools. Taking advantage of the opportunities now offered [illegible] the greatest importance. Fill the schools and means will be provided for better school houses.

Teachers should do more to get all the children in the schools. Let us have a united effort on the part of the parents and teachers and school committeemen to get every child possible in the schools. Try it for thirty days. Begin today with the first person you see and keep it up. This will "work wonders" in your community. The intelligence of your community depends largely upon the success of your school. Make it the best you can.

The jury in a homicide case recently attended church in a body and heard the preacher in his sermon speak of the laxity of the courts in dealing with criminals. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and the defendant sentenced to be hanged. The defendant appealed, assigning as the principal reason that the jury had heard the words of the preacher. The Greenville Reflector, referring to the matter, says: "It will not be long until juries which may be kept over Sundays will not be permitted to attend church."

If the Reflector will investigate it will find that some judges on the bench now tell the jurors in such cases not to attend church and assign the reason why it is best under the circumstances for them not to attend.

This county has the benefit of telephone connection, telegraph and railroad service, but probably the poorest mail service in the United States. The country towns frequently do not make proper [illegible] tions and there is, in some [illegible], much complaint at the location of the post offices, removals having been made for purely political purposes at the instance of some revenue officer or Republican boss who has only one object in life, the humiliation and punishment of those who do not agree with them and who refuse to bow to their corruptcy and influence. For some years those who seem to reach the ear of the authorities at Washington are, judging from results, those who neither care nor try to see the public service is for the public welfare.

Location of School Houses.

Governor Montague, of Virginia, recently said he had rather have one good school five miles from his door than five indifferent schools within one hundred yards. Of course five miles is too far for children to go. Where the topography and natural conditions will permit, counties should be laid off as nearly as possible in squares and school houses located in the centre of the district or as nearly the centre as possible. It is true that the centre of population should be considered but so much attention should not be paid to that as heretofore as that [illegible] If the [illegible] arranged with a view to permanency, it will be found that where the natural conditions will permit, it is better to locate schools as near the geographical centre as possible.

It is important that the number of [illegible] be reduced.

Things are not Always what They Seem.

Alex. C. [illegible] recently died in New [illegible] lion dollars to Tulane University [illegible] which Dr. E. Alderman is president. He was president of [illegible] and was considered a [illegible] man of affairs [illegible] only for the dollars [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] or Go in Line.

[illegible]

Fatal Encounter Near Troy.

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Special to News & Observer of 6th.

A fifteen year old boy, John Starr, killed Will Bishop in Asheville, N C, Jan 1st, by the accidental discharge of a pistol.

Henry Dockery Jr. son of U S Marshall Henry Dockery, while [illegible] accidentally shot and killed James [illegible], son of the late Jas. T. [illegible].

A hotel and three other buildings fell in a coal mine cave-in at Scranton, Pa., Jan 2nd.

It is said that there is no chance for Whitaker for eastern district attorneyship and it is claimed that Mr J A Giles, of Pittsboro, stands the best chance for the place, while others who claim to know, say that the [illegible] W H Yarborough, will get the plum.

From Caraway.

The Caraway and Asheboro telephone exchanges have arranged to keep their lines connected from Saturday night until Monday morning. By calling Mr Ed Morris you can use telephone. This is for important messages only and holds good until March [illegible]

Foley's [illegible] Standard Drug Co.

Raleigh Letter.

Raleigh, N. C., January 5, 1903. [illegible] written the [illegible] about to convene, and [illegible] centers in this [illegible]. Three leading propositions that will attract much attention and become hotly contested questions are, respectively, the election of a U. S. Senator, the "child-labor" bill designed to regulate also the number of hours cotton mills and other manufacturing establishments may operate per day, and the bill to eliminate whisky distilleries from the country districts (confining them to incorporated towns exclusively, where they can be constantly under police supervision)—and others walking about for the contestants on both sides of the two latter propositions, as well as those identified with the senatorial contest.

Overman, Carr, Watson and Craig have had "headquarters" opened here for some time, and this week a number of new and additional "Statkers" [illegible] have arrived to talk up the merits of their respective candidates, including the above named and the other four—and they are already in full cry chasing the [illegible] legislators. Some are predicting a long contest, and probably a dead-lock, in the [illegible], and in that event a notable [illegible] has been stating some of the "great guns" of the North with [illegible]. One of the latest of these is the "probability" of the election of ex-Senator Matt. W. Ransom. The writer, apparently, not [illegible] upon the fact that [illegible] Ransom is not only not seeking [illegible] into active politics, but is a "way down east" man, and hardly eligible this year for election to the Senate.

If the Legislature should do the [illegible] thing of "throwing [illegible] to the wind" and decide to select an eastern man, it would be more likely, in my opinion, to select [illegible] Aycock—who is not a candidate—than Gen. Ransom. But the [illegible] even in the event of a protracted contest, is that it will do neither.

The Watson men have been making the biggest claims and doing the most "bragging," followed by the Craigites. But careful and astute politicians tell me that Overman always has the inside track, and that his chances for winning out are the best. Carr's friends are hopeful, and now and then you hear the [illegible]. Dark horses are [illegible] in some quarters, and James H. Pou of Raleigh is a prime favorite with all who are looking for a dark horse to win. He is an able man. But, as I have said, Overman seems to be rated the highest [illegible], and it is the fact that he is constantly gaining in favor. He is said to be much stronger now than [illegible] a month or two ago. I know him well, and if he is elected no mistake will have been made. He is one of the best and ablest men within the borders of North Carolina today, and would reflect credit and honor upon his State in the U. S. Senate. And I want you to understand that when I say this it is by no means intimated that either of the others aspirants for the honor would not do so. Indeed, it is a fine list to choose from.

The management of the State Prison have made their report to the Governor, for transmission to the Legislature, and it is the most satisfactory one in many years. There is a difference in the amounts paid out for "expenditures" by the Russell-Day-Arendall regime and the present administration for the same length of time (two years) of nearly $200,000. During the present Mann-Arrington administration the expenses for the last two years were $200,000, while during the Day administration of two years previous the expenses aggregated $400,000. The big [illegible] right here tells the tale. The penitentiary is now not only entirely out of debt, not owing a dollar to any one, but has actually earned after paying all expenses $40,288 during the last two years. It is a source of regret, however, that three of the best men of the directorate now retire—Messrs. O'Berry, Brown and Travis, the first named for business reasons and the two latter necessarily, both being elected to the present Legislature.

R. L. Gardner, a well known traveling salesman for a Richmond house, is wanted by the police authorities of Williamston for alleged seduction and murder—his victim dying a few days ago as the result of drugs furnished by Gardner, it is said.

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If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B B B). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases of malignant blood or skin diseases, because Botanic Blood Balm (B B B) kills the poison in the blood, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. B B B, the most perfect blood purifier made. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Costs one dollar a bottle at drug stores. To prove it cures, sample of Blood Balm sent free by writing to Blood Balm Co, Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. This is an honest offer—medicine sent at once, prepaid. [illegible] free samples [illegible] Drug Co. [illegible] W A Underwood.

W. A. Herren, of Finch, Ill., writes: "I was troubled [illegible] Foley's Kidney Cure has cured a terrible case of kidney and bladder trouble that two doctors had given up." Standard Drug Co.

Ramseur Congratulates Randleman.

Well done for Randleman. We feel like taking off our hats and honoring them for leading off in the prohibition crusade.

We have only one criticism to make: Brethren, why not open your arms a little wider and include the whole State. Some will cry out that their rights and liberties are being trampled on. In reply, we would like to ask what moral right has any city, State or nation to license an evil thing, especially so great a curse, as the deadly and damning liquor evil.

The law lays a heavy hand upon the assassin and highwayman, that is right, but did you ever stop to compare the number of victims of the former with the deadly ravages of the liquor demon. The former count their victims by the few and far between, the latter by the thousands and hundreds of thousands, from the gilded saloon in the city to the lowest den on earth they get in their deadly work, every day, and every night, lives, homes and happiness are destroyed and souls wrecked for two worlds. The blood of the slain will be on someone's hands and the price of their lost souls will be as mill stones about the necks of those in authority, who fail to use their power and influence for the right.

The legislator who has the grit to stand up for God and humanity against this monster enemy of all that is good, will clothe himself with honor that a millionaire's money cannot buy or a life's tenure of office confer.

War has been declared, the battle is on, then lay hold of this great evil with a grip that will never let up until victory crown the effort.

Some of the grandest victories ever achieved, have been wrung as it were from apparent defeat, and ours is not a case of that kind. Thousands all over our State are praying and working along this line. As to a list of names indorsing the same, if it was necessary a list could be procured in our vicinity too long for the COURIER to handle conveniently.

RAMSEUR.

Franklinville Items.

We have had lots of rain for several days and there were no services at any of the churches Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John W Craven have moved into the Bell residence on Academy St. recently vacated by the Dickens'.

Rev W M Curtis spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Prof. James Fox has resigned his position as assistant teacher in the Franklinville high school and has been succeeded by his brother John, another Fox from Randleman.

Mrs T J Fraley, of Chapel Hill, visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr Charlie Dove, of the A & M college at Raleigh, after spending the holidays with his parents returned to Raleigh Monday.

Mr W G Bell went on a pleasure trip through the north western part of the state and Virginia last week and in his absence Mrs W G Bell filled the office at the depot.

Mr Lacy Surgeon after spending the holidays in town returned to Chapel Hill Monday.

Mr J S Stout has accepted a position with the Randolph Mfg Co.

Mr E K Moffitt who has been sick for a few days is slowly recovering.

Mr Cecil Tippett bade his best girl adieu Monday morning and returned to Liberty Normal college.

The first quarterly conference of the M E church of Ramseur and Franklinville station will be held at Ramseur next Saturday night and Sunday. The Stewards will be around to see you and just pay your assessment promptly and see 'em smile.

Ramseur Items.

Ramseur Store Co. are offering some special bargains in dry goods this week.

December 31st was a fine day for moving, six families changed houses.

Miss Mary Ross visited at High Point during the holidays.

Miss Blanche Covington visited Miss Maggie Leonard during Xmas.

Miss Lilly Phillips, of Spray, visited in town the past week.

Mr M E Luther is in the depot at this place learning telegraphy and the railroad business.

Miss Gertrude Ellis, of Raleigh, was the guest of Mrs W D Lane last week.

Mr John Stout, of Star, has entered his daughter in Ramseur High School.

Mr Rankin Burgess, one of our best farmers, knows how to raise pork as well as wheat and corn. He killed three pigs that weighed 1281 pounds.

Our rural library was opened this week, thanks to the manager Mr C B Smith. He deserves the gratitude of the community in this movement.

We wish THE COURIER a very prosperous New Year.

Why Not Items.

The Spring term of our school has opened up well. There is quite a number of boarding students, among whom are the following: Messrs D F and H F Hulin, of Martin's Mills and Queen, Montgomery county, J T Ritter and J C McNeill of Carter's Mills and Horner's, Moore county.

Miss Eva Asbury is the assistant teacher for the spring term. Miss Eva is a daughter of Dr Asbury, of Asbury, N. C.

Our people are very much interested in the school here. The average attendance in the public school has been, so far, the best in the history of the school, there being only a very few who are not enrolled. We hope that every one may soon be in school and receive the training that the law intends they should receive.

Misses Etta and Pearl Auman [illegible] school here Monday.

Esquire J C Slack's eighth boy is doing finely.

Miss Vance Lawrence has returned to High Point.

Miss Conie Spencer is visiting her brother at [illegible], S. C.

Mr W A Cagle went to Asheboro Monday.

CONGRESS RECONVENES

Remainder of Session Will Be Exceedingly Busy.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The United States senate reconvened to-day with a small attendance, many members who left Washington for the Christmas holidays being absent. The prediction is very general that the remainder of the session will be exceedingly busy because of the number of important questions which will be pressed for consideration before final adjournment. The time of the senate each day before 2 o'clock will be earnestly contested for, among the measures seeking early attention being the militia bill, the immigration bill, the eight-hour government labor bill and the Philippine currency bill.

During the present week, and probably for some time to come, the omnibus statehood bill will be the chief topic of discussion on the floor, but under the unanimous agreement by which this bill was made the unfinished business, it cannot be taken up any day before 2 o'clock.

No Programme In House.

No complete programme is mapped out for the house for the first week of the new year. The leaders are very anxious to force the appropriation bills ahead as rapidly as possible. The Indian bill is on the calendar and headway is making in committee with the postoffice, diplomatic and consular, and District of Columbia bills. The latter, at least, will be reported to the house before the end of the week. Mr. Sherman, of New York, chairman of the Indian committee, is ill at Hot Springs, Ark., and his absence may delay consideration of the Indian bill. Until the appropriation bills get into the hopper, the house probably will occupy its time with miscellaneous matters brought up under calls of committees.

FINANCIAL PANIC AT CARACAS

Run On Bank of Venezuela to Exchange Notes For Silver.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 5.—There was a financial panic at Caracas on Saturday afternoon. A large number of small traders and private depositors went together to the office of the Bank of Venezuela for the purpose of exchanging the bank's notes for silver. The bank refused to exchange more than $20 worth of notes for any one person, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon closed its doors. The panic continues. Bills issued by the bank are now selling for 85 per cent of their face value. The leading firms at Caracas, notwithstanding the present situation, have presented no notes for redemption, as they are all interested in supporting the bank.

Believe Castro's Position Critical.

Washington, Jan. 5—The aggressive movements of the Venezuelan revolutionists are being watched closely here. Late unofficial advices indicating great activity on the part of the rebels and reporting a menacing movement toward Caracas, give the impression that President Castro's position is critical. It had been confidently hoped that there would be a cessation of the hostilities against the government, so that there might be prompt action with respect to arbitration of the claims against Venezuela by the European allies.

TERRIFIC CRASH ON RAILROAD

Four Killed in Head-On Collision On Rutland Road.

Burlington, Vt., Jan. 3.—A wild engine, running from Burlington to Rutland, on the Rutland Railroad, crashed into the north bound flyer from New York last night at Shelburne. The crews of both engines were killed, and a brakeman who was riding on the wild engine was probably fatally hurt, and nearly every one of the flyers' crew were injured more or less seriously. No passenger was seriously hurt, although many received bruises.

The cause of the accident is not definitely known, but Dr. W. Seward Webb, president of the road, says that he believes that Engineer Cowey, who had charge of the wild engine, had figured that the flyer would be late, as it usually was, and that he could run to Shelburne for a siding before the up train reached that point. The impact of the collision was terrific and only the heaviness of the flyer prevented a greater disaster. As it was, both engines were totally demolished, the boiler of one exploding with a terrific report.

Gift For Roosevelt.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A proposal has been made to present a piece of sculpture to President Roosevelt in recognition of his service to the cause of international arbitration. The idea to make this gift to the American president is an outgrowth of the Venezuelan affair and his attitude on that issue. The funds for the purpose probably will be raised by private subscription among European advocates of peace. It is proposed that the work be executed by a prominent French sculptor, or the committee possibly may invite designs from the sculptors of all nations party to The Hague peace court.

Minister Fell Dead In Pulpit.

Springfield, O., Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. J. B. McMichael, formerly president of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., fell dead in the pulpit of the Sugar Creek United Presbyterian Church, near Xenia, last evening. He graduated from the Xenia Theological Seminary in 1865, and in 1878 was elected president of Monmouth, a position that he held for 20 years.

Encyclical Against Duelling.

Rome, Jan. 3.—The Pope is about to issue an encyclical against the practice of duelling. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice, which is described as a survival of the middle ages.

LOOK OUT FOR FEVER.

Biliousness and liver disorders at this season may be prevented by cleansing the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills do not gripe. They move the bowels gently, but copiously, and by reason of the tonic properties, give tone and strength to the glands. Standard Drug Co.

A TIMELY TOPIC.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. Standard Drug Co.

WANTED.

Live Wild Turkeys, Swans, Geese, all kinds of Ducks, Squirrels, etc. Write for prices.

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718 Twelfth St.,
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There is no cough [illegible] as Foley's Hon[illegible] tains no opiates [illegible] sure cure. Sta[illegible]

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. [illegible] Sold by druggists in 50c. and $1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this [illegible]

[illegible] Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Tuesday, December 30.

Rear Admiral Glass has been detailed as commander-in-chief of the Pacific station, to succeed Rear Admiral Casey, who has been placed on waiting orders.

The Demmler tin plate plant at McKeesport, Pa., which has been idle for several months, resumed operations in full yesterday, giving employment to 500 men.

General orders were issued yesterday by Adjutant General Stewart announcing that the spring inspection of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will begin February 1.

Frank Goss, an electrician of the Newtown Street Railway company, was instantly killed at Bushington, near Doylestown, Pa., while experimenting with a high tension wire.

Wednesday, December 31.

The navy department yesterday issued orders transforming the transport Lawton into a receiving ship.

Chester Wessels, a prominent New York business man, dropped dead on an elevated train last night of apoplexy.

The board of trustees of Hamline University, Minneapolis, Minn., announce that an endowment of $250,000 has been raised.

John Hunnicutt and Robert Jelly, of Knoxville, Tenn., were drowned yesterday by falling through thin ice on a pond on which they were skating.

Thursday, January 1.

Dr. Lorenz, the famous orthopedic surgeon, of Vienna, sailed from New York yesterday for England.

The handsome residence of George D. Post, Jr., near Bernardsville, N. J., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $60,000.

The Wisconsin Central Railroad has granted its engineers a 10 to 25 per cent. increase in wages as a New Year's greeting.

A detachment of 190 Boers, who volunteered for military service in Somaliland, will sail from Cape Town, South Africa, on January 8.

The navy department has decided not to repair the cruiser Philadelphia, and she will not be again placed in active service.

Friday, January 2.

The transport Sheridan sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Manila with 115 passengers and army supplies.

Governor B. B. Odell, of New York, was yesterday inaugurated for his second term as chief executive of the state.

The biggest gusher yet drilled in the Wayne oil field was struck on the Jerry Sandusky farm, six miles east of Monticello, Ky.

Judge W. A. Little, of the supreme court of Georgia, yesterday tendered his resignation to Governor Terrell, ill health was the cause.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their guests attended a theatre party at Washington last night to witness Miss Annie Russell's new play, "Mice and Men."

Saturday, January 3.

Jack Brown, a negro, was hanged at the Richmond, Va., penitentiary yesterday for the murder of a fellow convict.

Patrick Haborn, of Williamsport, Pa., who was missing since Christmas, was found in the woods yesterday frozen to death.

During December the government receipts were $47,151,299 and the expenditures $36,533,744, leaving a surplus of $10,618,000.

Charles S. Hutt, of Steelton, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from a building at the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Harrisburg, Pa.

The enlisted men in the United States army stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., presented Miss Helen Gould with a solid silver loving cup as a New Year's gift.

Monday, January 5.

The total coinage at American mints during 1902 was $79,495,815.

The corner-stone of the Army War College, at Washington, D. C., will be laid February 22.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company announces that they will erect 12 coke ovens at Lebanon, Pa., to supply their furnaces.

In a wreck on the Southern Railway, near Birmingham, Ala., Saturday night, the engineer was killed and 27 passengers injured.

Five masked men dynamited the safe in the First National Bank at Abington, Ill., early Saturday morning and stole $4,890. Two were arrested.

WONDERFUL NERVE

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints, but there is no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It is the best salve on earth for piles too. 25c at Standard Drug Co.

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

Kodol does for the stomach that which [illegible] slightly disordered or over loaded. Kodol supplies the natural juices of digestion and does the work of the stomach, [illegible] while the [illegible] of that organ are [illegible] rest and heal. Kodol digests what you eat and enables the stomach and [illegible] to transform all [illegible] good.

HOAR'S ANTI-TRUST BILL

Venerable Senator's Measure Goes to Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Hoar has completed and yesterday made public the anti-trust bill which he asked leave before the senate adjourned for the holidays to introduce. The bill goes to the committee on judiciary, of which Senator Hoar is chairman. Following is the text of the measure:

The attorney general is authorized to employ assistance to prosecute offenses under the act, and he is also to make investigation into the same; for this purpose $500,000 is appropriated. That after June 30, 1904, no corporation or stock company, whose stockholders are not personally liable for its debts, shall not engage in foreign or inter-state commerce unless they shall file a statement with the inter-state commission before September 1, 1904, showing the following: The amount of its capital stock; the market value of the same; how much of the same has been paid in in full cash or if the same has not been paid in full in cash, what has been received by the said corporation in lieu thereof and the value of whatever shall have been so received by it; the amount it has paid in dividends during said period, the rate of percentage of such dividends, and times of paying the same, and a statement of all the stock owned by it of any other corporation or company.

The bill also provides a fine and imprisonment for any person, corporation or company who enters into a conspiracy to drive any other person out of business by charging excessive prices or a price lower than a fair market value of the article. Any corporation that shall have been twice adjudged to have violated the provisions of the act by the final judgment of any court having jurisdiction of the question, said corporation shall no longer be allowed to engage in commerce with foreign nations or among the several states.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Both Parties Will Caucus to Nominate Officers of Both Branches.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 5.—The Pennsylvania legislature will convene tomorrow at noon, and will adjourn finally probably on April 16. The Republicans control both branches, and it is conceded that Boies Penrose will be elected United States senator to succeed himself. Henry F. Walton, of Philadelphia, will be chosen speaker of the house of Representatives, and John M. Scott, of Philadelphia, will be elected president pro tem. of the senate.

The Republicans of the house will caucus tonight for the selection of a candidate for speaker and the appointment of a state committee, composed of one member from each of the 32 congressional districts. This committee will appoint a sub-committee by which the officers and employes of the house will be chosen. These officials will be formally elected on January 20, the date of the inauguration of Governor-elect Pennypacker.

The senate Republican state committee was appointed at the close of the last legislature, at which time Senator Scott was chosen president pro tem. The committee will meet this afternoon to select the officers and employes of the senate. The Democrats of the senate and house will also caucus tonight for candidates for speaker, president pro tem. and officers of both branches.

A resolution will be offered at tonight's house Republican caucus, fixing April 16 as the date of final adjournment. This action will be taken at the request of Senator Quay, chairman of the Republican state committee.

MARKLE'S ANSWER TO MINERS

Independent Operator Tries to Explain Damaging Testimony of Men.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The answer of G. B. Markle & Co., independent coal operators, to the demands of the miners, was made public here yesterday. The answer was submitted to the anthracite strike commission, which reassembled in this city today. It was written by John Markle, managing partner of the firm. The statement is in part as follows:

After giving a history of the firm and the number of collieries operated, Mr. Markle goes over the conditions in the coal regions since 1875. He claims the men were not compelled to contribute to the company doctors and priests, and that they were not required to deal at company stores, claiming these were maintained as an accommodation to the men. Mr. Markle says when the strike ended his firm was not represented in the appointment of the arbitration commission, and they required the men to sign an agreement to abide by the decision of the commission before returning to work. That dissatisfied men tore down the notices and prevented others from reporting at the office. Continuing, he says:

"On the morning of Monday, October 27, 1902, I ordered notice to give up possession of the houses to be served upon 12 men who had been active in preventing the men from resuming work. No attempt was made to collect the arrears of rent which had accrued during the strike, and the notice to quit having been served October 27, judgment in ejectment was entered November 5, and the parties evicted on November 6, 1902."

The net earnings of the evicted men for the year 1901, according to the statement, varied from $350 to $1,000. The answer further states that the father of the boy Chipple was killed as a result of his own negligence. He was not indebted to the firm at the time of his death. His earnings for the previous six months, from February to July, inclusive, amounted to $330. Mrs. Chipple paid nothing on account of rent or coal. Henry Coll, one of the evicted men, had always received good wages, Mr. Markle states. The answer asserts that his wife did not die in consequence of the eviction, which occurred November 6, as she lived until December.

CAUTION!

This is not a gentle word—but when you think how liable you are not to purchase the only remedy universally known and a remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1868 for the cure and treatment of Consumption and Throat and Lung troubles without losing its great popularity all these years, you will be thankful we called your attention to Boschee's German Syrup. There are so many ordinary cough remedies made by druggists and others that are cheap [illegible] Regular size 75 cents. At all druggists.

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MRS. E. T. BLAIR(?)

Land Sale.

By virtue of an order and decree of [illegible] granted by the superior court of Randolph county in the petition of [illegible] O. Crotts et al vs W. R. Crotts, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at 12 o'clock m, on Saturday Jan 31st 1903, at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., the following described real estate: [illegible] A tract of land in Tri[illegible] township adjoining the lands of [illegible] Crotts, J. S. Redding and others, [illegible] 30 chs to a stone; [illegible] 11 chs and 40 links to a [illegible] thence north 51 [illegible] west, 23 [illegible] back of branch, [illegible] up said branch its various courses [illegible] and one-half [illegible] from bank [illegible] a stone, thence north [illegible] 16 chs and 50 links to a black oak, thence east 20 degrees to a post oak, thence south 20 degrees west 19 links to a pointer, thence north 50 degrees east [illegible] to the beginning, containing 141 acres more or less, except about [illegible] acres heretofore deeded to H L Crotts and [illegible] to F C Crotts. Terms [illegible]. This Jan 1st 1903.

ELIJAH MOFFITT(?)

O L Sapp, Atty.

NOTICE.

The petition of S A Allred [illegible] et al, asking for a public road from Carter's Mill [illegible] T Marley's barn and running [illegible] the lands of G T Marley, [illegible] S A Allred, J P Cable [illegible] intersect with the road known as [illegible] "[illegible] road" [illegible]

G T CAVENESS, Com[illegible]
J P Boroughs, [illegible]

Jan 5th 1903.

NORTH CAROLINA, Randolph County. In the Superior Court.

C. L. Harber vs Ann Harber. NOTICE.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Randolph county by the plaintiff to obtain divorce from the defendant; and the said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the second Monday after the first Monday in March 1903 at the court house in said county in Asheboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in said complaint.

W. C. HAMMOND, C. S. C.

This the 31st day of Dec. 1902.

NORTH CAROLINA, Randolph County. In the Superior Court.

Isaac Coltrane vs Lillie Coltrane. NOTICE.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Randolph county by the plaintiff to obtain divorce from the defendant; and the said defendant will take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the second Monday after the first Monday in March, 1903 at the court house of said county and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in said complaint.

W. C. HAMMOND, C. S. C.

This the 31st day of Dec. 1902.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by [illegible] and wife, E. E. Ingold, to Sophia [illegible] on the [illegible] day of January, [illegible] duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Randolph county in Book [illegible], I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house in Asheboro, N. C. at 12 o'clock, m. Saturday, January 17th, [illegible] the following real estate, to wit: [illegible]

SOPHIA E. [illegible]