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Two Business Establishments at Forest City, N. C., Burned.

SHELBY, N. C., Dec. 24.—J. B. Blanton's store at Forest City was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. Young's drug store was partially burned. The loss is about \$3,000; insured.

The depot at Mooresboro was broken open last night and nearly a hundred dollars of express money was stolen.

FIRE-WATER.

Over Seven Hundred Barrels Destroyed by Fire.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 24.—The warehouse and distillery of Stephens & Co., near Cartner's Station, was burned last night, together with 750 barrels of whisky. Loss about \$18,000 in whisky and \$2,000 on house and machinery.

Mass Meeting of Strikers.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 24.—A mass meeting of railroad strikers of this neighborhood was held here today. Pickets reported that the strike continued to extend in all directions and it was resolved to continue the struggle until the employees' demands were granted.

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By Cable to the News and Observer.

GLASGOW, Dec. 24.—There are no signs of improvement in connection with the railroad strike in Scotland. It is estimated that about 7,500 men are now out on strike, and business may be said to be entirely at a standstill on the north British lines.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The continued settling of the walls of the government building resulted today in the breaking of a water pipe and flooding the basement with water. There is a vast quantity of Christmas mail in the building, and thousands of Christmas presents, many of them costly ones, have been ruined.

No Building for Bar Harbor

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The President today returned to the Senate without his approval the bill for the erection of a public building at Bar Harbor, Maine.

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DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

SHORT SESSION OF THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

After a Brief Consideration of the Force Bill that Body Adjourns Till Saturday—Mr. Morgan's Sacrament.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—SENATE.—Mr. Morgan called up his resolution directing the committee on privileges and elections to amend section 31 of the election bill.

Mr. Sherman contended that it was not now in order to call up that resolution except upon a formal motion.

Mr. Morgan said that during his service in the Senate of about fourteen years, the other practice had been in vogue. He likened the present condition of the Senate to the condition of Sycophantic Danocles, with a single hair holding a sword suspended over his head.

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A SOUTHERN ENTERPRISE

Tin Plates To Be Made in St. Louis.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 24.—A Chattanooga, Tenn., special says: Tin plate has been made in St. Louis by the Granite Iron Rolling Mills, the sheet to be dipped having been rolled from basic steel made by the Southern Iron Company, of this city, from cheap Southern ores mined in this vicinity.

A St. Louis man writes that they are delighted with the material, it is excellent for the purpose, and they propose to use it steadily. Tinplate from Chattanooga steel means making the finished article here in due time.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Opinions of the Press on the Irish Elections.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The United Ireland today, referring to the recent election in north Kilkenny, says: Kilkenny has declared for Gladstone against Parnell. The battle was fought with every weapon that hatred, malice, ingratitude and treachery could supply.

The Freeman's Journal says that Parnell starts for Paris tonight in order to meet his "trusty lieutenant," William O'Brien.

Parnell, according to the Journal, refuses to believe that a friendly conference between O'Brien and himself will be barren of results until they have definitely failed to establish a modus vivendi.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Standard thinks that Parnell has some ground for the confidence he professes to feel.

"Had the election been held in the town of Kilkenny," it says, "there is not an atom of doubt that he would have got an overwhelming victory. Many who would have otherwise supported Parnell doubtless abstained, bewildered by priestly pressure. As long as the split lasts it is a matter of indifference to Unionists who wins."

The Chronicle thinks the return of the arch mischief maker to the Conservative party cannot cause much joy to Gladstone and Morley.

Having so correctly gauged party feeling in Kilkenny Davitt and his friends, it says, have probably gauged it with equal accuracy as regards Ireland itself. If so the Parnellites will soon be extinguished.

The Telegraph says it remains to be seen how the McCarthys can be held together without Parnell's personal magnetism and American aid.

CHINA.

Festivals Which the Natives of the Flowery Kingdom Celebrate.

Santa Claus, with a long pig-tail and freedom-loving shirt, does not descend the chimneys of the Celestians loaded with chinaware, firecrackers, dragon kites, chop sticks or opium pipes. But it is not to be inferred from this that they have no Christmas.

But the motive for and the manner of celebrating the day are quite different from those in Christian countries.

The Ung Gee feast is intended to celebrate the introduction of almond growing its name signifying "the feast of almonds," and its celebration consists in sacrificing a quantity of almonds in a highly economical manner—by eating them. Beyond this and a somewhat better dinner than usual, and the burning of a few firecrackers and joss sticks, there is no celebration of the day.

It is the Chinese New Year, occurring January 30, that is celebrated with the greatest pomp and ceremony.

It is not at all certain that religion has anything to do with this feast.

The Glasgow Strike.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

GLASGOW, Dec. 24.—An important meeting of the Board of Directors of the North British Railway Company has been held. They have resolved to completely close these railway lines, rather than yield to the strikers demand.

Tobacco Sales at Danville.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 24.—The sales of leaf tobacco in this market for December were 1,488,763 pounds. The sales since October 1, the beginning of the tobacco year, were 9,528,448 pounds, an increase of 1,091,000 pounds.

President Harrison now signs: This is the bill I long have sought, And mourn because they pass it not.

DESTROYING FLAMES.

SERIOUS FIRE AT BINGHAM SCHOOL.

The Gymnasium and Academy Building Totally Destroyed—There will, However, be no Interruption of Work.

Special to the News and Observer.

MEMPHIS, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Academy and Gymnasium buildings of the Bingham School were burned this morning, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. The contents of the houses were burned except the libraries which were saved. There were no other buildings covered by insurance.

There will be no suspension of the exercises of the school as there are several other rooms suitable for recitation rooms.

NO BREAK IN THE WORK.

In addition to the above Maj. R. Bingham writes the NEWS AND OBSERVER as follows:

Our Academy building was accidentally burned this morning. Our barracks and other buildings are safe, and there will be no break in the school work, as we have plenty of rooms which can be utilized as class-rooms. Recitations and all school work will move on as before.

ITALY.

Great Attention Paid to the Christmas Decoration of Churches.

The Italian Christmas presents many features identical with the Spanish, and the scenes enacted in the streets of Florence during the Christmas season closely resemble those of Seville. Italy pays great attention to the Christmas decoration of churches, which is more elaborate than those of any other country.

On Christmas Eve young men and women assemble at the churches and aid in their decoration, a collation being served to them after midnight Mass. The devout Italians have a poetic idea that to cheer and encourage the Virgin through the pangs of maternity they must play upon instruments and sing before her shrines on Christmas Eve.

Insurance Company Assigned.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Savannah Fire and Marine Insurance company wound up its affairs today. The company was organized in 1887 with a cash capital of \$200,000. Threatened adverse legislation in Georgia was the principal cause of closing up of business.

The Eastern Canal Work.

The New Bern Journal of yesterday says: Gen. W. G. Lewis has inspected the work on the New Bern and Beaufort Canal.

He also inspected Clubfoot creek a mile from where it joins the canal to one mile below, and Harlowe creek from the canal where it empties into Newport river.

The creeks are not in as good order as the canal—will not admit the passage of as large boats, owing to accumulations of mud at spots that makes the water too shallow. The creek channels are too wide; forty feet in width is abundant; and if the government had made them about that width when it worked on them a year or two ago the mud would have washed out instead of setting.

We hope the Government will soon begin operations on them again and leave them in first-class order, as the great saving in distance made by using this route is an important matter to the commerce of New Bern.

and the places beyond the other end of the canal. Gen. Lewis went back to Raleigh Tuesday and will make his official report this week, and Governor Fowle will, no doubt, bring the matter before the legislature in his coming message.

A Proclamation by the President.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President today issued his proclamation announcing that the legal formalities have been complied with in regard to the Chicago exposition and extending an invitation to foreign nations to participate therein.

Salvation Oil is an infallible cure for headache, backache, pain in the side and limbs, and all rheumatic and neuralgic affections.

It is said of an old physician in Philadelphia, when called upon to prescribe for a cough or cold that he invariably refused to do so, but recommends his patients to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

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Christmas Examination at Trinity College.

Cor. of the News and Observer.

TRINITY COLLEGE, Dec. 23.

With four o'clock the Christmas examinations close today and the village is lively with song of collegians relieved from weariness of the flesh—much study. The vacation has been extended to thirteen days, ending with Monday night, January 5, including time of going and coming. Every effort is being made to break up the practice of irregular returning to duties at the beginning of the terms.

Much original inquiry is being done by the seniors on the subjects assigned for graduating theses. The juniors band in their choice of subjects at the opening of the next term and at once begin the study of the theme on which much of their claim for a diploma at graduation will rest. A good deal of time outside of recitations has been devoted this year to round table discussions of subjects in course by different members of the faculty taking charge of small groups of students. Quiz-clubs have been introduced in the advanced classes in historical studies with most excellent results.

The literary societies are looking forward to their new home in the Craven Memorial Hall at Durham with substantial interest. Both of them have pledged themselves for a considerable sum for the erection of this building. The society rooms will be on the second floor and be fitted with special regard for their use. The amount pledged for this building are already enough to make it an assured fact in the future of the new Trinity at Durham.

Rev. L. W. Crawford assumes charge of his work with the beginning of the coming term. His family have been here for a month or more, occupying the house of Mrs. Robbins on the hill. The superior pastoral ability of Mr. Crawford will no doubt have the effect of developing the individual character of every student and thereby prove the wisdom of the trustees in providing for a college pastor of such experience and influence.

Mr. E. E. Rose, of Ridgeway, N. C., of the Divinity School, has been appointed by Bishop Keener to a charge in Person county. He will resume his studies at the close of this conference year.

The contractors at Durham propose not to be frozen out by the winter, but to hold themselves in readiness to take advantage of every interval of fine weather between this and spring. In the meantime the other contracts will be given out, and building begun at the earliest day possible.

Most of the faculty will remain in town during vacation. The college chapel will be the scene of holiday festivities on Christmas Eve for the children of the village. The students who remain will generally occupy themselves with special studies in the library.

The members of the school of Civil Engineering have surveyed several routes between Trinity station and Archdale with a view of giving the tannery, shoe factory and wood-works of that place direct railway connections. The estimates are now being worked out and compared. This road of two miles in length, will undoubtedly be built as the route is a very economic one.

A Tribute to the Indians.

Gen. Schofield, in speaking of the bravery of the Indian police in the fight when Sitting Bull was killed, said: "Look at those police. Faithful, true and victorious and glorying in their victory. I believe that the North American Indian, with authorized enlistment, good pay and good food, would be the finest soldier the world could ever see. Wherever he has been tried he has never failed."

Hot Springs.

Have you ever visited Hot Springs? Alas! you meet while there so many instances of fetid blood, rheumatism, erysipelas, eruptions of face and form. Hither, rush sufferers from scrofula, syphilis, eczema, salt rheum, ulcers, rheumatoid skin, twisted and aching limbs, limbs made crooked by rheumatism, etc., etc. Some find relief, some do not and come away poor in purse and grievously disappointed. It costs money to visit and sojourn at Hot Springs. The experiment of going there cannot be indulged in without considerable expense. How thankful then should every one be to know there is a remedy even more beneficial in cases of blood poison than Hot Springs. We refer to Botanic Blood Balm (B. B.) as its merits thousands will testify.

Z. T. Hallerton, Macon, Ga., writes: "I contracted blood poison. I first tried physicians and then went to Hot Springs. I returned home a ruined man physically. Nothing seemed to do me any good. My mother persuaded me to try B. B. To my utter astonishment every ulcer quickly healed."

Jas. L. Bosworth, Atlanta, Ga., says: "Some years ago I contracted blood poison. I had no appetite, my digestion was ruined, rheumatism drew up my limbs so I could hardly walk, my throat was catarrhized five times. Hot Springs gave me no benefit and my life was one of torture until I gave B. B. a trial, and, surprising as it may seem, the use of five bottles cured me."

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CHRISTMAS GREETING.

Good will, Hearts fill, Increase, Laugh and love, and wish no ill. Joy, peace; Let all strife and bickerings cease. To all, Great small, Greeting on our Christmas call. Far, near, Here's cheer, Christmas merry, happy New Year.

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- FRUITS! FRUITS! FRUITS! Pine Apples, California Pears, Catawba and Isabella Grapes, 5 and 10-lb baskets 50 and 75c each. Fancy Ben Davis and Baldwin Apples. Florida Oranges—Grape Fruit. Pink Tinted Malaga Grapes 30c lb. Fancy Vineyard Chester Raisins — 1 bx \$1.75. Fancy California Clus or Raisins — 1 bx \$1.35.

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