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Congress is in session again.

Presidential inauguration March 4th.

The State Legislature convened Wednesday.

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Dr. Whitehead, a prominent physician of Salisbury is dead, aged 65 years.

An earthquake shock was felt in Washington City and Virginia and Maryland, about 9 p.m. Friday.

Many shipwrecks are reported along the Atlantic coast from Halifax to below Hatteras, during the past week.

Slight earthquake shocks in Spain continue. So far, 6,700 corpses have been recovered from the ruins in Granada.

The beautiful new Art Gallery of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, was destroyed by an accidental fire on Tuesday morning. Loss \$12,000.

Wm. B. Thompson, Superintendent of the railway mail service has been nominated and confirmed to be second assistant Postmaster-General.

Gov. Jarvis has issued his proclamation calling an election to be held on January 15th, to fill the vacancy caused by Gen. Seales' resignation in Congress.

Governor A. M. Seales has accepted the services of the Forsyth Riflemen and also the Hornet Nest Riflemen, of Charlotte, as his escort to Raleigh for his inauguration.

The business outlook in the South is said to be improving. The over-supply of the cotton mills are being rapidly exhausted.

The manufacturing establishments North, which had suspended operations, are gradually resuming work.

Oliver H. Perry, a well known and highly esteemed citizen died at 8 o'clock on Saturday night last, in Raleigh. He served for several years as State Librarian. At the time of his death he was engaged in the life insurance business.

The Week of Prayer is observed every year. Services commenced on Sunday last, and will be continued during the week in the Chapel. The following are the topics for the week: Monday, "Praise and Thanksgiving"; Tuesday, "Humiliation and Confession"; Wednesday, "Prayer for the Church of Christ"; Thursday, "Prayer for Families, Schools and Colleges"; Friday, "Prayer for Nations"; Saturday, "Prayer for Missions."

A severe earthquake was felt in Spain last week, attended with large loss of life. The principal area of disturbance was the provinces of Malaga and Grenada. Over half of the inhabitants of the town of Albuñuel were killed. Alabama was reduced to ruins. Cathedrals and houses in many other places suffered some damage, and the inhabitants fled from them panic-stricken. The latest despatches state that 300 lives were lost at Alabama; 750 houses and a church were destroyed and thirty persons were killed at Periana; the town hall and many houses were damaged at Torrox, and 600 persons were killed in the province of Malaga alone. The first and most severe shock was felt on Thursday, followed by a slighter disturbance on succeeding days. The Spanish Government has adopted measures of relief for the afflicted people.

Special Election—Fifth Congressional District.

Mon. James W. Reid. DEM. EX. COMMITTEE. FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DIST. GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 31, 1884.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last Democratic convention for the District held at Greensboro, July 29th, last, and is now published for the information and guidance of the voters:

Resolved, That the gentleman nominated here-to-day (James W. Reid) for the next Congress, also be the nominee of this Convention for any vacancy that may hereafter be declared in the representation from the district, in the present Congress.

By order of the executive committee. GEO. H. GREGORY, Chm'n. R. B. KERNER, Sec'y.

"I speak within bounds, sir," said the prisoner in the dock, when addressing the jury. We speak knowingly when we declare with enthusiasm the great benefits of Dr. Bull's famous Cough Syrup.

Christmas Decorations. The Christmas decoration in the Moravian church was neat and beautiful. Gothic arches in living green were grouped about the reading desk and pulpit, and festoons hung gracefully from ceiling to gallery. The freshly frescoed walls brightened the effect, and by daylight the scene was beautiful and very appropriate. The choir music, under the direction of Professor Agthe, was well rendered, without the orchestral accompaniment, which was always well received a few years since. We would like to see the instrumental church music revived. The young organist, Wm. Peterson, is giving general satisfaction. The services were well attended. The Children's meeting at five o'clock on the evening of the 24th, was an enjoyable occasion, as the little children of the congregation were nearly all present, and the scene was peculiarly interesting and enjoyed by both old and young.

The Academy decoration in the north room of the first floor of the old Academy building was a charming landscape scene, gotten up in faultless style, and new to many of the scholars of the venerable institution. Over half of the room was decorated, representing hill and valley, meandering brook, which turned miniature mill wheels, cottages, picturesque rock and cave work, making a most elaborate and pleasing scene indeed. Miss Chitty was the architect of the magic landscape. Other room decorations were gotten up in the shape of trees, springing out of moss covered mounds and lighted with the wax taper.

The Home Sunday School gave on the evening of Christmas day, in a very acceptable manner, the cantata, "The Night of Glory," as noticed last week. The solos were well given and much admired and the choruses were full and exceedingly fine. The Bell and Metaphone accompaniments were pleasing and given with the usual precision. Miss A. VanVick presided with her usual skill, assisted by Miss Chitty, on the Cornet, D. Butler on the Flute and Miss M. Linbeck on the bells. The audience was large, and well pleased, and spoke of the entertainment as one of the best of the season. The pastor, Dr. Rondthaler, who is always ready to encourage in well doing, delivered a fine address.

Elm Street Sunday School gave a well chosen Christmas Cantata. The music was good and the programme of superior excellence. Some of the solos were a genuine surprise to all. Under the superintendence of E. A. Ebert, with his able corps of assistant teachers, this school is doing a great deal of good. On this occasion the improvement in reciting and singing was very apparent. The beautiful chapel, well decorated, and everybody was delighted with the success of this entertainment. Dr. Rondthaler addressed the school in his usual happy manner.

East Salem Sunday School gave its entertainment on Sunday after Christmas. It was composed of songs and recitations. This school is under the superintendence of H. E. Fries, and is successful and doing much good among the children and young people of this part of our town. Dr. Rondthaler was present and encouraged all by his timely remarks.

The colored Sunday School of the Moravian church is perhaps the largest Sunday School of the kind in the State. The spacious brick church was very tastefully and beautifully decorated for the holidays. On Monday night December 29th, they gave a Christmas Entertainment. The colored audience was so large, that written invitations were given to friends who felt an interest in the progress of the colored children. Songs and recitations were given, many of them in a very creditable manner, and many of them unexceptionably good. It was a pleasant surprise to all, to see how well the entertainment was carried out, and the worthy teachers certainly deserve the hearty good will of all. Dr. Rondthaler has charge of the school, and his influence is felt in the work, as well as that of the Misses Dore and Reed, the public school teachers.

The Christmas Trees were the largest we have ever heard of, and was full of presents. Dr. Rondthaler addressed the assemblage in a very impressive manner.

Christmas Trees were erected in the churches where Sunday Schools were held, almost every where in this vicinity, and the hearts of the children were made glad with the Christmas cheer given them.

Christmas Entertainments. Elm Street Public School gave a remarkably good entertainment on December 19th. We have often spoken of this prosperous and well conducted school, and are pleased to see that the able teachers, Samuel A. Hege and Miss Maggie Brietz, are meeting with success in their arduous labors. It was the first of a series of Christmas trees in this place, and was successful in every particular.

The Salem Male Academy gave an Entertainment in the Chapel on the evening of the 19th. The chapel was full of the friends of this excellent school. The boys exhibited the results of a careful training in a very creditable manner. Rev. L. B. Wurschke, and his able assistants John McCuiston and Miss Jessie Winkler, certainly deserve the success they have attained in conducting the school. May the Spring session be well attended.

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J. M. McCorkle, Esq., of Salisbury, had an attack of paralysis at Lexington, last week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM OUR FRIENDS.

For the Press, BETHANIA, N. C., Dec. 26th, 1884.

Messrs. Editors:—It is not often during the year that we are favored with an entertainment, musical or otherwise, in our retired little village. However, there has usually been at least one occasion, which broke the tedious monotony of existence here, and that was a Sunday School exercise, consisting of music and recitations, suited to Christmas times, at the close of the year. This has become a kind of custom here, and is generally looked for at this season.

Accordingly, as in former years, a numerous company of us assembled in the church, at candle-light on the 25th, in eager expectation of the annual treat.

The exercises began, one surprise followed another—until one, then a second, and finally a third piece among the musical selections raised our admiration to the highest pitch. These pieces were a different style, and of a higher grade of music than the ordinary Sunday School airs, and rendered with taste and effect. A vocal quartette was notably well executed and brought out the warmest expressions of approval.

At the close of the Entertainment the "Auction," and the "Queen of Beauty," which followed, were particularly well performed, and amused and delighted the entire audience. Of course no applause was allowed; otherwise both of these pieces would, no doubt, have been heartily cheered. Taken altogether, no one present could fail to award to the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. George Porter, and his zealous corps of teachers and assistants, a well-merited tribute of praise, for faithful and laborious training of the smaller not to say the older participants in this pleasant entertainment.

All along during the winter, spring summer and autumn, the teachers of school, with its 45 to 50 pupils, quietly and unostentatiously attended to the regular routine of their duties, and that they successfully discharged them is evident enough from what we were favored to witness last night.

The handsome collection at the Entertainment must be allowed to be some evidence of its having been appreciated by the audience.

Now, if the results of these labors in the Sunday School is to be such as I have attempted to describe I hope at the end of next year to be on hand, and to enjoy another treat as pleasant as fell to my lot last evening. A. I. B.

A Good Paper. The Youth's Companion is a paper which it is a pleasure to praise. For it demonstrates that it is not necessary to poison a boy's mind in order to stimulate him. The pulse is made to throb, but with an impulse to do right and to fill a high place in the world's estimation. That this can be done and that The Companion has been able to achieve a circulation of 325,000 copies, is no small testimony to the skill and liberality with which it is edited. Those who know the paper best wonder how any American family is willing to do without it. The price is \$1.75 a year.

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Commissioners' Court. The following persons were qualified as Deputy Sheriffs: H. F. Burke, W. B. Gamble and E. M. Conrad.

The following persons were drawn as Jurors for February term of Inferior Court of 1885, as follows: Charles Y. Shore, Jas. R. Whicker, T. M. Long, John E. Paw, A. L. Tuttle, W. M. Whicker, A. E. Shog, W. H. Shouse, John E. Clayton, C. A. Reynolds, E. A. Conrad, J. F. Vance, Jonathan Perry, Lewis Thomas, C. B. Hasten, J. H. Hino, J. I. Warner, S. A. Miller, J. A. Garnel, T. M. Hunter, Jacob White, P. C. Walker, E. W. Ogburn, C. F. Stockton, Peter Conrad, E. F. Tuttle, R. D. MeCriston, Jas. C. Crews, Francis J. Shure.

It was ordered by the board that the magistrates be notified to meet at the court house on the 1st Monday in February next at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a member of the Inferior court, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Boyer.

The Board then proceeded to make a settlement with A. Fogle, Sheriff, of the County School Fund in order to make an apportionment of the school fund among the various school districts of the County.

—Worth, of Paris, has decided in favor of hoops, but they come in use slowly. In this country everybody has decided that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy for coughs and colds, and its coming fast into general use.

—We clip the following from the Wilmington, N. C. Review. Samuel G. Hall is one of the Press gang, well known in this his native place.

A NEAT DECORATION.—Mr. S. G. Hall had his residence on the corner Mulberry and McKee streets, very prettily and appropriately decorated for the Christmas tide. At the north window was a transparency in different colors bearing the inscription in the form of an ellipse: "Gloria be to God in the Highest," together with a sun and star. In the room there is a representation of Mt. Ararat in the distance with the ark resting upon it, and from which the waters had receded, while in the foreground are cattle and other animals and men and women. The ground is represented as undulating and is composed of masses and forms from the woods just outside of the city. It is a unique affair, well worthy an inspection and as it will not be removed for a number of days, we trust that it may be visited by many of our citizens.

"CHINESE GORDON." A biography of this remarkable man ought to be interesting reading, especially if written by the famous here-journalist and veteran war correspondent, Archibald Forbes. It is not, therefore, surprising to see numerous editions of it published.

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