

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The North Carolina law makers met  
yesterday at noon. The Senate was  
called to order by Lieutenant Governor  
Doughton.

After the organization yesterday both  
the Senate and House adjourned over  
until this morning when they will get  
down to work.

Next Tuesday, the 12th, has been set  
as the day for the inauguration of Gov-  
ernor Russell. The great fight will be  
over the United States Senatorship. The  
Populists hold the balance of power, the  
chances, however, are that Senator  
Pritchard will be his own successor.

There are other candidates, though, with  
pretty strong backings and the final re-  
sult may be a surprise after all.

We sincerely trust that all of our rep-  
resentatives may use their best endeavors  
for the welfare of North Carolina.

CHURCH AND MINISTERS.

THERE are 794 Missionary Baptist  
preachers in this State, 150 Primitive  
Baptist, 160 Free Will Baptist, 16  
Church of Christ Baptists, 33 Campbellite  
or Disciples, 1 Seventh Day Baptist, 9  
Old Two-Seed Baptists, 661 M. E. church  
64 Methodist Protestant, 7 Wesleyan  
Methodist, 69 O'Kellyites (Christians)  
149 Presbyterian, 29 Associate Reformed  
Presbyterians, 17 reformed Church of  
United States, 75 Evangelists Lutheran,  
96 Protestant Episcopal, 7 Moravian, 1  
Waldensian, 2 Salvation army, 18 Ad-  
ventist, 9 Dunkard, 52 Quaker, 4 Hebrew  
and 24 Roman Catholic, total, 2,552  
white preachers. These supply 5,094  
churches, which have 526,117 members.  
There are 1,265 colored preachers, of  
eleven denominations, who supply 2,274  
churches, with 276,799. Thus of the  
1,800,000 people in the State 802,916  
are church members. This is said to be  
a very large percentage. The Baptist  
Almanac asserts that North Carolina is  
the best evangelized territory in the world.

THE RETURNING CONFIDENCE.

It seems hardly worth while to call  
the attention of our readers to the start-  
ling condition of affairs in the financial  
centres of the country. At this time,  
when holiday pleasures take up most of  
our time, but these repeated failures,  
and business entanglements call for a  
little attention, especially as they happen  
at the time when the holiday trade is  
supposed to get so great an amount of  
money into circulation.

It has always been a common saying  
that the Christmas trade saves many a  
firm by the money put in circulation,  
dealers looking to the tide wave which  
shall take their ships over the reefs of  
the year's poor business into the smooth  
water and safe harbor of the next year,  
but from present indications this tide  
wave of prosperity did not come and it  
begins to look like we are in grave danger  
of being swept on to the reefs to grind  
and go to pieces, with smooth water in  
sight. Already the crash of business  
ventures are beginning to be heard—  
several banks and big business houses in  
Chicago have gone to the wall and indeed  
it is an every day occurrence for some  
great business concern to fail. From all  
over the land comes the same story.  
What is the reason of this condition of  
affairs?

Is it most too soon for the return  
of confidence which the Republicans so  
solemnly promised if they won? Was  
it returning confidence that was needed?  
Is it not possible that the people, the  
so-called anarchists were right, and that  
it is more money and not more confidence  
that is needed? These are serious ques-  
tions with which to begin a four years  
reign and Mr. McKinley has a large-  
size contract to fill.

CALENDARS AND CALENDERS.—So  
many beautiful calendars and entertain-  
ing novelties have been issued by the  
proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that  
we are hardly surprised to receive this  
season not only one of the very prettiest  
designs in calendars, but with it coupons  
which entitle the recipient to attractive  
novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's  
Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures  
something that will prove interesting and  
valuable as well as a beautiful specimen  
of the Lithographer's art. The calendar  
is accompanied this season by amusing  
little book on "The Weather." Ask  
your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calen-  
dar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to  
C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The Wilmington Star says that Alex-  
ander Sprunt & Sons, of Wilmington,  
will handle 200,000 bales of cotton this  
season, which is the largest amount of  
that staple handled by any firm in any  
part of the United States.

ROANOKE RAPIDS.

Capit's Busy Week—Christmas Trees—  
Didn't Know It Was Loaded—Other  
News Notes.

The Christmas holidays passed off  
pleasantly. The Christmas trees were  
nicely arranged. The ladies who had  
them in charge knew how to arrange  
them and did it well. Each tree con-  
tained many handsome presents and each  
superintendent was highly elated over  
the success of his school. Mr. J. A.  
Chanter sent to the town a box contain-  
ing many handsome presents for the chil-  
dren of the town which were judiciously  
distributed. The recitations by the chil-  
dren at the M. E. school were fine and  
the singing at the Baptist church was  
highly complimented.

On Wednesday, Dec 23rd, Mr. S. L.  
Gibson, of this place, and Miss Sadie M.,  
daughter of Mr. J. J. Rawls, of this place,  
were united in marriage by Rev.  
J. A. Hayslop. The parlor was beauti-  
fully decorated for the occasion and a  
most excellent dinner was served to the  
family and a few special friends. The  
best wishes of the community attend  
them wherever they may have their lot.  
Miss Sadie is a sweet young lady, and  
will be missed here.

On Wednesday, the 30th of December,  
our popular and energetic townsman, Mr.  
Harvey L. Driscoll, and Miss Marie L.  
Hyman were united in marriage by Rev.  
J. H. Frizzell, in the Baptist church here.  
The church was beautifully decorated and  
filled to overflowing with friends of the  
contracting parties. Misses Mabel  
McMurray and Johnnie Daniel were  
flower girls and Messrs. E. B. Ashbrook  
and D. M. Fields acted as ushers. The  
attendants entered in the following order:  
Mr. Frank Branch with Miss Charity  
Hyman.

Mr. W. P. Vaughan with Miss Hattie  
Daniel.

Mr. W. D. Tillery with Miss Elestra  
Carpenter.

Mr. O. Davenport with Miss Susie  
Wood.

Mr. J. M. Grizzard, Jr., with Miss  
Mollie Dickens.

The wedding march was beautifully  
rendered by Mrs. D. M. Fields. After  
the ceremony the bride party and a few  
intimate friends repaired to the home  
of the groom where a most excellent supper  
was served and a most delightful evening  
was spent.

The bride and groom are among the  
most popular people of our town and  
have the best wishes of all.

Mr. J. D. Medlin and Miss Annie,  
daughter of Dr. J. L. Ivy, were married  
on the 20th ultimo by Rev. J. H. Friz-  
zell. They immediately repaired to the  
home of the groom where a nice dinner  
had been prepared. We extend congrat-  
ulations to our good friends and hope  
that they may have a long, happy and  
prosperous life.

Mr. Dan C. Lawrence, a very clever  
gentleman, will engage in business with  
his brother Louis and reside here. I  
gladly welcome him.

Ross Arrington, who is employed by  
Mrs. McMurray, came never meeting  
with a serious accident on the 23rd of  
December. Her brother John was fool-  
ing with his pistol when it was acciden-  
tally discharged. The ball passed through  
his hand and lodged in her arm, inflict-  
ing a very painful, but not serious  
wound. Dr. A. S. Pendleton rendered the  
necessary medical aid and both are  
doing well.

Work has been resumed in dead ear-  
nest. People are coming in from every  
direction.

Mr. Frizzell preached his first sermon  
here, as pastor, Sunday night. He made  
a most favorable impression upon our  
people.

A hop was given by the young men of  
the town a few nights ago which was  
much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smith are visiting  
relatives in Manchester.

The M. E. Sabbath school elected  
Miss Flossie Moody as organist, which  
was an excellent selection.

Dr. Edward and Col. A. J. Barton  
were in town last Friday. It was the  
Colonel's first visit and he was most fa-  
vorably impressed.

Mr. R. L. Hale, one of the best tele-  
graph operators in the State, spent two  
or three days in town during Xmas.

Mrs. Emory & Driscoll are building a  
large house at the cotton mill which will  
be used as a warehouse.

The Daughtry Brothers are busy  
painting the new houses.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Black will preach  
here Thursday night.

The public school was resumed  
Wednesday. Miss Grace E. Fitzgerald  
of this place is teacher. She is a gradu-  
ate of Manchester High School and will  
make a good teacher.

The girls and boys that went home  
Christmas day have nearly all returned.

The cotton mill is expected to be op-  
erated to some extent within thirty days.

Henry Reid, who drives the United  
Industrial Company's wagon was acci-  
dentally shot Monday by another ed-  
ward boy. It seems that the party was  
taking his pistol out of one pocket and  
putting it in another when it was acci-  
dentally discharged, the ball lodging in  
the thigh of Reid. Dr. Pendleton ren-  
dered necessary medical aid and he is  
doing well.

About twenty-five of the new resi-  
dences will be ready for occupancy by the  
first of next month.

Mr. Patterson is in Baltimore.

Mr. Frizzell preached two good ser-  
mons Sunday. The house could not hold  
the congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell spent Christmas  
with their parents in Scotland Neck.

W. B. W.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

News Notes as Called from Our State Ex-  
changes.

The reunion of "wanderers" at South-  
ern Pines was a pronounced success.

A woman smoking a cigar was one of  
the sights seen in Monroe one day last  
week.

In a quarrel about a woman, Albert  
Tucker shot and killed William Clark  
at Wilson.

At Monroe, Monday night, George  
Merodith fatally shot Mark Austin, in  
self-defense.

Col. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, has  
been elected president of the Virginia  
Millard League.

Several negro ex-convicts have been  
convicted for illegally registering and  
voting in Charlotte.

A Southern Detective Agency with  
Wm. H. Hollis, superintendent, has been  
established at Charlotte.

William Hedrick, of Davidson county,  
died on Monday morning, and on the  
next morning his wife died.

The Republican party soon to be  
started in Raleigh will be exactly the  
same size as the News Observer.

Fifty-five members-elect of the Legis-  
lature are in favor of increasing the  
school term to four months in the year.

At Tarboro Christmas eve Jake Sim-  
mons, colored, upon a banter, drank 14  
gills of whiskey, which caused his  
death.

C. B. Moore, of Asheville, will prob-  
ably succeed the late R. O. Patterson as  
clerk of the Federal court of the western  
district.

There are now seventy veterans at the  
Soldiers' Home. During the past year  
thirty-two new inmates were received and  
eleven died.

The Statesville Landmark notes the  
burning of Judge Cable's new eight-room  
residence in Statesville. Most of the loss  
was covered by insurance.

Another payment has been made on  
the Baptist Female University building  
at Raleigh and work will begin at once.  
The building will be completed.

There are 36 Mormon missionaries  
said to be evangelizing the State. Con-  
verts are not urged to go to Utah, but if  
they desire to go, the elders furnish the  
wherewithal.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has  
closed the Farmers Institutes for 1896  
during which time twenty-four have been  
held. The next will be at Goldsboro  
January 4 and 5.

A colored woman, Mary Colecutah,  
was shot, thought the heart to Durham  
Monday night and killed instantly. It  
was probably an accident, but both mur-  
der and suicide are engaged.

At Greensboro on Christmas eve Alan  
Payne shot and accidentally killed a negro  
named Will Banks. A party of negroes  
were returning from a church festival  
drunk, and were fooling with pistols,  
and one of the pistols accidentally went  
off.

During the holiday season James  
Green, colored, an ex-convict and general  
bad character, was shot and killed by un-  
known parties at Gibson, and his body  
was thrown into the water. No regrets  
were expressed by even the colored peo-  
ple at his untimely end.

About five miles from Taboro Chris-  
mas morning a negro girl called at a neigh-  
bor's house to give Christmas greetings.  
Upon entering a negro man presented a  
pistol at her and pulled the trigger  
thinking the weapon unloaded. It fired,  
the ball passing through the girl's head,  
killing her instantly.

The report on the state Guard for 1896  
will show that it has 100 more men than  
before. A new company of infantry at  
Scotland Neck is accepted. There are  
now a Gatling section and a Howitzer  
section and a signal corps. The equip-  
ment is excellent. It is said to be better  
than in any State in the south. Every-  
thing is ready for field service.

A freight train was wrecked near  
Raleigh, on the Seaboard Air Line,  
Wednesday of last week, with fatal re-  
sults. A rail had been removed by un-  
known train wreckers and it is believed  
that they deliberately planned to wreck  
the vestibule train for the purpose of  
robbery.

Fortunate that train was behind time  
and a freight was running on the time  
of the vestibule. The engine and five  
cars were dished down the embankment  
and the fireman, Louis Overby, colored,  
was killed and engineer Robinson was  
quite painfully injured.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Cures Talk

"Cures talk" in favor  
of Hood's Sarsaparilla,  
as for no other medi-  
cine. Its great cures recorded in truthful,  
convincing language of grateful men and  
women, constitute its most effective ad-  
vertising. Many of these cures are nat-  
ural, but have given Hood's Sarsaparilla  
the largest sales in the world, and have  
made necessary for its manufacture the  
greatest laboratory on earth. Hood's  
Sarsaparilla is known by the cures it has  
made—cures of scrofula, salt rheum and  
eczema, cures of rheumatism, neuralgia  
and weak nerves, cures of dyspepsia, liver  
troubles, catarrh—cures which prove

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier.  
cure liver ills; easy to  
take, easy to operate. 2c

Hood's Pills

newly repaired, and the same can  
be seen at W. B. Vick's Shop. It will be  
sold at a great bargain for Cash;  
W. H. HARRISON,

I have for sale a light two horse  
PHAETON

Wanted—An Idea

Phaeton Fr Sale.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the  
transient nature of the many phys-  
ical ills, which vanish before proper  
efforts—gentle efforts—pleasantly  
directed. There is comfort in the  
knowledge, that so many forms of  
sickness are not due to any actual dis-  
ease, but simply to a constipated con-  
dition of the system, which the pleasant  
family laxative, SYPREP, promptly  
removes. That is why it is the only  
remedy which, promotes internal  
cleansing, without debilitating the  
system, or causing any of the ill ef-  
fects which attend the use of other  
purgatives. It is therefore all important,  
in order to get its beneficial  
effects, to note when you purchase,  
that you have the genuine arti-  
cle, which is manufactured by the Gal-  
tichia Fig Syrup Co., and only sold by  
all reputable druggists.

It is in the enjoyment of good health,  
and the system is regular, laxatives or  
other remedies are then not needed. If  
afflicted with any actual disease, one  
may be commended to the most skillful  
physicians, but if in need of a laxative,  
one should have the best, and with the  
well-known, and everywhere, Syrup of  
Figs stands highest and is most largely  
used and gives most general satisfaction.

W. L. Douglas \$3 Shoe.



W. L. Douglas \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$5.00  
Shoes and the production of skilled  
workmen, from the best material pos-  
sible at these prices. Also \$2.50 and \$2  
Shoes for Men, \$2.50, \$2 and \$1.75 Boys  
Shoes.

W. B. Tillery, Weldon, N. C.

nov 26 1y

STIEFF PIANOS

A Good Piano is a Well Made Piano

Careful attention has been that every de-  
tail is right, down to the screws. It is  
this care and thought which makes the  
tone sweet and full, which makes the  
touch elastic, which guarantees the long  
life of the Piano.

CHAS. M. STIEFF,  
9 N. Liberty st., Baltimore, Md.  
Washington, 221 Eleventh st., N. W.  
Oct 8 1y.

EDWARD T. CLARK.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND  
Real Estate Agent,  
WELDON, N. C.  
J. W. PERRY CO.  
NORFOLK

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5, 1897.

Tone of Market, Steady.

Strict Middling Cotton, 6 1/2  
Middling, 6 1/4  
Strict Low Middling, 6 9-10  
Low Middling, 6-5-16  
Rices and Randy, 5 1/2 to 6  
Black-eyed Peas, \$1.50 per bag.  
Peas: Fancy, 2 1/2  
Strictly prime, 2 1/4  
Low Grades, 1 1/2 to 1 1/4  
Machine picked, 1 1/4  
Spanish, 75 to 80 lbs.

BAGGING, TIES, & BAGS

at wholesale prices. Write for prices.

Wanted—An Idea

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newly repaired, and the same can  
be seen at W. B. Vick's Shop. It will be  
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W. H. HARRISON,

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ARRIVING DAILY

Several thousand dollars worth of goods bought for cash, from some of the largest  
manufacturers. We had the cash, and the manufacturers were hard up for the cash,  
so we bought some of these goods less than cost to manufacture, and we are giving  
our customers benefit of these bargains.

Our Terms Are Cash,  
We sell so cheap we can't afford to sell on time. So if you want bargains always go  
to a cash store, when you have cash to spend.

See Some of our Prices.  
Men's overcoats \$1.50 to \$6.00, Men's suits \$2.25 to 4.00, Youth's suits, 1.25  
to 1.75, Boy's suits, 1.00 to 3.50; boys' hats 3c to 25c, men's and boy's fine GOLF  
caps 10 to 18c, men's fine Alpine hats 35 to 75c, girls and ladies caps with feathers,  
75 styles, 3c to 38c, ladies caps, late styles, 50c to 2.00, ladies cloaks 75c to 3.00,  
75 styles, 3c to 38c, ladies capes, late styles, 15 to 25c, Russel carpet 40 to 60c, Floor oil  
cloth, 15 to 25c, silk velvets 50 to 58c, Blankets 25 to 1.50, Feather beds, 20c to  
75c, ladies shoes, pat. tips 58c to 1.75, men's fine shoes 75c to 2.75, men's course  
shoes 75c to 1.25, Dress goods 3 to 25c, good calicoes 3 1/2 to 5c, Floor straw mat-  
ting 6 to 12c, Ladies made skirts, 1.00 to 1.75, ladies made wrappers 60 to 95c,  
Children's cloaks 75 to 1.25, Heavy dress goods 1 yd wide 6 to 8c, Children's Ribbed  
hose 4 to 6c, Men's undershirts 12 to 28c, men's wool shirts 35c to 50c, Ball  
knitting cotton 2 1/2 to 5c, men's pants 50c to 1.25, silk scarfs 8c to 15c, table oil  
cloth 10 to 15c, linen towels 7 1/2 to 12c, fine black silkline 15 to 20c, Rough late  
style dress goods, all wool and colors, 1 yd wide, 35c to 50c, wool serge dress goods  
48 inch wide, 27 to 30c, Counterpanes, 45 to 75c, All silk ribbons, 3 inch wide,  
7 to 10c, Satin ribbons 2 1/2 inch wide 8 to 10c, Bobbeds, dark and light, 1.25 to  
2.50, washstands 1.75 to 2.00, Bureaus 3.25 to 3.50, 24 envelopes 2c to 5c, 24  
sheets paper, 2 to 5c, Files 2 to 3c, Rags, twenty styles, 25c to 3.50, Photograph  
frames 3 to 15c. We have in stock thousands of other articles, call and get prices.

We give a catalogue of a few goods below, if you don't see what you want call  
at our store for it.—Gold paint, glue, mullage, assorted colors ink, tablets, draft books  
receipt books, account books, and many other kinds of stationery. We have a large  
and well selected stock of Christmas goods, we mention a few—Japanese goods,  
such as cups and saucers, plates, cream and chocolate pots, Bowls, vases, Toilet sets,  
cracker jars, tea pots and many other styles of these beautiful goods. Other goods  
for Christmas, dolls, express wagons, chairs, hobby horses, shoddy's, Elbert and  
air rifles, tin toys, plush cases, twenty kinds of games, velocipedes, picture books,  
banjos, Guitars, Phonographs, Mandolins, Accordions, Harmoniums, doll carriages,  
wheelbarrows, and many other kinds Christmas goods. We carry a large line stove  
pipe, sheet zinc, zinc stove boards and tin ware over two hundred styles.

W. B. SPIERS & DAVIS.

LOOK MOTHERS A RARE TREAT FOR YOU ALL.

A \$5.00 Boys Sampson Suit, with Extra Pair of Pants, for \$2.76

REMEMBER, you buy direct from one of the largest Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers in America,  
and by so doing you save these Profits.

In Jc Black Dark Blue Ox-ford Grey & Olive Brown



W. L. Douglas \$3 Shoe.

W. B. Tillery, Weldon, N. C.

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W. D. SMITH,

Weldon, N. C.

Dealer In—

FINE FAMILY GROCERIES

Confectioneries, Tobaccos, Cigars and Farm Supplies generally.

MY SALOON

has been recently fitted up with elegant furniture and is supplied with the  
OLDEST, BEST and MOST CHOICE

WHISKIES, BRANDIES AND WINES.

Among my stock of liquors I have on hand the celebrated I. W. Harper,  
Davenport & Morris "Old Grover," and Fess "Monticola."  
I have also opened up a barrel of six year old APPLE BRANDY

PURE AND MELLOW

Also have on hand full supply of imported and domestic wines. Among the  
later will be found the

Choicest Products

of Garrett & Co.'s winery at Chockayette.  
—I have some of the OLDEST AND BEST—

North Carolina Corn Whiskey,

made by Harrison & Co., the best corn whiskey makers we have in our  
Territory.  
I have on hand all kinds of pure whiskies and am prepared to give my friends

Entire Satisfaction

throughout Halifax and adjoining counties.  
Thanking the public for past liberal patronage, I will say when you visit  
Weldon don't fail to call to see the OLD ORIGINAL

DAVE SMITH,  
on Washington Avenue.

nov 5 1y

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOOMING!

This week has been a gala week  
on BOYD & YOUNG'S floor, glad-  
dening the hearts of the farmers  
and warehousemen alike.

See in local columns some of the  
prices obtained at this house.

We only need good tobacco on  
sale to keep everybody in good hu-  
mor on the floor and send them  
home rejoicing.

All grades bring satisfactory  
prices but especially Fine Goods,  
as the demand for them keeps ahead  
of the supply.

We are ready now to give best  
attention to the farmers and their  
stock, and give you a cordial invi-  
tation TO COME and see us.

BOYD & YOUNG.

sep 17 6m.

THE RO