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Post Almanac—December 25.
Sun Rises..... 7:09 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 4:03 P. M.
Day's Length..... 9:54 M.
High Water at Southport..... 10:59 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington 12:02 P. M.

The Weather.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 25.
Meteorological data for yesterday:
Temperature: 8 a. m., 38°; 9 p. m., 31°;
maximum, 37°; minimum, 28°; mean, 33°;
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall
since 1st of month up to date, .11.
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—At 8
a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear
river was 67 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
For North Carolina, generally fair;
continued cold northerly winds.

OUTLINES.

Two days run upon the Calumet
State Bank at Blue Island, Ill., caused
it to suspend. — There were 397
Boston failures in the United States
last week. — Internal revenue
collections for November show a falling
off of \$238,857. — A series of mur-
ders of "Jack the Ripper" type are hap-
pening in Amsterdam, Holland. —
Archibald Brady, late cashier of the
Caroline Loan and Savings Bank, has
been indicted for embezzlement. —
Robbers succeed in plundering an Ex-
press car on the Chicago & Alton Rail-
road near Independence, Mo. —
Henry Delgado, an American citizen,
the correspondent of the New York
Mail and Express, has been captured
in Morocco Castle; the American
Consulate has taken up the case and will
assist him to the Government.

The steamer Three Friends was seized
by customs officials immediately upon
its arrival at Key West and searched,
but neither arms nor ammunition were
found on board. — Colonel General
Lee and his wife and daughter left
Tampa yesterday for Havana. —
The preliminary charter for the Greater
New York divides the city into five
boroughs, with a municipal assembly of
two houses; there will be one mayor,
but each of the boroughs will have a
president to care for local affairs. —
A letter received by a Cuban resident in
New York gives the details of the mar-
riage of Spanish troops to Antonio Diaz,
a Cuban patriot, and his seven-year old
son. — The schooner Calvia B.
Capt. of Perth Amboy, was wrecked
off the coast of Massachusetts and her
crew lost. — The Huffman
House at Rockford, Ill., was destroyed
by fire, causing a loss of \$190,000. —
A mass meeting of Cuban sympathizers
was held in New York last night.
— New York markets: Money on call
at 4 1/2 per cent, closing offered at 3 per
cent; cotton quiet—adding 1/4¢;
Southern flour was dull and un-
changed—common to fair extra \$3.00 @
3.55, good to choice \$3.55 @ 3.85; wheat
—spot quiet and firmer; ungraded
red \$0.81 @ .93; corn—spot quiet and
firmer; No. 2, 29¢ @ elevator and
30 1/2¢ @ elevator; strained com-
mon to good \$1.75, spirits turpentine
firm at 26 1/2 @ 27 1/2.

Senator Morrill is opposed to hav-
ing the inaugural ball in the Con-
gressional library hall which was in-
tended for heads and not for heels.

Kansas proposes sending a train-
load of provisions to the destitute in
the cities of Chicago and New York,
"invading the enemy's country," as it
were.

The Republican tariff promoters say
that the tariff they will offer will be a
"moderate one." Who ever heard of a
Republican tariff that wasn't a
"moderate one," in their estimation.

The claim that anti-toxine is a
remedy for lockjaw was sustained by
the successful treatment of a case in
Chester, Pa., which had baffled all
the other treatment of physicians.

The Cuban insurgent army has
found a valuable recruit in a Cleve-
land base ball pitcher. It already
had an American foot ball player.
There are tough times before Weyer-
lyet.

The Spanish War Office is playing
a big bluff, and sends out word that
it can mobilize 500,000 fresh troops.
But the War Office doesn't seem to
be able to get them where they are
needed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the follow-
ing REDUCED RATES of Subscription
to THE MORNING STAR:
TO MAIL SUBSCRIBERS.
Twelve Months..... \$5.00
Six "..... 2.50
Three "..... 1.25
Two "..... 1.00
One "..... .50
TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.
The STAR will be delivered by
carrier at any point in the city at 12
cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

With wars and rumors of wars,
famine, and pestilence in other parts
of the world, the people of this coun-
try are, notwithstanding the ups and
downs that encounter us, compara-
tively blessed, and with this THE
STAR greets its readers, and the rest
of the American family with the wish
that this may be to them a merry
Christmas and the New Year a happy
one.

One of the features of the ap-
proaching semi centennial celebra-
tion of the founding of the city of
Wilmington, Wis., will be some
"hanging gardens." A hanging
beer vat would be much more ap-
propriate, and there would be more
business in it, too, as an advertise-
ment of the beverage on the manipu-
lation of which that city prides
herself.

Hermann, the magician, who died
a few days ago, calculated on liv-
ing twenty five years longer, and
made his plans accordingly. Wizard
as he was death surprised him, and
left his wife with only a couple of
thousand dollars worth of property,
not enough to pay his debts. He was
benevolent and generous and gave
away thousands of dollars.

"Bloody Bridges" Waite, of Colo-
rado, is on the track to do some
wading now, if he sticks. He is re-
cruiting a regiment of mountain
fellows to go to Cuba, with which he
says he will start on the march to
Florida Monday, and swim across if
can't find any canoes.

A Kansas preacher varies the rou-
tine of his services by reading to his
congregation a story which he has
written, entitled "Jake, the Mer-
chant." He gives it to 'em in broken
dozes. At last accounts neither he
nor his manuscript had been fired.

New Orleans is becoming the
greatest grain-shipping port in the
country. Last month it shipped 3,-
044,933 bushels of corn, against 1,-
607,939 bushels in November of last
year. So far this month it has
shipped 1,263,640 bushels.

A recent census gives the city of
Atlanta a population of 85,000,
which doesn't quite come up to
100,000, the number claimed. But
one Atlanta man hustles around and
makes as much racket as two people
in some other towns.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
CLYDE LINE—Sailing days.
W. E. WORTH & CO.—S-J oil.
MERCER & EVANS—X mas prices.
PETERSON & RULFS—Merry Christmas
OPERA HOUSE—Woodward-Warren Co.

LOCAL NOTICES.

**Items of Interest Gathered Here
and There and Briefly Noted.**
—The Wilmington Produce Ex-
change will be closed to-day and to-
morrow.
—Miss Lillian E. Abbott, teacher
of voice culture, has her studio at No.
113 Ann street.
—William Johnson, colored, was
arrested last night for cutting George
Williams, also colored.
—The steambot *Driver*, from
Fayetteville, arrived last evening at 8
o'clock with a large freight, mostly from
way-landings on the Cape Fear river.
—The STAR was shown yesterday
several fine Bartlett pears of the second
crop this season grown by Mr. J. B. Mer-
cer at his residence, No. 215 North Sec-
ond street.
—The regular service at the Sea-
men's Bethel will be conducted next
Sabbath afternoon at 8 o'clock by Rev.
A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men
specially invited. All welcome.
—A telegram from Havana says:
"The Spanish journalists in Havana are
organizing a firing squad of mounted
volunteers." The STAR thinks there are
too many squadrons of that variety in
the Spanish army now.
—The factories of the F. S.
Royer Guano Company are at Nor-
folk, Va., and Tarboro, N. C. The com-
pany has no factory at Greensboro, as
through mistake was stated in the STAR
yesterday.
—The police made some twenty
or more arrests last night for violation
of the order of the Chief of Police, con-
cerning the firing of cannon or dynamite
crackers. All arrested were recognized
for their ap.earance before the Mayor.
—Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co. an-
nounce a new branch of their business
in the STAR to-day. They now offer
Virginia and Tennessee soft coal to
keep their patrons warm in winter.
This is in accordance with the eternal
firmness of things, as they furnish ice to
keep their patrons cool in summer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. Andy Grey is in the city.
—Mr. Charles Cutts is in the city.
—Mr. W. G. Forlong, of Newbern,
is in the city.
—Mr. Ed. Craft and bride re-
turned yesterday.
—Mr. R. S. French is in the city
to spend the holidays.
—Mr. Oscar Wright, of Jackson-
ville, Fla., is in the city.
—Misses Eliza and Sallie Potter
have returned from Europe.
—Mrs. Empie is at home again,
after a prolonged visit abroad.
—Mr. J. W. Ragsdale, of Tim-
mooville, S. C., arrived in the city yester-
day.
—Mr. Louis P. Hale and Dr. H.
W. Lilly, of Fayetteville, arrived last
evening.
—Miss Leonora Cantwell returned
yesterday from school at Greensboro for
the holidays.
—Mr. Frank K. Myers, formerly
of this city, but now of Charleston, S.
C., is in town.
—Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., has
returned from Guilford College to spend
the holidays in the city.
—Mr. King Corbett, connected
with the North Eastern Railroad, at
Charleston, S. C., is in the city.
—Miss M. Johnson, of Rocking-
ham, and Mrs. W. E. Stevens of Clin-
ton, were among yesterday's arrivals.
—Mr. James Ward, Mr. B. H.
Jackson and wife, and Miss Jackson, all
of Hab, were among hotel registrations
yesterday.
—Misses Lizzie and Emma Moore,
of Hookerton, are spending the holi-
days at the home of their uncle, Mr. J.
S. Farches.
—Mrs. F. C. Polson, Master Her-
bert Lutimer and Master Emil Lutimer,
of London, England, are here for the
holidays.
—Mr. Walker Meares has re-
turned home from Pollockville, where
he has been engaged as cotton buyer for
Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.
—Mr. W. A. McGowan returned
yesterday from Clarkton, where he at-
tended the marriage of Dr. C. S. Tate,
of Rameur, to Miss Mary S. Campbell,
of Clarkton.
—Mrs. A. B. Mott, accompanied
by Master Raymond Mott, has gone to
Columbia, S. C., to spend the holidays
with her father, Mr. J. B. Alexander, a
well known railroad man.
—Mr. George P. Ganser, formerly
of Wilmington, but now of Georgia,
is in the city for the Christmas holidays.
On his return to Georgia he will take
150 negroes to work in the turpentine
fields there.
—President E. A. Alderman, of
the State University, is in the city to
spend a part of the holidays with
relatives and old friends. The STAR
was glad to have a visit from him yester-
day. He will probably leave for Chapel Hill
to-morrow.

THE CANNON CRACKER.

The Ordinance Concerning Fire Crackers
and Other Fire-Works—Certain Days
Resigned from Its Provisions.
As the dealers in fire-works, and the
American small boy as well, are much
exercised over the proclamation pub-
lished by the Mayor prohibiting the
firing of "cannon-crackers," the STAR
prints below the ordinance in reference
to this matter. Section 8, Article Twelve
(from the compilation of city ordinances
made by Messrs. E. S. Martin and T. W.
Strange in 1894), says:
"Every person who shall fire any can-
non, gun, pistol or other fire-arms, or
any cannon crackers or other fire-works
in any street or alley, or upon any wharf,
or in any private or public lot, or any-
where within the corporate limits of the
city of Wilmington, except upon a mili-
tary parade, or by permission of the
Mayor or Chief of Police, shall be fined
\$10 for each and every offence. Pro-
vided, that this prohibition shall not ex-
tend to the firing of cannon-crackers and
fire-works between the 24th day of De-
cember and the 1st day of January, in
each year, and on the 4th of July, except
west of Front street."
While the STAR makes no issue with
the city authorities as to the propriety
of suppressing the cannon-cracker, it
does not hesitate to express the opinion
that, unless the foregoing ordinance has
been amended since 1894, the Mayor
has no authority to prohibit the firing of
cannon crackers except in that part of
the city west of Front street, between
December 24th and January 1st. The
ordinance says plainly, in the last sen-
tence of Section 8: "Provided that this
prohibition shall not extend to the firing
of cannon-crackers and fire-works be-
tween the 24th day of December and the
1st day of January, and on the 4th day
of July, except west of Front street."
Now, if it is conceded, and it must be,
that cannon-crackers were intended to
be included in either of the terms
"cannon-crackers" or "other fire-works,"
it seems clear that the proclamation of
the Mayor alone cannot remedy the evil
complained of.

A Slight Token of Appreciation.

Last evening a committee of gen-
tlemen, representing Grace Fifth Street,
and Bladen Street M. E. churches, called
at the residence of Rev. W. S. Rone,
who in a few days will leave for a new
field of labor. Mr. Rone was out taking
tea, but the business which brought the
committee there was of such a nature
that it was thought best to dispatch
a messenger after him. When he
arrived, Mr. W. M. Polson, in be-
half of a number of Mr. Rone's friends
presented, with a few feeling remarks,
the worthy gentleman with a travelling
companion as a slight token of their ap-
preciation of his labors and of their
esteem and friendship for him person-
ally. Mr. Rone accepted the gift in
words of tenderness and gratitude. Mr.
J. S. Farches, of Fifth Street Church,
Mr. Reuben Grant, of Bladen Street
Church, and Mr. George G. Lewis, of
Grace Church, followed in the order
named with words of approbation and
esteem.

Drummers' Banquet at Piney Woods Inn.

Another good time is promised at
the popular winter resort, Piney
Woods Inn. The date is January 18th,
when Mr. Charles S. John, manager of
the Piney Woods Inn, is going to give a
banquet complimentary to the com-
mercial travellers of the Southern States.
Knights of the grip are the jolliest
people imaginable and any occasion in
which they are to take a prominent
part will be most enjoyable. And the
surroundings and entertainment will be
such as to please the most exacting.
Southern Pines is getting to be widely
known as a winter health resort, and
the Piney Woods Inn is one of the lead-
ing hotels in the South.
A special rate of one fare for the
round trip has been given by the Sea-
board Air Line.
Senator Eliott Shreve talks.
A STAR representative had a conver-
sation a few days since with Mr. Angus
Shaw, one of the Senators elected to the
Robeson and Columbus counties, and a
prominent Populist leader. On three
propositions he was distinct and posi-
tive in his utterances as to the course he
would pursue as a member of the Legis-
lature. First, he is uncompromising in
his opposition to the election of Senator
Pritchard or any other McKelley gold
standard man to the United States
Senate. Second, he will do all in his
power to annul the lease of the North
Carolina Railroad to the Southern Rail-
way Company. Third, he will oppose
with all his energy any attempt to de-
prive the University of the State appro-
priation.

Entertainment at Masonboro Public School.

A public school entertainment, with
a programme of twenty-six pieces, was
given last Thursday night in the Baptist
Church at Masonboro. All the scholars
participating did credit to themselves
and to their teachers, Miss
Ethel Herring, of Pender county, and
Miss Lizzie McMillan, of Wilmington.
A "Fan Drill," given by twenty young
ladies, was one of the many good fea-
tures, and "Recompense," represented by
Miss Bertha Farrow, Miss Jessie Hew-
lett and Mr. Ada Hewlett elicited much
favorable comment. Special mention
ought to be made also of Misses Bertha
Walton, Lizzie Costa, Hattie Hewlett,
Lizzie Beasley, Edie Montford and
Clara McGowan.

Exports Foreign.

The British steamship *Grafion* cleared
yesterday for Liverpool, Eng., with 10,
388 bales cotton, valued at \$875,836.
Vessel and cargo by Alex. Sprunt & Son.
Schooner *Florencia A.* cleared for Aux
Cayes, Haiti, with 118,938 feet lumber,
and 35,000 shingles, shipped by the
Chadbourn Lumber Company.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our
"Business Locals" department will be
charged one cent per word for each in-
sertion; but no advertisement, however
short, will be taken for less than 90 cents.
This is a reduction from former rates
and it is also a convenience to adver-
tisers who can calculate the exact cost
of their advertisements, which must be
paid for always in advance.

CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The Board of Commissioners Invis Co-
operation of the Chamber of Commerce—
A Committee Appointed by the Pres-
ident of the Chamber to Confer
With the Board.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.
Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourne, Jr., President
Chamber of Commerce, City.
DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board
of County Commissioners of New Hanover
county, held on December 23, 1895,
I was directed by resolution to request
you to appoint a committee from your
chamber who will represent the large
tax-payers and business men who are
more interested in the proposed tax
increase than in politics or in
in battling places for favors to draw
pay from taxes collected from the peo-
ple.
It is desired that this committee shall
be permanent, as they would be in touch
with the tax-payers, knowing their de-
sires, wants and necessities, and ability
to meet a tax levy.
You can assure this committee that
any recommendation of theirs will be
carefully accepted by the Board, and
that their duties will not be onerous, and
will not consume more time than any
public-spirited citizen ought to be will-
ing to devote to his county.
The Board left that any expression of
opinion by the committee would work
great good to the tax-payers of our
county and city, which are so near being
one and the same. The principal diffi-
culty is that two sets of officers are paid
frequently for performing the same class
of duties; the paying of three or four
physicians for services that could properly
be rendered by one being a noteworthy
example.
With this view of saving to the
"county-city," the Board of Commis-
sioners would be willing to appoint any
physician that the Board of Aldermen
would agree upon, provided he was ac-
ceptable to your committee and ap-
proved by the County Board of Health.
The Board would particularly at present
request the appointment of your com-
mittee upon the following important ques-
tions that will come up soon for action:
What per cent. tax shall be levied for
the following purposes: Payment of
County Official County Hospital, Out-
door Poor, County Poor House, House
of Correction, County Roads, Criminal
Court, Military, Justice of the Peace,
County Jail, and the matter of separation of
Poor House from House of Correction.
Most respectfully submitted,
JAS. H. CHADBOURNE, JR.,
President.

CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Col. F. W. Foster, Chairman Board
County Commissioners, New Hanover
County, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 23rd
instant was duly received. I heartily
concur in your plan to give the tax-
payer's voice in the administration of
county affairs.

After consultation with the chairman
of our Executive Committee, and with
several members of the Chamber, I
have appointed the following committee
in accordance with your request, viz:
J. F. Divise, D. L. Gore, Samuel Bear,
Jr., Jno. S. Armstrong, J. W. Norwood,
H. C. Good, W. H. Chadbourne, Jr.,
DeWitt C. Egan, J. G. L. Gieschen.

Very truly,
JAS. H. CHADBOURNE, JR.,
President.

OPERA HOUSE.

The Woodward-Warren Company Play-
ing to Good Hours—Will Give Matinee
and Evening Performances To-morrow.

The Woodward-Warren Company
gave their fourth performance at the
Opera House last night. The "Quack
Doctor" being the bill. Fall of comedy
and pleasing specialties, the play suc-
ceeded in winning the plaudits of the
audience. Each member of the cast
well played their respective roles. Mr.
Woodward as *Ignatius Tallidon*, kept
the comedy work fully alive, and Miss
Warren as *Tahitika Hicks*, also caused
much laughter. The company's engage-
ment so far has been a most suc-
cessful one from an artistic standpoint.
Mr. Woodward and Miss Warren's
company of supporting players are far
above the average repertoire actors and
actresses, and playing as they do at 10,
20 and 30 cents, they should be greeted
by large crowds at every performance.

A Christmas matinee will be given
this afternoon, at which performance the
comedy drama, "The Great Diamond
Mystery," which was performed Monday
night will be the feature.

To-night the society comedy, "The
O. O. Story," will be presented. The
morning afternoon "The Girl I Love,"
and to-morrow night the farewell per-
formance, "A Practical Joke." Seats
are now on sale at Garken's.

Newly-Blessed M. gistrates.
It would be quite embarrassing to be
obliged to go through a marriage cere-
mony twice before one could be sure of
the knot being safely tied, but such
was the case in a town not a thousand
miles from here a few days since. And
it was due to the fact that some newly-
elected magistrate was too previous in
assuming his official functions.

The STAR therefore, wishing to pre-
vent embarrassment, would remind
people that according to the decision of
the Attorney General, not until after the
first Thursday in August next can any
of the magistrates elected on the third
of last November try a case, marry a
couple or exercise any functions pertain-
ing to the magistracy of the office.

COLORED HOMES AT WILMINGTON.

The receipts of cotton at this port
the past week are 7,816 bales; receipts
same day last year, 4,718. Receipts for
the crop year to December 25th, 808,099
bales; for corresponding time last year,
184,059; an increase of 724,038 bales.
The stock of cotton at Wilmington is
14,471 bales; at same date last year it was
31,742.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
church, corner Market and Sixth streets,
Rev. K. Bold, pastor. English service
to-day at 11 a. m. All seats free.
St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange
streets, Rev. F. N. Skinner, rector. Ser-
vice Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Ser-
vices for general mission.

—Fire was discovered on the roof
of a small frame building on Eighth,
between Castle and Queen streets, yester-
day about 9 o'clock. The Fire Depart-
ment turned out in response to a call
from box 25. The damage was slight.

GOV.-ELECT RUSSELL

RESIGNED BY LOCAL POLITICIANS AT
THE STATE CAPITAL.
He Is Engaged in Gathering Information
for Use in His Forthcoming Mes-
sage—W. F. Hancock of Newbern Will
Be Made President of the A. & N. C.
N. C. Railroad—Held on
Ill-timed Disturbance—Death
of Mr. Robt. W. Best.
[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 23.
Governor-elect Russell was besieged
by local politicians on his arrival here
yesterday, and it was twelve o'clock last
night before they vacated room No. 26
at the Park Hotel. There was a general
discussion of political subjects by the
faithful, with the exception of the date of
the inauguration. Judge Russell did not
express himself positively about this.
Auditor Ayer, who paid his respects
to the Governor-elect, told him that the
inauguration would not occur before the
15th. "This much is settled upon," he
said.

Judge Russell went to the library this
morning, where he spent some time.
Judge Russell's visit to Raleigh is en-
tirely for the purpose of gathering in-
formation which he will use in his mes-
sage.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Newbern, will
be made President of the A. & N. C.
railroad, as soon as Governor-elect Rus-
sell gets in control. The news of Mr.
Hancock's prospective appointment
comes pretty straight. It was stated
that he came here to consult with At-
torney Parrish about the new move on
the part of the stockholders. Mr. Par-
rill and Mr. Hancock were closeted dur-
ing the evening at the Park.

Mr. Hancock stated to your corre-
spondent last evening that he had pub-
lished notification that application would
be made to the General Assembly to
change the charter of the A. & N. C.
road. Mr. Hancock said that he was
not prepared to state what changes
would be made in the charter and that
the publication of the notice was taken
more as a precautionary measure.

Deputy Collector Shelburne went out
on a raid yesterday evening and cap-
tured four snails in Wake and Granville
counties. Much beer was destroyed with
the snails.

Mr. Robert W. Best, former Secretary
of State, and Past Grand Master of the
Masonic O. G. O. died in Washington
yesterday. The remains will be interred
in Oakwood cemetery, this city, to-
morrow.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., December 24.—An-
other payment was made on the Baptist
Female University building to-day.
Work will begin at once, and the build-
ing will be completed.

The inaugural will occur not earlier
than the twelfth; it will be either the
twelfth or thirteenth. This is agreed
upon.

Judge Russell leaves this morning for
his home to spend Christmas. He tells
me the inaugural will be very simple,
in deference to his wishes he will have
no military escort.

Judge Russell expresses the opinion
that expenditures must be cut down.
Recommendation will be made along
this line in his message.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.
The Handsome Residence of Mr. J. J.
Laughinghouse at Grimsland,
Fris County.

[Special Star Telegram.]
GREENVILLE, N. C., Dec. 24.—Early
last night the handsome residence of
Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse, near Grims-
land, this county, was destroyed by fire.
The cause was accidental; the fire origi-
nating on the roof by sparks from the
chimney. The building and nearly all
the furniture were destroyed. There
was some insurance on both. Mr.
Laughinghouse is one of Pitt county's
leading farmers, and had the best coun-
try home in the county. He was the
Democratic candidate for the State
Senate in the last campaign.

Death of Col. Roger Moore's Infant
Grandson.
The many friends of Col. Roger
Moore and family will sympathize with
them in their grief over the demise of
the infant son of Mr. Parker Quince
Moore, last night at 10:30 o'clock. The
funeral will take place to-morrow morn-
ing at 10:30 o'clock from the residence,
on Chestnut street near Front.

DIED.
MOORE—At 10:30 o'clock last night, ROGER,
infant son of Parker Quince and May Harding
Moore, aged 8 months and 17 days.
Funeral Saturday morning from residence of Col.
Roger Moore, at 10:30 o'clock. Friends and
acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Notice.
THE UNDERSIGNED GIVES NOTICE THAT
certificates for one share, Number 100, of the
Capital stock of the Newbern & Jacksonville Railroad
Company, standing in the books of said company in
his name, has been lost or destroyed; that he will
pay to the Board of Directors of said company
a new certificate issued him, as provided in Sec-
tion 19 of the Charter of said company,
Nov 7th 1884.
JAMES K. KNIGHT.

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The Woodward-Warren Company
Playing to Good Hours—Will Give Matinee
and Evening Performances To-morrow.

"THE OLD, OLD STORY."
To-morrow Afternoon at Matinee.
"THE GIRL I LOVE."
To-morrow Night.
"A PRACTICAL JOKE."
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Seats at Garken's.

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Dec 25

GOV.-ELECT RUSSELL

RESIGNED BY LOCAL POLITICIANS AT
THE STATE CAPITAL.
He Is Engaged in Gathering Information
for Use in His Forthcoming Mes-
sage—W. F. Hancock of Newbern Will
Be Made President of the A. & N. C.
N. C. Railroad—Held on
Ill-timed Disturbance—Death
of Mr. Robt. W. Best.
[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 23.
Governor-elect Russell was besieged
by local politicians on his arrival here
yesterday, and it was twelve o'clock last
night before they vacated room No. 26
at the Park Hotel. There was a general
discussion of political subjects by the
faithful, with the exception of the date of
the inauguration. Judge Russell did not
express himself positively about this.
Auditor Ayer, who paid his respects
to the Governor-elect, told him that the
inauguration would not occur before the
15th. "This much is settled upon," he
said.

Judge Russell went to the library this
morning, where he spent some time.
Judge Russell's visit to Raleigh is en-
tirely for the purpose of gathering in-
formation which he will use in his mes-
sage.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Newbern, will
be made President of the A. & N. C.
railroad, as soon as Governor-elect Rus-
sell gets in control. The news of Mr.
Hancock's prospective appointment
comes pretty straight. It was stated
that he came here to consult with At-
torney Parrish about the new move on
the part of the stockholders. Mr. Par-
rill and Mr. Hancock were closeted dur-
ing the evening at the Park.

Mr. Hancock stated to your corre-
spondent last evening that he had pub-
lished notification that application would
be made to the General Assembly to
change the charter of the A. & N. C.
road. Mr. Hancock said that he was
not prepared to state what changes
would be made in the charter and that
the publication of the notice was taken
more as a precautionary measure.

Deputy Collector Shelburne went out
on a raid yesterday evening and cap-
tured four snails in Wake and Granville
counties. Much beer was destroyed with
the snails.