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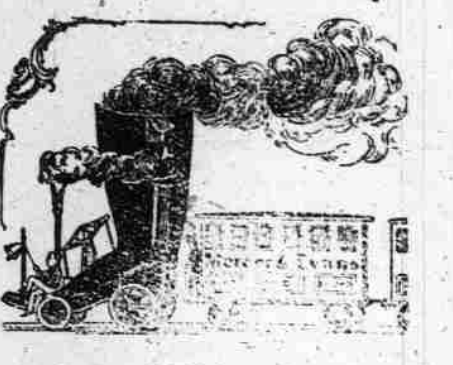
WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1899.

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Because we fit the head, the foot and the pocket.
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Cuban Blossom, Renown, Smokettes, Topical Twist.

The Best 5c Cigars Sold.

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Butter and Cheese,
Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts,
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CANDLES—In Penny goods, Fancy Mixed and 8tick. Get our prices before buying.

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Shipments of Furs.
Highest market prices paid.
Prompt returns made.

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Two Good Farm Mules
For Sale.

Also, Corn, Hay, Oats, Bran,
Meal, Molasses,
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IN THE STATE.

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OUTLINES.

The Naval Personnel bill abolishing the House with amendments abolishing prize money and increasing the marine corps to six thousand men. In the Senate the Nicaragua canal bill was considered. — Jno. Russell Young, librarian of the Congressional Library, died at his home, Washington, D. C. — President McKinley has decided to order a court martial to try the man for abusing Gen. Miles. — Fifty-five confederates in Muscogee county, Ga., petition Senator Butler not to abandon his bill to pension Confederate soldiers. — Ballot taken in Pennsylvania Legislature for U. S. Senator; Quay lacked 16 votes of an election; a prolonged dead-lock is probable. — Col. Bryan made two speeches in Denver to large audiences. — A Franco German alliance finds favor in Paris now that England is regarded as the national enemy. — The Senatorial situation in West Virginia is unchanged; The Seaboard and Roanoke deal was consummated yesterday in Baltimore by transfer of stock to the Williams syndicate. — Three highwaymen held up and robbed a policeman in Chicago. — Five boys drowned in a mill pond in Susquehanna county, Pa. — New York markets: Money on call 5/8; 1/2 per cent, the last 1/4 in being at 2 1/2 per cent; cotton firm; middling uplands 6c; flour exceedingly dull and in buyers' favor; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 79 1/2; corn—spot weak; No. 2 43 1/2; spirits dull; spirits turpentine firm at 42c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, N. C., Jan. 17.

Temperature: 8 A. M., 50 deg.; 3 P. M., 50 deg.; maximum, 62 deg.; minimum, 50 deg.; mean, 56 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since last of the month up to date, 1.71.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 17.2 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—For North Carolina—Threatening weather; colder; brisk northwesterly winds.

Port Annapolis—Jan. 18.

Sea breeze... 7.12 A. M.
Sun... 8.10 P. M.
Day Length... 10 H. 00 M.
High Water at Southport 1:45 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington 4:15 A. M.

London shelters in its lodging houses every night about 40,000 homeless mortals.

France is very much troubled over the Dreyfus affair. But France seems to be also afflicted with something like a dry rot.

Gen. Lee's friends claim that he has been designedly side-tracked and sheltered by the administration. It looks very much like it. Gen. Lee is not figuring very conspicuously in Cuba.

German bicycle manufacturers are trying to keep American bicycles out of Germany. They should not be blamed, for after a wheel has taken a spin or two on an American bike, he never wants to mount those German cart-wheel contrivances any more.

We are indebted to the Philadelphia Ledger for its almanac for 1899, an excellent publication, crammed with interesting and useful statistical and other information, conveniently arranged for reference. This publication is not printed for sale, but as a gift to the Ledger's patrons.

James Tyson, of Australia, in addition to having amassed a large fortune had a unique record, for it is said that shortly before dying he bequeathed that he had never entered a church, a theatre, or a public house, had never tasted wine, beer nor spirits; that he had never sworn; that he had never washed with soap, using sand instead—nor worn a white shirt, or gloves. He was a noty old bachelor.

The Grand Duke of Russia, when he didn't rush into it but expressed it as his "deliberate" opinion that the American women are the handsomest in the world. If he had seen some fair samples of our Southern women that opinion would have sprung spontaneously, as it were, without a bit of "deliberation" but it is all right. The American woman, individually or collectively, is a daisy.

James Tyson, the Australian millionaire, who died worth about \$20,000,000 a short while ago, at the age of 76 years, was never married because the girl he wanted to marry didn't happen to be at home when he called to ask her, and shortly afterwards married another fellow. Tyson always lived in a plain, primitive sort of a way, didn't care anything for show and not much for money. He went but little into society, and mingled little with men, but was benevolent and did good with his money.

THE CITY CHARTER.

A Mass Meeting Held Last Night to Discuss the Proposed Amendments.

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

The Opponents of the Bill Now Pending in the Legislature Object to the Primary Election and Police Commission Clauses.

A mass meeting was held in the court house last night, during which resolutions pertaining to the proposed amendments to the city charter were adopted. The meeting was called to order about 8:30 o'clock by Mr. J. D. Smith. Mr. H. McLean consented to serve as temporary chairman and the representatives of the press were asked to serve as secretaries.

Mr. W. E. Springer was chosen permanent chairman. He announced that the object of the meeting was for the people to give expression to views regarding the amendments to the city charter now pending before the General Assembly.

When the meeting was declared open for business Iredell Meares, Esq., was recognized and spoke at length in opposition to the system of primary elections proposed in the bill for city charter amendment now pending in the Legislature, advocating the holding of primaries at which the mayor, city clerk and treasurer, chief of police, chief of the fire department, and other executive officers shall be nominated, and the aldermen committed to their election. He also opposed the clause in the city charter which provides for the creation of a police commission. He read a series of resolutions, which he asked the meeting to adopt, but pending action upon which there was a general discussion.

A NEW SECRETARY FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Howard Caldwell, of Charleston, to Take Charge of the Wilmington Association Work.

Mr. Howard Caldwell, now of Charleston, has accepted the position as General Secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association of this city and will enter upon the duties of the position February 1st. He will succeed Mr. Smith, who has been filling the position temporarily, and by the way very satisfactorily to the trustees, since the resignation of Mr. T. C. Diggs. He was sent here only temporarily by State Secretary W. M. Lewis, and owing to the fact that he is determined to prosecute his studies further before entering regularly into the Y. M. C. A. work, could not consider the acceptance of a permanent secretaryship now. He will probably continue here, however, a few weeks after the arrival of the new secretary, to assist him in getting the work fully in hand.

Mr. Caldwell comes to Wilmington highly recommended by leaders in the Y. M. C. A. work of this State and South Carolina. He is a native of York county, S. C., is about 24 years of age and is a graduate of Erskine College of South Carolina. He was active in the Y. M. C. A. work while at college and during the late war was secretary in charge of the Y. M. C. A. tent of the First S. C. volunteer regiment. Since the war he has been associated with the county Y. M. C. A. work of Edgecombe and adjacent counties.

The trustees of the Y. M. C. A. elected Mr. Caldwell to the secretaryship at a meeting held last week and the correspondence has been conducted by President Jno. Frank, who received notice yesterday afternoon of Mr. Caldwell's acceptance and the date upon which he will take up the work.

A CREDITABLE SHOWING.

Reports of Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Carolina Insurance Co.—Old Directors and Officers Re-Elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Carolina Insurance Company was held yesterday at the office of the company on Princess street. Mr. Henry Savage presided over the meeting and Mr. M. S. Willard was secretary. The audit committee, consisting of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Mr. B. F. Hall and Mr. W. B. Kennan, reported that they had examined the books of Mr. M. S. Willard, secretary, and found them correct in every particular. Also that they had investigated the company's securities and found them thoroughly safe.

The eleventh annual statement of the company's business made quite a creditable showing. Since the organization of the company eleven years ago the cash assets have increased from \$53,243.15 to \$71,801.74 and the net surplus from \$471.60 to \$11,832.38. The receipts during the past year were \$24,044.74. During the year they paid out for fire losses \$5,610.92. The total amount of fire losses paid since organization is \$50,935.17.

During the meeting yesterday all members of the Board of Directors were re-elected as follows: D. L. Gore, C. W. Worth, S. Solomon, H. L. Vollers, Donald MacRae, H. C. McQueen and Clayton Giles.

After the stockholders adjourned there was a meeting of the directors, during which Mr. D. L. Gore was re-elected president and Mr. M. S. Willard secretary. It will be of interest to note that during the absence of Mr. Willard, in attendance upon the General Assembly at Raleigh, Mr. Clayton Giles is acting secretary, and is prepared to attend to all business connected with the institution.

The regular, bona fide circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

LOCAL DOTS.

THE COURT QUESTION

Joint Democratic Caucus Decides Not to Abolish the Criminal Courts.

BUT ENLARGE THEIR POWERS

Gov. Russell's Message Giving Reasons for Suspending the Railroad Commissioners—Many New Bills and Resolutions Introduced.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.—The first and only event in the Senate to-day was the special message of Governor Russell. When the message was announced the members dropped everything and gave the closest attention throughout to the reading. His Excellency, perhaps, never had a more thoroughly entertained audience. At the conclusion of the reading 200 copies were ordered printed. A difficulty, however, arose as to how this was to be done. His Excellency, departing from the usual gubernatorial custom, had sent up but a single copy of the message for the use of both the Senate and the House and his private secretary was waiting for the Senate to get through that the copy might be carried over and read to the House. Senator Brown thought that a copy should have been furnished each house. The suggestion was made that the Senate order a copy from the typewriters and pay for it. Senator Wilson opposed this. It was the business of the Governor to furnish a copy. It was desired also to refer the document to the Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission, but it was not quite parliamentary to refer a document that was in the possession of the other house. The matter was finally settled by agreeing that the message should be taken over to the House.

Additional to Committees.
The following additions were made to committees: Senator McIntyre to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institutions; Senator Murray, to Committee on Insane Asylums; Senators Skinner and Jones, to Committee on Education; Senator Speight, to Committee on Trustees of the University; Senators Fields and Justice, to Committee on Finance.

House Proceedings.

The House met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, editor of Zion's Landmark, of Wilson.

Just before the introduction of new business, a message from the Governor was announced. It was a special message, setting forth his reasons for the suspension of Railroad Commissioners J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson. After the reading of the document, which consumed half an hour, just exactly forty bills and resolutions and three petitions were introduced. Among them were the following of general interest and importance:

By Thompson of Davidson: To amend Chapter 23 of the Code, so that "children of the mother shall inherit from each other, as if all were legitimate."

By Davis of Haywood: To appropriate \$40,000 for the school for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton.

By Rountree of New Hanover: To amend the law in regard to probating deeds and other instruments.

By Clark of Mecklenburg: To amend the insurance laws of the State to enable manufacturers to secure a minimum rate.

By Patterson of Caldwell: To prevent the sale of adulterated or misbranded food.

By Winston of Bertie: To provide for the construction of monuments to Gen. Francis Nash and Gen. William Lee Davidson, for which purpose Congress has appropriated \$10,000.

By Wall of Richmond: To establish a State text book commission to provide uniform books for public schools.

By Reese of Ashe: To regulate the appointment of school funds.

By Rountree of New Hanover: To abolish all exemptions from jury duty.

By Currie of Moore: To reduce salaries and fees.

By McNeill of Brunswick: To amend the charter of Southport.

By Craig of Buncombe: To provide for a thorough investigation of the cases of the suspended-railroad commissioners.

By Boushall of Wake: To relieve sheriffs and tax collectors of certain counties.

During the consideration of the calendar five bills passed their third and final reading, two passed second reading, and two resolutions were adopted.

Only two of the bills passed were of more than local importance. They were to repeal the local school taxation election law; to increase the number of commissioners in Hertford county to eight.

The two bills passed on second reading were to authorize Morganton and Charlotte to issue bonds.

The two resolutions adopted were to provide for the investigation of the case of the suspended-railroad commissioners and to limit the time for explaining votes in the House to one minute.

Consideration of the Pamlico election case, which had been made the special order for noon-to-morrow, was in motion of Mr. Overman, of Rowan, made the special order for Thursday at noon.

During the day leave of absence was granted Mr. Willard, of New Hanover, till Thursday.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

THE COURT QUESTION

At 2 o'clock the House adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The Criminal Court Question.

A joint caucus of Democratic members was held to-night. After a thorough discussion of the question of increasing the number of court districts in the State, it was decided not to increase the number of Superior Courts, but to enlarge the powers of the two Criminal Courts and add to the Criminal Court districts those counties having congested calendars. Also, that Superior Court judges may be asked to hold forty courts a year instead of thirty-four, as at present. What really settled the matter was the fact that Governor Russell had announced his purpose to appoint one-half of the new judges Republicans, and half of them Democrats. Of course there was also the question of economy, but on that the Legislature was not so evenly divided.

[By Associated Press.]
RALEIGH, N. C., January 17.—Gov. Russell to-day sent to the General Assembly of North Carolina a special message setting forth his reasons for suspending from office Railroad Commissioners J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson. He charges in the message that both were interested in the operation and profits of the Southern Railroad, and were thereby disqualified under the law to act as fair and impartial judges. Specifying the grounds on which he bases these conclusions, the Governor sets forth that J. W. Wilson was mortgaged to A. B. Andrews, vice president of the Southern Railway, in the sum of \$5,000, which he is unable to pay, and that Andrews and Wilson are joint owners of the Round Knob hotel, near Asheville, which hotel is dependent upon the railroad for patronage.

This hotel, the Governor says, was rented by A. B. Andrews and J. W. Wilson to the other railroad commissioner, S. Otho Wilson, for a term of five years, and in consideration of his taking this lease the Southern railway, through Andrews, contracted to transport Wilson and his family free of charge and deadweight for him all freight and all provisions and supplies. It is recommended that the Legislature appoint a commission to take evidence and investigate the charges.

By River and Rail.
Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—154 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.
W. C. & A. Railroad—240 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 73 barrels rosin, 131 barrels tar.
C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—19 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels tar.
Steamer A. P. Hurt—3 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 225 barrels rosin, 65 barrels tar.
Steamer E. A. Hawes—36 casks spirits turpentine, 465 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 410 bales; spirits turpentine, 6 casks; rosin, 732 barrels; tar, 289 barrels.

Prominent Citizen of Fayetteville.
The death of Capt. Samuel C. Rankin, member of the firm of A. E. Rankin & Co., of Fayetteville, N. C., is announced by the Daily Reporter of that city. He was on his way home from the place of business of the firm last Monday evening between six and seven o'clock and fell dead on the street. Capt. Rankin was born in Guilford county, Sept. 18, 1832.

"Twelve years ago Capt. Rankin and Miss Eliza Prior were married and started three sons, Messrs. Charles, Laacy and Henry Rankin, and their wives survive him. The Captain was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, holding the office of senior elder for a number of years."

C. B. & L. Association.

The annual meeting of the Citizen's Building and Loan Association was held last night in the City Hall, at the City Hall; the president, Mr. W. H. Chadburn, presiding. The old board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year, and after the meeting of stockholders the directors met and also re-elected the officers who served during the past year.

A Progressive Whist Party.

There was a delightful duplicate whist party at the residence of Mr. John Maffitt, corner of Fourth and North streets, last night, given by Miss Florie Maffitt to a few of her friends. The participants were Miss Cowan, of Durham; Miss Eliza Metts, Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. Jno. K. Williams, Mr. Fred Dick, Mr. James Cotchett and Mr. Walter Dagggett.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CAPE FEAR CAMP.

A meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 354, U. C. V., is called for Thursday night, January 19th, 1899, at 8 o'clock, at the W. L. I. Armory.

By order of the Commander,
HENRY SAVAGE, Adjutant.

A Card.

To Friends and Customers and Others who wish to join us:

On next Thursday, the 19th, we will begin the delivery of Bread, and all who wish the Bread made to make calls will please leave their orders at the store, or call us up over the phone.

Thank you for your former patronage, and hope you will remember us in the future, we are,
Very respectfully,

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"Side Tracked."

Illustrating the comic side of life on the rail.

A Comedy with Thrilling Situations! Starting Sensational! Theatrical! Special Seats! Accommodating! Including a company of

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