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LOCAL DOTS.

Savannah business men are agitating a repeal of the Federal Bankruptcy Law.
Schooner *Lottia R. Russell* arrived yesterday with fertilizer from Carteret, New Jersey.
Christmas entertainments will be given by Grace, and St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday schools, Thursday and Friday nights, respectively.
Dr. Pator John, a prominent physician of Laurinburg, N. C., will be married to-day to Miss Nannie Watkins, of Charlotte county, Virginia.
Mr. Gus Anderson, a popular member of the *Algonquin's* crew, and Mrs. Willie Collins, of Danville, Va., were married at the home of the bride Dec. 11th.
The revenue cutter *Algonquin* arrived in port yesterday morning from an extended cruise along the coast. She will remain here until after the holidays.
The occasional loud report of a cannon cracker at Front and Princess streets last night lent its enthusiastic endorsement to the announcement that Christmas is almost here.
A lighter containing about 50 tons of coal sunk at the Clyde wharf Saturday afternoon. The coal was from the yards of Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co., and was being taken aboard the steamer *Clyde*.
On account of the Christmas holiday only one carrier delivery and one early morning collection will be made in the city postoffice department. The registry department will be open from 9 to 10 o'clock only.
Mr. Wm. P. McGlaughlin, a popular young man of this city, formerly of Tunis, N. C., and Miss Lillie D. Ward, daughter of Miss Ida C. Ward, will be quietly married at the home of the bride's mother this evening.
Licenses was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Jno. Edward Franck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Franck, of Richland, Oaslow county, N. C., and Miss Hattie P. Wilkins, daughter of Mr. Wm. L. Wilkins, of this city.
The Carolina Athletic Club, an organization of young men which has headquarters over Zeller & Co's. store on Front street, will give a fantastic parade on the principal thoroughfares of the city Christmas morning at 10 o'clock and at night at 8:30 P. M.
Mr. Benj. O. Watson and Miss Ida Billa, both of Wilmington, were united in the bonds of matrimony yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Justice Bornemann. The groom is 67 years of age, but Judge Bornemann still wished the two a "long" and prosperous life.

A NEW DRY GOODS STORE.

Will be Opened About January 1st by Messrs. C. H. Fore and Chas. Bloomer.
Messrs. Chas. H. Fore and Charles Bloomer, two experienced dry goods men of the city, will open a first class dry goods establishment about January 1st, in the store on Market street formerly occupied by Mr. I. L. Greenewald.
The style of the firm will be Fore & Bloomer, and the enterprise promises exceedingly well. Both gentlemen composing the firm are business men of ability and their experience is wide. Mr. Fore is now with Mr. A. D. Brown and Mr. Bloomer was recently with the Johnson Dry Goods Company.
The store in which they will be located will be thoroughly overhauled and made convenient in every detail.

Christmas Service at St. Paul's.

The Christmas services at St. Paul's Episcopal church are expected to be of special interest. The newly organized vocal choir, which has been preparing some attractive music for that day, will appear for the first time. Some needed improvements in the chancel of the church have been made, and it is understood other desirable changes will soon take place. Not only the music, but the entire services of that day will be of an edifying character. The service is at 11 A. M.

Editor Frink to Wed This Afternoon.

At the residence of the bride's father at Clarendon, N. C., this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mr. John D. Frink, of Chadbourn, N. O., and Miss Sarah Grainger will be happily united in marriage. The contracting parties are both of Columbus county and are well and favorably known in social circles. Mr. Frink, for the past two years, has been editor of *The Messenger*, and has many friends in this city, who will extend warmest congratulations.

Mr. F. A. Wood and daughters, Misses Julia and Rosa, and his little son, Collie, are in the city to spend Christmas with Mr. Wood's mother. Mrs. E. A. Silva, No. 914 Chesnut street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. E. Cooper—Coarse salt.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
E. Warren & Son—Sweet cream.
BUSINESS LOCALS.
For Sale—Residence and lot.
25 cent Silver Novelties, 10 cents at Rehder's.
Pretty Handkerchiefs and Neckties at Rehder's.
Give your wife, sister, daughter or friend money for Xmas by what they want at Johnston's Big Sale. Begins January 3rd.
Blank Cartridges and Pistols at Rehder's.
Look at the 10 and 25 cent Booths at Rehder's.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Fall Terms of All Ended Yesterday for the Christmas Holidays.

EXERCISES BY JUNIOR CLASS.

Thirteen Students Did Themselves Great Credit in Presentation of Pretty Christmas Play—"The Revolt of Santa Claus," the Piece.

The city public schools closed yesterday for the holidays and teachers and pupils alike will now have vacation until January 2nd, 1902. Many of the teachers and a number of the pupils, residing outside the city, left on the several trains yesterday for their homes and all of them have the best wishes of their associates for a "merry Christmas and a happy New Year." Mr. John Jay Blair, the popular superintendent of the schools, left last night to spend the holidays at his old home at High Point. He went via Raleigh, where he will spend a short time with friends in that city. The most notable event of the closing of the several institutions, with the possible exception of the elegant banquet of the Senior class of the Tilton High School last Friday night, was an especially pleasing entertainment at 11 A. M. yesterday by the Junior class of the same institution. The entertainment was given in the assembly room on the second floor of the building which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Superintendent Blair, members of the faculty, communicants, the student body of Tilton, members of the advanced classes of Union and Homenway schools and a number of friends, composed the audience, and the programme was an exceedingly entertaining one. The exercises consisted of an altogether creditable presentation of a well arranged one act Xmas farce, entitled, "The Revolt of Santa Claus." It was under the capable direction of Mrs. Stephen H. Chabourn and under the auspices of the "Quis et Quid" society of the class. The scene is laid in the interior of the home of Santa Claus, located at the North Pole. Santa Claus gets the idea that the children have ceased to bestow their affection upon him any more, and in his indignation decides that this year he will eliminate his annual visit to the thousands of firesides in the country. Browne attendants seek to dissuade him from his wicked purpose, but fails. They appeal to the Spirit of Childhood, resting in sleep in Santa's old Kria, children from all parts of the country, who assure him of their continued love and esteem. The children again win the heart of their last benefactor and soon he is packed up ready to resume his work, immortalized in fable and song. Father Time, with his sand dial, then appears on the scene, turns the hour to twelve and the children are soon lost in dreamland.

The cast of characters was as follows: "Santa Claus, Harry Grant; Two Brownies, Tom Kerr and Geo. Woodward; Frisco Cowboy, Charles Loughlin; Priscilla, Annie McKay; Picaninies, Robert Payne and Jeanette Franks; John Bull, Haughton James; Rob Roy, Aaron Salinger; Kathleen, Rena Mills, French maid, Carrie Hardwick; Fritz, Willie Duls; Gretchen, Katie Gieschen; Russian girl, Margaret Nash; Italian girl, Margaret Ashe; Hawaiian girl, Julia Post; Japanese girl, Viola Bear; Ah Fun, Edwin Toomer; Spirit of Childhood, Jessie Lathrop.

After the play the class gathered on the stage and the class President, in a few appropriate remarks presented Mrs. Chabourn with a handsome brooch as a Xmas present from the Junior Society.
The class officers are Mr. C. C. Loughlin, president; Miss Rena Mills, vice-president; Mr. Louis Cole, secretary, and Miss Annie McKay, treasurer.

POULTRY SHOW POSTPONED.

Three Exhibitions in This Section in January Make Postponement Necessary.
The Poultry and Pet Stock Show, which was to have been given at the City Hall the first four days in January, under the auspices of the Wilmington Poultry and Live Stock Association, has been postponed to the four days following February 5th.
The decision to postpone the show was reached at a meeting of the Association last night. Prominent members took the position that with poultry shows at Charlotte, High Point and Charleston the same month, it would be difficult to interest outside exhibitors in the show here. All will now go to work earnestly to make the show in February a great success.

Very Few Fire Alarms.

Contrary to the usual order, during the cold snap of the past week, the fire department had very few alarms and all of them were of a minor nature as far as property damage is concerned. Usually there are from three to five alarms a day in weather like we have been experiencing, just to make the laddies know they are still in all cases, but exceptions obtain in all cases and the recent cold snap was one of them.

Give your wife, sister, daughter or friend money for Xmas by what they want at Johnston's Big Sale. Begins January 3rd.
Blank Cartridges and Pistols at Rehder's.
Look at the 10 and 25 cent Booths at Rehder's.
Go-carts, Doll Carriages, Wagons, Hobby Horses, Cradles, Drums, at Rehder's.

MANY CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

Streets Were Lined Yesterday With Hundreds of Anxious Inhabitants in Anticipation of the Holiday.

The moderation in temperature yesterday brought hundreds of Christmas shoppers upon the streets and the downtown sections, prior to the gale which came on in the early evening, presented a busy and altogether inspiring scene for the Christmas enthusiast.
The cold weather of the past week was a detriment to the merchants so far as their Christmas wares were concerned, for it was but natural that people should prefer an indoor life at that particular time to a jaunt about the streets and an attack at every corner by such icy blasts as the city has been experiencing.
The ladies represent the great shopping strength of the city and the weather was entirely too rigorous for their comfort upon the streets and in crowded stores; so the shopping was postponed until the days preceding Christmas this week, hence the rush.
The out-of-town trade was also good yesterday, and the appearance of many strange faces on the streets was the subject of comment.
The Express office, Postoffice and every other office of transportation was crowded yesterday, and many was the number of packages handled. Some predict that to-day will be even a more lively one for Christmas purchasers than yesterday, and there are none who desire that condition more than the storekeepers themselves. They are worked very hard, 'tis true, but stocks are larger this year than usual and of course, when the holidays are gone, the Xmas goods must be relegated to the rear, many times at a loss and great inconvenience to the proprietor.

COAL FAMINE WIDESPREAD.

Railroads in North Carolina Are Said to Be Feeling Its Ill Effects—"The Seaboard Air Line."

The Raleigh News and Observer, of Sunday says:
The Seaboard Air Line has been forced to convert coal engines to wood burners this week, because of the prevailing coal famine. The effect of the coal famine has been felt in Raleigh this winter, and nothing like it has been known in the South before. Not only are the railroads seriously affected, but business interests and private citizens as well.
A crisis came with the Seaboard Air Line during the past week and in order to prevent the possibility of discontinuing trains it was decided to convert the engines that ply between Hamlet and Wilmington into wood burners. If the situation does not improve engines running to Charlotte and other points will be changed to wood burners. Superintendent Huger, of the Second Division of the Seaboard, went to Hamlet Friday and superintended the change.
The Seaboard is also handicapped for want of coal and in some places has been forced to abandon freight trains because of the prevailing famine.
The Seaboard has present a large charge of Cumnock coal mines, taking the entire output of seventy-five tons per day. The company has been unable to get miners and has had to bring in forty miners to the mines this week. Shanty camps will also be sent to Cumnock to give them accommodations. The capacity of the mines with present machinery is 300 tons per day and the Seaboard will do all it can to help the management of the mines bring the yield up to that figure.
Railroad people say the present coal famine is the worst they have ever known. In fact they have never heard of anything that equaled it. It is attributed to a number of reasons. There is a shortage of cars, there have been a great many strikes, and miners generally quit work prior to the holidays.

The Seaboard expects a big cargo of coal from Baltimore at Wilmington. The Second division uses about 400 tons a day.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ASHTON.

Excellent Programme Observed by Pupils of Miss Williams' Excellent School. [Special Star Correspondence.]
BURGAW, N. C., Dec. 23.—At Ashton, near this place, on Friday evening a most enjoyable entertainment was given at Maple Hill school, under the direction of Miss Beattie Williams, who has been the teacher of this school for several years.
A splendid programme was carried out with great credit to both Miss Williams and the children. It opened with the singing of "Old North State," followed by the recitation, "The Events," by Miss Rosa Locout; dialogues, "A Birthday Party," "Three Smart Girls," "Coming to an Understanding," and exercises by the little children. "Way Down Upon the Sawnee Ribber." Next came the dialogues, "Making Jolly for the Minister," "Advertising for a Servant," and "Taking the Census." "The Events" was beautifully recited by Miss Annie Butts, and "When the Mists Have Rolled Away" was sung as a closing number.
Each point was carried out with perfection, and all were greatly applauded and complimented for their work, which showed they had been skillfully trained by their teacher.

In Port for Coal.

The American steamship *Wacoona*, 990 tons, Capt. A. O. Fickett, from Georgetown, S. C., to New York, arrived in port Sunday for coal, which she received from the Atlantic Coast Line chute and proceeded yesterday afternoon. The *Wacoona's* cargo consists of 1,900,000 feet of lumber, consigned by the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, of Georgetown.

Mr. Adolph Nelson, a well known and popular Wilmingtonian, but who has been engaged in business in Newbern for nearly two years is here to spend the holidays and, possibly, to remain among his old friends permanently.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Child of a Colored Carpenter Horribly Roasted in Fire Sunday Night.

ITS PARENTS AT CHURCH.

Third Casualty of Its Kind in Wilmington Within a Week—Coroner's Investigation Found Unnecessary and Remains Ordered Buried.

A two-year old child of Wm. Jordan, a well known colored carpenter, was horribly burned to death Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock, while the parents were at church.
Jordan lives at No. 120 South Twelfth street, and Sunday night he and his wife went away, leaving the young child and two others, aged ten and twelve years respectively, to keep the house. The older children were instructed to remain awake while the two-year old, but they soon became tired and went to bed in another room of the house, hanging their clothes on chairs near the fire place. The younger child was left in his crib, also near the fire, and the natural presumption, from the arrangement of things after the blaze, is that the clothes on the chairs took fire and communicated it to the crib and then to the walls adjoining.
The child was burned badly on the right side of the face and on the stomach. Colored people living near discovered the fire and attempted to enter the house, but the smoke was too suffocating and an alarm was sent in to the department at 10:34 o'clock from box 53, Twelfth and Market streets. It is possible that the child may have been suffocated before it was so badly burned. The children sleeping in the adjoining room were unharmed.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, was summoned to make an investigation into the circumstances of the death of the child, but an inquest was thought unnecessary and the remains were turned over to the parents for burial.
It is a strange coincidence that within the past week three children have been burned to death, much under the same circumstances, and all of them about the same age.
The house at which the fire occurred Sunday night was owned and occupied by Jordan, and the property loss was about \$35. It was fully covered by insurance, with Col. Walker Taylor—\$250 on the building and \$50 on furniture.

ANOTHER SEABOARD RUMOR.

Thought to Be Backing Mt. Rogers and Eastern Scheme in Virginia. [Richmond Times, 2nd.]
The Seaboard Air Line railway is thought by some to be backing the charter of the Mt. Rogers and Eastern railroad.
This company proposes constructing a road from some point in the mountains of Virginia or West Virginia along and through the counties bordering on North Carolina to the Seaboard.
It is thought the Seaboard Company will wish to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk & Western in the hauling of coal for export. Some counties and cities have voted subscriptions to the capital stock of the company. Mr. A. A. Campbell, a prominent lawyer of Wytheville, has been looking after the various bills affecting the interests of this company, but has gone home.
It is generally thought by the legislators that the Seaboard or persons who desire to sell their charter to this road are behind the scheme.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Jane Meares has returned from an extended visit to California.
Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr., is at home from the University to spend the holidays.
Miss Grace Burkhead, of Raleigh, is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Merritt.
Mr. Robert Herring is at home from the University to spend the holidays.
Mr. Horace Emerson is at home from the University to spend Xmas.
Mr. E. L. Larkins, of Burgaw, N. C., was here yesterday on a busy near trip.
Mr. Markley Crowell is at home from Pantops Academy to spend the holidays.
Mr. C. G. McMillen is at home from Durham to spend the holidays with his parents.
Misses Neppie Borden and Mildred Davis are at home from G. F. C. to spend Xmas.
Col. George L. Morton arrived yesterday morning, returning from Washington.
Miss Leslie Strode, of Virginia, is a charming guest of Miss Sarah Crowell, No. 308 South Front street.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Huggins have returned from a visit to Salisbury, N. C., and Knoxville, Tenn.
Miss Isabelle Rountree and Miss Julia Parsley are at home from school in Washington, D. C., to spend Xmas.
Miss Louise Harper is at home from college to spend the holidays with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. John W. Harper.
Mrs. B. R. Graham, of Wallace, arrived yesterday morning to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. P. Bolles.
Herbert McClammy, Esq., left last evening for Raleigh, where he will join Mrs. McClammy and little daughter to spend the holidays.
Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., the popular office deputy of Sheriff Frank H. Stedman, left yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays at Charlotte.
Mr. C. M. Baldwin and wife are visiting Mrs. Baldwin's brother, Mr. Silas Pate, of Grovetown, Ga., whom she has not seen in eighteen years.
Miss Etta Wilder, of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Portsmouth, Va., is in the city, visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilder.
Fayetteville Observer, 23d: "Miss Matt and Miss Jamie Williams will leave this afternoon for Wilmington to spend Christmas with Miss Fannie R. Williams."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR RENT,
Dwellings, Stores, Offices, &c.
at 22 ft D. O'CONNOR.
Cocoanuts! Cocoanuts!
Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Apples, Sugar, Coffee, Flour, Meal and Molasses.
Also a full line of case goods. Prices right. Treatment fair.
PETER McQUEEN, Jr.,
dec 22 ft No. 108 North Water St.
Fireworks.
The largest stock in the city and will be sold cheap, as I carry no stock over.
Fruits, Candies, Nuts and Raisins.
Don't fail to give me a call.
J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
904 Princess Street, Int. State 192.
SWEET CREAM AND ICE CREAM.
E. WARREN & SON.
dec 24 17

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Esquimaux
Don't have much use for stoves. A fire in the middle of a snow hut, with an infinitesimal hole for a chimney, is good enough for them. But such an arrangement wouldn't be considered "just the thing" in this latitude. Here people need stoves and we keep them for sale—Parlor Stoves, Kitchen Stoves, Small Bedroom Stoves, and many odd sorts. The prices are adapted to persons with non-millionairish purses, too.
We have, too, a complete stock of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Ammunition, &c.
J. W. Murchison & Co.,
ORTON BUILDING,
dec 5 ft
WE HAVE XMAS SHOES
Of all kinds and qualities, sizes and shapes and invite a careful inspection from everybody who wears SHOES.
Just come and see us and with our prices and our stock we will do the rest. Greater bargains than ever in department goods, up stairs.
Mercer & Evans Co.
Department Stores.
dec 22 ft
SEASONABLE GOODS.
MULLETS, new catch. Best Cream Cheese.
Martin's Gilt Edge Butter, Bagging and Ties.
SALT.
A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.
Sole agents for **ROB ROY FLOUR.**
McNAIR & PEARSON.
FOR CHRISTMAS!
WE HAVE CANDY, CAKES, NUTS, Raisins, Apples, Oranges, Cocoanuts.
Also a full line of Canned Goods in connection with our regular stock of heavy groceries.
Write to us for prices.
Williams Bros.
Just Arrived
A CARLOAD OF HORSES AND MULES,
the good kind, at the old price. I am still selling.
Buggies and Harness at Cost.
If you want any of them in this line come and see me.
F. T. MILLS.
Coarse Salt.
1,016 Bags, 200 pound, Salt.
511 Bags, 150-pound, Salt.
918 Bags, 100-pound, Salt.
381 Bags Table Salt.
18 Barrels Table Salt.
919 Barrels Good Flour.
218 Barrels Best Flour.
21 Tubs G. E. Butter.
1,811 Bushels N. C. Peanuts.
847 Bushels Va. Peanuts.
W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
No. 211, 213 Nutt Street,
Wilmington, N. C.
dec 22 ft
ONE CAR
Vaughn's Improved Early Ohio
Seed Potatoes
just received in prime condition. Other varieties to arrive. Let us book your order at once as the demand will doubtless be large.
Provisions and Groceries in great variety. Get our prices.
HALL & PEARSON.
(INCORPORATED)
Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.
dec 10 ft

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FRUIT CAKE
What repeating thoughts of comfort. To find when you partake.
The fruit you bought at Vierman's. Made such delicious cake.
Seeded Raisins, packages 10c.
Cleared Currants, packages 10c.
Citron, pound 20c.
Figs, pounds 20c.
Bananas, large, dozen 20c.
Cocoanuts, each 5c.
Mixed Nuts, pound 15c.
Black Walnuts, peck 25c.
Mixed Candy, pound 10c.
Chocolate Drops, pound 20c.
Malaga Grapes, pound 20c.
Oranges and Apples Galore.
Remember our motto: GOOD AS THE BEST. BETTER THAN THE REST.
H. J. BIERMAN & CO.,
215 Market Street, dec 17 ft
Bell 'Phone No. 38.
Shirt Flannel!
Brown, Blue, Grey, 25c yard.
S. & B. Solomon
dec 15 ft
To Dealers!
In stock ready for delivery below manufacturer's price
50 Small Tubs "Clover Hill" Brand "BUTTER."
100 Boxes Geo. Hartson's "CHEESE."
"STOCK'S BEST" FLOUR.
"PITTSBURG'S BEST" FLOUR.
"SILVER COIN" FLOUR.
Sole Agent—CREMO, RENOWN, TOPICALS, CUBAN BLOSSOMS, "MATCH IT" CHERROOTS.
Vollers & Hashagen.
PROVISIONERS.
dec 22 ft
NOTICE.
The following is the ordinance in regard to the use of fireworks and firecrackers in the City of Wilmington, to which attention is hereby called, and which is to be enforced, viz:
1—No Fireworks or Firecrackers of ANY KIND are allowed at ANY TIME WEST OF FRONT STREET.
2—NO DYNAMITE crackers can be used at ANY TIME ANYWHERE in the city limits.
3—Ordinary Firecrackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks, are permitted on the 24th and 25th of December, on the 1st of January and 4th of July, east of Front street.
By order of the Mayor, JOHN J. FURLONG, Chief of Police.
dec 22 21

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sol Bear & Co.,
Leading Brands.
RYE WHISKEY,
Duff Gordon Sherry,
North Carolina Supperpong Wine,
"Schlitz"
FAMOUS MILWAUKEE BEER.
Bell 'Phone 198. Inter-State 202.
dec 21 ft
Wanted, Furs.
5,000 Raccoon Skins.
5,000 Fox Skins.
5,000 Opossum Skins.
1,000 Mink Skins.
And Furs of all description. Highest price paid. Quotations furnished on application.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
NOV 24 ft 19
18 Market street.
Novelties.
Useful—ornamental—pretty enough to please the most fastidious. One is trifling children—less than a bottle of extract. The really acceptable present to your wife in something with which to beautify her home. This is your opportunity to unite the practical with the sentimental.
N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties.
Bell 'Phone 613
111 Market street.
Inter-State 421.
dec 19 ft