

THE CHRONICLE
HOLIDAYS
HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.
The holiest of all holidays
Are those kept by ourselves
In silence and apart—
The secret and unmarked of the heart.
When the full river of feeling overflows
Those happy days unclouded to their close
Those sudden joys that out of darkness
As flowers from ashes, swift desires to dart
Like singing swallows, down each winter
That blows.
White as the gleam of a roosting albatross
White as a cloud that floats and drifts in air,
White as the whitest lily of the stream,
These tender memories are
A fairy tale of some enchanted land.
We know not where, but beautiful
As a dream within a dream.

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The President has made up his mind to fight the politicians on the merits of his recent order to officeholders. He said very recently to a friend that he knew the order would create dissatisfaction in the party, but he believed it was right in principle, if it did lose the party some voters at first, and he meant to have it rigidly carried out. He regards himself, as he says, at the head of a large business, which he is expected to run in the interest of the people. He does not think it right or business-like that men who are paid by the government for attending to its interests should be wasting their time attending and manipulating conventions, and he announces that the officeholders who come in conflict with this order will suffer. He says the Southern policy is a fixed fact, and will not be changed, and intimates rather forcibly that the party must come to his notions, and that he believes it will do so.
Supreme Court Decision.
Branch vs. The W. & W. R. E. Company.—The act of the Legislature imposing a penalty on a common carrier for more than five days' delay in shipping goods, is constitutional. The "Granger cases," lately decided by the United States Supreme Court, is conclusive on the point.
Preference in shipment should be given to local freight. Instead of being an excuse, the delay of local freight, caused by lack of cars, which lack is caused by the pressure of through freight, caused by the indulgence held out by railroad companies, is the very evil which the statute is designed to prevent.
Being a penal statute the computation of time is that most favorable to the defendant, and therefore five full days of demurrage is allowed. Here, outside being received October 10th, the time expired Sunday, October 15th, and the first penal day was the 16th of October.
Continuation of Education at Kingston.
We condense some items from a letter in the Goldsboro Messenger. Kingston has two excellent schools in successful operation—the Collegiate Institute, training about one hundred pupils, presided over by Elder J. H. Foy, and the other, High School, with about fifty pupils, conducted by Prof. J. S. Midyette.
The closing exercises of both these schools are now in progress, and those parts of the programmes which your correspondent has had the pleasure of witnessing, reflect great credit on both the teachers and pupils.
The exercises at the Institute embraced a debate—"Was the South justifiable in seceding?"—and an address by Dr. Craven on "The Machinery of Education." Other features were a musical concert on Friday, and addresses by Fred A. Woodward and Hugh E. Murray, of Wilson.

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