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SENATE EATING HOUSE

SENATOR ALLEN EXPOSES THE EXORBITANT CHARGES THERE MADE.

RICIDULED BY OTHER SENATORS.

But he Shows That the Keeper of the Place Gets Perquisites Which Cost the Taxpayers \$10,000 a Year--The Belief is General That There Will be no Financial Legislation--More Talk of an Extra Session--Possibly About Hays and Cleveland's Recent Dinner Together at the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5. The papers are ridiculing Senator Allen, of Nebraska, for his exposure of the charges by the Senate restaurant. I confess to fully agreeing with Senator Allen. I lost pretty much all my confidence in the Nebraska Populists last fall when he got on a spree and wanted to whip all the clerks in Senator Ferry's committee room. My confidence was still further shaken when he voted with the Trust Senators not to take up the sugar schedule.

The first action hurt the Populists of Nebraska very much in the late campaign. It may be that the remembrance of his "j-g," stimulates the Senator to measures of reform. However, it may be that the Senator is on the right line in attacking the policy that prevails in regard to the Senate restaurant. Senator Allen shows that the government gives to Mr. Ferry, who runs the restaurant, perquisites that cost the taxpayers of the country not less than \$10,000 a year. It supplies the rent free of charge; furnishes the chairs and tables; supplies the fuel with which the food is cooked; gives the lights and gas that is furnished; and also the ice which cost about \$300 a month. The government even buys the stoves and ranges, and carpets the rooms.

With all these perquisites, the charges are enormous. The charge for a "tenderloin" steak is in 90 cents to a dollar, and in some instances I think it runs up to almost \$3, when served with some little fixings on the side, with mushrooms, and something of that kind. No! it goes higher than the sum I have stated. It goes up to \$4 with truffles. I do not know what truffles are, but an ordinary private-house beef steak with truffles cost \$4.

Ridiculed by Other Senators. Senators Hays and Manderson and others ridiculed the attempt on the part of Senator Allen to stop this long standing abuse, and defend the expenditure on the ground that without subsidizing him in good restaurants the Populists would run a good restaurant. But Senator Allen, who had as lief speak all night as not, and who is a good debater, held his own and denounced this and all other expenditures made without authority of law. He is on the right line, because ten thousand dollars a year is a small sum, when paid by seventy million of people, is no reason for unauthorized expenditures.

It is a sin to steal a penny or a pair of shoes, and it is a sin to have a large appropriation to extravagant expenditures by Congress, as Senator Allen has stated. I hope he will next attack the enormous expense for unnecessary employes in the Senate and make it so that the members of the body will be compelled to abandon its yearly increasing extravagant expenditures.

No Financial Legislation Probable. The belief is general here that this Congress will not pass any financial measure because of radical differences in the party about the plan. It is noted by Daniel Sharps's opinion. He is quoted by the Star as saying to a friend to day: "I hope that the new year will be better than the old one, and that there will be a little more silver than last year. And what are we to do with your people in the future?"

It is a matter of course that I do not know," he answered; "do you? For my part I shall be glad if the President's cabinet and the public Congress together in order that they may be given an opportunity to demonstrate whether they have any remedy for the existing situation, and are able to come to any agreement on a financial policy. I must certainly hope that the President will call the next Congress in extra session."

A great many of the Democrats in both houses, without concurring with Senator Daniel's opinion, are of the opinion that the President will convene the next Congress in extra session, privately expressed the opinion that an extra session is unavoidable.

Representative Alexander says he is strongly in favor of the Carlike financial bill, or any other safe measure that will increase the money in circulation, but he does not think that it will become a law. All the Republicans and Populists, he says, are opposed to the bill. He has all the thirty-nine Democratic votes against it to prevent its becoming a law. Even if it should pass the House, he thinks the Senate will not let it become a law.

That Dinner--Its Meaning. Cleveland invited his wife to dine with him on the first time they have "broke bread" together in thirteen years. It is the number of the intervening years indicative of bad luck? Thirteen years ago, when Cleveland was Governor and Mrs. L. Governor, they were fairly good friends, but an icy coolness has since subsided between them. The ice seems now to have melted and the currents again run together.

"What does it mean?" is the individual enquiry. Is Mr. Hill to become a supporter of the administration? Has political adversity brought these two New Yorkers together? There are many Democrats who say that, if their breaking bread together means united action, it ought properly to have commenced a year and a half ago, and that the reconciliation is too late to do the party or either of the distinguished gentlemen any good.

Senator Ransom was one of the guests at this celebrated State dinner. Senator Hill had the honor of taking Mrs. Hearst out to dinner. She is the widow of the rich U. S. Senator from California and the fact that Senator Hill was so honored set the gossip to talking.

The fact that General Grant to day awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Hendersonville to Horse Shoe a distance of seven and a quarter miles to T. B. O. McCall, of Hendersonville for \$188.

MORE NEW PLANS

REPRESENTATIVES STILL PREPARING SUBSTITUTE FINANCIAL MEASURES.

MUST NOT BE A PARTY QUESTION.

Mr. Cockran Thinks the Baltimore Plan is Best, But He Has no Idea That It Can be Enacted into Law--He Brings the Combs' Bill, Which Mr. Cockran Thinks is a Step in the Right Direction--Mr. Bland Describes the Administration as "Mugwump"--Democratic Caucus on Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.--The feature of the debate upon the currency bill in the House to day was the speech of Mr. Cockran of New York, which attracted the attention of the House for nearly two hours, devoting himself largely to a discussion of the nature of money and currency, with a view to impressing upon the members the fact that the subject could not be safely treated as a party question. The disposition to so treat the bill, Mr. Cockran said, was likely to lead the working up of the rocks of party expediency a matter of great importance to the American people.

Thinks the Baltimore Plan Best. Mr. Cockran considered the Baltimore plan, best, but he had no hope that it could be enacted into law. The Combs bill he thought was the best, but he believed it to be a step in the right direction. He asserted that if Congress could re-establish the currency of the country upon a basis in harmony with human experience and wisdom this session would not be without credit to the country.

Mr. Cockran held the attention of the floor and elicited throughout his speech, and was greeted with applause at the close.

Mr. Boatner who opened the debate with a speech in favor of the pending bill, became engaged in an animated colloquy with Mr. Bland over the financial policy of the administration, which the latter described as "Mugwump."

Mr. Boatner described the bill briefly as a measure intended to take the shackles off the banking interests of the country and to permit them to perform untrammelled the functions for which they were organized. He reviewed the history of the bill, and the legislation of the last twenty years and asserted that the policy of the government of paying its obligations in gold had received the assent if not the support of the Democratic party.

It was this statement at the outset, that turned Mr. Boatner's speech into a colloquy with Mr. Bland, Springer and other members of the House. Mr. Boatner's speech was also met with support of the bill by Mr. Catelings, and in opposition to it by Mr. Lay.

Another Substitute Proposed. Mr. Combs presented for information and printing in the Record, a proposed substitute for the pending bill which Mr. Cockran had introduced.

At the conclusion of the debate Speaker Crisp left before the House the Military Academy appropriation bill with Senate amendments. On motion by Mr. Oyster the Senate adjourned.

Mr. J. W. Rockett, clerk of the Superior Court, is something of a pedestrian. Every morning he walks from Conover to his office in Newton--a distance of three miles.

Mr. G. W. Blount and daughter, Miss Sue, are visiting the family of Mr. J. A. Martin.

Mr. B. F. Sledge, who for several years has been clerking for Mr. T. E. Fields, has accepted a position as salesman with a firm in Louisiana.

COURT AT ROCKINGHAM.

Interesting Case Growing Out of the Campaign of 1888. Special to News and Observer.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Jan. 5. The special term of the Superior Court met here last Monday, Judge Geo. H. Brown presiding.

This court is for the trial of civil cases only, of which there is a large accumulation on the docket.

The business of the court is being pushed by the able and energetic Judge, and a great many cases are being disposed of. No cases of much interest have yet been tried. The case of D. B. Brown vs. W. J. Whitaker, an action for damages for assault, is now on trial.

This is an action growing out of the campaign of 1888. Whitaker was Registrar that year, and Brown, a Republican, was one of a party who went to Whitaker's house in the absence of the Registrar for the purpose of registering books. Whitaker's wife and family were frightened, and when he returned home, he was so indignant that he hunted Brown up, and in the difficulty which ensued, Brown was slain in the back of the neck and in the leg.

The case has not yet been given to the jury, but the impression seems to be that Whitaker will gain the suit.

J. C. Wright, a prominent merchant here, made an assignment this week to Thos. C. Guthrie and C. Morrison. Assets estimated at \$10,000, liabilities about \$7,500 of which \$5,500 is preferred. Hard times and bad collections are the causes of the failure.

Rev. J. T. Lyon, the new Methodist pastor at Rockingham Station came this week with his family from Newbern to enter upon his next year's work.

Besides the local bar, Hon. J. A. Lockhart, of Wadesboro, Platt D. Walker and C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte; J. D. Shaw, Jr., and W. H. Neal, of Lumberton, and N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, are in attendance at court.

Corn and Rice for Nebraska. WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 5.--A car left here to night loaded with corn and North Carolina rice for the Nebraska sufferers. It was contributed by the Atlantic Coast Line and the car bore the following legend: "Corn and North Carolina rice. Contributed by the Atlantic Coast Line for the Nebraska sufferers."

Miss Stevenson Will Die. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 5.--Miss Mary Stevenson's condition is almost as low as it can be. She will hardly survive more than four or five days.

BASEBALL AT GREENSBORO.

Princeton to Play There in April--Mott's Opinion of Holton.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 5. Hon. Adlai Stevenson was a passenger on the North bound train from Asheville night before last. His daughter is not improving as he could wish.

Arrangements have been made with the Greensboro Base Ball Park Association by the State University to play five games during the Spring. Princeton will play the first game here on April 5th. After this, one or more games each will be played with Leigh, LaFayette, Georgetown and another team yet to be known.

Marshall Mott, on being asked what he thought of chairman A. E. Holton's chances for getting the Senatorial plum, replied: "I don't suppose any intelligent man is going to vote for a man that has not got sense enough to parse 'Peter went bitterly,' do you?"

A party of gentlemen are here from Massachusetts on hunting expedition. The party named Carroll accidentally shot and badly wounded his brother's wife yesterday afternoon. He was in the act of taking the gun from a corner in the room when the gun went off with the above result. It is not known whether she will live or not.

Ernest's Daily Cotton Letter. Special to the News and Observer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.--The market was quiet but firmer to day, prices at one time scored an advance of 5 points but lost the weight of this improvement under the influence of the market. The improved conditions here better Liverpool advances than expected, continued falling off in the movement of the crop and a better feeling in the market.

In reference to the latter, reports from all sections speak favorably of the prospect of a good spring trade with a considerable spring demand yet to come forward. Assisted from the fact that the long period of depreciation has at last ended and that the present range of prices for all classes of goods will be maintained if not improved upon in some instances.

The Fall River market for print cloths has been more active during the week despite the holiday interruptions. The production increased to 190,000 pieces and the deliveries amounted to 166,000, and the market for the week closed at 23.8 cents, with a total stock of 164,000 pieces. The "Chronicle" estimates the total amount of cotton which came into sight during the week at 27,892 bales against 492,162 last week and 20,000 bales against 441,806 against 349,972 last week. The visible supply to date is 4,881,672 against 4,836,551 last week and 4,615,742 last year.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange estimates the receipts there during the week at 20,000 bales against 49,981 last year and the total at all ports at 190,000 against 216,000 this week and 135,000 last year.

E. B. CUTBERT & Co., by Jno. S. Ernest, Mgr.

BRASS BRICKS WIDENED ARRESTED.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 5.--Thomas H. Parker, the man arrested at Petersburg after midnight as one of the men who yesterday swindled A. W. Withers, of Gloucester county, out of \$5,000 by palming off bricks of copper for gold bricks, was brought here at noon.

His arrest was the result of a report of the Philadelphia mint who acted as the confederate of John Williams. When the deal was made Parker wore a long steel grey beard. He was taken up in Petersburg his beard had been removed.

A telegram from L. Neuburg, Va., says Williams and another man interested in the swindle have been arrested in that city.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

LIVERMORE, Cal., Jan. 5.--The Los Angeles express, due at Oakland last evening, collided with a work train on the Altamont tunnel, about nine miles from this city, at 7 o'clock last evening. The news reached here late, one of the brakemen riding nine miles to a telegraph station.

The fireman of the express was killed outright, and the engineer, Harry G. Hubbard, fatally injured.

The accident was caused by a mistake of the train dispatcher. The engineer had since died. The fireman was Henry Schram. An unknown, supposed to have been a tramp beating his way, was also killed. The engineer and fireman of the work train escaped with slight injuries. None of the passengers were injured.

THE DENNY-OWENS CONTEST.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 5.--W. C. Owens, who defeated Colonel Breckinridge for Congress, filed an answer to Judge Denny's notice of contest last night in the District of Columbia. Judge Hagner presiding, to advance the hearing of the case of Judge Owens vs. J. S. Miller, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, seeking to prevent the collection of the income tax.

Southern Railway Earnings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.--The Southern Railway reports for November, gross earnings \$1,773,416, an increase of \$106,125; expenses \$1,093,252, increase \$24,660; net \$679,164, increase \$81,454. For five months, gross \$7,077,946, increase \$103,597; expenses \$4,577,944; increase \$18,570, net \$2,499,992, increase of \$322,125.

One Killed and Four Fatally Hurt.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 5.--An explosion of powder occurred yesterday at the Moyer Works of the W. J. Kaitney Coal Company. John Yinski was torn limb from limb and died soon after. Six others were badly injured and four of them are believed to be fatally hurt. The injured were removed to the Connelville Hospital.

The men were congregated in one of the company houses after their work for the day was ended. One of them was carelessly handling a keg of mining powder when it exploded. The building was wrecked and the occupants blown to a great distance.

AN IMPORTANT DEAL

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE TO BUY THE MAON AND GEORGIA ROAD.

THE SALE NOT YET CONFIRMED

But Negotiations Have Been in Progress for Some Time and There is Little Doubt of the Deal--The Result Will be a Considerable Change in the Railroad Situation in the South--The Seaboard Air Line's Florida Route Will be Shortened Some Seventy Miles.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 5.--It is reported that the Seaboard Air-Line is negotiating for the purchase of the Macon and Northern property. The controlling interests in both roads are owned by Baltimoreans. The Macon and Northern was sold October 15th last, under a decree of the United States court at Macon, Ga., being bought in by Mr. Alexander Brown, representing the bond holders. The sale has not been confirmed by the court, but there is no doubt it will be.

Mr. Brown, who is Chairman of the Bondholders Committee, and Mr. R. J. Curson Hoffman, President of the Seaboard Air Line, have recently held several conferences at the latter's office, and on confirmation of the reported deal can be confirmed.

The acquisition of the Macon and Northern property by the Seaboard would be looked upon as a ten-strike for the latter road, and if the deal is finally made considerable change in the railroad situation of the South would be the result.

The Macon and Northern is a direct line from Macon to Athens, Ga. a distance of 100 miles. It has been known for some time that the Seaboard Air Line desired a Florida connection and the scheme of purchasing the Macon and Northern and making a traffic arrangement with the Georgia, Southern and Florida, which is also largely owned by Baltimoreans, is likely to be decided upon.

The Georgia, Southern and Florida is one of the most direct lines of the South from Macon. It runs to Palatka and connects with the Plant System for Jacksonville. That arrangement would shorten the Seaboard's Florida route about seventy miles.

A NEWS AND OBSERVER reporter called to see the S. A. L. officials last night, but those in a position to know would neither confirm nor deny the rumor.

THE CHESTER AND LENOIR.

The Filing of an Important Decision Affecting its Stockholders. CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 5.--In the United States Circuit Court to day Judge Simonon filed decrees in the cases of ex parte John L. Auer and ex parte John L. Auer, which affect the Chester and Lenoir railroad company.

The decrees were on petitions almost identical and were in effect the same. The Chester and Lenoir Railway and Lenoir Railroad, which was organized by the Chester and Lenoir Railway and Lenoir Railroad for ninety-nine years, and that at the time of the lease the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad agreed to pay the shareholders of the Chester and Lenoir Railroad a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. per year, to clear its mortgage debt, and pay coupons on mortgaged bonds.

Subsequently it executed a mortgage to the Chesapeake Trust Company, of New York. The interest of this mortgage and bonds was paid until January 1893. The road went into the hands of a receiver in July 1893 and was sold in July 1894. The Chesapeake Trust Company, which had been organized by the Chester and Lenoir railway, filed petitions claiming that the payment of these coupons was a part of the rent of the Chester and Lenoir railway and was thus a part of the operating expenses of the C. C. & A. R. R. and was entitled to priority to the payment of bonds.

The court decided against the petitioners, holding that the rent under the mortgage was not a part of the operating expenses which are some times given precedence over a vested mortgage.

TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE.

New Orleans Cotton Factors Sign an Agreement to Help the Farmers. NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 5.--Cotton factors of New Orleans have signed an agreement, with a view to assisting the farmers' movement to restrict the production of cotton, that the Cotton Growers' Convention will be presented to the Cotton Growers' Convention which meets at Jackson, Miss., January 9. The agreement is to continue for one year, and will not go into effect until 1896, but the farmers are 95 per cent. of the cotton producing counties sign it.

The farmers are to agree to plant a certain acreage, reducing the amount in every case to one-third less than this year. A portion of those who are in each county who will see that their farmers keep their obligations. Any surplus above the amount agreed to be planted is to be destroyed.

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BRADDOCK STRIKERS RESUME WORK.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Jan. 5.--Nine of the Edgar Thomson steel works furnaces have been blown in, five of which are running full. About 300 of the striking ore handlers and laborers have returned to work, and about 400 are yet out. Many new men have been employed. There are no indications of trouble at the plant.

LORD CHURCHILL BETTER.

LONDON, Jan. 5.--Lord Randolph Churchill is somewhat better. He has become stronger and eats and sleeps well. He has been called upon by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Teck and Sir Wm. Harcourt.

Only Six Candidates for Senator.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 5.--State Senator Thomas P. Davies, of Fauquier county, has announced his candidacy for the United States Senatorship. This makes six in the field.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.

Democrats Hold Caucus and Nominate a Speaker of the Senate.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 5.--A joint caucus of the Democratic members of the Senate and House met here this afternoon, there being only 13 absent.

Ernest Pillsbury was nominated Speaker of the Senate without opposition. The selection of a Speaker of the House was deferred.

The nomination of State officers will be taken up tomorrow. An order of the organization Monday, Controller James Harris and Treasurer E. B. Craig have no opposition.

A United States Senator will be nominated to the same time. The opposition to Senator Hays has not assumed formidable proportions and he will unquestionably be retained.

While no action was taken relative to the gubernatorial, it is the understanding of the majority that the gubernatorial committee will investigate the alleged frauds and report to their respective houses. This work will likely consume most of the session and as Governor Turley will hold over in the meantime, the Democrats will have an opportunity to pass all desired legislation. January 15th is set for the day of inauguration, but it will be impossible for the committee to finish work in that time.

AN EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERY.

Tramps Break Open Freight Cars and Steal Merchandise Thereof. SANDUSKY, Ohio, Jan. 5.--An epidemic of robbery is raging in this city. Police protection is entirely inadequate, and the tramps rule and do as they please about the railroad yards and suburbs.

An examination of freight trains in Lake Shore and Lake Erie and Western yards shows that no fewer than twenty-five box cars have been broken open and merchandise stolen therefrom. One train coming from the East on the Lake Shore stopped at a small station between Elira and this city. A gang of thieves backed a wagon against a car and loaded it with boxes of merchandise. The trainmen saw the thieves driving off with the wagon load of stuff.

Several thousand dollars worth of property has been stolen from the railroad yards in the past few months, and neither the police nor the railway men are able to check the wholesale robberies. Each successive robbery is causing increased alarm among residents of the city, and particularly in the localities near the railroad tracks. A petition is being circulated for protection to the city.

EXTENSIVE GRAVE ROBBERY.

Causing Great Excitement and Vigilance Committees Being Formed. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 5.--It has developed here, as the result of investigation, that wholesale grave robbers are being indulged in by students of colleges in this city.

The recent opening of the Indiana Medical College, when twenty subjects were lost, has created a demand, and many have been secured in the surrounding towns to keep track of burials.

Within the past week two corpses have been recovered by friends in picking yards of the local colleges, and the excitement is so intense that the residents of suburban towns are forming vigilance committees to prevent the disturbance of their dead.

UNSUCCESSFUL BANK ROBBERY.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 5.--At Perrysburg, 10 miles south of here, two masked men broke open an entrance to the exchange bank. A burglar alarm in Cashier Hays's house next door awoke the occupants and Mr. Hays and his son started to investigate. As they neared the bank the robbers fired at them, and fired three shots at them, and a cashier Hays returned the fire, but all shots failed of their mark. The burglars then beat a hasty retreat without carrying any funds.

The combination knob to the safe was knocked off and an attempt had been made to blow open the door with nitroglycerine. Scattered about the floor were a number of tools, including a railroad iron, which had been used probably in prying up the front window through which they had entered the building.

A Boy Whitecap Killed.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5.--Last night, near Fort Branch, a tragedy occurred that will put an end to whitecaping in that vicinity.

Henry Hussey is dead of a stab wound inflicted by a farmer named Washington Washington had been accused of abusing his daughter and some boys sent him a whitecap wearing and used, passed size it by paying a midnight visit. Washington met them with a knife and pistol, and the death of Hussey resulted from injuries received. Another of the boys was badly wounded.

Died of Hydrophobia.

LAYTON, Pa., Jan. 5.--Mrs. Lucinda Hobbs, of Baring Mills, died this morning of hydrophobia, having suffered terrible agony since Wednesday.

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DURHAM'S HANDBOOK

IT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE EVER ISSUED IN THE STATE.

TO BE HANDSOMELY ILLUSTRATED

Durham's Representative in the Legislature Urges Conservation of the State's Resources--The Seaboard Air-Line's Florida Route Will be Shortened Some Seventy Miles--The Seaboard Air-Line's Florida Route Will be Shortened Some Seventy Miles--The Seaboard Air-Line's Florida Route Will be Shortened Some Seventy Miles.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 5. Henry Seeman, manager of the Durham Company, has now in the hands of the printer a beautiful and complete handbook of Durham. It is filled with hand-drawn illustrations and is carefully prepared every way and will be the most complete work of the kind ever gotten out in the State.

Mr. Seeman's class is his annual school class at home on Ransom street last night. Those present were Messrs. J. H. Sneed, Jno. A. Cox, Jno. P. J. Vanhook, S. B. Burch, and Geo. Longue, Paul C. Sneed, W. L. Alston, Jno. F. Taylor, W. B. Guthrie, W. C. Bradshaw, Louie Chamberlain, Adolphus Henderson and John W. Watte. It was a most delightful affair and a beautiful mountain home of Col. Palmer, the Rev. William West Skiles, the devoted and saintly missionary to all that region, whose heroic and self-denying life is the subject of a most interesting memoir, written by Miss Susan F. McKee Cooper, daughter of James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist and naval historian. It was no doubt largely under the influence of this godly man that Mr. Perry became a communicant of the Church, for it was about this time that he was confirmed by Bishop Atkinson at Valle Crucis, and continued a devoted member of the Church to the day of his death. Indeed, at one time he seriously thought of entering the sacred ministry.

Last summer Mr. Perry was in charge of the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City and its numerous guests will remember how unsparringly he devoted himself and all his resources to their comfort and pleasure. Indeed it was his assiduous and ceaseless devotion to his trying duties there by day and by night that he believed to have brought on the malady--heart failure--which he died of.

Recently afflicted by over-work he came to this city with his family in September last, hoping that a change of climate and rest would restore his broken health. But these hopes were not to be realized. All was done that the skill and constant attention of his devoted physician and numerous friends could do, but in vain. His widow and fatherless children have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the great bereavement.

The funeral services of Mr. Perry will be at Christ Church at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE NEBRASKA FUND.

Raised Yesterday. On Fayetteville Street Alone \$125 was Raised Yesterday.

Five committees have been appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Nebraska Relief Fund. Each committee to cover a different portion of the city.

The committee which canvassed Fayetteville street yesterday raised \$125. Other committees have not yet reported but will send in the amounts collected by them on Monday.

Produce of all kinds will be gladly received by the committees, and our friends in the country may help on the good work by giving of their meat and corn and flour.

The railroads will bring produce here, free of charge, from any station at which it may be delivered. All you have to do is to tell them it is for the Nebraska Relief Fund, and they will do the rest.

It is hoped that the car from Raleigh and Wake county will be made up this week, and the sooner you contribute the more you help the cause.

The car will be placarded as coming from North Carolina.

When you sit in your pew this morning, well-fed, in peace of mind and health of body, remember the Nebraskans.

Louisiana to the Rescue.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 5.--Governor Foster to night prepared an appeal to the citizens of Louisiana urging them to come to the assistance of the suffering Nebraskans by giving of their meat and clothing and money. The Governor met leading citizens to-day, and his appeal is the result of that meeting. There will be a convention on Monday.

Capt. Harry Allen, of the Businessmen's League, is in charge of transportation of supplies, and it is anticipated that the appeal will be liberally responded to.

Victim of a Strange Fatality.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 5.--Wm. Spalding, a coal-dumper at Olive Mills, yesterday lost his footing and plunged headlong into No. 2 shaft, which is 415 feet deep. His body was crushed to a pulp. Spalding was 26 years of age. It was his first day's work on the shaft.