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MEEKINS MUST MAKE DEFENSE

Aydlett Has Filed Charges Against Him

MORRIS HELD UP

Supreme Court Grants Writ of Certiorari in Case of Norfolk and Western vs Louella May on Verdict of $25,000 by Jury in North Carolina.

By THOMAS J. PENCE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The charges which E. F. Aydlett has made to prevent the confirmation of I. M. Meekins as postmaster at Elizabeth City were filed today with the Senate Committee on Postoffices. he accusations that Mr. Aydlett makes will necesitate a defense by Mr. Meekins. Chairman Penrose, of the Postoffice Commission has called for evidence and a hearing will be accorded witnesses in the next few weeks.

The nomination of R. H. Morris to be postmaster at Mount Macksville has been held up. It is understood that an effort w bilie made to prevent confirmation and that charges will be preferred.

The Supreme Court of the United States today granted a motion for a writ of certiorari in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railway vs. Louella May, administratrix of George H. May. A jury in the district Federal Court of Western North Carolina gave a verdict for $25,500 in favor of May.

Newland Says Bryan Can Be Elected.

It having been published that Senator Newland would enter the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, Senator Newland is quoted as saying that he is not in the race, but believes the time has come when Bryan can be elected.

"It is gratifying, of course," he said, "to be mentioned for that place by the newspaper, but I have no illusions on the subect and I further think the country yet unprepared to accept a president from a far Western State. Two-thirds of the Democrats are for Bryan, and I think he would make a great president. If he had been elected in 1896, we would not now have on our hands the present struggle to wrest privileges obtained under the Republican ruler."

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT REPRODUCED

Interesting Series of Basket Ball Games Coming.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 13.—An entertainment will be given here Thursday night by the ladies of the town, who will be assisted by a number of students. It will be a reproduction of the entertainment given Christmas with a number of very interesting additions. This was the best ever given here and its popular hit during the holidays has demanded its reproduction, which will be specially pleasing to the students who were not so fortunate as to have heard the holiday production. A large attendance is expected. An admission fee of twenty-five cents for adults and fifteen for children will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the athletic funds.

The most interesting inter-class contests of the session promise to be the coming series of basket ball games. The respective classes are working hard to put their teams in good shape for the contests and a keen class rivalry is beginning to show itself, each class feigning confidence in itself to carry off the coveted championship.

The college basket ball team is doing good work in preparation for the coming contest with Williams and Mary's College for the championship between North Carolina and Virginia. The time and place have not yet been determined upon.

LET'S GO THITHER

Can Full of Gold and Silver Coin Unearthed

Lucky Find by Negro—$10,000 Worth of Copper as Buried in Same Vicinity During Civil War—Can't Be Located.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Jan. 13.—A tin can full of gold and silver supposed to have been buried during the Civil war was unearthed here today by a negro barber by the name of George Rouss. While walking down the railroad track in front of the Globe Furniture factory his coat was caught by an iron rod driven down in the ground. This excited curiosity and upon examining the stick and pulling at it, the dirt caved in around it exposing to view a tin can which proved to be filled with gold and silver to the amount of over three hundred dollars. The tin can was so rusty that a good portion of it had rotted away.

Whether it was hid during the war or alter by thieves, it is not probable that any one will claim it, and the negro is overjoyed at his find. It is known for a certainty that big sums of money were hid here during the Civil war, and at different times people from other States have come here to look it up, but to no avail. Twelve wagon loads of copper were hauled from the depot here in the early morning hours of February, 1864, and buried three hundred yards north of the depot. Some time ago two gentlemen from Mississippi, who helped to bury the copper, were here, but could not locate it. It is worth at least ten thousand dollars today, if it could be found.

CUT HOLES IN HIS COAT.

Boy Shot at from Ambush, Has Very Close Call.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—Early Friday morning it was reported that Jacob Lane, colored, had shot at Earl Smith from ambush near the residence of Ashley Smith, father of Earl. The boy was on his way to work on the rebuilding of the school house, which was burned a few weeks ago. This is also in the community where the temporary school building was burned soon thereafter, and where some one attempted to burn the barn of Mr. Ashley Smith. Lane tried to prove an alibi, but young Smith clearly recognized Lane as being the man who shot at him. A bullet cut two holes in his coat, but his person was not hit. Lane was bound over to court and in default of bond was committed to jail.

NO MORE JAMESTOWN

The Exposition Will Not Be Re-Opened Next Summer.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—That there will be no official re-opening of the Jamestown Exposition next summer was determined today by the reply of Chairman George Adams, of the Exposition Re-Opening Committee, to a communication on this subject sent hi mlast week by Alvah H. Martin, chairman of the receivers for the Exposition Company. The only chance left for re-opening would be the purchase of the property for this purpose byp rivate interests. The exposition receivers will tomorrow file with the court their first report.

The Powhatan Guard on the grounds was today reduced to twenty-five men. An efficient fire department is still being maintained for the protection of the State and other buildings.

ONLY ONE CANDIDATE

Alabama Republicans Solid for Taft, Says Henry B. Gray.

(By the Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—"The Republicans of Alabama have but one candidate for President and that is William H. Taft" said Henry B. Gray, Democratic Lieut-Governor of Alabama, who passed through Columbus eoday. He said further:

"The South is for Bryan for the Democratic nominee and I believe he will be the choice of the convention. If he is, the Republicans have but one man who can beat him and that is Taft. Taft appears to be popular not only throughout the South but in the other parts of the country I have visited. I feel though I am a Democrat if he is nominated he will be surely elected and further, I regard his nomination as assured."

Mrs. Martha Pressly Dead.

Mooresville, N. C., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Martha Pressly, relict of the late Rev. J. E. Pressly, D. D. who for forty years was pastor of Coddle Creek and New Perth A. R. P. church died yesterday morning at the home of her son Mr. B. W. Pressly, where she has made her home for the past fifteen years since the death of her husband.

BIG SNOW STORM

Raging at Asheville Last

Twenty Miles of Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down by Wind Storm of Saturday and Sunday Nights.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 13.—The heavy rain and wind storm of Saturday and Sunday night did much damage in this city and section. The telegraph and telephone companies' wires suffered the greatest, about 20 miles of wires being blown down. Many fences and bill boards were also blown down and trees uprooted. Tonight a snow storm is raging and the ground is covered with snow.

Henry Blount at Wendell.

Wendell, N. C., Jan. 13.—Mr. Henry Blount, the eloquent and noted lecturer, of Wilson, delivered his lecture on "Wit, Humor Eloquence and Oratory" at Wendell Friday night. Mr. Blount, who has been very appropriately called the "Mark Twain" of the South, was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd and won for himself on his first appearance here, an enviable reputation. We shall be glad to hear him on every opportunity possible, as he is the master humorist, wit, orator and actor all in one.

MR. FRED S. HILL DEAD.

Died Suddenly and Unexpectedly Sunday Night.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Pittsboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—Death came suddenly and unexpectedly last night to Mr. Fred S. Hill, at his boarding house at this place. Mr Hill was in his usual health Saturday and was on the streets all day. On Sunday evening it was discovered that he was in a critical condition, and from then until the end came all that could be done was did for him. Mr. Hill was in his fiftieth year and at one time did a large clothing business in Hickory. He was an honorable man and was liked by all his acquaintances.

Bids for Bonds Called for Burlington.

Burlington, N. C., Jan. 13.—Bids for the $100,000 of 5 per cent water and sewerage bonds for the city have been caled for and will be received until February 10th, when, if the bids are satisfactory, the bonds will be sold. Burlington at present has only $30,000 bonded indebtedness and for this reason and the fact that she has permanent improvements for in excess of this amount these bonds should be attractive to investors.

DURHAM ALMOST HAD A LYNCHING

Thirty Sentenced to Labor and Imprisonment

LOST PART OF FOOT

As an Aftermath of Last Week's Court 30 Prisoners Are Sent to Roads, Work House and Jail—White Man's Cruelty to 18-Year-Old Daughter.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 13.—As an aftermath of the court last week there were sent to the roads, the work house and commitments issued for jail sentences for a total of thirty prisoners. The total sentences for these thirty prisoners aggregated sixteen years and eight months in prison. Only one man was given a jail sentence, this man being James Ray, white, charged with selling whiskey. His physical condition is such that the court did not think he could do road work, and he was given eight months in the county jail with instructions to the county commissioners to have him examined and to transfer him to the roads or the work house at any time it was thought he was able to hard work.

The prisoners sent out were as follows: Lee Dark, alias George Durham, and Fred Carlton, car breaking, eighteen months each. Lonnie Bailey, who assaulted his wife in a murderous manner, was given two years. William Harris, a cow thief, got twelve months, while Willie Coles, who appropriated another man's watch, was given eighteen months. Robert Bailey, the "King Bee" blind tiger, received twelve months and Samuel Lyon, who stole a sack of flour was given a like sentence. Lyon had been up on several occasions for stealing. Crosby Stone, larceny, six months. Irvin Barbee, who was first charged with burglary, was tried for trespass and given three months. Ernest Scott, carrying concealed weapon, three months. Dave Perry, larceny, eight months. Julia Hayer, selling whiskey, four months. Walter Cleveland, larceny. June Burton, gambling. Will Johnson, selling whiskey; Bettie Smith, fornication and adultery, and Ella Morse, carrying concealed weapon, were each given three months. Son Mitchell, larceny, Fletcher Morrow, selling whiskey, and Lola Davis, larceny, were given four months each. William Edwards, trespass, and Louis Bumpass, assault and battery with deadly weapon, were given two months each, while Dock Ford was given six months for selling whiskey. Charles Davis, convicted for receiving a mule, knowing it to have been stolen, was given four months. Lonnie Trice, for selling whiskey, got off with three months and John Simmons, for assault and battery with deadly weapon, receied five months. Added to the list of those sent out by the Superior Court was one sentenced by the mayor—Olive Yewah, who was fined for getting drunk and could not pay up. He will work out his fine and cost for the benefit of the public.

Almost a Lynching.

Tillet Vaughan, a white man who has been in all kinds of trouble and is about as common as a man can get to be in this life, was before the mayor this morning on the charge of beating his eighteen-year-old daughter, Miss Lillie, and inflicting serious injury. The mayor sent him to the grand jury under bond of $250. He could not give the security and is now rusticating in the county jail.

It was late yesterday afternoon when Vaughan, who was filled with fighting corn likker, beat his daughter, this being at the home in the eastern part of the city. He blacked her face, bruised her neck and chest and in fact bruised her all over the body. A crowd of infuriated citizens went after Vaughan, who tried to make his escape, and captured him. For a few minutes there was talk among those who held Vaughan prisoner, of dealing out summary vengeance, either in the shape of stringing him up or giving him a good beating. But there were those who did not want to do this and the start was made to the police station.

In the meantime a call was sent in to the police and Chief of Police Freeland and Sergeant Pendergraph responded. Vaughan was then taken in charge and locked up. The daughter was able to attend court this morning, but she was badly bruised up and showed the brutality of her inhuman father.

LOST PART OF FOOT.

Dennis Rochelle, a young railroad man, is now in the hospital as a result of an accident late yesterday afternoon. He was coupling cars on the yards of the Southern when he slipped and a car wheel passed over one of his feet, cutting off the front part of the foot. It was necessary to amputate a portion of his foot. Rochelle is a young man, and was married only a short while ago.

Another Tiger Case.

Sallie Austin was today sent up for selling whiskey to a boy. She was shown in the court that she sold whiskey to Eddie Vaughan, the fourteen-year-old son of Tillet Vaughan and that it was on this wsihkey that Vaughan made a beast of himself and proceeded to eat his daughter half way to death. The mayor made her bond $100 and she could not give the security.

King-Webber.

Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 13.—Captain Amos King, the popular conductor on the Raleigh and Charleston Railroad from Lumberton to Marion, was married here Saturday at 7 o'clock to Mrs. Webber, Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth officiating. Captain King formerly resided in Wilmington and is very popular in Lumberton, where he has a large number of friends and acquaintances.

BOLD ROBBERY IN CITY'S HEART

Durham Miser Knocked in the Head

ROBBER ESCAPES

Rufus Massey, Worth Perhaps $100,000, Knocked Down and Robbed of $100 in His Place of Business in Day Time—His Life Threatened.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 13.—This evening a few minutes after six o'clock the down town section was thrown into considerable excitement by the knocking in the head and robbery of Rufus Massey, which occurred in his room on Church street, within a half block of the Union station, next to a hotel and only a street separating his place from the police station and the court house. The robber grabbed a money drawer into which Mr. Massey was counting his money, and ran down the steps and up Church street, stopping sufficiently long to say to the man he had ust knocked in the head and robbed, that if he gave any alarm he would blow his brains out. This stopped the wounded and robbed man sufficiently long for the robber to get a good start.

Massey, who is a Confederate soldier and reputed to be worth more than a hundred thousand dollars, is a bachelor and lives alone and almost a miser. He was in his room and counting money from his pockets to a safe drawer when he was struck on the side of his head, the weapon used inflicting a wound half an inch long, but did not render him unconscious.

At the same time of striking the blow the robber grabbed the drawer with something more than a hundred dollars. In going from the room the robber stumbled over a chair and something like fifty dollars fell on the floor. He then ran down the steps and on to the street, scatering the silver money as he ran. At the foot of the steps hedropped some money and his attention was called to it by a newspaper boy, who caught him by the coat to show him the loss. The boy was knocked down for his trouble. Officers chased the robber into the country, where he was lost, the man having a good start.

Mr. Massey says that the robber did not get over twenty-five or thirty dollars, the emainde being dropped in the room or on the street and returned to him.

Massey cannot give a discription of the man, but the news boy says that he was a white man, with heavy moustache, heavy overcoat and a blac suit of clothes. Within a few minutes after the robbery all the officers of the city and the county were working on the case, and it is morethan probable that he will bearreste d. It was a bold piece of business and while the blow did not prove to be of a serious nature there isnodoubtbut that Massey had a narrow escape ,as the robber evidently intended rendering him unconscious when the blow was struck.

ITS NOW UP TO US

A.C.L. Will Give South Carolina the Rate Set By Tar Heels

(By the Associated Press.)

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—Alexander Hamilton, first vice-president and general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, said today at a conference held with Governor Ansel, the railroad commission and Attorney General Lyon, that his road would voluntarily put on in South Carolina the same passenger rates as would be applied in North Carolina, where an extra session of the legislature has been called by Governor Glenn to consider the situation. Whether the rates were reached by agreement or statute, said Mr. Hamilton, the same rates will be allowed South Carolina.

It is understood that the proposition made to North Carolina called for the same rates as the Southern Railway will give to South Carolina about April 1.

CONSUMED BY PIPE SMOKERS

More Than Half of All the Tobacco Grown in the United States.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Pipe smokers consume more than half of all the tobacco grown in the United States, according to a statement made today by Vice President Harris, of the American Tobacco Company, while testifying in the government's suit against the company. Mr. Harris said the American Tobacco Company never has attempted to obtain a foot hold in the plug tobacco trade in Canada, as the interests now in control of that market appeared to be too solidly entrneched.

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tuesday with colder in east portion; Wednesday fair; fresh west winds.

The Weather Yesterday.

Maximum temperature 43 degrees; minimum temperature 40 degrees; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., trace.

WANT NO "THROW KNIVES" PLAY

Sen, Holt Opposed to "Hurry Through"

KING HALL BURNED

Disastrous Early Morning Fire at Guilford College—Senator McLean's View of Railroad Proposition—Guilford Court Convenes—Caught Stealing Coal.

By ANDREW JOYNER.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—There is one public man in the State who never fails to have decided views and never fears to let them be known to his constituents.

State Senator Allen Holt is that man, and when asked to give an expression of his opinion as to how long the extra session of the Legislature would be in session, and what would be the result of its consideration of the railroad compromise, had this to say:

"Some of the papers are saying that the Legislature ought to meet and ratify the Governor's compromise, adjourn and go home by Saturday night. Much as I should personally like to act and get away to my business again, I do not subscribe to any such view. The Legislature is supposed to be composed of men who do their own thinking, and those who now recommend hasty action would be the first to criticise any mistakes made in consequence of it. If nothing is taken up but railroad matters, I do not believe such deliberate bodies could properly and wisely act upon the matter proposed and adjourn within less than ten days or two weeks. It has taken the Governor and the roads four months to consider and agree upon the compromise. Unless the Legislature wishes to imitate school boys trading pocket knives "sight unseen," the members must take up the matter with the deliberation consistent with its dignity and the far reaching importance of the questions involved."

Continuing, Senator Holt said: "I consider the State amply able to pay and all bills necessary to defend the principles of popular government, and to sustain its dignity. If it is unable to do so, for one I shall return home without drawing my pay. The Legislature is called together to consider the proposition placed before it, not necessarily to ratify it and to accept money for the per diem might prove very embarrassing, especially as a condition of the ratification as appears on its face.

"Any legislator that goes back to Raleigh feeling that he has done the railroads a wrong, or has been 'unjust' to them, misconceives both the attitude of the Governor and of President Finley as I understand their position. Certainly I shall go back in no such spirit. As I understand it no one has so far shown the 2 1-4 cent rate to be unjust or confiscatory. Judge Pritchard did not at first so declare it. Later in the process of the litigation, apparently for strategic reasons, he did declare the law unconstitutional; but the hearing of Standing Master Judge Montgomery still going on in its way is for that purose, and he has not yet reorted. In order to sto all this litigation and to restore eace, not to correct a wrong, but erhas in view of recent financial disturbances to avoid a hardshi common to every line of business which may be somewhat tempered by this slight change in the law, we are called together. No man who has done another man a wrong, ought to hesitate a moment to correct it, though he might feel humiliated in doing so. But I submit we are not confronted with this proposition and every effort, whether it comes from Republicans or Democratic papers (and both parties voted for the law with practical unanimity) makes the compromise all the more difficult."

At any rate, I am not in favor of pulling down the walls and letting in this wooden horse without a very thorough examination of what is inside. I am not in favor of pulling down the walls at all. The horse must not be so large that it will not go through the gates of the State sovereignty walls. There must not only be an apparent, but a real submission on the part of the roads to the right of the State to regulate and fix intrastate rates. The real fight last winter was one for State control, and if people would turn back and read the State Democratic platform they will see the principle for which the people were fighting. That principle was won by the Legislature, sustained by the State courts, including the unanimous decision of the State Supreme Court, it is before the United States Supreme Court. There will be no secession from it when the Legislature meets without stultification."

Senator McLean's View.

State Senator N. A. McLean is here today on legal business. When asked for his views on the railroad compromise and "how about" the extra session, Col. McLean said he thought it best to wait until it was seen what was actually proposed to the Legislature in the shape of a bill before any position committal. He did say, however, it was a mistake to jump at the conclusion that the General Assembly could only ratify what it was told to do or was asked to do, without taking time to do its own deliberating as direct representatives of the best interests of all the people.

Building Destroyed by Fire at Guilford College.

Great regret is felt here at the loss by fire this morning of one of the principal buildings, King Hall, at Guilford College. About 6:30 o'clock, when the janitor went to build fires in the stoves, he found the building afire. The alarm was given, but owing to the fact that the water in the tank had been shut off, it was impossible to save the building, and it was only by heroic work of the student body that Founders' Hall was saved. The King Hall was used for class rooms, society halls, the museum and the library. The furniture of Society Hal was saved, but all the valuable collections were burned and nearly all the books in the library, said to be one of the best college libraries in the State. There is reported to be only $7,000 insurance on the building, which cost over $20,000 fifteen years ago. It was a three-story brick building and only three walls remain. About twenty years ago the original building, which had itself been remodelled for school purposes, having been before this the old "Quaker Meeting House," was burned, and the structeure burned this morning was built on the same walls, except that another story had been added and it was made of greater depth.

Guilford Court in Session.

A one week's term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only, began this morning, Judge Webb presiding. The case of Causey Jarrett against the High Point Trunk and Bag Company was begun and wil last possibly two days. This case has been tried twice before. The plaintiff had his arm torn off at the shoulder socket in machinery of the factory, and is sueing for $30,000 damages. The jury in the first trial gave him $3,000 damages, but they answered the issue wrong, and the judge set the verdict aside. At the next trial the jury warded $1,600 damages. Judge Justice set the issue as to the damages aside, on the ground that it was not enough in view of the testimony. The defendant claimed that the issue touching negligence on the company should also be set aside, and appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decided that if one issue should be tried over all should, and so the case is on trial again, and everything pertaining to the case is brought out, the defendant not being held down to the simple question of how much it damaged the plaintiff.

Caught Stealing Coal.

Calvin Coldwell, colored, was caught early this morning stealing coal from the Southern Railway's big pile at the coal chute, and in less than an hour he had his hearing before 'Squire Collins and was in jail in default of bond.

Something New in Teacher's Meeting.

The first testing of a new departure in teacher's meeting was tried here with very gratifying results Saturday. County Superintendent T. R. Foust, called the regular session of the Guilford County Teacher's Association to meet this time at the State Normal College, and despite the bad weather, seventy-five rural school teachers were present, the session being in the Curry building, where the practice school is taught. Instead of the usual lectures to the teachers, the children of the first two grades of the school attended, and the regular wodk of the practice school teachers of the two grades, was observed by the rural school teachers. Therew ere two sections of each grade, occupying four rooms in all and the tecahers wede divided for observation in these four rooms. This observation work lasted until one o'clock, after which interesting remarks on the work were made by Prof. J. A. Matherson, of the chair of Pedagogy of the college, and by Superintendent Foust. Every one of the teachers in attendance expressed approval of the new departure, saying they got more benefit from the object lesson of actual teaching of children by experts right at it than they ever had obtained from the very best theoretical discussion by experts, however well equipped or interesting the lectures might be.

All Day Picnic.

On next Friday there will be an all day picnic and celebration at Springfield school near High Point, the occasion being the dedication of the new $4,500 school building just completed there. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, will deliver the principle address of the occasion.

Judge Boyd Gone to Richmond.

Judge Boyd left today for Richmond to sit as a member of the Circuit Court of Appeals. He had a busy morning of it, for before leaving he passed on and approved for United States District Attorney Holton an immense pile of accounts of the United States amrshal and the various clerks of the United States Court in this district, the accounts covering a period of six months. It would seem that Clerk Hyams, of Asheville, has the best paying office in the State, as his net salary exclusive of all expense of clerk hire, etc. for the six months amounted to $3,100.

In addition to passing on these accounts Judge Boyd made the following disposition of bankruptcy cases:

Madison Merchants Bankrupt.

H. W. Groms and Rufus Grooms, partners, doing business under the firm of H. W. Grooms & Bro., merchants at Pump, Madison county, N. C., were, upon their own petition, adjudged bankrupt. Debts reported at $1,300, assets subject to claim for exemption, at about $16,000. The case was referred to F. W. Thomas, Esq., referee at Asheville, N. C.

Composition Confirmed.

In the matter of H. Patterson, bankrupt, of Hendersonville, N. C., an order was entered confirming composition with creditors. Fifteen thousand dollars, the amount necessary to pay creditors under the terms of the settlement is on deposit with the Battery Park Bank at Asheville. The receiver heretofore appointed by Judge Boyd, was directed to turn over the stock of goods at Hendersonville to the bankrupt.

Discharge in Bankruptcy.

A discharge in bankruptcy was signed or M. T. Turner and eGo. P. Turner, as individuals and as partners under the firm name of M. T. Turner & Son, of Grover, Cleveland county, N. C.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS

600,000 Pounds White Burley Tobacco Sold in Lexington Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 13.—Six hundred thousands pounds of white Burley tobacco was sold on the floor of the loose leaf warehouses here today. This breaks all records.

Wagons have been coming in from all over the tobacco district since Saturday night. The warehouses here are strongly guarded nightly against surprise by "night raiders," by special officers and a squad of soldiers with a Gatling gun. Several surrounding towns are also being guarded nightly.

Fortnightly Review Club.

The Fortnightly Review Club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Charles McKimmon at four o'clock.

SENATES DAY OF ANIMATED DEBATE

On the Recent Action of Cortelyou

JEFF DAVIS' BILL

Prohibiting Interstate Conveyance of Information for Futures and Stock Speculators—Senator Bankhead Sworn In—Tillman Pushes Resolution.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The recent issue of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of relieving the financial stringency was the subject of an animated debate in the Senate today. The discussion was precipitated by an inquiry by Senator Culberson and was participated in by Senators Aldrich, Tillman and Bailey. It resulted in an agreement to postpone further controversy until a statement can be received from Secretary Cortelyou. While the subject was under discussion, Mr. Tillman's resolutions directing the finance committee to inquire into the operations of the Treasury Department was referred to with his consent to that committee. The Senate passed Senator Tillman's resolution calling on the Interstate Commerce Commission for information concerning purchases by railroad companies of the stock of competing roads.

The unfinished business in the form of a bill to codify the criminal laws of the United States was placed before the Senate and the reading of the bill begun.

At 3:22 the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

PETITION TO EXTRA SESSION

To Call Prohibition Election in Louisburg—Echo of Seaboard Receivership—Court Next Monday.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Louisburg, N. C., Jan. 13.—A prohibition petition, or rather a petition to the extra session to call a special election on the dispensary, is being circulated here. There are quite a number of signers. It is said a large majority of the voters have signed and it is estimated that the dispensary will be voted out by a big vote. The dispensary here was established by a special act of the Legislature, therefore no election can be called without the authority of that body. The petition will go up but whether that body will take up suchl egislation or not is not known. The town has been thoroughly covered and now it is said that the leaders are oging outside the corporate limits for signatures. Although the county gets a part of the dispensary funds, the town established it and the twon only it is understood wish to vote on it.

The local bar held a meeting Saturday in the cler's office and set the calendar for the ensuing two weeks' term of the Superior Court, which begins on Monday 20th inst. Judge Lyon will preside. The dockets are of average size and contain no cases that are of special interest to the general public.

Hertford Merchant Fails.

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 13.—The first man here to go down under the financial strain is Mr. John Chalk, who runs a small meat market and grocery store near the Norfolk & Southern depot. He was unable to meet maturing obligations and, on a judgment secured by the Four Company, of Norfolk, Va., his largest creditor, his business has been closed by the sheriff.

IN HIS OWN BLOOD

Pasquotank Farmer Shoots Out His Brains

J. W. Pritchard Committed Suicide Early Sunday Morning—Thought to Have Been Suffering an Affection of the Brain.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 13.—Mr. James W. Pritchard, a farmer, who resided about two miles west of this city, committed suicide early Sunday morning by blowing his brains out with a rifle. Last summer Mr. Pritchard had asevere attack of sickness affecting his brain, but had fully recovered, and since then had been in his usual health.

Saturday night he remarked to his wife that he was not feeling well and feared he was going to have another attack as he had last summer. He went to bed, however, as usual, one of his children sleeping with him, and his wife thought nothing more of it. Upon awakening early Sunday morning his wife found that her husband had already gotten up. Having called and looked around the house for him and receiving no answer, she became uneasy and called one of her neighbors, Henry Pritchard, who is a cousin of her husband. He came at once, and after searching all the outhouses, finally located Pritchard, lying in a pool of his own blood in the wood house only a short distance from the dwelling with a rifle lying close by. Pritchard was about forty years old and was a hard working farmer, popular with all his neighbors. He leaves a wife and five children. The remains were interred this afternoon at the Pritchard burying ground near his home.