

Generally Fair Tonight And Saturday.

## THIRD-STORY PUBLIC BUILDING IS NOW PRACTICALLY COMPLETE

Rapid progress is being made towards the completion of the public building. The entire third floor of the building has been plastered and now ready for the wood trimmings. On this floor two rooms are provided for the United States District Attorney's office, one room for the post jury, two rooms for the United States Marshal, one storage room, one room for witnesses and one room which so far has been unassigned. In addition there are two bathrooms and up-to-date toilets for ladies and gentlemen. Also one prison cell is installed. The structure is certainly going to be a credit to Washington. No town in Eastern Carolina will be able to boast of a building more complete or more attractive from an architectural standpoint. The contractors hope to have the building completed, according to contract, and if they do the next term of the United States Federal Court will be held in the building.

## WILSON GETS APPLES BY PARCELS POST

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 3.—At exactly seven minutes after 12 o'clock Wednesday morning, A. A. Rockefeller, a local carrier, walked up to the home of Gov. Wilson in Cleveland lane with the first package delivered in Princeton by the parcel post. The package weighed eight pounds and eight ounces, and contained two dozen fine Jersey apples which the Woodrow Wilson Club of Princeton had sent to the President-elect as a New Year's greeting. Postmaster Robinson kept the post office here upon until after midnight so that Gov. Wilson's friends could have the distinction of sending him the first package by the new system. The office usually closes at 7 o'clock. Promptly at 12 o'clock Joseph Hoff and a committee of the Woodrow Wilson Club handed in the package. It took two minutes to put on the necessary thirteen cents in stamps, after which it was handed to the carrier, who had his horse and wagon waiting outside. In five minutes he was at the Wilson home delivering the package. Plickford Parcel Post Mailed From Princeton, N. J. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 3.—The first article mailed at the Birmingham postoffice Tuesday night for dispatch at midnight by parcel post was a pitchfork. It was five feet long, weighed six pounds and was addressed to Good Pine, Ia. The postage was thirty-eight cents.

## HERE IN INTEREST CORN BOYS CLUB

Mr. A. K. Robertson of the State Department of Agriculture is in the city looking after the Corn Club boys of Beaufort county, who won the district prize in the 25th national corn exhibition at Columbia, S. C., January 27 to February 3. Both of the district prizes as offered in this first congressional district were won by Beaufort county boys, being Herbert Allen and Luther Paul, of Beaufort, N. C. Allen also won the free trip to Washington, D. C., offered by Congressman John H. Small in his district. This trip, both to Columbia and Washington city, means much for the successful contestants and they should take advantage of their great opportunity. The county prize to the Columbia, S. C., exhibition was won by Masters Earl Norfleet, of Ransomville, and Henry Harris, of Pungo.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The annual business meeting of the First Baptist church was held on Wednesday evening and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. S. F. Willis, church treasurer; Mr. B. E. Edwards, church clerk; Mr. W. C. Miller, custodian; Miss Edna Willis and Miss Clifton Marsh, organists. Mr. D. M. Lewis was elected deacon to fill an unexpired term, making up the usual number, seven. The meeting was a most harmonious one. Reports showed that the church in general was in good shape, and plans are on foot for a general advance along all lines. The church has made fine progress during the past year, regardless of the loss of some of its most faithful members by death, removals from the city, and much sickness among the membership. PROGRESSIVE PUNCHED. Messrs. George L. Dull and James H. Ross have purchased the property at the corner of Fleming and West Third streets.

## World Like to go A foot Down Avenue

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 3.—Governor Woodrow Wilson intimated last night that if it were possible he would like to go afoot between the White House and the capitol when he takes the oath of office as President of the United States. He realizes, however, that the crowds would make it impossible. Jeffersonian simplicity, the kind that the President-elect would like to emulate, however, he remarked, consisted not of a horseback ride, as some historians have chronicled it, but merely an unostentatious walk down Pennsylvania avenue in the company of a few citizens. The story that Jefferson rode on horseback to the capitol and hitched his horse to a post while he went in to take the oath of office isn't true," said the governor. He was told that Governor Sulzer had walked to the capitol at Albany. Mr. Wilson spoke approvingly of this. He was asked if he had made any plans for his own inauguration in the connection. "I hadn't thought out the method at all," he said. "I have simply attained myself with impressing the gentlemen of the inaugural committee with the desire to have the inauguration as simple as possible."

## CENTRAL MARKET READY FOR BUSINESS TONIGHT

The Central Pure Food Market will open in its new quarters in the Buchanan building this evening. For the past several days the fixtures, etc., have been torn down at the present stand in Hassel Supply Building on Market street and being replaced in the new quarters. When finished this market will be one of the most attractive to be found not only in the city, but this section of the state. Every modern and up-to-date sanitary appliance is installed.

## WORLD ENDS IN 1915 SLEEPY TOM AVERS

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 3.—The Rev. "Sleepy" Tom Clark, a Confederate soldier during the Civil war, and now seventy years old, claims to be a prophet. From his home in Abingdon, Va., he travels over many of the counties of the southwestern portion of the State, preaching to the mountain people and bidding them prepare for the end of the world in 1915. "I saw this," he says, "in a vision when Halley's comet was visible in these parts." When asked how he happened to be invested with the gift of prophecy he says: "I don't know, unless it is because of my natural inclination to sleep. When I was a soldier in the Confederate army I frequently fell asleep when on duty. It was then that my visions of things to come first came to me. I have since visited heaven and hell and seen talked with the inhabitants of both of those worlds. It is my mission to warn people to get ready for the future. Our time here is brief, and it behooves every one to prepare for the end of the world."

## TAFT EXTENDS LAST NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Taft's last New Year's reception at the White House Wednesday was attended by one of the greatest crowds that ever has gathered at the executive mansion. Clear skies and late fall weather brought out the general public in extraordinary numbers and a new record for attendance of private citizens probably was established. Surrounded by his family, members of his cabinet and a distinguished company, the President received officials and citizens of high and low degree and when the last caller had been greeted, Mr. Taft had shaken hands with more than 7,000 persons. The reception began shortly before noon, members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps being received first. Next were the justices of the United States Supreme Court and other Federal courts, United States ambassadors and ministers, senators and representatives, army and navy officers, heads of military societies and other a long line of other officials and memorials. Then came the public. The White House reception, always the New Year's feature in the capital, preceded numerous other brilliant affairs. Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox entertained the members of the diplomatic corps at breakfast at the Pan-American building, nearly every foreign nation with embassy or legation here being represented.

## PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT

The Nicholsonville prayer meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Pennington this evening at 7:30 o'clock to which all are cordially invited to attend. These weekly prayer meetings are doing a great work in that section of the city.

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## New Parcel Post Good is Statement

Washington, Jan. 3.—Americans are using for the first time their newest institution, the parcel post. Reports to headquarters from post-offices, large and small, throughout the country indicated that the newest of government services was being ushered into its usefulness with a heavy day and that the facilities provided for handling the new business would be taxed to capacity as the public knowledge of it became more general. From all points came reports of "freak" shipments in the new post. They consisted of everything from pitchforks and prunes—to paving blocks and poultry. Under the regulations practically every class of merchandise is mailable by parcel post. All mail matter formerly fourth-class now goes in the new service. It became evident to postal authorities early in the day that some difficulties more or less serious, were likely to be encountered in the incipient stages of the operation of the new system. From every city came reports that many packages bore ordinary postage stamps instead of the distinctive parcel post stamps. Under the new law such parcels have to be held for lack of proper postage. Notwithstanding that it was a holiday the amount of parcel post matter offered at offices throughout the country so far as heard from, fairly measured up to the Christmas rush. On the ordinary business days indications are that the volume of parcel post traffic will be tremendous. How this matter is to be transported by the railroads is a serious question. Within a few days it has become apparent that the railroads generally had not sufficient equipment ready to handle a vastly increased weight of mail. Generally no delay in the delivery of parcels by the various postoffices is expected, as extraordinary measures have been taken to provide delivery service. It already seems certain that the new system will be utilized extensively by department stores and merchants generally for the delivery of local packages. These, of course, will not have to be transported by railroad, but will merely pass through local offices.

## UNDERWOOD AND MARTIN CONFERENCE ON LEGISLATION

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative Underwood and Senator Martin, Democratic leaders, respectively, of the House and Senate, had a conference today over plans for Democratic tariff revision and for legislative work during the balance of the short session that re-opens tomorrow. No definite plan of action for the present session was agreed on, but the Democratic leaders discussed in detail President-elect Wilson's tariff views as outlined to Mr. Underwood at Trenton yesterday. Both houses will confront crowded programs when they reconvene at noon today. In the congestion of legislation, investigation, hearings and the Archibald impeachment proceedings, the Democratic forces will bring out during the next few weeks the full scope of tariff revision preparation and party organization for the special session that is to begin probably about March 15th. Representative Underwood has not discussed publicly the details of his conference with President-elect Wilson, but it is known that the general plan of the tariff revision was gone over. In the meetings to begin this week of Democratic members of the ways and means committee, the opinions of the President-elect and the general understanding arrived at between him and Mr. Underwood will be considered fully and an outline made of the various tariff revision bills that will be prepared in advance for the special session. The tariff hearings will begin next Monday and the large volume of mail received from manufacturers, commercial organizations and consumers indicates a widespread interest in the woolen, chemical and iron and steel tariff schedules. Scores of men representing the producing and manufacturing interests of the country are expected to give their tariff views to the ways and means committee. The money trust investigation, the tariff hearings and other important committee work then will be added to the pressure incident to getting the big appropriation bills finished before March 4th. At an informal Democratic conference yesterday it was agreed that the appropriation bills had made such progress that there probably will be no difficulty in passing all of them before adjournment.

## HIGH WINDS PREVAIL IN CITY SINCE MORNING

Traffic on Pamlico river is considerably delayed today due to the high wind which has been prevailing since early morning. The tide is low in the river and one river captain stated to a News man that his barometer was lower than it had been in years. The high wind was preceded by a steady rain all during the night. The month of January seems to have its storm clothes on, judging from the weather during the past few days.

## ATTRACTIVE OFFICES

Mr. Harry McKullan, who has opened his law office in the Rodman building on East Main street, has one of the handsomest offices in the city. Every convenience is provided. The suite of offices are certainly attractive and modern in every way. MR. BENNETT MAYO, BETTER. Mr. Bennett Mayo, of Aurora, N. C., who has been confined in the Washington Hospital since Christmas Day suffering with an attack of typhoid fever, while still very ill is reported from that institution to be improving today. This will be welcome news to his many friends and they are busy all over the county. His speedy recovery is wished for by his numerous friends.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. M. Edwards was carried to the Washington Hospital yesterday for treatment. Her many friends hope she will soon be convalescent.

## RETURNS HOME

Miss Mary McWhorter, of Hertford, N. C., who has been visiting Miss Mae Ayers, left for her home yesterday.

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## Next Lyceum Show Here January 14

Their is no stronger advocate of music taught in our public schools than Ernest Gamble, the distinguished basso, who probably owes the beginning of his musical career to a stern and conscientious singing master in a Pennsylvania school. Mr. Gamble did not come of a musical family and, when he entered the high school, he knew nothing of music and he was not even conscious of the glorious organ in his throat. Vocal music was obligatory and a part of the regular curriculum and when Ernest was singled out to rise before the school and try a few bars of night reading, he refused on the grounds that he could not sing and that he did not want to make an exhibition of himself. The principal sent him home, but Ernest, after an intense interview with his father, returned determined to grapple with flats and sharps. For a week, the diplomatic principal gave him private lessons until his embarrassment should wear off an then placed him among the basses, where his voice at once attracted attention and where he was soon the leading vocalist. Thus Mr. Gamble's voice accidentally discovered and brought to notice and it was not long until he was placed under the very finest European masters. Mr. Gamble thinks that music properly taught in our public schools will bring out the finer side of the pupil's nature and develop in them a better appreciation of the artistic and beautiful things of life. This attraction will be here January 14, 1913.

## Hookworm Victims N. C. Total 57,991

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—The 1912 report of Dr. John A. Ferrell, as State director to the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, on the progress of the campaign against hookworm for every day in the year except Sundays an average of 434 persons were examined microscopically, making a total of 155,997 persons examined and to the 42,132 found infected 96,176 treatments have been dispensed. In addition to these, 1,700 physicians have sent in reports showing that they have treated 15,859 persons. Their work, added to that of the State board of health staff, makes 57,991 persons treated. For 1910 the number was 8,000 and for 1911, 45,881. The report states that in many counties large portions of the population were examined, but only small percentages were found to be infected. In Yadkin 34 per cent were examined, in Lincoln 32 per cent, in Wilkes 25 per cent, and in numerous counties one person out of five was examined. Thus far 80 counties have appropriated \$15,579, an average of \$359 for this work. Six counties are on the waiting list.

## Carload of Stock

Mr. Howard Winfield returned from Western markets this morning, where he purchased a carload of horses and a carload of mules, which are expected to arrive either today or tomorrow. NEW RESIDENTS. Mr. L. H. Ross and family, of Edward, N. C., have moved to this city and are occupying their residence on West Second street. The Daily News gladly welcomes them to this city as residents. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES. There will be preparatory services at the First Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, looking forward to the celebration of the Holy Communion on next Sunday morning. All the members of the congregation are requested to be present. SCHOONER HERE. The schooner Gold Mine, Captain LeRoy Pedrick in command, arrived in port last evening from Hyde county, laden with a general cargo. She will load with a cargo of general merchandise.

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