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# OBSERVE CHRISTMAS.

We will, as usual, observe Christmas,

A Seasonable

Suggestion ....

Bring your laundry here. Don't

try to have the thousand and one

things that get soiled at Christmas

time done up in the house-its incon-

venient and unsatisfactory. Our work

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Asheville Steam Laundry,

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**Our Christmas** 

Trade Never Was

The reason is we have a finer stock of

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Anything you want for Christmas you

Our store will be closed from 12 until

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Heinz India Relish.

Beef Steak Catsup,

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Mixed Nuts,

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English Walnuts,

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Boulevard Side Bar Wagon,

WITH VICTOR GEAR.

The Atest design in traps, Light,

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## Powell & Snider. handle everything with the utmost care, and our charges are very reasonable.

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You can buy Handkerchiefs at 26. 3 .. 4c., 5c., 10c., to very finest embroidery and plain hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs for 25c. up.

See the beautiful Necktie Cases Handkerchief cases and Glove cases See the Cushions, hand-painted Satm covered and Cambric covered New lot of those pretty Medal lion l'ictures at 25c., 5oc. and 75c. just in.

New Stamped Linens and Embroadery Silks. New Kid Gloves. The Place for Xmas Presents is

## Marche.

15 South Main St.

## ....Big **Reduction in Guns**

AT ASHEVILLE HARDWARE COMPANY.

BRECH LOADING GUNS.

Lussells Arms Co Top action 12 gage have been selling \$15.00 reduced to

Toxton's Top action 12 gage have been lling at \$16.00 reduced to \$14.00. Rodgers Top action 12 gage have been seiling \$18.00 reduced \$15.00.

Richard's side action 12 gage have been selling \$18.00 reduced \$14.00. Standard Top action 12 gage have been selling \$25.00 reduced \$20.00. 1 Robertson Top action 16 gage have been selling \$25.00 reduced \$20.00. 2 Toxton Top action 12 gage have been selling \$25.00 reduced \$20.00. 1 Russell's Top action 12 gage have been selling \$25.00 reduced \$22.50 Progress Hammerless 12 gage have

### MUZZLE LOADING GUNS.

been selling \$30,00 reduced \$25,00.

Muzzle Loading Guns have been selling \$12.00 reduced \$10.00. Muzzle Loading Guns have been selling \$10.00 reduced \$7.50. Muzzel Loading Guns have been selfing \$9.00 reduced \$7.00. Muzzle Loading Guns have been sellmg \$7.50 reduced \$6.00.

## ...Popular Books ...

Que Vadis-Illustrated ,......... 1.13 The Beth Book, Sarah Grand ..... 1.35 Sound Life in Old Virginia, Page., 1.35 COWAN & STRADLEY In Euroembe County, Pool., ...... 1.13 Over the Andes ..... 1.35 The Land of the Kankaroo, Knox., 1,35

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Bonna Prince Charlie, Henty ..... 1.35



HOLIDAY PRESENTS

Useful, Moderate Priced. J. Spangenberg.

4 North Court Square.

Pearson and Caldwell Hold the Fort Together.

MAY BE IN CONTEMPT

RAILWAY COMMISSION TO SUIT THE GOVERNOR.

Curtains Drawn and New Locks on the Doors of the Commissioners' Room-Attorneys Fighting Hard-Faircloth Dissents. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.-In the

case of L. C. Caldwell, nominated by back to you looking like new. We the Governor to be chairman of the handle everything with the utmost State railway commission, vice J. W. Wilson, removed, the Supreme court has handed down an opinion sustaining the Governor. This resmoves both of the Wilsons and seats Caldwell and Judge Douglas and Chief Justice Fair-

On the point whether Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson was right in refusing a ury trial the court says:

There was absolutely nothing to go the jury unless the court went be aind the action of the Governor, which we think could not be reversed by the int's rights, which must ultimately be passed on by the legislature. If the legslature should determine that the defendant had been suspended without just cause, he would be at once reinstated and be entitled to his full pay for the time of his suspension. "As to trials by jury it has been held

from remotest times that this right did not apply to equitable proceedings, and | the list: that in determination of many matters Will soon leave the holidays of '97 a of fact intervention of jury was neither nemory. Leaves us with some holiday necessary nor possible. Every time the judge below takes cases from a jury variety of articles to select from we and directs a verdict, he practically degather a large stock of Jewelry, prives the party of trial by jury, and prives the party of trial by jury, and Watches, Diamonds, Silverware, etc., yet that he can so direct a verdict and towpath. and expect to sell what remains at a against the party on whom rests the very reasonable price. The opportunity which are but lately received from the cisions by this court. makers does not often present itself.

"The duty of the suspension was im-Don't let it slip past. Won't come again posed upon the Governor from the highest notion of public policy, to prewhich might arise from leaving such great power and responsibilities in the The Reliable Jeweler, 27 Patton Ave. hand of a man legally disqualified. As the Governor was therefore by a letter and spirit of the law required to act promptly, necessarily upon his own hold that such official action was under circumstances due process of law.

'The power of the Governor to susend and the right of the legislature to remove were assented to by the defendant when he accepted the of fice. The power of suspension rests in the Governor's hands, and when exercised in an orderly way is not reviewable by the courts Whether the action of the Governor was justified by facts, which he alone could find, is not for us to say. The defendant waives his right to trial by the jury by his acceptance of the commission on the face of which the words of the creative act were written. Judgment must therefore be affirmed, but in view of the public interests involved we deem it proper not to remand the case, but to enter a final judgment in

his court. "Judgment is therefore entered that Caldwell is entitled to the office of railway commissioner: that Wilson be ousted therefrom, and that Caldwell be placed in possession of said office, together with all its records and other appurtenances thereunto belonging." Soon after the decision was rendered the court issued a writ of execution is going to be. directing that the sheriff put Pearson and Caldwell in immediate possession Before this could be served the Chief Justice issued a supersedeas, which the marshal of the court served on Cald-Officers. well and Pearson's attorney, Day. He could not find Pearson and Caldwell who later took possession of

The shades of the windows are pulled down, and they had new locks placed on the doors today.

There are two motions before the Su-

preme court today: one by counsel for J. W. and Otho Wilson to recall the writ of execution which was issued by the Supreme court, ordering the sheriff to put Caldwell and Pearson in possession. This motion was upon the ground that now jurisdiction is in the United States Supreme court and that the State Supreme court can take no further action pending appeal. R. O. Burton made this motion. W. H. Day opposed it. The court conferred and refused to withdraw the writ. A motion was made by Day for a recall of the supersedeas on a writ of errer or adjudge the writ irregular which Chief Justice Faircloth issued, which would really be acceptance of appeal by the Wilsons to the United States Supreme court. This motion the court also declined to grant, saying it had no power to set aside a writ of error or pass upon its constitutionality. Pearson and Caldwell this morning btained warrants from the Auditor for

\$500 each, he having refused to pay the J. C. L. Harris of counsel for the Wilsons says that some other action will now be taken before the United States Supreme court to vitalize the federal law in the case. He says that Pearson and Caldwell are in contempt.

RAILWAY TAXATION.

Court Grant's Injunction to Hamper Nashville's Board of Equalization. NASHVILLE, Dec. 24.-Judge Clark of the United States Circuit court has decide the case of the railroads vs. the State board of equalizers, in favor of the former. The new railroad commission, in making out the tax list, assessed the railroads and telegraph companies in the State about \$30,000,-000 higher than the assessment of the previous year. The railroad companies with the provision that the railroads the taxation for 1896-97.

18 Crushed and Scalded. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-A drill engine and train of flat cars on the Central of New Jersey collided in Communipaw today. Brakeman Collis Haycock was killed: Fireman John Higgins was fatally injured, and the engineer, Wm. Martagh, was so badly scalded that the flesh came off with his clothing in great T. S. Morrison's Carriage Warchouse strips.

## THE WILSONS ARE BOUNCED A GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE ECKELSSAYS TWILL PAY OUT

ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

SAID TO BE WAITING TO UN-BURDEN ITSELF.

t is Not Yet Fully Dressed, but No One Need be Shocked on That Account-Some of the Presents Said to be On It.

The Citizen has it on the quiet that the glad Christmas season is to be made the gladder by a mammoth Christmas tree that is to bend low with presents for people hereabouts. While the time and place have not been con fided, it is pretty well understood that the grand prize distribution will occur tonight. Wherever it may be, it can be authoritatively announced that the hackmen can be induced to leave their parlor on the square and convey visitors to the scene of the festivities, for consideration. Notice · is hereby served, however, that the hackmen are wards of the city government and therefore must be paid the fare.

The tree which is to be laden with gifts will spread its branches at some point where it can do so without becoming entangled in the network of wires, and it is because of this desire to avoid an entangling alliance that the tree will be set up at such a distance from the square as will make carriages necessary if one wants to take it in Among other details it is noted that the tree will be brilliantly lighted, the electric lamps being on a circuit that will burn all night, not being dependent upon the Hominy or any other dam. In this way the danger of a hooking of gifts during a temporary reign of darkness will be reduced to the minimum. It should also be said for the benefit of some of the "waiters" that they need not stand a civil service examination to get in to this prosperity

According to the story the huge tree is not yet fully dressed, but the most need not refrain from attending on this account, because all will be just the proper thing when the curtain goes up. A couple of experts from Anthony Comstock's society will hold the mirror up to Nature, and the arrangement will be the quintessence of As to the gifts that are going to strain the boughs of this woundrous

tree The Citizen cannot speak from personal knowledge of the case, but it has had a tip and gives herewith the names of those who are said to be on Mayor Rankin-A big red cannon cracker, on which is written "He was

once a boy himself." Rogue's Gallery for headquarters; one he can lock up. Alderman Scott-A lifelike picture of the Swannanoa dam, with a coas barge

Patrolman John Lyerly-An alarm Alderman Burnett-A treatise on 'How to Avoid Worry, Though an Alderman.

Judge Ewart-A mileage book of railway, with the season's best wishes Alderman Hill-A basketful of midvent danger from public interests night lights. (Don't get these confused with the lights that are handled in the Alderman's meat stall). Alderman Mears-A granite scarfpin from the city quarry.

Jeter C. Pritchard—Copy of a song

entitled "How happy I could be with findings of fact, we are compelled to the judgeship were Lusk and Douglas Alderman Jones-34 more subjects for special taxation. Alderman Kennedy-A touching hymn the refrain of which is "(Re)consider, good Board, (re)consider.'

City Clerk Robertson-A bucket o

war paint for his band of Indians.

Col. Lusk-A card on which is writ en "Judge. 'Sh-h-h." George H. Smathers-90 pounds of nistory of the Indian timber suit. George S. Powell-An invitation from bdurrhaman Khant and the Punjab f Puree to visit them at Skinthetralog Fire Chief Sawyer-A box of goodies

marked "to the best volunteer fire companies. Collector Harkins-A silver mounted pipe, inscribed "To Grandpa. Rev. Dr. Byrd-A little brown jug Maj. E. P. McKissick-The latest is-

sue of metropolitan stories. Register Beachboard—A book on How to Issue Marriage Licenses With Both Hands.' There are many other presents to be distributed from this wondrous tree, t is said, but those given will furnish an intimation of what the great event

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

At the annual conclave of Cyrene Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, he office. There Caldwell and Pearson last evening the following officers were need the fort all night, reading and elected:

Eminent commander-J. A. Wagner Generalissimo-C. H. Miller. Capt. General-J. A. Nichols, P. E. Prelate-A. H. Stubbs, P. G. C. G. Senior warden-J. H. Drakeford. Junior warden-F. T. Meriwether. Treasurer-H. C. Fagg.

Recorder-M. W. Robertson. The newly elected officers will be in talled on St. John's night, Monday, the 7th, after the installation of the new officers of Asheville lodge, A. F. & A.

During the assembling of the Grand Lodge Wednesday to lay the cornertone of the Vance monument, the retiring eminent commander of Cyrene ommandery, Arthur J. Wills, was in stalled into the office of Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina by Past Grand Commander A. H. Cobb

### USED HIS GUN. Lively Row Among the Colored Folks in Scratch Ankle.

The notorious Scratch Ankle precinc was the scene of a serious row among colored people last night. Emma Smith was shot in the abdomen, and Frank Shipman was shot in the thigh George Logan was the person who used his gun to such serious purpose. City Physician A. Crawford was called to see the Smith woman, and regards the wound as a serious one. round is not so severe. Capt. Fitzpatrick and Patrolme White and Jordan quelled the row and

### arrested Shipman. OYSTER SUPPER. Regular Meeting of Zeb Vance Club

Monday Evening. President D. M. Luther requests nembers of Zeb Vance Democratic club to be at the hall Monday evening by 7 o'clock, as Secretary T. W. Postell will be there at that hour to give out tickthereupon enjoined the board of equil- ets for the oyster supper. This will be izers from certifying to the comptroller the approved assessments. The court grants a temporary injunction, but business to transact. After the business meeting the club the court decision sustaining the civil pay taxes to the State on the basis of will adjourn to the A. L. I. armory,

where the supper will begin about 16 o'clock. The New Bank.

Frank Loughran, proprietor of the Hotel Berkeley, who is interested in the formation of the new national bank, has received a letter from J. W. Norwood indicating that the movement will soon culminate in success. Mr. Loughran thinks it likely that the bank will be established by January 15.

## FUSIONISTS' ILLEGAL LAW

NO IMPRISONMENT FOR NON-

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

in Trying to Commit to Jail Per

preme court files an opinion in the

saying that imprisonment for non-pay

HOUSE CLERK COMMITTED NO

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.-[Special.]

-The Supreme court reverses the de-

cision of the lower court in the case

of the State against S. P. Satterfield,

principal clerk of the house two years

arding the passing of the notorious "as-

During his term of office Gov. Russell

For Shaber Owens, white, murder,

Largurt, McDowell. For unknown, murder, J. F. Baker,

For unknown, murder, Mrs. A. A.

For unknown, murder. William Ves-

For Daniel Webb, black, murder and

For Ashbury Nichols and James

Nichols, white, murder, Ida Young,

For Alex. Gilmer, black, burglary

For Gilbert Ward, white, murder

For A. W. Jones, black, murder, Net-

For Albert Colleton, black, rape, lit-

For Osborne Lambert, white, murder

For Alonzo Waters, black, murder

The bureau of labor statistics will re-

port the following North Carolina an-

nual agricultural products (for 1896);

Wheat 4,621,922 bushels, corn 29,504,148,

040. Irish potatoes 1.446.411, hay 177.61

ide by the Populists for a com-

d effort to crush Senator Butler

and end his power in North Carolina

fied at the improvement in jails effect

The State board of charities is grati

ed during the year. By a rising vote

the board thanked the secretary, Capt.

C. B. Denson, for his able and zealous

Gov. Russell assigns Judge Cobb t

hold the special term of Iredell Super-

It is stated by members of the facul-

ty that there will be a considerable in-

rease in the number of students at the

Agricultural and Mechanical college

There are in the North Carolina

Methodist conference 32 Epworth

Christmas Services.

or court beginning January 10.

Leagues, with 1475 members.

after the holidays.

M. Bumgardner, Henderson.

ape, 8 years old girl, Cherokee.

Maggie Dinkins, Wayne 1893).

has offered the following rewards:

ment of taxes is illegal.

Iredell County.

signment act."

randall, Pitt.

Wayne.

Cherokee.

umberland.

423,519 bales.

le Jones. Wilson.

e girl, Henderson.

Henderson West, Pitt.

Rufus Phillips, Ashe.

Springs, Davidson.

all, Buncombe

For John Gardner,

sons Too Poor to Pay Taxes.

Details of the Philadelphia National Bank Failure.

DEPOSITORS NOT EXCITED

TRERE IS NO CHARGE OF WRONG DOING.

Last Statement Deposits Amount to Over a Million-Shrinkage in Paper Mill Securities the Cause of the Suspension.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.-Crowds of depositors gathered about the door of the failed Chestnut street national bank, but there was no especial excitement. The bank has at all times held a good reputation, but it was known for some time that its business, and necessarily its profits, had fallen off considerably. The banks suspension however, was a great surprise, especially so in view of the high standing of its

Wm. M. Singerly is president and Isaac Cooper vice-president. The bank started in 1887 on a capital of \$500,000 with Robert E: Pattison as president. When the latter took his seat as governor of Pennsylvania in 1891 Singerly succeeded him as president. The Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund company, the officers of which are identical with those of the bank, the offices being located in the same building, was also closed for business, but to what extent the Trust company is involved in the bank's afairs had not been announced at noon The last report of the conditon of the chestnut street national bank, made on October 5, 1897, was: Resources loans and discounts, \$2,790,508.65; over drafts secured and unsecured, \$3,552.34; United States bonds to secure circulation, \$50,000: United States bonds to secure United States deposits, \$100,000; premiums on United States bonds, \$10, 500: due from national banks, \$226,631,70 due from State banks and bankers \$8,851.46; due from approved reserve agents, \$300,732.78; checks and other cash items, \$54,387.74;; exchanges for clearing house, \$174.595.47; notes of other national banks, \$3,184; fractional pa-

United States treasurer, \$2,250. Total \$3,868,070.58. Liabilities: Capital stock paid in, \$500,000; surplus fund, \$150,000; undi-vided profits, less expenses and taxes oats 5.777,26, rye 385,610, buckwheat 31,outstanding \$43,600; due to other national banks, \$506,110.41; due to State oanks and bankers, \$134,771.70; individual deposits, subject to checks, \$2,035,-856; demand certificates of deposits \$11.070: cashier's checks outstanding. \$126.572.51) United States deposits. \$94,715.10; bills payable, \$250,000. Total, \$3.868.077.58.

per currency, nickels and cents,

redemption

835.94: lawful money reserve in banks.

The bank was the city depository, nd there were city funds in the bank to the amount of \$289,845. The State of Pennsylvania also had on deposit with the bank December 1, \$225,000 ac-cording to the official statement of State Treasurer Haywood, issued on that date. The bank was also a depository of the national government, but government is fully protected against loss by holding \$100,000 in United States bonds as security. It is said hat the bank holds funds of the city police and firemen's pensions fund, school teachers' pension and annuity fund, and deposits of Fairmount park ommission, which latter includes be-

quests for park improvement. During the past few weeks President Singerly has made great efforts to enble the bank to meet its liabilities. Yesterday the matter was laid before the clearing house committee of the Philadelphia banks, and a proposition e issue \$2,000,000 in 6 per cent. preferred stock of the Record newspaper publishing company, as collateral for loans, was considered. Investigation developed that this offer was not sufficient to justify the banks in advanc-ing the needed funds. The member of the clearing house say that no other banks are involved in the failure.

The Record today says: "The earnngs of this journal during the year 1896, in excess of all expenditure, were \$310,000. With such a money maker to fall back upon, and with a grim determination to pay every dollar he owes. Mr. Singerly hopes to redeem his redit and satisfy his creditors." WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- The Comproller of the Currency says that the

failure of the Chestnut street national bank of Philadelphia is primarily due to shrinkage in the value of the bonds and notes of the pulp and paper mills located at Elkton, Md. The capital of the bank is \$5,000,000, and at the present time the deposits aggregate about \$1,700,000. Ex-Comptroller Eckels has been in Philadelphia several times re cently trying to make arrangements by which the pulp and paper mills' security could be lifted as assets of the bank, and the preferred stock of the Philadelphia Record company substituted. The arrangement could not be made however. Eckels says there is not the least sus-

picion of any wrong doing on the part of any one connected with the bank, and he still has strong hopes of arranging for the voluntarily liquidation of the bank's affairs without the expense incidental to the appointment of a receiver. Eckles also expressed the belief that the bank will ultimately pay every dollar it owes.

### Bound to Court.

Eliza Rankin, the colored woman who got possession of \$20 lost by Will Pierce, colored, and made an effort to secrete \$10 in her mouth, was given hearing this morning before Justice H C. Jones. She was bound to court, and, failing to give bond, was committed.

### All Souls' Sunday School. The Christmas entertainment of the unday school of All Souls' church

Biltmore, will be an important event of this evening. A supper will erved and all those employed on the estate will receive presents. FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The sealing arbitrators awarded Can ada \$\$464,000. Wm. Schoenlank, consul general of the Central American republic, is dead

### There are four cases of smallnox is Greenville, S. C. That is the official report of the board of health

Hon. H. A. Herbert reached Montgomery this morning with the remains of Miss Herbert for interment there. Many appointees under the system in Chicago will be unseated by

presided at the cornerstone ceremonies Wednesday, returned to his home in Webster yesterday. The New York jury in the case of Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor who has been on trial before Judge Newberger. charged with wife beating, returned a verdict of assault in the third degree. Gen. Pando has written to Capt. Gen. Blanco to say that all the commissioners who have been sent to the Cuban insurgent camps proposing beace with

Edwin McKay and bride, who was Miss Julia Massey, are expected to arrive at the Battery Park hotel this evening. Mr. McKay, who holds the position of electrician at the Park, was recently married to Miss Massey at Eufaula, Ala.

The Supreme Court Finds That the General Assembly of 1898 Failed

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.-The Su-

Johnson county test case, to the effect that the court below was right in TERRIBLE RUNAWAY OVER PER-SONS KNOCKED DOWN.

SATTERFIELD NOT GUILTY Thrilling Incident of the Fire Expe rienced by Two Ladles-A Number of Firemen Injured.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.-Fire last Rewards for Murderers, etc.-Wheat, threatened the business district. The Corn, Oats Product for 1897-To Crush Butler-A Special Term for list of accidents is heavy. One man, get a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and ago, who was convicted of fraud reg-

Waffle, injured internally. The principal losers are Johns & Co. thographers, Power Block \$225,000; J For John Keel, white, murder, David L. Hudson, clothier, on stock by fire and water \$100,000; J. B. Perkins, on Power block \$100,000; J. B. Perkins, on Blackstone building \$40,000; J. B. Perkins, on Wilshire building \$20,000.

### One Man Killed, One Missing and Several Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-A terrific exolosion ocurred shortly after 9:30 this forning in the works of the United States Acetyline company in Jersey City. There were 50 men in the works. n all there were five explosions. Winlows were broken for a distance of a nile from the gas works. The building burned to the ground, and the adjoining paper mill caught fire as well as the trestle of the Central railway. Max Grim was killed and Charles cash. White is missing. A number were injured. tons, tobacco 65,629,170 pounds, cotton Later-The loss was \$20,000. It appears that all the arrangements dead are: Thomas Fowler and Max

> SHOT DEAD WHEN ESCAPING Demented Murderer Attempts to

The Christmas services at Trinity church will be: Holy communion, 8 a Want the Gold Standard. m.; morning prayer and holy commun on, 11 a. m. The children's Christmas services will be on Sunday afternoon at St. Matthias Episcopal church-Serrice on Christmas day 9 a. m., with a

## Rev. H. S. McDuffey, rector.

WHOLLY PERSONAL. Judge Eug. D. Carter went to Marion Judge Chas. A. Moore is at home rom Raleigh E. C. Jones is visiting his mother at

celebration of the Holy comm

C. F. Buffum of Dillsboro is a Hotel Berkeley guest W. B. Williamson went to Salisbury

C. J. Harris and son arrived from Dillsboro today Miss Mary Gudger of Marshall is visting in the city. E. T. Wynne of Pacolet, S. C., is vis-

ting relatives here. J. P. Herman of Hickory arrived last night at the Asheville hotel. C. L. Bollinger will spend the holi lays in the Pigeon River section. Clarence Gage, a student of the State

Iniversity, is here to spend Christmas. Alex. Wilbar of Marshall is spending the holidays here with relatives and Robert Brower, in advance of the Rosabel Morrison "Carmen" company,

Miss Marie Green went to Marion to day to spend Christmas with Col. Sinclair's family Miss Ada Love Gudger is at home from the State Normal at Greensboro

to spend the holidays. Maj. D. C. Waddell of Greensboro who has been here on business, return ed to his home today. W. B. Gwyn, esq., returned last night

from a professional business trip to Raleigh and Newbern. Miss Lulu J. Williams will leave tonight for a visit to friends and relaives in Eastern Carolina. Street Superintendent J. T. Bostic

will leave tonight to spend Christmas with his father at Shelby. J. Lewis Woodson of Richmond, Va., s visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. S. Rector, 117 French Broad avenue. Mrs. R. P. Walker and sons left this

norning for Durham, where they will visit relatives for several weeks. Chief Deputy J. G. Grant of Collector Harkins' office went to Hendersonville today to spend Christmas at home. Shelby Aurora: J. B. Murry is down from Asheville to have a good time with his old friends during the holidays.

Prof. A. O. Bauer of the faculty of the Asheville College for Young Women, is spending the yuletide vacation Gaston Meares, traveling representa-

tive of J. W. Goddard & Sons, New York, is here to spend Christmas with his family.

L. B. Alexander will leave tonight for the eastern part of the State and before returning will visit relatives in Greensboro, Salisbury and Winston.

The Power Building in Cleveland Destroyed.

KILLED

night burned the four-story Power building on Frankfort street and loss will probably exceed \$1,500,000. The Lieut. Wm. B. McFeeters, who fell down an elevator shaft, has already died. Other accidents were: Fireman John Hubner, leg broken; Fireman T. F. Kane, internal injuries; Hoseman John Billers, badly burned; Emma Valdoski, hurt by falling sign; Case Henry Hanks, back sprained; Fireman James Richards, overcome by smoke; John E.

A thrilling incident of the fire was the runaway of a team attached to a losed carriage, containing Mrs. W. B. White of this city and Mrs. E. W. Shoemaker of Denver. The frightened horses literally mowed down people Mrs. Shoemaker said it was like riding on a pavement of human bodies. When the carriage was stopped both ladies were unconscious though uninjured.

# ACETYLINE GAS EXPLOSION.

# Escape and is Overhauled.

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 24.-Stephen Spelen, who killed Michael Rohrer Wednesday night was shot dead yesterday when attempting to escape. Spellen tool refuge in a water shaft, but the steam vas turned on, and he was forced to ome out. Before he was killed he fired several shots at his pursuers, one ball aking effect in the shoulder of Thomas Carey, proprietor of the Central hotel and another passing through the coat of the chief of police.

The murder of Rohrer was entirely unprovoked, but it is thought Spellen

### was demented when he committed the

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.-The Bengal chamber of commerce has sent an address to the government, in which i says the time has arrived to adopt th gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints closed, leaving India without a currency system.

### A White Christmas.

CORRY, Pa., Dec. 24.-The snow is drifting at a terrific rate. At Sherman N. Y., and vicinity reports say that there is more than four feet. It takes two engines to pull three cars on the Western New York & Pittsburg. Trains on the Pennsylvania are also delayed.

### A Blue Christmas.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 24.-The treasurers of the Lowell cotton mills have voted to reduce the wages of their em ployes from January 17. About 15.00 operatives in this city will be affected

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Cotton futures pened steady; sales, 12,800 bales. January, 5.78; February, 5.80; March, 5.85; April, 5.90; May, 5.96; June, 6.00; July, 6.04; August, 6.08; September, 6.09; Oc ober, 6.12; November, 6.14; December,

# Snow in New York State.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 23 .- One the worst blizzards that has visited his section in a number of years began last evening and continued all night. Two feet of snow now covers

Car House and Cars Burned. EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 24.-The Fer street car house of the West End treet car company was destroyed by fire today, together with 90 electric cars. Total loss \$150,000.

FINE PERFUMES IN HANDSOME CUT GLASS BOTTLES WILL BE SOLD FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS AT ABSOLUTE COST FOR

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