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All Ordinary Festivities and the Usual Private Entertainments are Omitted. The Intensely Cold Weather Adds to the Gloom.

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Chancery Court of Appeals of Tennessee Decides the Southwestern University Cannot Be Moved to Atlanta.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—The Chancery Court of Appeals of Tennessee, has decided that the Southwestern Presbyterian University, cannot be removed from Clarksville, Tenn.

There has long been an effort by the Presbyterians of Atlanta to have the University removed to that city and combined with the one now located in South Carolina. The case will now be carried to the Supreme Court and possibly to the Supreme Court of the United States.

OPPOSE STATEHOOD BILL.

Tillman and Baird Against the Union or Arizona and New Mexico—Say White Supremacy is Threatened.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Senator Baird today occupied the entire time of the Senate given to the joint Statehood bill. He made an argument against the union of Arizona and New Mexico on the ground that the people of the two territories do not desire it.

During the course of Mr. Baird's speech he was interrupted by Mr. Tillman, who said he wanted to make an appeal for "white supremacy in Arizona." To unite the two territories, he said, he like joining Florida with Cuba, and to subject the white people of Arizona to the domination of Mexicans and greasers, which he opposed.

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GOVERNOR ELECT PREVENTS A RAISE OF HIS SALARY

In View of Governor Elect Glenn's Telegram Last Night Asking That His Salary Be Not Raised, The Scale Bill Referred Back to Committee.

Too Late Now for Salary to be Raised During Glenn's Administration. Dispensary Pays Over to City \$20,000, Three Months' Profits.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7.—The Scales bill, allowing the Governor one thousand dollars a year for traveling expenses, came up in the Senate today with a favorable committee report.

However, in view of the fact that Governor-elect Glenn wired not to pass the bill on his account, Senator Scales had it referred to the committee. This prevents any increase in the salary during Glenn's term, since it cannot be passed now before the inauguration.

Senator Emile introduced a bill for a tract of land at Wrightsville presented by Wilmington to the state to revert to Wilmington aldermen and allowing them to sell the same because the land was donated for the encampment of State troops and has not been used for that purpose.

The Senate passed a bill allowing Mecklenburg to borrow \$5,000 to build a school house for Charlotte township number two.

A charter has been issued to the Lyon Hosiery Co., of Durham, capital \$50,000, authorized; \$5,000 subscribed by N. W. Greenhill, J. W. Stone, W. J. Barber.

Governor-elect Glenn wired last night from Winston-Salem to Senator A. H. Elker, of Forsythe, that he prefers the bill providing for an increase of the salary of the Governor should not pass on his account, and asking that Senator Scales withdraw the bill.

The bill pending carries with it an increase also for Supreme and Superior Court judges.

The board of managers of the Raleigh dispensary, to the board of aldermen last night a check for \$20,000 representing the city's share in the profits for the past quarter. The total receipts for the quarter were \$77,126.75.

The A. & M. College is to construct on Pullen Park a fine athletic park under the direction of the aldermen of the city. \$3,000 will be expended and one of the finest base ball and football parks in the country will be established.

The will of J. H. Alford, who was shot and killed by his business partner, Raymond D. Bynum, has been probated, disposing of an estate valued at \$8,000. Mrs. Robt. E. Watkins, of Richmond, is one of the beneficiaries, receiving \$500, she being a widow of Alford's wife's brother. He leaves his interest in the firm of Alford, Bynum and Christephers to the two members of the firm, one of whom was his slayer.

During a meeting here the executive committee of the University of North Carolina authorized the erection of a residence for the President, and called a general meeting of the board of directors for January 25. The Legislature is to be asked for an appropriation for the erection of a suitable building for the chemical department of the University. Plans are to be prepared at once.

The treasurer of the Wiley Monument fund is receiving almost every day remittances of money that was raised in the public schools during the recent celebration of North Carolina day when penny collections were taken up in a great number of the schools. Calvin H. Wiley was the pioneer of the public school system in North Carolina.

The Wake county board of education has just appointed \$57,195 for the public schools of the county, this being \$2,000 more than was available last year. Wake is the only county that has eight months' school in all sections of the county.

FELL DEAD FROM BED.

Erwin Alexander, a Well Known Colored Man Has Sudden Summons.

Erwin Alexander, a well known colored man of the city, and who was about sixty years of age, was found dead on the floor beside his bed this morning at an early hour.

Alexander occupied one room alone, on East Second street, and last night retired as usual.

About six o'clock this morning the colored man who occupies the room adjoining that of Alexander heard a noise in the room as of a heavy body falling and getting up went into the room where he found Alexander lying on his face beside the bed dead.

The supposition is that Alexander was suddenly taken very ill and fell from the bed to the floor where he died. He had been a sufferer from dropsy for years and had been taken care of by the city for some time.

There was no inquest held as the city physician was satisfied as to the cause of the death of Alexander.

The body will be buried tomorrow.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Fourth class postmasters appointed in South Carolina: Almeida, Thomas S. Tuton; Warrenville, William M. Polatty.

32 HORSES BURNED.

Fire Breaks Out at 2 a. m. and Destroys Livery Stable and Four Other Buildings.

Special The News. Wadesboro, Jan. 7.—Fire consumed the following buildings in Rockingham this morning at 2 o'clock: Hinson's livery stables, with 32 horses. Daniel Gray's blacksmith shop; Hinson's & Porter's building filled with merchandise and groceries; Davis Grocery store. Mrs. William's dwelling house.

RUSSIANS OPEN HEAVY FIRE.

Heaviest Since Shakhe River But Ineffective—No Damage to Japanese—Fussians Celebrating Christmas.

General Okus' Headquarters, Jan. 7.—The Russians celebrating their Christmas eve began a heavy rifle fire Friday evening opposite Limhupo. The artillery joined at 11 o'clock and kept on two hours of the hardest firing known since Shakhe river, spreading along the whole front of general Okus' army. The Japanese sustained no damage and refused to reply. There were no casualties among the Japanese.

TO TURN ON MORE LIGHT.

Favorable Report on Bill to Require Census Department to Report Facts Respecting Cotton.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The House committee on census has authorized a favorable report on the joint resolution, submitted by Representative Burleson, of Texas, requesting the secretary of commerce and labor to direct the director of the census "to collect and publish on the same dates and at the same time he makes the publication of the winners' reports of the cotton production and annual statistics of the consumption of cotton, of the surplus cotton held by manufacturers and the quantity of cotton exported."

As Apostolic Visitor to Havana. Rome, Jan. 7.—The Vatican has decided to send an apostolic visitor to the Diocese of Havana in connection with the trouble between Monsignor Chapelle, Archbishop of New Orleans, and former papal delegate to Cuba, and Monsignor Brodrick, the former auxiliary to the Bishop of Havana.

Isaac Swan Admits He Made a Fool Out of Himself Because of a Woman —Is Arrested.

Detroit, Jan. 7.—Isaac Swan, who was named by Mrs. Carrie Joslyn, of Wheatfield township, to be her accomplice in poisoning her husband with arsenic, was arrested today. Swan was a hired man on the Joslyn farm. Mrs. Joslyn, in her confession, claimed that he bought the drug which she administered to her husband.

Swan admitted his complicity in the crime. "I made a fool of myself for Mrs. Joslyn," he said, "because I loved her. I got the arsenic with which she killed her husband."

Swan insisted he had nothing to do with the murder except purchasing poison.

PINE LEVEL MAN DIES FROM A SHOT

J. M. Westbrook Who Was Shot Thursday Night, Dies of the Wound. Shooting Occurred in a Drunken Party in Westfield's Store. Claimed Accident.

Special The News. Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 7.—Mr. J. M. Westbrook, a merchant of Pine Level, died last night from the effects of a pistol shot wound which he received on the night previous. The shooting took place in his store. There was a crowd in the store at the time, and they were all drinking and carousing. Several shots had been fired already in and around the store, and Westbrook had ordered the crowd out of his place of business. There was general disorder going on when some one fired the shot which ended the life of the only sober man in the crowd. It is claimed that the shooting was an accident, but there is a suspicion on the part of the relatives of the dead man that the man who fired the fatal shot intended to kill Westbrook.

Recorder's Court Today. The Recorder will have only one case of importance this afternoon, that of the two men charged with store breaking at Matthews, an account of which is given elsewhere in The News.

Tally Johnson, a small mulatto boy, was caught last night for a row in which it is said he indulged at a negro dance last October.

It is thought that Tally was throwing rocks and trying to make further trouble for himself last night shortly before he was captured but the matter has not been fully investigated by the police.

Fell in Love With Her Voice. South River N. J., Jan. 7.—A romance of the telephone reached its climax here, when George Dunham, a well-to-do contractor of Fresh Amboy, and Miss Ella Baird, of this place, were married by Rev. Clarence Newman, of the Baptist Church.

Miss Baird left school to become a "hello" girl a year ago. Mr. Dunham had many occasions to use the telephone and he fell in love with her voice over the phone. He sought the girl, the acquaintance soon ripened into love, with the wedding as the result.

Mr. Simms to Leave. Mr. J. V. Simms, who has been associated with the News for nearly three years time, as manager of circulation, will, at the beginning of the coming month, sever his connection with this paper.

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