

DISTILLERY BILL PASSES HOUSE BY VOTE 74 TO 31

It Will Thus Become Unlawful to Operate a Distillery in Asheville of Less Than 36 Gallon Capacity. Bill Amended so as to Begin March 1st.

A Number of Bills are Introduced in House and Senate, Among Them One to Prohibit Dealing in Futures in N. C. Another Affecting Marriage.

Special The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—The House today passed the bill prohibiting distilleries of less than 36 gallon capacity in Asheville, the only amendment being that it take effect March 1st instead of immediately. The vote was 74 to 31.

McNinch and Alexander of Mecklenburg were among the principal advocates of the bill, McNinch contending that the same principle is involved as in the high license system of controlling saloons that has been found so desirable throughout the State. Small distilleries nurture blind tigers and this bill prevents the sale of less than 36 gallons by distillers. Dr. Alexander spoke, with a view to dissipating about the charge from some quarters that the act would create a monopoly. Larger distilleries could not afford to violate the law and would be more readily controlled in maintaining law and order. The bill was ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment, which, it is understood, will readily be done.

Mr. Woodward, of Wilson, introduced a bill to make it a felony for a man who has to marry a woman for seduction under promise of marriage to abandon her within twelve months. Mr. Gover of Johnson, introduced a bill to prohibit dealing in futures in North Carolina, and one to incorporate Tabor in Columbus county. A large number of purely local bills were introduced, carrying appointments of justices of the peace, etc.

A bill passed the Senate to incorporate Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad Co., and to enable sheriffs and tax collectors to collect back taxes since 1890, and one to protect growers of Ginseng, imposing a heavy penalty for its exportation.

In the Senate. Among the bills introduced in the Senate were: By Aaron to exempt men over sixty years old from jury duty; Mason to enable Confederate Veterans having \$500 of property to receive pensions; Thorne, to establish prohibition in Scotland Neck; Toms, to protect water supplies of cities and towns; Zollieffer, to protect human life by providing fire escapes in factories.

TRYING TO SAVE McCUE. Counsel Petitions Governor For a Respite—If Not Granted McCue Dies Friday.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Counsel for Ex-Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, sentenced to hang on Friday, orally petitioned the governor today for a respite. The governor has not reached a decision.

Petition in Charlottesville. Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 17.—A petition is being circulated here by Geo. E. Walker, asking the Governor to grant a respite to former mayor McCue for such time as he thinks proper. Over two hundred business and professional men have signed it. McCue asks this in order to arrange his business matters.

Though the Governor has not acted, counsel for McCue has submitted a supplementary appeal for a rehearing to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

RUSSIANS REPORT BATTLE. General Kuropatkin Says Some Russians Gave Japs a Little Beating on January 14th.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports an attempt of a strong Japanese detachment to cut off the column of Gen. Mitchenko's cavalry January 14. The latter was about to retire northward. A battle ensued, the Russian artillery inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese at short range and then retiring.

The Russian officers were five officers and forty men, killed or wounded.

Japs Building Armored Cruiser. Tokio, Jan. 17.—A first-class armored cruiser is being constructed at the naval dock at Kure.

Contraband Coal Captured. Tokio, Jan. 17.—A Japanese torpedo boat destroyer captured the Dutch steamer Wilhelmine, which was carrying contraband coal to Vladivostok in Tshushima straits, Monday and brought her to Sascho.

Three Summer Hotels Destroyed. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 17.—Three summer hotels and cottages of summer residents were burned at Rockaway Beach today, loss \$200,000. The hotels destroyed were the Waldorf, the Germania and the Columbian.

A HEROIC SHERIFF.

Tennessee Sheriff Suffers All Sorts of Hardships to Save Negro Prisoner

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 17.—After tramping 27 miles since Sunday afternoon, Sheriff W. J. West, of Scott county, reached Knoxville yesterday with three negroes whom several mobs were anxious to lynch at Huntsville, Tenn. On eighteen miles of the trip the sheriff was accompanied by a special deputy, but he had no trouble with his prisoners, for they were anxious enough to get away with their lives. The crime with which they are charged was of a most atrocious nature, the murder of Frank Williams, foreman of the Southern City Manufacturing Works at Robbins, Tenn. While seated in his office he was murdered because he had discharged several negroes for refusing to work. Luther Wilson fired the shot and he was accompanied by Arthur Wilson and Jule Henderson. The three negroes, although they were arrested without a warrant last Thursday and the officers started for Huntsville with them. Learning that a mob was awaiting their coming the officers hid the negroes in a farm house and guarded them, going into Huntsville Friday morning. A heavy guard was placed around the jail. Sunday the sheriff was notified that mobs were forming at three different points and to avoid any bloodshed he slipped the men out of jail and started across the country with them. Sheriff West states that the night was made hideous to him through the praying and the begging of the negroes that he save them.

THE HOODOOD OCTOGENARIAN.

Case of John R. Platt Trying to Recover Money He Gave to the Negro Hannah Elias Up Again.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 17.—The trial of the suit of John R. Platt, the octogenarian millionaire, to recover from Hannah Elias, a negro, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars which she alleges she extorted from him during a period extending over more than twenty years, was begun before Justice Ogorman in the Supreme Court today. Mrs. Elias was not in court. Former Governor Black, senior counsel for Mrs. Elias, moved that the case be dismissed on the ground that the plaintiff had been guilty of inexcusable delay in bringing his complaint. The motion was denied, as was another motion asking for a jury trial.

INDIANA'S SENATORS.

Beveridge Succeeds Himself and Hemenway Succeeds Fairbanks.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—The two branches of the Indiana Legislature voted separately for United States Senators today. Senator Albert J. Beveridge to succeed himself, and Representative James A. Hemenway, of Booneville, to succeed Vice-President elect Fairbanks, received unanimously the vote of the Republican members, who contribute a large majority.

BURKETT COLORADO'S SENATOR.

Seat to Which William J. Bryan Aspired Goes to Elmer J. Burkett.

By Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—The Republicans in the Nebraska Legislature voted today for Elmer Burkett for United States Senator. There are only nine fusionists in the two houses and Mr. Burkett received the majority of the vote in each. Tomorrow the Legislature will meet in joint session and the vote will be announced. Mr. Burkett succeeds Senator Deodrich.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS.

Formal Announcement Made to Council of Ministers By Premier.

By Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 17.—Premier Combes today announced to the Council of Ministers the resignation of the Cabinet.

AVALANCHE KILLS 59.

Tremendous Avalanche in Norway Last Sunday Kills 59 Persons.

By Associated Press. Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—Fifty-nine persons perished as a result of an avalanche of rocks at Naesdal, north of Bergen, on Sunday.

Hebrew Young Men's Club House Burned.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Jan. 17.—Fire today destroyed the Athenaeum and Hall and Club House of the Young Men's Hebrew Association on St. Charles avenue, Cleo Street Evangelical Church and some surrounding property. M. J. Fass, the steward of the club is missing. Fire Chief O'Conner is injured. Loss, \$100,000.

End of Case Against United States Steel.

By Associated Press. Trenton, Jan. 17.—Vice-Chancellor Stevenson has sustained the demurrer of the United States Steel Corporation in the suit brought by Alfred F. Stevens to compel the payment of dividends on the company's common stocks. This decision practically disposes of the case.

Dwelling Destroyed by Fire.

By Associated Press. Goldsboro, Jan. 16.—Early this morning the house occupied by Mr. Henry Deshong, of Georgetown, a little village about a mile from this city, was destroyed by fire. The house belonged to Mr. W. A. Aldridge. Everything was destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Deshong were away from home.

United Mine Workers.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers today announced the committee for the National Convention now in session. Among the appointees are: Resolutions, W. B. Fairley, Alabama; Constitution, J. L. Clemo, Alabama.

OREGON SENATOR DOETH WAXWROTH ON LAND FRAUDS

Senator Mitchell Says Folks Lie About This Thing and He Wants Them to Know He is Indignant About It. He Uses Language Foo.

Pretty Lively Times in the House Also When the Swayne Case Comes Up. A Vote will Be Taken On this Case Tomorrow Afternoon.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 17.—The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of John H. Carter, as postmaster at Birmingham, Ala.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, made a statement in the Senate regarding the land frauds. The Senator said that the charges made against him, if true, unfitted him to occupy his seat in the Senate. He detailed the charges and said: "I assert in the most positive and unqualified manner that each and every one of these charges, in so far as they relate to or involve me, are absolutely, unqualifiedly and atrociously false, and I here and now indignantly and defiantly denounce their authors and each and every one of them, and brand them publicly as malicious and atrocious liars."

He denied that he had ever entered any conspiracy to defraud the government or that he had ever received two thousand dollars from S. A. D. Pater, to expedite homestead entries before the general land office.

The Senator recalled that in the past three years he had been overwhelmed with letters from all over Oregon requesting him to ascertain the status of entries and seeking his aid in getting consideration of cases expedited in the general land office. He had invariably responded to these both by personal visits and by letter to the officials here, and frequently urged expedition of their consideration. He had done this "invariably without making any charge or accepting any compensation of any kind or character, and so long as I remain one of Oregon's Senators I shall continue to do these things for my constituents, so help me God, even at the risk of one hundred indictments." He trusted and believed that the time would come when he could set forth the details of the Senator's thorough investigation of the charges against him.

To Vote on Swayne Case.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The House agreed before proceeding with the Swayne impeachment debate today to begin voting on the articles of impeachment at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow. Mr. Lair further discussed the \$10 a day expense proposition, drawing the conclusion that the impeachment ought not to be voted on this fund. Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) began a speech in behalf of Judge Swayne, by the statement that he had never been so much shocked as to the status of the law profession as he had been at some of the expressions of bad temper and bad legal propositions that had been made in this debate.

"Gentlemen who have argued for persecution," he continued, "have given out in advance that there was nothing to consider that was not contained in the reports of the case. Yet, I submit that nine-tenths of the argument had not been made on matters contained in the record."

A clash between Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Palmer resulted from Mr. Grosvenor's justification of Judge Swayne for taking \$10 a day expense money. Mr. Cockran lamented that the proceedings might not have proceeded along non-partisan lines. There is, he said, a vast difference between an impeachment and an indictment, a fact that the House had seemingly forgotten. Mr. Cockran took issue with the majority report of the committee on the expense account charge.

Cockran's Bills Before Committee.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The House committee on the election of President, Vice President and Representatives in Congress heard Representative Bourke Cockran on two bills introduced by him. One provides for the publicity of contributions to campaign funds in presidential elections and the other to the appointment of a special commission to inquire into and ascertain the amounts of money expended by both political parties at all presidential elections from 1892 to 1904.

Hears Representative of 30 States.

Washington, Jan. 17.—R. Hudson Burr, a member of the Florida State Railroad Commission and representing the State commissions of 30 States today read to the House Interstate Commerce Committee the resolutions adopted by the National Convention of State Commissioners endorsing proper legislation authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates. The convention did not advocate any particular bill.

Governor of New Jersey.

By Associated Press. Trenton, Jan. 17.—Edward Casper Stokes was inaugurated governor of New Jersey today.

Governor of Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 17.—Preston Lea was inaugurated governor of Delaware today.

Four Killed in Mine.

By Associated Press. Decatur, Ill., Jan. 17.—As a result of a mine fire in the Decatur Coal Company's mine four miners are now known to be dead, and one miner is missing and another probably fatally injured.

CITY BONDS SOLD TO A BALTIMORE FIRM FOR 103,61

The Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore Through Mr. E. D. Latta, Pays Bonus of \$12,635 for the \$350,000 Issue.

The Southern States Trust Co. Was the Next Highest Bidder, Their Offer Being a Bonus of \$12,285 for the Entire Issue. Other Bidders.

The Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore today purchased the entire issue of city bonds amounting to \$350,000.

For these securities the Baltimore company paid a bonus of \$12,635, which makes the selling price of the bonds 103.61.

The Baltimore bankers were represented in Charlotte by Mr. E. D. Latta, president of the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, and to Mr. Latta is due the credit for the splendid price paid for the city's securities. A Charlotte institution, the Southern States Trust Company, is deserving of special mention for the splendid bid submitted. This bank offered a bonus of \$12,285 and the bid was second best. Mr. Word H. Wood, cashier of the Southern States Trust Company, appeared before the board and presented his bid.

The other bidders for the bonds were as follows: Denison Prior & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, \$7,315 bonus.

Union Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Cincinnati, \$8,739 bonus. Seawood and Mayer, of Cincinnati, \$7,945 bonus.

Wellroth & Co., of Cincinnati, \$8,000 bonus. Halsey & Co., of New York City, \$8,225 bonus.

Rudolph Kleybolte & Co., of Cincinnati, \$200 bonus. Townsend Scott & Co., of Baltimore, Md., through Capt. A. G. Brenizer, cashier of the Commercial National Bank, \$7,630 bonus.

Southern States Trust Co., Charlotte, \$12,285.

The issue of bonds disposed of today to the Baltimore Banking firm includes \$210,000, which will be used in perfecting the present water plant. The remaining \$140,000 is to be applied to the various needs of the city.

After the adjourning of the board, Mr. E. D. Latta was seen by The News representative and was asked if he desired anything regarding the purchase for the Baltimore firm.

Mr. Latta stated that he had taken a great interest in the sale of the city bonds and he felt very much elated over the price that was paid for the securities.

The News is in a position to state that Charlotte's Mr. Latta is a debt of gratitude for his splendid work in connection with today's bond sale. The first offer that the Baltimore bankers made was a small fraction over 102. Believing that the bonds were worth more money, Mr. Latta continued his correspondence with the Baltimore firm until he secured from them the offer that was submitted and accepted by the board of aldermen today.

As a matter of fact, the sale today of Charlotte bonds is regarded by the board of aldermen and the bidders present as the best that has taken place in North Carolina for the past 12 months. The bonds are for a period of 30 years and will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent, the interest to be paid semi-annually, the first of January and the first of July.

Mayor Brown, in speaking of the sale this afternoon, informed The News that he was specially gratified at the price paid. He regards the sale as an indication that bankers all over the country look upon Charlotte securities as gilt edge and are therefore much sought after.

In comparison with previous sales of city bonds there seems to be no doubt but that the sale of today is the best the city has ever made when the rate of interest is considered.

MORMONS HOSTILE TO POLYGAMY

So Says Richard W. Young But Some Things He Would Not Say. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 17.—Richard W. Young, of Utah, president of one of the Mormon stakes, said in the Smoot investigation that the sentiment of the Mormons is decidedly hostile to polygamy. Some of the bishops under Mr. Young are polygamists and he had taken no steps to dissuade them from the practice.

May Be Mistrial in Murray Case.

By Associated Press. Durham, Jan. 17.—The two jurors in the Murray case are still sick, one threatened with pneumonia. Court meets at two o'clock to hear doctors report. There may be a mistrial.

ALDERMEN RATIFY THE ACTION OF ANTI SALOON COMMITTEE

At a Called Meeting Today at Noon the Action taken by the Executive Committee of the Anti Saloon League of Charlotte is Agreed to.

Druggists who Wish to Retail Whiskey will First Have to Appear Before the Board and Secure the Consent of this Body.

A called meeting of the board of aldermen was held this morning and several matters of the greatest importance were transacted, including the endorsement of the action of the Anti-Saloon League at the recent meeting of the executive committee and the adopting of a resolution likewise to endorse the action of the water board in the sale of the standpipe lot, and the securing of another site on Graham street.

The most lengthy discussion was in reference to the changing of the Church street fire department, and the question of title to this property, and nearly every member of the board took a part in the discussion.

Mr. W. C. Maxwell appeared before the board and outlined the proposed change of location of the Church street fire department and the standpipe lot for the lot on West Fifth street and Graham, fronting the Charlotte Cotton Mills, the land being known as the Osborne property, the idea being that the offer of the Highlands Hotel Company for the water commission secure the lot on West Fifth street above mentioned, on which to erect a new standpipe, it having been clearly demonstrated that the present standpipe is inadequate and it has been condemned.

Alderman Oates introduced a resolution that the city of Charlotte accept the offer made for the lot known as the standpipe lot at the price of \$5,000. The resolution included a full description of the boundaries of the lot in the rear of the old court house, the alleyway 9x10 feet to remain as at present and endorsed the action of the water board in the transaction.

There was considerable discussion as to the title of the property, whether it was in the name of the city or of the water commissioners, and also regarding the location of the Church street fire department while the contemplated changes were being made. Alderman McNinch stated that the title was in the name of the water commissioners according to the opinion of Mr. Casler who had been consulted in the matter.

A petition was presented asking for the privilege of laying a new fire stand on North Tryon street in the old Charlotte hotel, formerly used as a saloon. The request was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

The board took up the substitute bill agreed upon by the executive committee of Anti-Saloon League last Friday, and endorsed by formal vote the proposed law as published in The News of January 14.

Special stress was laid upon the matter of urging other towns in the county to endorse the proposition which has been drawn and made public.

The board desires that the authorities in the towns located in Mecklenburg county shall take action on the matter and their endorsement is asked to the measure, and the board would be glad that the legislators should be informed of the action taken in this matter by other towns of the county, and so that they will greatly facilitate business, and aid in getting the question properly before the state legislature.

Contract For New Depot.

The absorbing topic of interest among contractors this week is the question, "who will get the contract for building the new depot for the Southern at Charlotte."

There are many bidders for the job which promises to be well worth competing for and contracts have been submitted by builders from all over this section of the South.

It was learned today that the successful bidder would probably be announced this week, in fact it was expected that the contract would have been decided upon by the middle of the month but the officials are going slowly in order that they may make no mistake and so that everything will be ready for pushing the work as soon as the contract is let.

China Will Likely Deny.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 17.—It is expected that the Chinese Government will well-supplementary appeal for a rehearing the Russian charge of violation of neutrality as affording a proper opportunity to make a formal reply to the charge. It is believed here that Chinese Government has practically prepared its defense which will amount to a sweeping denial of the accuracy of the Russian charges upon many points and a declaration that where the Russian statements are founded as facts, they do not constitute violations of the laws of neutrality.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 17.—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed South Carolina: Elliott, James V. Carter.

GOV. HEYWARD SAYS NUFF.

South Carolina's Governor Says He Will Retire From Politics at Close of Term.

Special The News. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17.—A question asked of Governor Heyward half jokingly yesterday elicited an answer quite unexpected. In view of the approaching inaugural ceremonies on the 25th of this month, a reporter for The State yesterday recalled to the attention of Gov. Heyward the recent discussion in some of the papers relative to a third term. "Gov. Heyward, you do not expect this to be your last term, do you? Will there not be a third inaugural coming?"

"Not for me," answered the Governor laughingly. And then he added in quite evident earnestness, "I expect to retire from politics at the end of my second term as governor."

"You mean from gubernatorial politics," suggested the reporter. "No, I mean from political life," replied Gov. Heyward with positiveness. "It was my ambition to be governor of South Carolina and to do something in that capacity for the people of my state. They have bestowed upon me the highest honor in their gift and I have elected me without opposition. This, it seems to me, was a mark of genuine confidence which I shall ever remember most gratefully. I have devoted my time, thought and energy to the welfare of the State and when I leave the Governor's office it will be with the earnest hope that I will leave a record showing that I have served my state to some purpose."

"It has been rumored, Governor, that you had other aspirations. Do you mean that you will retire permanently from politics at the end of two years?"

"I mean that I fully expect to retire permanently from politics at the end of two years. I have no other political aspirations."

Gov. Heyward was then asked if he objected to this statement being made public and he replied that he had no objections whatever, as these are his views and he does not object to their being made known. "I have no plans," said he, "except to devote my whole time and energy for the next two years to the service of the State of South Carolina."

A \$10,000 SUIT ON.

Samuel Hayes Against Southern. Pope Case Continued.

In Superior court today a ten thousand dollar railroad damage case was instituted, the plaintiff being Samuel Hayes, and the defendant, the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway.

Some months ago the plaintiff was run over at Gastonia. It is alleged, and as a result of the accident he lost a leg, and now, through his attorney, he asks for \$10,000 from the railroad. The plaintiff is represented by James Bell, Esq., and the railroad by Rodman and Pope.

This case was set for yesterday afternoon, but on account of the fact that the train from the South, due at 9:25 in the morning, was more than six hours late, and as several of the parties interested in the trial were on this train, the case could not be called until today, and the court has been engaged upon this action throughout the day.

The case of D. K. Pope against the N. W. Railroad Company, which was the first on the calendar for today, has been continued.

The case of T. L. Ellis against J. P. Mills and Company has been set for hearing at the March term of Superior court.

JOHNSON'S BOND \$250.

Blind Tiger, Cases in Court—Four Cases Against Johnson.

Before the Recorder yesterday afternoon the hearing of the cases against Milton Johnson, charged with retailing liquor, running a "blind tiger" and being a vagrant, and the defendant was bound over under a \$250 bond covering four cases against him. Johnson was not able to give the bond. Through his attorney an appeal was given notice of.

The other case of a similar nature against John Smith, alias "Red Cat", was set for the 23rd inst. in order to give the authorities time to secure the necessary witnesses.

Both of the negroes are being held in jail. Johnson to await the outcome of the notice of appeal and Smith to await his preliminary hearing on the 23rd inst. before he can give bond for his appearance at that time.

Mr. Thompson Here.

Mr. J. S. B. Thompson, general agent of the Southern Railway was in Charlotte last night presumably for the purpose of looking after matters pertaining to the new station that will be erected here.

Two Up For Vagrancy.

The Recorder's docket this afternoon consisted of two cases for vagrancy. Henry Massey and Henry Freeland, both negroes, were sent to the gang because they were considered loafers and out of employment.

Dr. Montgomery Better.

A letter from Dr. J. C. Montgomery, who is in Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, states that he is very much improved and will be able to return home in a week or ten days.

Briefs.

Mrs. C. A. Matthews and baby and Miss Fan Sims were all reported better in a telegram received from Reidsville by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jordan leave in the morning for an extended trip through Florida. Mrs. Jordan's health has not improved as fast as was expected and the trip to Florida is taken for her benefit.

GREENSBORO IS HOT ON THE TRAIL OF THE TIGER

Nineteen Warrants Issued Yesterday. Binding Them Over to Superior Court by the Wholesale. City Employed Two Detectives at Beginning of Year.

J. I. Joyner Has Accident Which Necessitates Amputation of Leg. The Sickness of Judge Peebles Delays Court. Bar Association Wants Smaller Judicial Circuit.

Special The News. Greensboro, Jan. 17.—The war on "blind tigers" in the city has begun and nineteen warrants were issued yesterday by Chief of Police W. A. Scott. Nine cases came up for a hearing before Squire Collins and Mayor. Defendants in six cases were bound over to the superior court and a justified bond of \$100 in each case was required of the defendants. Those bound over to court were Noli Crawford, three cases; Beulah Lee, two cases; an George Williams, colored, one case. The cases against Lily Rome and Minnie Gibson were dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence. There are three cases against John R. Cable, a former saloon keeper, three against Thomas McIlhenny and two against Eugene Stock, but all of these were continued until this afternoon.

Two detectives were employed by the city at the beginning of the new year and at the beginning of the spell of prohibition, and they were assigned to the duty of running "blind tigers" down. They have visited all the places where whiskey was supposed to be sold and have endeavored to learn to what extent whiskey was being sold at such places. In nearly all the cases they testified that they had secured the whiskey from the places. They were the most important witnesses that appeared in the cases yesterday afternoon.

One of the defendants, Beulah Lee, who is also under bond for appearance at the superior court to answer the charge of keeping a disorderly and bawdy house, became very disorderly after court adjourned and started to leave the court room before court adjourned and before giving bond. She reached the sidewalk and was at the point of entering her carriage when an officer interrupted and she was carried to the police station and placed in a cell. She cursed the officer most vehemently during the entire time. Before leaving the court room she was not only required to give bond for appearance at the superior court, but was also required to appear at mayor's court this afternoon to answer the charge of disorderly conduct.

Mr. J. I. Joyner, a brakeman for the Southern railway company met with a serious accident on the yards of the Southern Railway company in this city yesterday. He was engaged in uncoupling the air hose connecting the freight cars when the train started, knocking him down and crushing his left ankle. He was carried to the city hospital and the physicians found it necessary to amputate the left leg just below the knee. Mr. Joyner is an unmarried man and his mother, who lives at Wilson, has been notified of the accident.

The regular January term of Guilford Superior Court for the trial of civil cases was expected to have begun yesterday, but on account of the inability of Judge Peebles to get here the case was continued until today by the sheriff, who this morning adjourned the court until tomorrow morning. Judge Peebles is engaged in trying the case against W. R. Murray at Durham. The jurors and court officers are on hand and Judge Peebles is expected tomorrow.

At meeting of the members of the local bar association, held in the county court house yesterday, it was decided to petition the legislature to make smaller this judicial district in order that the docket may be kept clear. It was also decided by the association to have a committee appointed to communicate with the Durham bar in regard to employing a court stenographer for Durham and Guilford counties.

SHOOTING AT FORT MILL.

Nine Shots Fired at John Belk By Officers—Two Lives Lost in Catawba Special The News. Columbia, S. C., January 17.—At Fort Mill yesterday Police Officer Hall and Constable Mills fired nine shots at John Belk, a white carpenter about 30 years old, one of which took effect in his body. Belk had been arrested on the charge of bigamy. He consented to accompany the officers to jail, but dashed away when the building was reached. He succeeded in making his escape.

Within ten days two workmen have lost their lives in the construction of the Southern Railway's new bridge of the Catawba river, near Fort Mill. On the 8th inst. Frank Ayers, a white man of Columbia, was killed. On Friday, Alexander Campbell, colored, was drowned by the capsizing of a boat in which he and another negro man were removing temporary beams from the bridge.