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# FREEZE ALMGST PARALYZES CITY

## HEAVY DAMAGES WIRES DOWN ALL OVER CHARLOTTE

All of Western Union Wires are Down and Nearly all of Postals. Posts, Cross Arms and Wires are all Over the City in a Tangle Wich is Being Unraveled.

Bell Telephone Company is Light Companies. Its Wires are Safe Underground. Cars Operated With Difficulty.

Charlotte still is everywhere covered

is almost completely par-Going about from place to adway in cleaning off the sidewalks, tions of the city the heavy ice overhead threatening to fall makes it dangerous to be abroad. The whole city is fighting the weather and this is considered sufficient occupation for men,

The damage resulting from the continuance of the excessive wintry weather is just today being really felt. During the early part of last evening with the fragments of broken trees and their cars. telegraph wires was the picture which was presented to Charlotte citizens this f

tangled and retangled until the streets | telegraphic communication. seemed as a background for a series of spider webs. They lie across the where the two big chestnut trees checked the pressure of the resistless fury and saved the lines beyond that point. All over the city the marks of the storm are visible. Large trees were stripped of limbs which have been thrown across the street, and other damages of an inferior type are manifest. Speaking to a reporter this morning a workman said it would be a week before the Western Union system could he repaired and put in as good condition as it was previously. The ground is too frozen to attempt the digging of holes and therefore some temporary fixtures will have to be contrived. In many places an entirely new system will have to be installed on account of the very demolished condition of the

The Four C's and the Catawba Power Company and the Western Union Company have workmen clearing away the rubbish and doing what they can today toward the re-building of the lines. Their work is necessarily ing the tangled wires which are covered with a thick coating of ice.

Storm in the County. From all sections of Mecklenburg disturb their workings.

Chief of Police Irwin made a ffect that in times of such langer as is imminent today, i underground with their wires last on account of the falling live - summer. wires, there should be some ance whereby the power ompanies would be enforced to cut off the current, and thus avoid all the perils of the avoid all the perils of electric itions as prevail today.

TELEGRAPH CONNECTIONS

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS OUT OF CHARLOTTE ARE ALMOST COM-PLETELY CUT OFF. THE AS-SOCIATED PRESS IS UNABLE TO GET ANY DISPATCHES TO THE NEWS. HENCE THE TEL-EGRAPH NEWS SERVICE TO-DAY IS SHORT. THE SPECIAL FROM RALEIGH HAD TO BE SENT BY TELEPHONE AS TEL-EGRAPH COMMUNICATION WAS NOT PRACTICABLE.

the heavy burdens of snow and ice. And many of the shade trees, landmarks of many years, are torn, limb

storm has done little more harm. Oyster Famine. The continued rough weather brought est Sufferer Among Electric a stop to oyster shipments in the city day became so thickly coated upon the vesterday for the first time this season and possibly for several years. Not an

oyster could be bought at any of the men was able to see the other. local markets and the few that the restaurants had could not be bought for slow rate of speed, and this is the love nor money. because Charlotte dealers purchase slight damages sustained by the front

them from Norfolk and points along portions of the cars. Both were w and ice and the situation that section of the coast which is thrown from the track by the suddengrow steadily worse. The isolated against the oyster boats. Mr. E. F. Creswell, manager of the in a very short time. Gem Restaurant, telegraphed to Long Island last night for a shipment, but on board, none of whom were hurt in heavy masses of ice and this probably will not reach the city the least. for several days.

Falling Limbs Turn in an Alarm. An alarm was rung in at the fire place is possible only with difficulty department last night about 12 o'clock, but it was understood to have been age corps with the assistance of pri- caused by falling limbs or wires, and vate individuals are making good was not answered. The bell was so thickly coated with ice that it was necessary to send two men to the tower this morning to put it in a ringing condition.

The department is greatly crippled by the prevalence of the ice. Seven of the circuits were out of working order today, and there were other damages which would prove serious in case of

Tough on Street Cars. The electric street railway had anthe rain intermingled with an abun- other bad day of it. In the early morndance of sleet began to pour from the ing hours it was almost impossible heavy overhanging clouds and the pre- to get a car outside the barn. Later diction was that Charlotte would help- in the day, after the sleet and snow as ill-founded as its fountain, reached lessly be under the spell of a real commenced to melt, a force of hands winter today. The prophecy was not ill- | were put on the line removing the founded nor was the philosophy of the ice. By the noon hour several cars oldest inhabitants a fallacy. For when were out, but it was almost impossible two of the students who had come inresidents peeped from the doors of their to maintain any kind of a schedule. homes this morning a vision uncommon The company deserves lots of credit the street. A reporter was despatched to do so. passed before their gaze. Streets strewn | for the strenuous efforts made to run

To Establish Branch Line. pany have established a branch omce The Western Union Telegraph Com- in one of the small houses situated pany is a heavy loser on account of the on the railroad in the rear of the estruction which the storm has Presbyterian College. They have been wrought upon their system. From Col- able to use one wire a part of today, ege street to the railroad on East! which connects with Richmond. On Trade and from there to Eleventh every line leading out of the city street every post to which was attached there is untold damage, which cannot

The Western Union Company sent a messenger to Atlanta last night with for news. rallroad from Trade to Eleventh street | 500 or 600 messages, which had collected at this office for parties in the South. They hope to improve their out here this morning by a live wire, service by tomorrow, but not for sev- was the reporter's greeting as he tried eral days will they be able to render to assume an air of solemnity mingled their accustomed satisfaction.

Train Lost For Several Hours. For several hours this morning No. 30, one of the Southern's fine Florida trains, due here at 9:55, was completely lost track of on account of the condition of the wires which between this point and Columbia were demoralized, and communication well nigh

No. 33, from the North, due at 8.30 this merning, arrived several hours late, and was held at the depot here, awaiting news from the missing train. After the lapse of several hours the lost train was found by the ticking of the wires over the Savannah division,

and traffic over the line was resumed. The Bell People Allright. While the Bell Telephone people are not in any sense bragging, they are ow because of the difficulty in hand- feeling "mighty" good this morning. With their wires safely housed, far underneath the surface, where sleet and hail, and snow and wind, do not Is the Scene of Many Social Enter-

ounty the same story is told. The Division superintendent Morgan B. eavy sleet has broken trees and their Spier was seen today by a representaragments are scattered here and tive of the News. He was frank to there. The highways are strewn with state that his company was experienc- the most lavish entertainers here this he wreckage of many trees, and it ing some trouble, such as is incident season, as in the past. Whitehall, their the wreckage of many trees, and it ling some trouble, such as is incident season, as in the past. Whitehall, their will be many days before these are cleared away. The orchards of Mecklenburg have suffered as lightning like messages are flashed together all the notable quests at the aburg have suffered no little, the lightning-like messages are flashed together all the notable guests at the rees being broken and twisted under over them from all sections of Char-

And as for the long distance circuits, they are in perfect working order, as shortly after the first Mrs. Flagler was TO PROTECT PEDESTRIANS. if nothing had happened.

All of which is splendid evidence insanity, is a most gracious hostess, that the Bell Telephone people were and has become one of the most popudoing themselves, as well as the publar of the younger matrons here. Mrs. lic, a great service when they went Flagler formerly was a Miss Keenan.

ment has never issued a \$15 bill, but woman who now bears his name. Mrs. avoid all the perils of electric shocks. The companies have not sufficient forces to clear companies have the companies have not sufficient forces to clear companies have the companies have not sufficient forces to clear companies have not sufficient forces for companies have not sufficient forces not sufficient forces to clear the streets of the tangled adding a 1 to a \$5 note. The \$15 bill ed with every luxury that her former was generally circulated in South Caro- husband's wealth can provide, and it lina until it reached a bank, when it is said that the person most solcitous was sent on to Washington with inquiries.

ICE HINDERS TRAFFIC.

Local Commission Man Receives Orders to Ship via Rail.

"All shipments of goods from your territory to us should be made by rail until further notice. The river at Philadelphia is so blocked with ice that there is little chance to get goods through by water."

The above is the substance of a letter received by Mr. E. B. Dickson, a well known varn merchant this mornphia and other northern centers. The letter adds that water traffic is

so blocked that the prospects are that there will be no shipments of goods by water until about the first of This information will be of great in-

terest to the mills in the Carolinas and the South, as thousands of pounds are shipped daily from Southern points to the Northern markets, a large proportion of this amount going by wa-

COLLISION ON SQUARE.

Two Street Cars Going Slowly, Crash Into Each Other.

An accident that might have resulted very seriously to a number of per-Further than the damage done to sons occurred yesterday afternoon the forests and the orchards the big about five o'clock when a Fourth Ward street car ran into a Piedmont car just as it was crossing the square. The sleet which had been failing all windows as to obstruct all vision from the sides, and neither of the moter-

The cars were moving at a very only reason that there are no more The cause of the famine is probably serious results to chronicle than some ness of the collision, but were replaced

There were a number of passengers

It Was Reported Over the City Early This Morning That Two the new school structure. School Children Had Met Their Death By Coming in Contact With a Live Electric Wire.

A rumor void of all ver city, and this office this morning, reporting the death near the new graded school of to contact with a live wire lying across with due haste to the north school to obtain the facts. Sliding under gigan-The Western Union Telegraph Com- tic limbs drooping with the weight of winter, he wended his way toward the seat of learning.

boys were gliding over the frozen News man, there is no sign of it with- der. class of merry maidens who were ris-

"A report comes to our office, Pro- ventions. fessor, that some children were hurt to assume an air of solemnity mingled with becoming reverence for him who was to be his informant.

"We've heard nothing of it out here," said the Professor. "We're pretty lively out here, but"

-added Miss Bethune, who was gaz-ing into the eyes of Mr. Harding with astonished wonder and merriment. Several opinions were ventured from each of the three who were standing

under the gaze of a host of children, under the gaze of a host of children, who looked out with suspicious faces. . in his disappointment the reporter was inclined to whisper to himself . "All men are liars," but something made him happy that for one time about the seriousness of his quest he was disappointed, inasmuch as some other hearts were saved from the sorrow of death and some homes were spared the pain of the saddest

THE FLAGLER MANSION.

tainments at Palm Beach.

Mrs. Henry M. Flagler again are among

Mrs. Flagler, who became the wife of the millionaire on August 24, 1901, divorced on the score of her incurable

Flagler formerly was a Miss Keenan.

The circumstances surrounding the divorce of the first wife of Mr. Flagler were the one distressing feature about \$15 Bill Passed in South Carolina. the romance which ended in the mar-Washington, Feb. 9.-The Govern- riage of Mr. Flagler and the handsome as mistress of Whitehall.

### THE CATHOLICS TO BUILD HANDSOME SCHOOL BUILDING

ing, from buyers of yarns in Philadel- The Property on South Tryon St. now Used for School Purposes Will be Greatly Improved by says: Building.

> Contractor Jones of Charlotte Secures the Contract. oughly Up-to-Date.

The O'Donohue School Home is the possible moment." name of a handsome new school building to be erected by the Catholic fixed by that official, at which time it church of the city on the location now is expected a committee of five clergythe site of St. Mary's Seminary.

The new structure will be one of the of the property fronting on South school property.

The contract for the new building has been let to Contractor J. E. Jones, clergymen of various denominations to whom the work was awarded at a meeting held last evening.

The new building will be three stories high, built of brick and having stone lution was adopted calling on Mayor trimmings, and will be finished on the interior in the most up-to-date manner by the contractor.

as St. Mary's School, will be moved farther back and will front on Stonewall and will be used in connection with

so neat and attractive a new school naed in the \$100,000 damage suit of Mrs. property that will no doubt be the means he city, and will furnish school facilities to a large number of children and older ones in the city.

The cost of the building alone will e in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Contractor Jones, who has finished up a number of jobs of the very best work in this section, expects to begin work just as soon as it is practicable

One Day's Patent Record. Washington, Feb. 9.-The Govern-

ment today issued 597 patents, the

WAR ON VICE.

Corruption and Vice in Philadelphia Receiving Vigorous Attention. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9.-Following the allegation in the presentment of the grand jury last Thursday that syndicated vice exists in this city and that Director of Public Safety Smith is responsible for the condition, D. Clarence Gibboney, secretary of the aw and Order Society, today in a letter to Mayor Weaver made specific charge of official collusion with a disreputable resort. The place was raided by agents of the society early this morning. Mr. Gibboney, in his letter to the mayor concerning the place,

"This place has been protected by the Erection of a Handsome your police. On the bureau of the mistress of the house the most conspicuous ornament was a large cabi- The Seminole Ordered to Hatteras to net photograph of a patrolman of the beat. The house is a house of officialy protected and syndicated crime." Mayor Weaver in his reply said:

"If I can get any evidence that there is any connection with a police official, Building it is Said, Will Cost or any official under my control, protecting vice in any way, shape or Navy Department to proceed in haste \$20,000 and Will be Thor- form in the city of Philadelphia, he to Hatteras in search of the composite shall not stay in the employ of the city. I shall be glad to have the evidence that you have at the earliest

Mr. Gibboney will present his evidence to the mayor on a date to be men will be present. This clerical fore morning. committee, of which Archbishop Ryan, best equipped in the state, taking the Bishop Mackay-Smith, of the Episcopal of the Roman Catholic Church, and place of the present school building Church, are members, held a confer- Bill to Require Prompt Delivery of which will be moved back some dis- ence with the mayor today. It was tance, the church having secured all intimated that the mayor would issue a statement concerning the conference, but he has not yet done so. Secretary Special The News. Tryon street, including the frontage of Gibboney will tomorrow send out invithe school, and extending back to Col- tations to fifty prominent clergymen, lege street, making a very valuable asking them to attend a meeting at evidence of police protection of vice. ter 164, laws of 1899, by adding there-

Today at the weekly meeting of the to: the subject was discussed. A commit-Weaver to investigate the charge con- vice therefrom. The present school building known gregation next Sunday for action.

Mixes Beckham in Case. Winchester, Ky., Feb. 9.—The most sensational development of the litigation over the Breathitt County feud The Catholics of the city are to be cases came out today in the deposition congratulated upon the acquirement of of Moses Feltner, a witness, who left Kentucky after having been subpoe-Abrelia Marcum against Judge James of bringing a number of students to Hargis and others in connection with commensurate with the business, and introduced in the enate. the killing of J. B. Marcum.

Feitner's statement is to the effect that he accepted from B. F. French attorney for the defense, \$1,000 to leave Winchester without testifying. French says that Feltner, if he did not go would be hanged for murder. Feltner says he was told that Gov. Beckham had promised net to issue a requisition for him until after the Marcum-Hargis cases had been settled.

Cecilia Loftus in Hospital.

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 9.-The condition greatest number in any one day for of Miss Cecilia Loftus, who fainted on years. The patents are on everything the stage at the Colonial Theatre last As he approached the building some from coal-tar products to elevators, night at the beginning of the produc-Prof. Harvey W. Wiley, the founder of tion of "The Serio-Comic Governess," surface and enjoying life to its fullest. the "poison squad," received a patent became worse this afternoon, and she If death reigns within, thought the for the manufacture of smokeless pow- was removed to the City Hospital. The theatrical company left for Youngstown the company's wires are broken and be remedied for several days. Points out. Prof. Harding was called from Patent Office officials say that when this morning, but Miss Loftus canlying across the street. Wires were north and south are cut off from all his duties and Miss Bethune from her the country is prosperous and everybody celled her engagement there. Dr. has money, applications for patents in- George T. Rankin says that Miss Lofing in their seats to view the searcher crease. They ascribe this to the fact tus may not be able to appear on the that people have time to work on in- stage for several weeks. She has a severe attack of nervous prostration.

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The News wants within the next 30 days to increase its circu-

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# LAWMAKING SUSPENDED TODAY

THE WHOLE SOUTH IS SUF-FERING FROM THE BLIZZARD AND NEARLY EVERY SOUTH-ERN CITY IS CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

TO THE AID OF NEWPORT. Aid Gunboat,

Wilmington, Feb. 9.-The revenue cutter Seminole, of this station, sailed this afternoon under orders from the gunbcat Newport, which is reported as helpless off the Carolina coast.

The Newport lost her propeller, and was passed by a freight steamer a week ago rolling in the seas. The Seminole will arrive off Hatteras be-

TO REGULATE TELEGRAPH COS. Mesages-Amending Raleigh's Char-

Special The News.

Raleiga, N. C., Feb. 9. The bill introduced by Senator Fouwhich he proposes to submit to them shee yesterday amends section 2, chap-

(25) To make just and reasonable rules and regulations for the prompt passed suitable resolutions and a comtee of Methodist ministers was ap- transmission and delivery of messages mittee composed of two Senators and pointed to call on the mayor and dis- by any telegraph or telephone com- three members of the House was named cuss the social evil with him. A reso. pany or corporation doing business in to accompany the remains to the home this state and to secure efficient ser- of the deceased,

tained in the grand jury's present- 26) To make just and reasonable Sunday night. He had been suffering ment. The resolution will be placed rules and regulations to require prompt for several days with a severe cold, before every Methodist Episcopal con- transmission and delivery of goods, but never suspected any serious turn, wares and merchandise transported by Monday morning symptoms of pneuany express company doing business

(27) To request, where the public telegraph, telephone or express com- death is greatly to be deplored. pany doing business in this state, and the demand of the public.

Amending Raleigh's Charter.

day finally passed on the charter itants. amendments for the city during the present session of the General Assembly. Some of the most-notable changes will be the establishment of a board of audit and finance, a police justice's aldermen from twelve to eight.

Appointed Special Master. Judge W. A. Montgomery has been appointed by Judge Purnell in the Federal court as a special master to make up a statement of accounts and find the facts in the noted case of the United Cigarette Co. vs. R. R. Wright, of Durham, involving sales of the famous Bonsack cigarette machine by Wright in China, Japan and other foreign countries. It is a case of long standing and involves over \$200,000.

SEABOARD OPPOSITION.

The Reorganization Plan Has Safe Majority.

New York, Feb. 8.-Information was Line who are opposing the Ryan-Blair ing a substitute for the bill pending reorganization plan met in Baltimore introduced by Duls, of Mecklenburg, on Monday night and, representing 59,- concerning building and loan associa-400 shares, appointed a committee, to tions, and it will be reported as an which John Skelton Williams, former agreed bill this evening at an adjournpresident of the road, declined a reap- ed meeting of the committee. The obpointment after expressing his hearty ject is to keep out of the State a lot approval of its purpose, which will of wild cat unreliable concerns that are draw up articles for the pooling of the seriously affecting the building and stock represented in order to conduct loan business. The feature of the bill negotiations and enter into litigation, that provided for a building and loan if this is necessary, to bring about mod- commission has been eliminated and ifications of the Ryan-Blair plan. The the associations left under the control typewritten article setting fort these of the State insurance commissioner. facts, which was passed around in Wall What Educational Institution Wants. Street, had this to say regarding Mr.

ed a gratification of the present situa- mittee of the General Assembly with tion and reiterated his belief that it the result that announcement is made would be impossible for the Ryan-Blair as to just what demands each insticommittee to make their proposed plan tution shall insist on as appropriations effective in the face of the opposition which already exists and which is like-

y to grow." Members of the Ryan-Blair reorganization committee refused, as they have support and \$30,000 for laboratories; refused heretofore, to discuss this Bal- State Normal and Industrial Colleges, timore opposition, contenting themselve with the statement that much more than a majority of the stock had already been deposited with them under the plan that securities were still com- \$10,000 for second dormitory.

"Pittsburg Phil" Left No Will.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.-The family of have started for New York to settle the tract where loans are made for five estate left by the plunger. William or more years, the interest and a por-Smith, a brother, said before leaving tion of the principal to be paid annuthat his brother had left all his affairs

## MEMBER OF HOUSE DIES LEGISLATORS MEET AND ADJOURN

Dr. Phitts, of Watauga, Dies Early This Morning. Suitable Resolutions are Passed in Both Houses Several Bills Introduced in Senate.

Heads of Educational Institutions Confer With Committee as to What Appropriations They Need. Contest in Case of Election of Col Gardner.

(By Telephone to The News.) Raleigh, Feb. 9.-The Senate and House adjourned this morning shortly after convening, out of respect to the memory of Dr. Phitts, the representative from Watauga county who died at an early hour this morning.

Both branches of the legislature

Dr. Phitts was taken suddenly ill monia developed and death was attributable to this disease.

The deceased was a practicing physinecessity demands it and it is demon- cian of Watanga county, stood well strated that the revenue received will in his profession, and as a legislator, be sufficient to justify it, the estab- was admired for his honesty of purlishment of offices and stations by a pose and genuine ability. His sad Before the announcement of the to require sufficient accommodation death of Dr. Phitts several bills were

Senator Webb, of Buncombe, introduced a bill which has for its object the appointment of two magistrates The Raleigh Board of Aldermen to- in towns or cities for each 5,000 inhab-

> A bill was introduced by the Senator from Johnston providing that all trains stop at the county seats.

Was Major Gardner Elected. Official notice has been received in court to relieve the mayor of court the office of the Adjutant General here duty and a general revision of the of the election of Major J. T. Gardner, scale of salaries of city officials togeth- of Shelby, as colonel of the first regier with a reduction of the number of ment to succeed Col. Robertson, of Charlotte, appointed Adjutant General by Governor Glenn, the election having been held in Charlotte recently. It is understood that there will be a contest, the claim being made that Major Flanagan was really elected, that ballot being erroneously ruled out by

the chairman. To Increase Salary of Brigadier. The military affairs committee of the Senate has decided to report favorably bills to increase the pay of Brigadier General Armfield, of Statesville from \$150 to \$500 and raise the rank of the quartermaster from colonel to brigadier general. Both have the endorsement of the North Carolina

National Guard. B. and L. Association Bill. Representatives of the building and given out in Wall Street yesterday that loan associations are here with the the stockholders of the Seabcard Air Senate committee on judiciary prepar-

There was a conference this morning between the presidents of the several "Mr. John Skelton Williams express- institutions and the joint finance comby the present legislature. The State University will ask \$50,000 for maintenance and \$50,000 for laboratories: A. & M. College at Raleigh \$35,000 for Greenshoro, \$50,000 annually for support and \$106,000 on account of fire loss; Colored A. & M. College, Greensboro, \$7,500 annually for support and

> Increasing Interest Rate. The bill introduced by Representative Ryborn yesterday is an important one, in that it provides that while the legal rate of interest in the state shall remain 6 per cent still by special conally seven per cent can be charged.

A Case of Smallpox. A case of small pox has been discovered among the students of Shaw Besides the brothers and sisters who University, colored, but none of the stuwill share the wealth are two children | dents have left the school yet. The left by a deceased sister. William case was promptly isolated and Presi-Smith said he did not know how much dent Maserve is apprehensive of no money his brother left. Friends here spread of the disease. There are upbelieve the dead man left more than a wards of four hundred students in the university.

### ing in at a rapid rate.

George E. Smith, "Pittsburg Phil," in excellent shape but had not made a will. As a result the family divide the

estate. million.