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TELEGRAPH SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

The nomination of C. M. Bernard to be attorney for the Eastern district is confirmed.——In the value of tobacco grown in 1896 this state comes second with figures at $5,490,334.——The action of the federal supreme court in issuing the contempt rule against the railway commissioners causes quite a flutter among the Russellites.——Revenue Collector Duncan will be sworn in today; he says he will make new appointments all "along the line."——Governor Russell appoints delegates to the South Atlantic and Gulf States Quarantine Convention.——The new railway commission will, at their next regular meeting, reduce passenger rates.

DOMESTIC.

The statistician of the agricultural department gives out a statement of the number of acres, production and value of the crops of the country for 1897.——The federal supreme court orders the contempt rule to issue against Railway Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson, returnable February 21st.——Richmond, Va., had a four-inch fall of snow yesterday.——Mr. Campbell was the chief witness yesterday before the committee investigating the alleged bribery in the election of Senator Hanna by the Ohio legislature.——The Leiter corner on wheat has caused a howl from consumers of flour about the quality of that article they are now getting from the mills; the latter can get no wheat, they say, which will produce first-class flour.——Dr. C. A. Simmons, the originator of Simmons Liver Regulator, has just died.——A man named Storms arrested for the murder of Mrs. Rathburn and her daughter near Burlington, Vt., makes a full confession.——At Butler, Ind., a man aged 92 years secures a divorce from his wife, who is only a few years younger.——The Tennessee democrats are still balloting for a candidate for senator.——A storm set in in New York yesterday and continued fast night, with indications of equaling the blizzard of March, 1888.——The fourth blizzard of the winter is raging in the northwest.——The state department has received no news from Consul General Lee since Saturday, which is taken to indicate that all is quiet in Havana.——Miss Kate Lesler, of Washington, D. C., commits suicide at a hotel in New York.——The torpedo boat Winslow had a rough time off the Atlantic coast last week, but proved herself to be a staunch boat.

FOREIGN.

Loreis Coro Lozo, recently returned from the Spanish penal island on the African coast, explodes a bomb at the door of an ex-mayor of Havana; no great damage is done and the dynamiter is captured.——The remains of Ruiz are recovered and taken to Havana where they are received with military honors.——The announcement of an Anglo-Japanese plan of campaign in the far east is unfounded.——The Russian fleet at Port Arthur is there only for winter quarters.——Hundreds of people dying from hunger and exposure is the news brought by the steamer Portia from the coast section of New Foundland.——News comes from Australia of fearful heat; fires have been caused from spontaneous combustion and crops and buildings have been destroyed.——A conspiracy to murder the shah of Persia has been discovered.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late "Parker's Sarsaparilla" the "King of Blood Purifiers" makes the appetite keen and hearty—invigorates the liver—purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

"Ho, for the West Indies"

Our clever young townsman, Mr. John Dawson Latham, leaves today on a several weeks' trip to the West Indies.

He will embark this morning on board the schooner Nettie Shipman, Captain Hudson, and by tonight will be en route for his intended destination.

The Shipman goes to Porto Plata, San Domingo, carrying a cargo of lumber.

A Snow Storm in Richmond

Richmond, Va., January 31.—Snow fell here from 11 o'clock last night till 12 o'clock m. today, reaching a depth of perhaps four inches, but it is rapidly melting. The wind is high tonight, but there is nothing like a gale, and no damage is reported.

Death of the Simmon's Liver Regulator

Atlanta, Ga., January 31.—Dr. C. A. Simmons, famous throughout the country as the originator of "Simmons Liver Regulator," died in this city last night at an advanced age. He was a native Georgian and expired at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Thebaut.

Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventually break down the strongest constitution. "Febri-Cura" (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron) is more effective than Quinine, and being combined with Iron is an excellent tonic and Nerve medicine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money refunded. Accept no substitute. The "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Sparks

The senate, in executive session, confirms the nomination of Claude M. Bernard to be attorney of the United States for the Eastern district of North Carolina.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed as follows for North Carolina: Costner, Mrs. E. L. Rhyne; Earl, William J. Trent.

The Russian auxiliary cruiser Saratoff, belonging to the volunteer fleet, with twelve quick-firing guns and 1,600 troops on board, passed the Bosphorus Sunday, on her way to Vladivstock.

The agricultural appropriation bill, reported from the senate committee on appropriations, provides for an increase of $151,000 over the amount carried by the house bill, making a total appropriation of $3,512,202.

Assemblyman Weekes, of New York city, has introduced a resolution in the New York assembly censuring and requesting the resignation of Edward Murphy, Jr., United States senator, for voting for the Teller resolution.

Emperor William pardoned Herr Trojan, editor of The Gladderadatsch, who was sentenced a few days ago to two month's imprisonment in a fortress for lese majeste in cartooning the emperor.

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RUSSELLITES IN A FLUTTER

THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON TAKES THEM ABACK.

The Federal Supreme Court Issues a Rule Against Caldwell and Pearson to Show Cause Why They Should Not be Attached for Contempt—Collector Duncan to Take Office Today—He Will Make Many New Appointments—Passenger Rates to be Reduced.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 31.—There was quite a flutter among Governor Russell and his attorneys this afternoon at the news from Washington that the United States supreme court had granted a rule for the governor's railway commission to appear February 21st to show couse why they should not be attached for contempt. There was considerable laughter on the part of some state officials at the situation.

Revenue Collector Duncan, who will be sworn in early tomorrow by Deputy District Court Clerk Lehman, was asked this afternoon if he had made any appointments. He replied: "Yes; ex-Sheriff Riggsbee, of Durham, as stamp deputy there. Tomorrow afternoon I will make appointments all along the line." When asked if by this he meant he would appoint new field and office deputies, he declined to answer, and when asked, further, if the civil service had been modified, he replied: "I have information from Washington which justifies this action."

Governor Russell appoints as delegates from North Carolina to the South Atlantic and Gulf States Quarantie Convention at Mobile, February 9th: Dr. John Hey Williams, of Asheville; Dr. Richard H. Whitehead, of Chapel Hill; Dr. J. B. Alexander, of Charlotte; J. L. Ludlow, of Winston, and Dr. Geo. G. Thomas, of Wilmington, president of the state board of health.

It is said today that it is the purpose of the new railway commissioners at next meeting to reduce first-class passenger fare to 2¼ cents and second-class to 1¾ cents per mile.

State Labor Commissioner Hamrick says only 7 per cent. of the large number of cotton factory operatives who have sent in letters for his annual report favors the passage of any law regulating hours of labor.

INTENSE HEAT

Reports from Australia Appalling—Persons Prostrated—Buildings and Crops Burned

Vancouver, B. C., January 31.—The steamer Warrimo, just arrived from Australia brings news of appalling climatic conditions, which have been prevailing in many sections of Australia. The prostrations from heat were so numerous that conditions of affairs in large cities were alarming. In a great many instances work is out of the question and sleep impossible, while in the evening the inhabitants gather on the streets and sit on the curb stones, drinking the comparatively cool night air. Telegrams show that the same conditions prevail all over the colonies. The thermometer during the heat of day averages about 124 in the shade and in a long list of towns the lowest figure found was 110. In the sun it is 160, so it is impossible to work at midday.

The heat has caused numerous fires from spontaneous combustion. News comes from all parts of Australia of the destruction by flames.

It would appear from the press reports that the total damage will amount to millions of pounds. In Victoria colony 100,000 acres have been swept clear and an enormous acreage of crops destroyed. In other colonies, houses and barns were burned.

The Ohio Bribery Investigation

Columbus, Ohio, January 31.—The investigation into the alleged attempt to bribe Representative Otis to vote for Senator Hanna during the late senatorial contest is rapidly drawing to an end. The committee held a brief session after the senate adjourned this evening. Attorney R. C. Campbell was the only witness examined. Mr. Campbell told of his personal relations toward Otis. He said he had frequently acted as attorney for Otis and always considered him a straight forward and honest man. He said Otis had always been a sort of mild republican. Campbell said he did not see how Otis could have voted for Hanna, as Otis was a member of a free silver club. Campbell said he had always been on friendly terms with Senator Hanna and had been associated in a business way with some of Mr. Hanna's friends. He claimed he had been a supporter of Hanna until after the latter's position on the money question had been made known after his appointment to the senate. Then he had rather drifted away from the senator politically. Campbell claimed he had been a supporter of McKinley in the presidential campaign on account of his views on the tariff. Campbell said he made a speech in Cooper Union hall for which the president and Senator Hanna had both sent him notes of thanks.

It is believed the committee will complete their work and a report or rather the two reports, will be submitted soon. Senator Garfield will probably submit a majority report, while Chairman Burke will submit the report for the majority.

Effect of the Wheat Deal on Flour

Chicago, January 31.—Joseph Leiter, according to experts in the trade, is forcing thousands of people to eat darker bread than has ever been seen since the introduction of the patent roller process of making flour. His control of 15,000,000 bushels of contract wheat means, they say, that the millers are grinding the best grain they can procure since their supply of No. 1 hard spring wheat has become exhausted and the best is not very good. Grocers and retail flour dealers have been receiving complaints regarding breadstuffs from cooks and housewives who have been sent sacks and barrels of flour marked with the fanciest brands and bought at the highest price. But the loudest protests have been raised by the restauranters and bakers who buy at wholesale.

The Suit Against the Associated Press

St. Louis, January 31.—The case of the Minneapolis Tribune Company vs. The Associated Press was before the United States court of appeals again today, The Tribune Company having asked that the final decree be amended so as to leave them free to bring an action at law for damages. After the hearing, the court denied the motion.

"I don't know, there may be others," he said, "but I have used 'Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup' in my family for years and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him." Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup" has no equal. It will immediately relieve any Cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. For sale by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin, and H. L. Fentress.

SECOND WEEK'S SESSION

Proceedings of Yesterday's Session of the Superior Court—The Case Brought by Josh Halsey and Wife Against the City for $5,000 Damages Continued—The Suit Against Captain John W. Harper also Continued

The second week's session of the superior court convened at 10 o'clock yesterday.

The suit brought by Thomas Croom against Captain John W. Harper, master and owner of the steamer Wilmington, was first called for trial, but was continued on motion defendant's counsel, John D. Bellamy, Esq.

In this action the plaintiff is suing for damages on the grounds that Captain Harper, some time ago, refused to take him as a passenger on the Wilmington, leaving him at Carolina Beach. The defense will set up that the reason the plaintiff was refused was on account of his intoxicated condition.

The trial of this cause is set for trial for the first Monday of the next term of court, and Iredell Meares, Esq., will represent the plaintiff.

The next case case taken up was that of Josh Halsey and wife, Sallie Halsey, vs. City of Wilmington.

In this action the plaintiff are suing the city for $5,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by one of the co-plaintiffs through the negligence of the defendant. It seems that a little over a year ago while Sallie Halsey was walking on Sixth street bridge a plank under foot gave way and she fell through the bridge and was badly injured. At the time of the accident the Halsey woman was walking so as to avoid a hole in the bridge.

Colonel Thomas W. Strange and C. P. Lockey, Esq., represented the plaintiffs, and Messrs. Ricaud & Bryan the defendants.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., stated to the court that a very material witness for the defense was absent, ex-Mayor W. N. Harriss, who at the time of the accident was chairman of the streets and wharf committee of the board of aldermen, and asked for a continuance.

The suit was continued and set for trial for the second Monday of the next term of court. It was ordered by the court that the defendants pay the court costs up to and including this session.

Two other cases on the trial docket were disposed of:

H. A. Core vs. Cape Fear Lumber Company. Non suit.

F. H. Cooper vs. L. J. Cooper. Continued by consent.

The four "city muddle" case were stricken off the docket, judgment for cost in accordance with the decision of the supreme court being entered against the plaintiffs, viz:

W. N. Harriss, et al, vs. S. P. Wright, et al; R. B. Clowe vs. John R. Melton; Harry Hill vs. L. H. Bryant; W. H. Northrop, Jr., vs. F. B. Rice.

The motion docket was then taken up and the following cases disposed of:

Green & Bateman vs. J. R. Turrentine. Non suit.

J. D. Bellamy, Jr., vs. W. H. Howe. Decree.

Geo. R. French & Sons vs. W. E. Murchison. Continued.

C. C. Stevens vs. J. N. Stevens. Non suit.

A. G. Ricaud, receiver, vs. H. M. Foard. Left open.

Navassa Guano Company vs. S. A. Smith & Co. Non suit.

Junius Davis, receiver, vs. A. B. Cook, et al. Judgment.

S. E. Twining vs. S. R. Twining. Ordered off.

A. G. Ricaud, receiver, vs. B. A. Larkins, et al. Ordered off.

Powers, Gibbs & Co., vs. R. N. Pegues. Non suit.

Geo. R. French & Sons vs. Durham Fertilizer Co. Continued.

Standard Oil Company vs. H. Johnson. Alias summons.

D. D. Southerland vs. J. A. & J. W. Alderman. Continued.

Burrell Moore vs. Emma Moore. Non suit.

M. S. Blossom, et al., vs. W. B. McKoy, et al. Continued.

Singer Manufacturing Company vs. J. H. Hodges and wife. Compromised and settled.

J. F. Post vs. J. F. Richards, et al. Judgment.

Finance Company of Pennsylvania vs. T. B. Harriss. Alias summons.

Mechanics Bank, St. Louis, vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Non suit.

Samuel Carman vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Non suit.

Equitable National Bank vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Non suit.

Thomas Wilson vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Non suit.

W. E. Storm and wife vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Non suit.

Peregoy-Jenkins Co., vs. D. C. Gaskin. Continued.

M. S. Blossom, et al., vs. Henry Green, et al. Continued.

The T. A. Davis Co., vs. W. E. Storm. Continued.

W. W. Hodges vs Walker Taylor. Judgment.

Schloss Brothers & Co., vs. S. H. Fishblate. Non suit.

Zillah Fowler, administratrix, et al., vs. A. Leazer, guardian, et al. Continued.

Williams Brothers vs. A. C. Oliver. Non suit.

J. W. Dixon vs M. E. Bonham, Judgment.

C. Denner, et al., vs. Empire Life Insurance Co. Non suit.

W. J. H. Bellamy, et al., vs. W. R. Barksdale. Continued.

The J. R. Turrentine Company vs. F. H. Blodgett. Continued.

J. A. Pullan vs. F. H. Blodgett. Continued.

Chesnutt & Barrentine vs. F. H. Blodgett. Continued.

National Bank of Commerce vs. J. Wilcox Jenkins. Non suit.

White Sewing Machine Company vs. J. W. Plummer, Jr. Continued.

Monarch Cycle Manufacturing Co., vs. M. P. Taylor, Jr., et al. Continued.

M. F. Maunder, executrix, vs. F. Meir and wife. Decree.

The Wimbush Mullheiser Brewing Company vs. Louis Weil. Continued.

C. E. Falson Manufacturing Company vs. E. H. Sneed & Co. Continued.

John Miller, owner, etc., vs. Powers, Gibbs & Co. Retraxit.

Armour Packing Company vs. G. W. Williams, et al. Motion made to dismiss.

Five suits on the summons docket were disposed of:

Thomas W. Greer vs. Augusta Greer. Time allowed under rule.

Saxaphaw Lumber Company vs. Aberdeen Lumber Company. Alias.

James C. Tyner vs. The Carolina Cooperage Co. Time allowed under rule.

H. M. Foard and wife vs. Lewis Boulden and wife. Non suit.

J. A. Pullan vs. Frank H. Blodgett. Continued.

TODAY'S TRIAL DOCKET.

Junius Davis, receiver, vs. Butters Lumber Company; S. J. Davis, et al., vs. T. S. Lutterloh; Mary McNeill vs. Robert McNeill.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Wilmington Made the Principal Distributing Point on the South Atlantic Coast The Territory Increased Twenty Five Per Cent and the Working Force Increased Thirty Three Per Cent

As is well known, the Standard Oil Company has a pipe station in Wilmington and receives kerosene oil and other products here, in tank steamers, to supply the trade in North Carolina, South Carolina and a large part of Georgia. The oil is pumped from the vessels through the pipe line to the station, where there is a fine tank plant for loading tank cars, etc., for the interior.

The Messenger recently mentioned that a handsome brick building for offices is nearly completed at the station and considerable other improvements are being made.

Mr. Gaylord B. White, of New York, who is a nephew of Mrs. C. H. Robinson, of our city, and who is one of the auditors of the company, is in the city. From him we learn that that the territory which Wilmington supplies has been increased 25 per cent., and the number of employes has been increased 33 per cent. Without decreasing the Norfolk and Richmond territory, some of the territory of those cities has been added to Wilmington's territory. The distributing station at Charleston has been abolished and the territory of that city has been divided between Wilmington and Savannah.

This now makes Wilmington the principal distributing point on the Atlantic coast.

Tenth Anniversary of the Y. M. C. A.

The latch string of the Young Men's Christian Association will hang on the outside tonight and all its friends and members are invited to attend the tenth anniversary exercises to begin at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium. Efforts have been made to insure a pleasant time to all who attend, news of which has gotten out and there is to be a large audience present.

Mr. Andrew J. Howell, Jr., the retiring president, will read a short report of the work done last year and that in contemplation for this year. The annual address will be delivered by Rev. Will B. Oliver, and all expect a good one. Music for the occasion has been arranged by Miss Chasten, with some of our best talent lending their assistance with the following prospect:

When the Bloom is on the Rye.....Bishop
Cecilia Quartette—Mrs. Will Latta, Miss Ada Cooper, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Muse.
Valse in A Flat Op. 34, No. 1.....Chopin
Miss Ida Brown.
Zerita .....Tenor Solo..... Wite
Mr. J. D. Smith.
Recitation ..... Selected
Miss Hattie Taylor.
Polonaise in E..... Liszt
Miss Bessie D. Burtt.
There's One That I Love Dearly.....
..... Kucken-Hawley
Cecilia Quartette.
Traiemerle..... Violin Solo ....Schumann
Mr. Mason Burr, Master Jas. Craft accompanist.
Twilight..Tyrolean Serenade..Reddington
Miss Maie O'Connor.
Hunting Song Quartet.Lily of Killarney
Miss Maie O'Connor, Mrs. James D. Smith, Mr. James D. Smith, Mr. H. K. Holden.

Some years ago it was the custom at these anniversaries to take collections for the association or solicit subscriptions for the year's expenses. Nothing of this kind will be done tonight. The finance committee, however, has long been groaning under a big debt (now about $500) and thinking the friends should make a special donation at the "Tin Wedding," has made arrangements for all to do so. A glass jar will be placed at the door and all who attend are requested to place in it the amount of their donation in silver dollars. It will take thirty pounds of dollars to raise the amount needed, but that will be only a small weight from each, and there should be enough contributed to entirely relieve this committee.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Report of the Superintendent of Health

Prompt as ever, Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent or health, has completed his report for the past month, January, and the report is a perfect and detailed one.

It shows that during the month there were seven white deaths and twenty-seven colored deaths, divided as follows: Two white males, three white females, fifteen colored males, ten colored females, and two whites and one colored, sex not given.

There were sixty-four births, twenty-one whites and forty-three colored. Of these, eleven were white males, three white females, twenty-one colored males, eight colored females, and seven whites and fourteen colored, sex not given.

Six transit permits were issued, four for whites and two for colored. Three bodies were received in the city for interment.

SANITARY.

Inspections made, 1,361; found in fair condition, 896; found in bad condition, 429; requiring immediate attention, 36; cleaned, 397; lime and acid orders issued, 201; special inspections made, 70; permits issued for the removal of earth, 8.

QUARANTINE.

Quarantined on account of smallpox, 2; quarantined on account of exposure to smallpox, 22; quarantined on account of scarlet fever, 4.

The Seamen's Friend Society

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society of the port of Wilmington, will be held in the reading room of the Seamen's Home this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members of the society are earnestly requested to be present.

SMALLPOX PETERED OUT

Stephen Johnson Discharged, and James Harge Will be Dismissed from the Pest House This Week—The Quarantined Persons Discharged.

Wilmington is lucky. The smallpox has petered out. The plague was kept down to two cases. Stephen Johnson, colored, the Atlantic Coast Line brakeman whose case developed on Saturday, January 8th, and was reported by Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy on Wednesday, January 12th, was discharged as well yesterday by Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, who has treated the case. Johnson was kept at his home, 205 Hanover street, and his house has been thoroughly disinfected and the infested clothing burned. His face shows the marks of pustules, but Dr. McMillan says they will soon disappear, and his face will be pitted very little, if any. There are sore spots on his body.

The quarantine of the people who were in contact with Johnson and those who were in contact with Harge and who have been kept in confinement in Northrop's (or Lutimer's) alley, was raised yesterday. There is consequently no case in the city and no one under suspicion. The scare is over.

James Harge, the patient who was removed to the pest house, will be discharged in a few days, and the doctors think the danger is over.

THE SECOND REGIMENT BAND

A Request Made by This Organization for the Repetition of "The Substitute"

The Wilmington Dramatic Club yesterday deceived the following communication, which explains itself, viz:

"To the Ladies and Gentlemen who rendered the "Substitute" on the evening of January 24th, 1898. In behalf of the Second Regiment Band and Orchestra:

"We most earnestly request you to repeat the "Substitute" at an early date, for benefit of the band. Judging from encouragements which its rendition has elicited, I have, no doubt, it will receive the same warm approval and welcome as it did on the former occasion. Hoping it will be your pleasure to gratify our request, and assuring you of our ever willingness to serve you, I am,

"Very truly yours,
"JAS. W. MONROE,
"President, Second Regiment Band."

The Dramatic Club feels highly complimented at the receipt of President Monroe's letter, and will act upon it at a meeting to be held today.

This last presentation of the club has received much and lavish praise and it is hoped that the ladies and gentlemen of the club will see fit to repeat it. Then this organization is most deserving, and has always assisted the club's performances by furnishing a fine orchestra.

A Child Badly Burned

Yesterday morning Mertle, the little daughter of Mrs. Laura Simmons, fell into the fire and was badly burned about the face and head.

Mrs. Simmons resides on Second street, between Hanover and Brunswick, and yesterday morning, between 8 and 9 o'clock, she was sitting in front of an open fire-place, in which a fire was burning brightly, playing with her little daughter, who is only 2 years of age. Having occasion to visit another part of the room, Mrs. Simmons placed the little child in a chair, near the fire and started off. Hardly had she turned her back when the child pitched out of the chair into the fire, and was badly burned before she was rescued by her almost distracted parent.

The little one's face was badly burned, and her head, too, suffered several burns. It is thought that she will lose one of her eyes, even if the wounds do not prove fatal.

Dr. T. S. Burbank was called in and administered to the little one's sufferings, which were of a most painful nature.

L'Agile Cotillion Club's Merry Dance

The first german since the festivities of the holidays was that of the L'Agile Cotillion Club given last evening at Germania hall. Miller's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, and about twenty couples participated. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Warren S. Johnson, the regular leader of the club, Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., lead last night's german, and did so in a most graceful manner. The following were in attendance:

Mr. G. D. Crow with Miss McQueen, Mr. W. C. Crow with Miss Peschau, Mr. J. Cotchett with Miss Cotchett, Mr. S. P. Collier, Jr., with Miss Daggett, Mr. C. McD. Davis with Miss Lautham, Mr. T. W. Davis with Miss Lizzie Peck, Mr. A. A. Moffitt with Miss Jeanie Peck, Mr. H. B. Peschau with Miss May Treat Peck; Mr. F. Dick with Miss Lee; Mr. H. McFarland with Miss Meares; Mr. R. N. Nash with Miss Wiggins; Mr. H. J. McMillan with Miss Green; Mr. J. M. Stevenson with Miss Dismukes; Mr. E. St. John with Miss Jane Meares; Mr. C. E. Taylor with Miss Bellamy; Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Jr., with Miss Moffitt; Mr. C. Giles, Jr., with Miss Chadbourn.

The visitors were Miss Dismukes, from St. Augustine, Fla., and Mr. P. R. Slocomb, from Fayetteville, N. C.

Meeting of the Wilmington Musical Association

The Wilmington Musical Association held its regular weekly meeting last night at the Young Mens' Christian Association, and it was presided over by Colonel A. M. Waddell, the president, with Miss Adrian, secretary.

Several amendments were presented to the newly adopted by-laws and constitution, and were accepted.

On motion, the musical director, Mr. E. H. Munson, was instructed to purchase all music necessary for the use of the association.

The session then adjourned.

Last night's meeting was enthusiastic in nature and a most highly satisfactory one. About sixty lady and gentlemen members were present among whom were fifteen new members.

The music to be selected and ordered by Mr. Munson will be here next Monday evening, at which time the association will have a rehearsal.

Cold Wave Signal Ordered

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 31, 1898.

The following message was received at this office at 10:00 p. m.:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1898.

To Observer, Wilmington, N. C.:

Hoist cold wave signal. The temperature will fall fifteen to twenty degrees by Wednesday morning.

C. M. STRONG,
Local Forecast Official.

FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

RALEIGH HAS TWO SLIGHT FALLS OF SNOW IN A DAY

V. S. Lusk to Succeed Judge Ewart if He Desires the Place—The Raleigh Postmastership—Colonel Andrews Expresses Surprise at His Treatment by the Railway Commission—Surry and Cleveland People Subscribe to the Public School Fund—A Heavy Wind Storm

Messenger Bureau,
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.

The first snow storm of the season began yesterday at noon and continued several hours, but not over half an inch remained. So dry and warm was the earth that it was not covered. During the night most of the snow disappeared, but at 9:30 o'clock this morning another fall began. The earth was so moist that the snow failed to stick.

Carl Duncan brings the news that if V. S. Lusk wants to be judge to succeed Ewart, Governor Russell will give him the place; if not, then E. D. Carter, of Asheville, will certainly get it.

All the republicans laugh at the idea of Butler preventing Ewart's confirmation.

It is a nice question who will be postmaster here. It is said that Joshua B. Hill says openly that Senator Pritchard has promised him the place and that C. T. Bailey makes the same assertion.

The Blue Ridge National bank, at Asheville, began business today.

State Bank Examiner J. R. Joyce is made stamp agent of this revenue district at Reidsville.

As was predicted two weeks ago that Revenue Collector E. C. Duncan makes Henry C. Thompson, of Orange county, chief clerk, to succeed T. B. Womack, who retires with Colector Simmons.

It is the positive belief here that the Seaboard Air Line will get the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad, though there may be several bidders. The order of court as to the sale is expected tomorrow.

News as to new cotton mills and increase in the capacity of old ones comes in daily. The capacity of the Anchor mill at Huntersville is to be doubled.

Penitentiary Superintendent Mewboorne says that 165 convicts are grading the railway from Ashpole to Elrod and that eleven miles are graded.

Chairman Caldwell, of the railway commission, makes the statement that Vice-President Andrews, of the Southern railway, expressed surprise to him at the willingness of President Elliott, of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Vice-President St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line, to give the commission a list of passes. What Andrews was surprised at was the roughness, not to say rudeness, towards him and the politeness toward other railway officials.

Though yesterday was Sunday, there was no let-up in the work of transferring the revenue office here from Simmons to Duncan. Special Agent Lay says he expects to have it done by tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The state superintendent of public instruction is notified that the people of Surry county have subscribed $653 to the public schools, and those of Cleveland $265. Under the act of 1897 the state must "match" this sum out of the general fund.

The Sunday school of the Baptist tabernacle here elects N. B. Broughton delegate to the international Sunday school convention at London in June and will pay all his expenses.

Saturday's wind storm was quite severe west of here and wrecked one-fourth of the partially completed works of the Southern Chemical Company at Winston. This is the company of which ex-State Chemist H. B. Battle is president.

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A DYNAMITER'S WORK

A Bomb Exploded in Havana—The Culprit Captured—The Body of Colonel Ruiz Recovered

Havana, January 31.—At about midnight last night a man named Louis Coro Lazo, who recently returned to Cuba from the African prisons, exploded a bomb at the private residence of the conservative ex-mayor of Havana, Senor Miguel Diaz. The noise of the explosion was heard throughout Havana, although the scene of the explosion was at Jesus del Monte. The door was broken and a large hole made in the house. The Diaz family and those inhabiting neighboring houses were panic stricken.

Lazo drove to Jesus del Monte from Havana in a cab. He was captured while attempting to escape. Senor Diaz says he does not know Lazo and believes he has political accomplices.

The body of Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, the aide de camp of Captain General Blanco, who was executed by order of the late General Nestor Aranguren for visiting an insurgent camp with proposals looking to the surrender of the insurgent chief, after having been found, were identified and brought to Campo Florido, where it was received with military honors. Thence the remains were taken by train to Quinta Molina, Havana, the residence of the captain general, where the body is lying in state. On its arrival at Quinta Molina last night, the body was received by all the generals and a large number of other army officers. The body was buried in Colon cemetery today.

Captain General Blanco sailed today from Santiago de Cuba on board the steamer Villa Verde, for the north coast of the island.

Killed by Sewer Gas

Vancouver, B. C., January 31.—The Warrimoo brings news of a severe accident in Melbourne in which many lives were lost. Inspector Mosep, of the city board of works and a gang of men went into a swere to make an investigation. A tardy workman who followed them came back and said that Mosep and all the gang were overcome by sewer gas. The region where the men were enclosed was flooded by the fire department, but the pressure was so strong that it was impossible to unfasten the vent holes and the gas was let off by means of a siphon. Divers were then secured who finally brought all the men to the surface. Many of them had families and all were young men.

Anson to Retire from the Chicago Club

Chicago, January 31.—James A. Hart, secretary of the Chicago base ball club, said tonight that he would tomorrow evening make a formal statement covering the relations that are to exist hereafter between the club and Captain A. C. Anson. It is generally regarded as a certainty that Anson will have nothing to do with the club in any capacity and that Tom Burns will be made manager. Neither Hart nor Anson will say one word on the subject tonight.

Conspiracy to Murder the Shah

Berlin, January 31.—The Post says it learns from Russian sources of the discovery of a conspiracy at Tehran, Persia, to murder the shah and to install a younger brother at the palace. Mouzaffer Ed Din, the shah of Persia, has six younger brothers, and the second is Kimran Mirza, born in 1856.

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