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MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 17, 1900.

There were three accessions to the Methodist church yesterday.

There was an error in the special notice of Mr. J. B. Cummings' advertising but ter. It should have been 20c instead of 25c.

Regular election of officers of Kinston Lodge No. 316, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present promptly.

Rev. M. C. Thomas, of Leasburg, left this morning for Goldsboro. He filled the pulpit at the M. E church last night and preached a good eermon.

Rev. J. K. Faulkner, who is visiting his son, Dr. T. H. Faulkner, preached a good sermon at the Baptist church yes-Berday morning. Last night the pastor filled the pulpit. A collection to help pay off the church debt was taken amounting to \$147.

A small fire was the cause of the alarm this afternoon. A defective stove flue in Mr. Elias Abbott's harness shop on north Queen street was the cause. The fire was extinguished by Mayor Webb with a hand fire extinguisher. The building be-longs to Mr. S. H. Loftin. The damage was slight.

Mess. Mark Mewborn, A. Beasley, C. D. Hicks, H. L. Hubbard, J. H. Darden, Jr., W. F. Bogart, T. D. Blackburn, R. L. W. F. Bogart, I. D. Blackourb, R. D. Baskett, C. K. Bailey and P M. Hood went to Goldsboro Saturday night to see "Black Patti Troubadour Co.," a minstrel show. They returned home yesterday.

Rev. D. W. Davis, editor of the Washington Watch Tower, preached to a large congregation in the Christian church here hast night. His sermon was an excellent one. At the conclusion of the sermon he stated that a Coristian church was in course of erection in Greenville, but the work had stopped owing to a lack of funds. He took a collection amounting to \$40 and a committee was appointed to see other friends of the cause today and it is hoped to swell the amount to \$50 or \$60.

Mr. W. D. McCracken, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a traveling salesman for a Chicago house, was found dead in his room yestorday morning at Hotel Kennon, Goldsboro. His appearance indicated that he died early Saturday night. He had dis-robed and was probably in the act of making a bath when he fell face downward and died of apoplexy, so said the physician who was called in. The de-ceased was about 50 years of age. The body was embalmed and sent to his home at Cincinnati.

Superior Court.

The case of A. Mitchell vs. J. F. Baker Mr. L. McCullen came from Greenville ras given to the jury about 5 o'clock Saturday night and returned this morn-

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. J. Rogers went to Raleigh today by Jno. F. Hooker, corner Blount Mr. W. B. Pate went to Goldsboro Satand Independence streets. arday. Rev. E. D. Phillips returned to Ayden today.

Miss Alice Harper returned to LaGrange last night.

Mr. Julius H. Bell went to LaGrange this morning.

Mr. B. L Cox, of near Newbern, spent oday in Kinston. Mrs T. S. Jones, of LaGrange, spent

today in Kinston. Mr. W. D. Pollock left yesterday for

Bennettsville, S.C. Mr. W. P. Horton left this morning for

Williamsburg, Va. Mr. A. Miller, of LaGrange, was in

Kinston yesterday. Mr. James Wiggins, of Newbern, spent

yesterday in Kinston. Mrs. J. S. Wooten returned home Satarday night from Grifton.

Mr. H. A. Epting spent Saturday night and Sunday in Goldsboro.

Mr. L. Hiues went to Newbern Saturday and returned yesterday.

Miss Clyde Humphrey, of Onslow county, is visiting in Kinston. Mr. A. Mitchell left this morning on a

business trip to Richmond, Va. Mr. W. C. Mills, of Richlands, left Kins-

ton this morning for Richmond. Mr. J. L. Harward went to Wilson yes-

terday and returned this morning. Mr. L P. Tapp went to LaGrange this

morning and returned this afternoon. Miss Effle Alphin, of Newbern, came this morning to visit friends in Kinston. Miss Bruce Sutton went to LaGrange this morning and returned this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scarboro, of Mont-

comery, N. C., are visiting at Mr. E. D. Turnage's. Mrs. W. J. Kittrell, of Grifton, who had

been visiting Mrs. Lula Bruton, returned home today. Miss Rebecca Thomas, who had been visiting Mrs. W. S. Herbert, left this

morning for Goldsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Hill, of Newbern, who had been visiting in Kinston, re-

turned home yesterday Mrs. Martha Patterson, of Clinton, who

had been visiting Mrs. Jno. F. Wooten, left this morning for her home.

Mrs. John Harvey, of Snow Hill, came Saturday to visit Mrs. Thos. Harvey, and went to LaGrange this morning.

Mr. Geo. B. W. Hadley came from Greenville Saturday night and went to his home at Lattrange yesterday.

Capt. Swift Galloway went to La-Grange Saturday night and from there to his home at Snow Hill yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Bell and Miss Dollie Koonce, of Pollocksville, who had been visiting at Mr. W. S. Herbert's, returned home yesterday.

Norfolk, Va., this week.



Do you intend to go home or travel during the holidays?

If so, 'twould save you time, trouble and expense to look first at our line of Suit Cases, Trunks, Telescopes and Grips.

Our stock comprises a complete assortment in each, and the prices are as low as could be asked.

Suit Cases from \$1.50 to \$10.00. Trunks at all prices from \$1 to \$15.

A Suit Case as a Christmas present to a man is sure to please.

OETTINGER BROS. NOTICE! Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly which meets in January, 1901, for changes in the Charter of the Lown of Kinston.

GEO. B. WEBB, Mayor.



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Not much time to stop and think-days are flying and so are the goods.

Why wait? Why stop? Why think? No risk-never any risk in buying here because you can get your money back if you want it (except of course on goods that are cut) And if you don't know what to give-well, what can help you better than seeing the thousand and one things here?

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Saturday evening: A verdict was refurned for Baker.

The case of Hunter & Simms vs. C. T. Bandolph was tried today. Verdict was returned for defendant. This case was for goods shipped to Mr. Randolph by Hunper & Simms, the same being destroyed by fire in the depot in 1899.

Hinston M. E. Ohurch Board of Stewards.

The following compose the board of wards of Kinston M. E. church, South, for 1900-1901:

Dr. F. A. Whitaker, J. W. Grainger, L. Harvey, Rev. J. B. Webb, J. W. Collins, M. B. Moore, J. J. Bizzell, H. W. Mc-Kinne, D. V. Dixon, G. P. Fleming, J. J. Stevenson, C. M. Jordan, H. P. Fort, A. & Powell, Arthur Harrell.

Party at Woodington.

There will be a box party and rosette supper at Woodington school house Fri-day night, Dec. 21, 1900. Everybody is invited to come and bring their pretty prise and see who will get the prize quilt. It will be for the benefit of a Sunday bool Christmas tree.

F. L. WALLER.

BAILWAY DIRECTORS MEET.

Question of LaGrange and Snow Hill Branch Referred to the Legislature.

Soldsboro, Dec. 14 .- The directors of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad met here today to consider the question of the englession of the road from La-Grange to Snow Hill.

After deliberating three and a half fours it was decided to take the matter sofore the legislature at its next session. The net earnings of this company are \$10,000 in excess of earnings at this time last year. This speaks volumes for the present management.

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Smoke "Carolina Brights" cigarettes. The best cigarette-"Carolina Brights." Citron, Currants and Raisins at H. W. Commings'. Nice Butter, 20c pound, just received at

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Three Mules for Sale. Apply to MES. LILLIAN PERRY, Kinston, N. C.

If you will smoke cigarettes, smoke 'Carolina Brights," the best:

Second Crop Rice Hay for sale at Jas. F. Parrott's, \$14 a ton. Car load lets for sale by Jno. F. Mewborne.

Glassware, Chinaware and lot of Christmas goods, at Mrs. Matilda Cummings' old stand, to be closed out cheap. Respectfully, J. B. CUMMINGS.

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to be remembered, or the condition of your purse. The spirit of the times, which makes all things better, has increased the purchasing power of the dollar.

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