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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SANTA CLAUS

Will Soon Arrive.

He has sent his stock for the coming Holiday Season, and will make our store his headquarters.

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Dealers in

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OUR NEW STOCK OF

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Xmas Presents!

As the Christmas season comes but once in twelve months and each and every person is expecting the congratulations of the season with a present.

I take pleasure in inviting husbands and wives, young gentlemen and ladies, boys and girls to come and select something useful and ornamental, for their favorites. I am now displaying a few pretty

TOILET CASES, PLUSH WORK BOXES, SHAVING CASES, GENT'S DRESSING CASES, PLUSH BOXES STATIONERY, PICTURE FRAMES

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Respectfully,
D. I. WATSON, Druggist.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—Congress is engaged in playing a farce comedy, with the American people for the audience, which is certainly ludicrous enough to be enjoyed by all, were it not for the wide-spread fear throughout the audience that a tragedy not on the program, in the shape of a terrible financial panic, may be the afterpiece of the show.

When a joint resolution providing for the usual two weeks Christmas recess was introduced in the House, the over virtuous and over industrious Senators cried out against such a waste of the people's time and announced the intention of the Senate to continue business right through the holidays, and if necessary to sit even through Christmas day. What was the result? Just about what was expected by those who had heard such talk before. The Senate on Christmas eve, finding itself short of a quorum adjourned to Saturday, and on that day having but eighteen members present it adjourned until to-day, when it again met without a quorum. The prospect for any real business being transacted this week is very slim at this writing, and the House is even worse off than the Senate in the matter of attendance. So that, as may be seen the majority of both House and Senate are taking the holiday, which they lacked the manliness to authorize by the adoption of a joint resolution, and this is what is called modern statesmanship. No wonder that the Farmers Alliance and kindred organizations are growing in membership so rapidly.

By the way, speaking of the Farmers Alliance, there is a small branch of the order here, known as "Capital Alliance No. 22," which is attracting a great deal of attention, owing to the general curiosity among our public men to know more about this wonderful organization. This Alliance is under the immediate control of the Maryland State Alliance, and meets semi-monthly at the office of the "National Alliance," the official organ of the organization.

Friends of reciprocity and they are growing more numerous every day, are much gratified to learn in a semi-official way, that Mr. Ryan, the United States Minister to Mexico, who has been here conferring with Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine, has been instructed to endeavor to promote a system of reciprocity between Mexico and this country. It is regretted though that the administration has given no evidence of favoring reciprocity with Canada, which is after all, probably our largest foreign customer; and Senator Sherman is reluctant as to his intentions concerning the resolution which he offered at the last session of Congress instituting the President to take steps toward the negotiation of a treaty with Great Britain, providing for Canadian reciprocity.

The nomination of Judge Brown, of the United States District Court of Michigan, to be the successor of the late Justice Miller, of the United States Supreme Court, which was at first somewhat coldly received, because Judge Brown was not more widely known, it is now thought to be a very good one.

There is no disposition on the part Southern Democrats in Congress to side-track Mr. Cleveland as a Presidential candidate, on account of his financial views, and to boom a Western man, and ex-representative Wm. H. Morrison, of Illinois, now a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, is being talked up as a strong and available man. It is believed by a great many people here that Senator-elect Brice, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee is using his influence against Mr. Cleveland.

Senator Plumb, who has an independent sort of a way of expressing his sentiments, says: "Oh yes, some people complain because Congress doesn't legislate. Well, Congress did legislate. It legislated until it came near bursting up the whole Republican party."

NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

Granville county is practically out of debt, and will soon get \$5,000 from Vance county.

The depot at Mooresboro was broken open and nearly one hundred dollars of money stolen therefrom.

The Charlotte Chronicle announces that the street cars in that city will soon be operated by electric power.

The Bingham School Academy and gymnasium hall were burned on the morning of the 24th. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

The Town Commissioners of Wadesboro, have ordered an election to be held on the first Monday in February, to see whether the hog shall have the freedom of the city or not.

On Wednesday the 24th ult., the store of J. B. Blanton at Forest City was totally destroyed by fire. Loss about \$3,000. It is clearly shown to be the act of an incendiary.

A squad of Mormon preachers are in the city, and we understand have preaching at stated intervals near Fisher Hill mine, six miles south of the town.—Greensboro Record.

Kinch Freeman, the negro who murdered Mr. Adkins and his mother on November 14th and who was captured in Norfolk last week and lodged in the Wiston jail, was lynched on the morning of the 24th ult.

A car-load of negroes passed through Wilson Friday, on their way South. The negroes of this section have fared well this year and it will be no easy matter to induce them to leave a certainty for the unknown.—Wilson Advance.

The Duke Cigarette Company on Christmas eve surprised all their employees by paying them just double the amount of his or her weekly earnings. So by this means the total pay roll was \$7,000; \$3,500 of which were given away by the glorious Dukes in Christmas gifts.

Mr. Thomas M. Webb has received the valuable gold medal awarded by the U. S. Government for life-saving—in recognition of heroic conduct at the rescue of two ladies, Mrs. Hayes and her sister, from drowning at Wrightsville Beach last summer.—Wilmington Star.

Dr. Von Ruck reports favorable progress in the condition of the young lady patient who was inoculated with the Kock lymph on Saturday afternoon at his sanitarium for tuberculosis of the throat. All symptoms as previously outlined were apparent.—Asheville Journal.

Miss Lottie Scales, a young lady aged nineteen years, living with Mrs. J. Watson, her aunt, in the southeastern part of the city, was so badly burned on Christmas morning, that she died a few hours later. She was the daughter of Capt. Geo. Scales, who was at one time Chief of Police of this city.—Raleigh Chronicle.

Some of our farmers gathered good crops of hay the past fall. Our attention has been called to a good quality that was made in November. North Carolina's advantages as to soil and climate should be widely advertised in the blizzard stricken North and Northwest. What would they think up there of hay making in November.—Farmer and Chief.

About two o'clock on Sunday morning an alarm of fire was sounded from the Raleigh & Gaston railroad shops and soon the entire department was at the scene of the most destructive and unmanageable fire Raleigh has ever seen. The new round house of the road with seventeen locomotive engines standing therein were wrapped in flames. The night was intensely cold and although the fire boys did all that human effort could do the massive structure and its contents of iron horses could not be saved. The loss on building and engines estimated at \$200,000.—Raleigh Chronicle.

THE SOUTHPORT LEADER \$1 a year

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN EUROPE.

Wednesday, Dec. 24.

There was a slight earthquake shock, at Knoxville, Tenn., at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

Yesterday was the anniversary of Henry W. Grady's death and the corner stone of the Henry W. Grady Hospital was laid at Atlanta, Ga., the Grand Lodge of Masons conducting the exercises.

Judge Henry B. Brown, of Detroit, Mich., who is now U. S. District Judge for the third district of Michigan, has been nominated by President Harrison to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the place of the late Justice Miller.

There are under treatment at New Orleans, nearly 30,000 cases of La Grippe and the death rate for last week is greater than ever before recorded except during the time that the yellow fever epidemic prevailed, twelve years ago. The number of deaths recorded last week was 236.

Thursday, Dec. 25.

It is estimated that at least 7,500 are now out, in the railroad strike in Scotland. Price of coal at Glasgow is advancing and a gas famine is feared.

The new thirty foot rifled gun was tested at Asbury Park N. J., yesterday, by the Government engineers. The test was quite successful, shells being thrown a distance of fifteen miles out to sea.

Three persons, anarchists, one of them a woman, who were concerned in the escape of the Russian, Padlewski, who murdered Gen. Schwerskoff, have been sentenced, in Paris, to serve various terms of imprisonment.

A great quantity of Christmas mail, stored in the basement of Chicago's rickety old Government building, was destroyed yesterday by the bursting of a water-pipe which was occasioned by the settling of the walls of the building.

Stephens & Co's distillery and warehouse at Cartner's Station, Tenn., was destroyed by fire last night. The warehouse contained 750 barrels of whiskey which was also burned. The loss will be about \$20,000 partially covered by insurance.

Friday, Dec. 26.

Great snow storm at St. Louis, Mo., yesterday. Almost impossible for street cars to run. Railroads badly blocked.

Frank E. Dickinson and Minnie Brundage, were drowned in a mill pond at Ann Arbor, Mich., Christmas day. They were students at the college.

The Masonic Temple, at Baltimore, with nearly all the records for more than a century back, was destroyed by fire yesterday, together with all the paraphernalia, uniforms, relics, etc., and the fine library of the Grand Lodge. The loss is heavy, amounting to about \$450,000.

A machinist of Akron, O., George W. Daraway by name, has perfected a process and machinery which promise to revolutionize the fiberware business in the United States. The use of fiberware goods has been hitherto restricted on account of high prices, but the new process is much cheaper.

Spain's Minister of Finance has issued a decree declaring that Spain must follow the protection movement of America and Europe, repeal portions of the existing tariffs, and largely increase the duties on horses, mules, cattle, preserved and salted meats, flour, rice and cereals from January 1st, next.

Saturday, Dec. 27.

The loss of life by the burning of the Chinese steamer Shanghai near Nanking, will amount to nearly two hundred.

The Edisto Phosphate and Fertilizer Works near Charleston, S. C., were

entirely destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$200,000.

A fire in the Kennedy House, Chattanooga, Tenn., did \$15,000 damage yesterday.

Another furious snow-storm raged all day yesterday at points all the way from Virginia to Canada and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The weather has been intensely cold.

Daniel W. Talcott, head bookkeeper for a large firm of lumber dealers in Albany, N. Y. has been arrested, charged with the embezzlement of a large sum of money from his employers.

Dun & Co's weekly review says, that the holiday trade in New York has been remarkably heavy and at most points good, which is by no means evidence that the lightness of the money market springs from any general embarrassment of business or industry. Foreign trade is heavy and railroad earnings for December thus far, show a gain of 4 per cent over those for the same time last year. Trade at Atlanta improving, cotton moving more freely. Trade fair at New Orleans. On the whole, labor has never been more fully employed than in the latter part of 1890. Exports from New York for the first three weeks of December were 7 per cent greater than for last year, imports were 2 per cent, greater. Failures for the week 303 against 262 for the corresponding week last year.

Sunday, Dec. 28.

The resignations of the entire police force of Jackson, Miss., were asked for, handed in and accepted, owing to their inefficiency in dealing with Christmas revelers.

A boiler in a small sausage factory at Cincinnati, O., blew up early yesterday morning wrecking several dwellings badly, killing one little girl and injuring six people seriously.

Fire broke out in the broom shop of Auburn prison, Auburn, N. Y., yesterday morning. The broom shop was entirely destroyed and the store room of the collar shop and the chair shop were partially burned. Two firemen were badly injured by falling walls.

The wind blew at the rate of twenty-six miles an hour at New York Friday, the temperature at 8 a. m. was twenty-five degrees above zero. Thirteen inches of snow have fallen. At Farmington, Me., thirty and one half inches of snow have fallen during the past two weeks.

Monday, Dec. 29.

The report that a receiver had been appointed for the Knoxville Southern road is unfounded.

The New York and London committees on the Virginia State Debt have it is announced, definitely agreed upon a plan which it is expected, the Virginia Legislature will approve.

Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Latest advices from Great Britain indicate that there may be a general strike on all railroads there.

One of the largest dry goods houses in Anniston, Ala., H. C. Marks & Co., have failed, with liabilities aggregating \$25,000, assets \$40,000.

The latest report from the banking house of S. A. Kean & Co., of Chicago, says that they will not be able to pay more than from ten to fifteen cents on the dollar.

One thousand girls returned to work at Clark's thread mills, at Newark, N. J., yesterday morning. The company expects a large supply of cotton from Scotland shortly and will then offer work to one thousand more girls.

Three men successfully rob the South Chicago National Bank, yesterday. Two of them engaged the attention of the cashier while the other came in behind him and knocked him senseless by a blow on the head. They got away with \$4,500. The police gave chase and captured two of the robbers after a run of several miles, wounding one of the fellows seriously by a shot from their revolver. All the money was recovered.

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FOR ALL AGES.

AT LOWEST PRICES.

Come and see our goods and hear our prices, before purchasing.

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a large stock of

FINE CLOTHING

HATS AND CAPS.

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Which will be sold at the Lowest

Prices at my store.

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A few of the Goods which we have just received and to arrive this week.

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Gents White Shirts, laundered and unlaundered.

Large assortment of Misses and Ladies Stockings.

Large Heavy Comforters, \$1 to \$1.25

Ladies Fine Wool Mixed Vests, only 75 cents.

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All Wool Tropic.

All Wool Dress Flannels, both plain and plaid.

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