

A BOND BILL TO PASS

Bills Presented to House on Revenue and Finance.

HEAVY DUTY ON WOOL.

Revenue Measure to Add Forty Millions, Most From Wool—Probability of Bonds to Help Stocks.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The news from Washington today is that Congress has decided to promptly grapple with the financial situation.

Revenue and Finance.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The two bills which have been prepared by the Ways and Means committee relating to revenue and finance, were presented to the House today by Chairman Dingley.

It is expected that both measures will pass with little delay. The Democratic members of the committee resisted both bills with a single exception, Tarsney, who voted with the Republicans on the adoption of the bond bill.

To Rush them Through. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The committee on rules in the House today decided to report a rule to vote on the Ways and Means tariff bill at five this afternoon, and the bond bill tomorrow.

Rich Deal Made by Tongs. By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Four masked men armed with rifles held up a Mission street electric car from Ingleside last night, robbing two employees of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club of three thousand dollars.

A Reward Offered. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Secretary Leak, of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club has offered a \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties engaged in the hold-up of Cashier Clark. It is now stated that \$7,000 was secured.

Nipping Cold in Berlin.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. BERLIN, Dec. 26.—A terrible snow storm prevails today. The streets are impassable because of the ice. Friedrich's Strasse is strewn with fallen men and horses; passengers in horse cars get off assisted by drivers.

Death in Steamer Collision.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. ALGERS, Dec. 26.—The British steamer, Bollerophon, was sunk today by a collision with the French steamer, Emile Selesle, at the entrance to the harbor. Thirty passengers of the Emile Selesle, including twenty-five natives were drowned.

Japanese Cruiser Wrecked.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. YOKOHAMA, Japan, Dec. 26.—The Cruiser, Kwan Pin, captured from China by Japan during the recent war, was wrecked on Pescadore islands Saturday. Nearly all the deck officers and sixty men are missing.

Wisconsin Teachers Meet.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 26.—The annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association convened here today at Normal School Hall.

REBELS MARCHING ON.

Campos Got a "Victory," But Cubans Do Not Stop. By Cable to the Press-Visitor. HAVANA, Dec. 26.—A Havana dispatch says that Campos' victory over the insurgents at Coliseo has not checked the advance of the rebels.

Seventy-two Days Overdue.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The long-missing steamer, Strathmore, arrived in town from Fort Townsend this morning. She was out seventy-four days.

His Losses Jettison.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Pharmaceuticals and jewelry had a disastrous night tonight when a fire consumed the premises.

TARIFF TO BE THE ISSUE.

Republican Policy Outlined With Clearness.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "Assuming the published outline of the two bills the Ways and Means Committee will introduce in the House to be substantially correct, the Democrats of both houses are speculating as to the measure of opposition they can interpose against the passage of the tariff bill. In the House it is expected the bill will be forced through under a suspension of the rules, with no more debate than the majority choose to concede, thereby throwing the burden of the opposition upon the Democrats of the Senate. It is generally thought if the Republicans are in earnest about passing their tariff measure they may also be able to get it through the Senate. The Democrats, feeling confident the President would veto the measure, realize it can do no harm and can have no other effect than to define clearly what the Republicans would do if they regained control of the government in the way of tariff legislation. The bill would furnish in detail the tariff plank in their next national platform, and whatever the action of their convention might be, it would be upon the bill passed by this Congress that the party would have to make its fight.

This would bring the tariff question again squarely before the people and would give them another opportunity to decide between the policies of the two parties respecting methods of taxation. The Republicans are willing to make the issue, and it is argued that after the Democratic Senators have carried their opposition far enough to emphasize their position regarding the question involved they will permit the bill to pass. Some of the populists, including Senators Peffer and Jones, are expected to vote for the bill, so that if this calculation is correct there will be little doubt of a clear majority in its favor.

The bond bill cannot pass the Senate, every one concedes, and the determination of the republican leaders in the House to separate it from the tariff bill was reached after canvases of the situation in the Senate had revealed the fact that the bond proposition would defeat the republican tariff scheme if the two were united. Such Western republicans as Senators Teller and Mitchell strongly advised the separation of the propositions. The division among the republicans of the House on the money question also contributed to the decision. Many of the Western men declared that they would not vote for the tariff bill if it contained a provision for bonds.

It is now the intention of the republicans to pass their tariff bill by a strictly party vote and to depend upon the assistance of the sound-money democrats for the success of the bond bill.

CONCEALED AMONG APPLES.

Two Hundred Gallons of Liquor Seized in a Car Load of Apples.

The Revenue people had information of a new and novel seizure this morning. It was a new trick that the moonshiner attempted to play and he deserves credit for his originality, if for nothing else. What purported to be a car load of apples was shipped in a freight car from Wilkesboro to Fayetteville. Nothing was wrong about the shipment of a car load of apples, but the information looked out that among those apples were concealed 200 gallons of pure corn whiskey. This intelligence was made known to the Greensboro deputies and when the car passed through, a search was made, and the fruit was found in the fruit. There were eight casks of whiskey in all.

The apples will be sold right away to the highest bidder, and the whiskey will sell its quality increases with age.

Turks Route Armenians.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The report that the town of Zeitun was held by insurgents and Armenians for some time and finally had been captured by Turkish troops, is confirmed. The details are lacking. Inset Pasha, chief squery of the Sultan, who was arrested, presented the Sultan with a long report upon the situation in the country. The document, which the Sultan refused to read, was the leading to Inset Pasha's resignation. He is to be tried in court martial.

Xmas Offenders.

The Mayor's office was filled today with offenders and witnesses, who had spent not altogether a happy Christmas.

Robert Millikin was up for disorder and assault. Many witnesses testified to many conflicting statements, Mayor Ross faced him in a remembrance of his Christmas dinner.

Married.

At the residence of the groom's father, Mr. Henry Jones, on South Street, at 9 o'clock last evening, Mr. Hayward Jones to Miss Travis Childer, both of this city. A large number of friends were present and after the ceremony a party was given.

DUNRAVEN ARRIVED TODAY.

The Owner of Valkyrie will Prefer Charges.

HE COULD NOT BE SEEN.

His Attorney, Aquith, Refused to Discuss the Defender Case or the Venezuelan Question.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Dunraven left the Teutonic at quarantine, coming to the city this morning. Dunraven will probably stop with the American representative Kersey at 40 East Twenty-Fifth street. He could not be seen today. His English attorney Aquith, refused to discuss the Venezuelan question or the Defender case, except to say that there was evidence of fraud by Defender apparent everywhere.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Ranges Lower Owing to Little Speculation.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Liverpool market is closed for the holidays. New York opened 3 points off, improved slightly, but eased off again, being at 2 1/2 o'clock 10 to 11 points lower than Tuesday night. The interior movement is larger than expected, especially in the Atlantic States, besides the market feels the lack of speculation.

Receipts for December 25th, \$1,500 bales.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter. Special to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Liverpool will remain closed until Monday 30th inst. Our market opened with sales of March at 8.01 and after an advance to 8 cents ruled at 7.98 at 1 p. m. Without advice from abroad the market has been governed by the movement of the crop, and the semi-weekly receipts of 75,000 bales, against 42,000 bales in 1892, has caused the weakness during the morning. Reports from Savannah indicate an increase in the movement of the Atlantic crop, while the increase in the interior stocks leads many to look for the amount of cotton coming into sight to exceed the movement of 1892 by 75,000 to 100,000 bales. There appears to be no speculative support to the market as in comparison with other commodities. Cotton looks high to the majority of speculators.

HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

A Generous Christmas Remembrance.

Messrs. Royall and Borden, the famous furniture concern, believe in doing all things on a broad scale, and this was evidenced today by Mr. Royall Goodwin, manager of the Raleigh establishment. Messrs. Royall and Borden wrote Mr. Goodwin instructing him to pay to every man in the employ of the house as a Christmas present from them an amount equal to ten per cent of his month's wages. Mr. Goodwin today was a happy smile today as a Press-Visitor man talked with him and the smile was occasioned not only by the generous thoughtfulness of his firm but by the fact that the business he has been doing during the holidays has been a record breaker. The sales of furniture which they have made have been something astonishing, and we have no doubt that Messrs. Royall and Borden feel gratified at the success of the branch here. Continued success to them.

School Superintendents.

This evening the meeting of school superintendents and principals convened at the Centennial School. A goodly number of educators are expected to be present. The meetings will continue for several days. Among those who arrived today are Messrs. C. W. Toms, of Durham; Harry Howell, of Washington, and D. Matt Thompson, Prof. Alderman, of the University, will be an honored guest of the superintendents. A feature of tomorrow morning's meeting will be the exposition of methods of teaching, drawing and manual exercises by Miss Beams who teaches these branches especially in the Durham schools. Miss Beams will bring her class of pupils and specimens of their manual work. The public is invited to attend and witness this feature.

Money by the Basket Full.

The teller's window at the Commercial and Farmers' Bank had to be opened today to admit into the cage nothing less than a basket full of cash. It was somewhere between the size of a peck and a bushel basket, just as the handle by which it was carried would stand, and it was brimming over with currency of all sorts gold, silver and bank notes of various denominations as well as checks. It was a deposit of a well known dealer, who has entered to the Christmas trade and the size of the pile, which was the largest we have seen this year, would tend to indicate, as Capt. Thomas remarked, that the Christmas trade was certainly very good in Raleigh. It certainly does not look like hard times to see money deposited in our banks by the basket full.

Xmas Exercises at Brooklyn and Epworth.

The Christmas exercises and the visit of Santa Claus have not been better enjoyed than at Epworth Church Tuesday night and at Brooklyn Wednesday night. The exercises at both places were quite interesting and were witnessed by large and appreciative audiences. The decorations were in good taste and presents which Santa Claus gave the children were abundant. Messrs. J. H. Foster and E. L. White the Superintendents of the two schools have the thanks of the public for these two delightful entertainments.

Mr. Thompson Wedded.

Mr. James A. Thompson, who is with the cotton firm of Messrs. Barber & Co., was happily wedded at Pittsboro today to Miss Mattie Foushee, Rev. Dr. Cobb, of this city, performed the ceremony, which took place at 9 in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left this morning for High Point.

Mr. Thompson's many friends in Raleigh attended their heartfelt congratulations to him upon his good fortune and wish him and his bride many years of happiness.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY HERE.

Not Yet Officially Announced, But the Press-Visitor Has the Tip.

The next Teachers' Assembly will be held in Raleigh. That is the news which the Press-Visitor gives before it should be legitimately called news. It is, therefore, all the more particularly hot and pleasing tangle of interest; for the executive committee has not yet officially announced the change in the place of meeting. For the past several years the teachers have journeyed to Morehead where, in company with the hundreds who flocked there in response to the cheap rates, they have tumbled about in the sound and fished and sailed by day; and danced and "spooned" and sailed by night. So large have been the crowds that the teachers who went to the village by the sound for work and to take interest in the Associations' meetings were swallowed up, so to speak, by the much more numerous throng of pleasure-seeking pedagogues and their fun-loving friends.

So, for the past year or so those who have the Association's welfare at heart have been thinking that there was something which should attend the meeting; that soft crab and spanish mackerel are not good food for the brain.

So next year, says the man who is nameless but who knows all about it, the Teachers' Assembly will meet in Raleigh.

Here they will get a hearty welcome; and staid Raleigh will go and listen to psychological discussions with a face solemn to the point of looking understanding.

Here the teachers may work to their heart's content.

If the Atlantic Hotel wants big June crowds, let them offer the same old one dollar rate.

\$4.25 TO ATLANTA.

The Seaboard slashes the Rate to the Lowest Point.

As was predicted, the withdrawal of the Seaboard from the Southern Passenger Freight Association has resulted in a cut in rates. The slash came earlier than expected. The remarkably low rate of \$4.25 will go in effect on the Seaboard to Atlanta and return, for parties of five and more. The tickets will be good for five days and will be likely placed on sale tomorrow. While the information could not be officially given out at the Seaboard headquarters, still it is reasonably sure from the source of the information that the rate will be offered to the public.

This is by far the cheapest rate yet offered and will likely induce many persons to go.

Mrs. Thompson Sees Hugh D'Anna.

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Hickory says: "Mrs. C. P. Thompson arrived here Tuesday evening and demanded that the boy, Hugh D'Anna, be sent to her at once at the Charter House and that she left with her during Christmas. Sheriff Hawn took Hugh to the Charter House against his will, as a box had arrived from Signor Saverio D'Anna for the boy and he was very anxious to go to his grandmother's and have it opened.

"The sheriff's duty under the judgment is to allow the mother to see the child under such restraint as will prevent his being removed from the jurisdiction of the court.

"Mrs. Thompson proposes to give a party to her son tomorrow and invite a number of children. Sheriff Hawn consulted counsel, and said when told that he would have to attend: "Now won't I look pretty spending Christmas with a pack of children a-guarding them?"

Xmas at the Asylum.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the Christmas festivities was the Christmas tree celebration at the Insane Asylum. A number of Raleigh people were in attendance and through the kindness of Dr. Kirby and his excellent wife, Dr. Faison, Mr. Crawford and the attendants, the evening was most pleasantly passed.

It Was Not a Case of Contempt.

Last July the Citizen of Asheville forbiddingly and earnestly commented on the removal by Judge H. G. Ewart, of the Criminal Circuit Court of a murder trial from Buncombe county to Henderson county. The Citizen said, among other things, that the removal of the case to Henderson was unnecessary, expensive and a reflection on the intelligence of the people of Buncombe. Judge Ewart at once hauled the editor of the Citizen into his court for contempt and sentenced him to pay a fine of \$250 and be imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days, though the editor purged himself of contempt. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and that court has just rendered a decision. The opinion is favorable to the Citizen, the Supreme court finding that Judge Ewart was in error and that there was no contempt in the Citizen's editorial.

A BAD NET.

Desperate Characters Cut up Capers on the Train.

There were some high old times along the North Carolina Railroad yesterday morning, and some of the toughs from the cotton-milling districts were taking Christmas after their own hearts. Passengers who went up on the train leaving this city at 9 o'clock, passed through thrilling scenes, and before they got to Greensboro offered up a prayer of thanksgiving that they escaped with their lives. At Haw River a gang of desperadoes got on. They are well known in that region as hard wads. When the conductor came through and asked for their tickets they gave him profanity in return. They were all armed, but Conductor Pollock was very, and summoning the train hands he proceeded to stop the train and ditch the obstreperous toughs. As the train pulled out they fired a volley into the train from their pistols, but nobody was hurt, though the passengers were badly frightened. At the next stop another tough got on and tried the same game, and when the conductor reached up for the bell cord to put him off he jumped from the train at full speed, and it is thought that he broke his jaw on a cross-tie. Beyond Harrington the train ran through another drove of toughs, all of whom were very drunk. They shot Roman candles into the train, and some of them brandished pistols and brass knooks. It was reported in the train that a man was shot and killed at Haw River night before last.

ALMOST A MURDER.

Mollie Beaman Struck With a Rock and Seriously Injured.

Mollie Beaman, of "Bowery" and Mayor's court fame, will be seen no more for some time to come before his Honor, the Mayor, or in the station house; for it is in one of the white beds at Rex Hospital that Mollie will stay for days to come. She is a bad woman; her repulsive, hardened features distorted with pain and disfigured by the bandages that bind her head make a strange contrast with her genteel surroundings; but it is the hospital that will save her life—worth something anyway.

Christmas eve on the "Bowery"; And it was very different in its throng of vicious denizens to the scene on Fayetteville street. Standing in the door or over the door was Mollie Beaman. Drunken men and women reeled by, cursing, and each one had a word for Mollie, and "Bowery Queen." Suddenly there was a cry of started pain; and with one more shriek the woman reeled and fell. Then men nearby rushed headlong away through the darkness.

Julia Roper, who was at the woman's side, said that the woman had been struck with a rock. When the Beaman woman regained consciousness she confirmed the statement. Neither she nor the Roper woman has any idea as to who her assailant is. The injured woman was struck on the forehead, between the eyes, and her skull fractured. She was unconscious yesterday, but is better today. As yet, however, her life is still in danger.

Changes in Dry Goods Circles.

Messrs. Alex. M. Harrison and R. S. White who have been connected with the well known firm of W. H. & R. S. Tucker and Company for after years and more will sever connection with the firm on the first of the year. They have accepted responsible positions with well known Northern firms. Mr. Ed. Lee also discontinues his services with the firm.

The Tobacco Market is Quiet This Week.

The tobacco market is quiet this week. The warehouse will remain dark until New Year.

SOUTHERN AND SEABOARD.

Bidders for the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley.

TO BE SOLD AS A WHOLE.

A Majority of the Bondholders Vote Against Reorganization Plan—Propositions Submitted.

The bondholders of the Cape Fear & Yadkin-Valley railroad met in Baltimore and discussed the future of the property and the plans of the Baltimore and New York holders for its disposal. The meeting was very exciting and continued more than three hours. About 100 persons were present. The Baltimore plan contemplated the sale of the road as a whole, while the New Yorkers insist that the three divisions of the road upon which three series of mortgage bonds known as A, B and C are outstanding, be sold separately for the benefit of the holders of the respective securities. It was agreed that a majority of the holders of the three series should be necessary to a decision.

A majority of the New Yorkers endorsed the New York plan, while the Baltimore holders of the B and C series were in the majority and the vote as a whole was in favor of the Baltimore committee's plan, the total being, for the New York plan \$104,000; for the Baltimore plan \$1,519,000. Propositions were received from the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway Company for the lease of the road under the Baltimore and New York plans respectively.

The fight will now be taken to the courts.

The respective divisions, with the issue of bonds thereon, are as follows: A. South Carolina State Line six Fayetteville to Greensboro, N. C., 146 miles, \$1,500,000. B. Greensboro to Mount Airy, 70 miles, 4784,000. C. Wilmington to Fayetteville, 82 miles, \$890,000.

The Baltimore committee expected the result of the vote and did not regard it as a setback. Having the support of a majority of the total bonds outstanding, the committee proposes to push its fight before the courts for a sale of the system as a whole and not by divisions.

Mr. John K. Cowan, of counsel for the Baltimore committee, explained the plan in detail and showed the increased earnings expected when the road would be put in order for economical operation as provided for by the sale of a portion of the prior issue bonds contemplated under this plan.

The proposition permits the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway to elect its own board of directors and offers to make satisfactory arrangements to operate the property under a voting trust and to determine net earnings. All differences would be submitted to three arbitrators, one each selected by the two parties to the agreement and the third to be named by these two.

Mr. John C. Mabey, representing the New York committee, and Mr. Charles Steele, counsel for that committee, presented their position. This developed the offer of the Southern Railway. It was claimed by this committee that the A division is of greater value than either the B or C division. The plan of the New York committee was based on this division. An offer was made to purchase B bonds at the rate of fifty cents on the dollar of par value and C bonds at forty cents on the dollar of par value. No plan was presented by the New York committee for the reorganization of the property as a unit, as proposed by the Baltimore committee. It was proposed to purchase the A division, organize a new corporation which would issue \$1,500,000 of 100 year 4 per cent first mortgage gold bonds and "stock to such lawful amount as may be deemed advisable," as stated in the circular on the plan. This stock would be transferred to the Southern Railway Company in consideration of a rental-schedule to meet the interest on the bonds issued. An additional consideration agreed upon is \$225,000 par value of the preferred stock of the Southern Railway Company. Should B division be retained for the Southern Railway \$450,000 of additional bonds would be issued, the rental being proportionately increased to pay the interest thereon. If C division be also retained \$400,000 more of bonds would be issued under a like arrangement. The Baltimore plan provides for the issuance of \$500,000 of 4 1/2 per cent preference bonds, \$8,400,000 of new general mortgage bonds bearing interest for four years at 3 per cent, and at 4 per cent thereafter, \$1,700,000 of first preferred stock and \$600,000 of second preferred stock and \$900,000 of common stock. These securities are to be distributed as follows: For each \$1,000 A bond and coupons, new general mortgage bonds \$1,000, first preferred stock four shares \$400, common stock two shares \$200; for each \$1,000 B or C bond and coupons new general mortgage bond \$750, first preferred stock six shares \$600, common stock two shares \$200.

BILTMORE OPENED.

All the Members of the Vanderbilt Family the Guests of George.

Special to the Press-Visitor. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.—G. W. Vanderbilt opened his great mansion yesterday by entertaining a large number of members of his family and by giving the employees of the estate, numbering over two hundred, a Christmas tree and collation. Millionaire hospitality is a new feature in Western North Carolina Christmas festivities, but the employees, black and white, were delighted at the innovation. Mr. Vanderbilt made an address of welcome and presents were distributed to all.

Of the Vanderbilt family here are: Cornelius Vanderbilt, F. W. Vanderbilt and family; W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, mother of G. W. Mrs. Bromley, aunt of George; Mrs. Kinsam, Miss Kinsam, W. Seward Webb and family and W. D. Sloan and family.

The party will be largely augmented in a few days by the arrival of New York friends of the owner of Pittmore and ten days will be spent in coaching, hunting and fishing.

United Confederate Veterans.

We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Birdsong, Adjutant of Junius Daniel Camp, for the following information in reference to the North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans:

FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS.

Wm. L. DeRosset, Major-General. Junius Daniel, Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff. James M. Ray, Inspector General. A. D. Cazava, Chief Quartermaster. Samuel H. Smith, Chief Commissary. John Gray Bynum, Judge Advocate General. Peter E. Hines, M. D., Surgeon General.

Rev. N. Harding, Chaplain. Wm. R. Bond, Aide-de-Camp. R. H. Catherly, Aide-de-Camp. Wilson G. Lamb, Aide-de-Camp. Cleo R. Barker, Staff Color Bearer. The following is a list of Camps in the State, divided into Brigades:

FIRST BRIGADE.

Catawba Camp, No. 165, Hickory; Cabarrus, camp, No. 212, Concord; Andrew Coleman camp, No. 301, Bryson City; Chas. F. Fisher camp, No. 309, Salisbury; Col. Chas. F. Fisher camp, No. 319, Salisbury; Mecklenburg camp, No. 363, Charlotte; Col. Benches Campbell camp, 394, Statesville; Confederate camp, 417, Rye; Norfolk camp, No. 346, Winston.

SECOND BRIGADE.

Sampson camp, No. 137, Clinton; Cape Fear camp, No. 254, Wilmington; Junius Daniel camp, No. 336, Littleton; Leonidas J. Merritt camp, No. 337, Pittsburg; Bryan Grimes camp, No. 424, Washington; Itulla camp, No. 486, Burlington; Junius Daniel camp, No. 515, Raleigh; Zebulon Vance camp, No. 681, Asheville.

The Brigadier Generals of the Brigades have not yet been named, as a vote is now being taken by the camps of each brigade for its commander, as soon as a selection is made it will be announced to the camps through a general order from headquarters.

The Charter "Amendment."

The following is a copy of the application made to Justices of the Supreme Court Saturday by Attorney General Osborne. Justices present were Faircloth, Clark and Montgomery. "E. I. Osborne Attorney General, respectfully applies for leave to bring an action in the name of the State for the purpose of vacating the charter of the North Carolina Railroad or for such other relief as the court may see fit to grant in the premises. This application is made for the following reasons: First, that your petitioner has reason to believe that it can be established by proof that the North Carolina Railroad has executed a lease to the Southern Railway Company for ninety-nine years in which it assigns every part and parcel of its property, real and personal, except the offices at Burlington, and all its franchises, thereby abandoning the use and operation of its roads and franchises for that term. Second, that he has reason to believe that by said lease it has surrendered its corporate rights, privileges and franchises for 99 years and that it has thereby executed a business not allowed by its charter." The Justices above named sign the following: "Leave is granted Hon. E. I. Osborne, Attorney General, to bring the action as prayed for in the above petition, for the purpose of all wing the grounds of the application to be investigated."

NEWS GATHERED IN A...

Condensed and Put in a Readable Form.

FACTS AND GOSSIP.

Interestingly Told as Picked Up on the Streets and Various Points About Town.

Yesterday was unseasonably indeed, but the warm weather gave the harbor-blower a great show. The convention of school superintendents meet here for the first time this evening. The meeting will be in session for several days.

The Capital Club this evening gave a Christmas german. The club's second dance of the holiday season will be given on New Year's evening.

This evening the Baptist Tabernacle gives a Christmas cantata at Metropolitan Hall, which is sure to be of great interest. The proceeds will be devoted to charity.

News was received here today that Mr. H. N. Parker's son had his face badly burned while playing with Christmas fireworks, and Mr. W. A. Myatt's little son also had his face burned, but not seriously.

While ex-Judge Schoen is making every move within his power to invade the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, abusing the corporation and personally attacking the officers, a son holds a good position in this "unhappy" corporation in its offices in Greensboro. Such is life.

It is said openly around the streets that the number of coupons which went up the chimney and were afterwards cashed in at the Treasurer's office, is much larger than the people in that department admit. The loss is placed by rumor at three hundred dollars.

The Baptist Tabernacle today distributed through a committee, of which Mr. Robert H. Bradley is chairman, a quantity of Christmas presents to the poor. All day long yesterday the good people of the church were busy in their work of charity, but so many were the presents sent for distribution that the work ran over into today.

Some of the big fire crackers used this Christmas were decidedly dangerous and injurious to the auditory nerves as well. They contained dynamite and the explosion produced a sharp piercing report. The noise made by some of the larger ones was terrific. A fire cracker within reasonable bounds is a good thing, but those latest innovations should be outlawed.

This morning Justice Walter Clarke left on a trip which will be at once profitable and pleasant. The Judge's destination is Mexico, where he goes as the representative of the Arena Magazine. While in Mexico he will furnish that periodical with a series of articles descriptive of the country, its people and their customs. The articles will have the primary purpose of showing the business relations of Mexico, concerning the silver problem.

Services were held at all the churches yesterday morning and many were they who attended. All were prettily decorated and the Christmas sermons, while telling an old, old story, were nevertheless of great power. Christ Church and the Good Shepherd were most tastefully decorated. The music at all the churches was delightful. At Christ church there were six solos; this program will be repeated next Sunday.

Chief of Police Hartsch showed Tuesday night that though the dignity of his position as head of the department is by no means lost on him, he can still when occasion is presented act with the prompt physical alertness of an ordinary policeman. It was about half-past eleven o'clock that a disorderly commotion a throng of profanity in front of the market. The chief looked for a policeman; all the police were absent, watching in the gift-buying throngs. So the chief thing the "d" and "d" knew, he