

## COURT HAS ADJOURNED.

Civil Docket Continued Until January 14th

## MANY SENTENCES

And Fines Imposed by Judge Seymour Today—All the Criminal Cases Have Been Disposed of During the Week.

Judge Seymour adjourned Federal court today until January fourteenth, when the civil docket will be taken up and disposed of.

A vast amount of work has been done in the court this week. At least one hundred and fifty cases were disposed of and many others continued until the next term. The criminal docket was exhausted with but one or two exceptions and these will possibly come up at the continued term in February when the trial of civil cases occurs.

Most of the cases are confined to the uncommunicative moonshiner and the trial of them is a very tedious and troublesome undertaking. Judge Seymour has disposed of these cases with great rapidity. Mr. Aycock and his able assistant, Mr. C. S. Spruill, have done their part of the program with their usual skill and ability.

Mr. Verivivius Royster, the gentlemanly clerk, has had a great volume of work before him, which he has disposed of with dispatch and facility. Judge Riddick has handled the crowds that swarm upon him with his accustomed serenity and skill.

Below are sentences imposed upon prisoners today who had been convicted:

Fred Seymour, of Chatham, was sentenced to sixty days imprisonment for working at a still.

Spencer Woody, of Chatham, was given thirty days imprisonment for working at a still.

Jesse J. Morris, of Johnston, thirty days imprisonment for working at an illicit distillery.

Bill Anderson of Person county, pleaded guilty of retailing without license and was fined \$100 and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 days.

Bomble Hall of Granville county, received 30 days imprisonment for illicit distilling.

Doc Allen of Granville county was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment and fined \$100 for retailing.

J. H. Allen of Wake county was sentenced to 18 months at hard labor at Albany penitentiary and fined a stipence. A. J. Olive was sentenced to four months imprisonment. These are the parties who attempted to pass a one dollar bill for a five dollar one by substituting impressions of V's taken from Confederate bills.

Chas. Broadway and Sam Buneau were sentenced to four months imprisonment in Richmond county jail for passing counterfeit coin.

Price Rogers of Moore county was given 30 days imprisonment and fined \$100, for retailing.

Buen Ashley of Durham was given three months imprisonment for illicit distilling.

Alex. Knight of Moore county was sentenced to 30 days for working at an illicit still.

Chas. Ingram of Johnston was sentenced to four months imprisonment and fined \$100 for breaking into a government bonded warehouse.

Moses Ivey was given 4 months and fined \$100 for retailing.

W. M. Dillon of Granville was given the usual 30 days and fined \$100 for retailing.

Oscar Johnson of Harnett county was given 30 days for illicit distilling.

Robert Walls, of Chatham county, submitted to a charge of retailing and paid the costs.

John Lewis, of Robertson county, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days imprisonment on a charge of retailing without license. Others who received a similar fine and term of imprisonment for the same offense were: Chas. McNeil, of Harnett county; Andrew Davis, of Richmond county; Wm. Tyson, of Richmond county; Ulyses Glover, of Chatham county; Wm. Crabtree, of Moore county; and Nell Townsend, of Robeson.

Judge Melver to Retire.

Reports are current that Judge Melver, of the Superior Court, who has had two attacks of paralysis, will resign this month. In such case, Governor Carr will appoint his successor, who will serve until the next election.

## IT WAXES WARM.

Controversy Between Rev. E. W. Smith and Editor Reese.

The tilt between Rev. Egbert W. Smith, the Presbyterian pastor at Greensboro, and Editor Joseph M. Reese, of the Greensboro Record, on the question of immoral theatrical performances, continues with heightened vigor. Mr. Smith has published another card in which he says:

"With most of your article of yesterday on the social purity question, I am in perfect accord. I cheerfully admit that a lady may at times attend an indecent performance, knowing its true character. So may a man, as I know from experience. Of this undesigned patronage of impurity I was not speaking yesterday, nor am I today.

The language of my "protest" was carefully chosen. I retract not one syllable. I said then and I now repeat, "No lady of Greensboro would complacently witness this unspeakable degradation of her sex." Mark that word "complacently" and keep it carefully in mind throughout this whole article. It designates a pleased state of mind. It means with pleasure, with enjoyment. If any woman enjoys and is pleased with the degrading spectacle of one of her own sex marching about the stage with half her body exposed in tight to the coarse gaze of a male audience, she does not come up to our definition of a lady. The Standard Dictionary defines a lady to be "a refined and well bred woman." Can you imagine "a refined and well bred woman" "enjoying" so horribly immodest a performance? Can you think of her as "pleased" with this unspeakable degradation of her sex? I cannot; and I repeat with emphasis what I said yesterday, that "no lady would become a party," that is, a consenting partner, "to such wholesale massacre of modesty."

I say this not knowing the name of a single woman in Greensboro who is an habitue of such immodest performances. I never dreamed we had such in our churches (I saw the statement in yesterday's paper. I can account for it only on the supposition that as a Christian gentleman may sometimes do an unchristian and ungentlemanly thing, so it may seem credible to some that "a refined and well-bred woman" may occasionally derive deep satisfaction from the dirty spectacle of half naked women posturing and parading their unclothed bodies before the greedy eyes of a male audience. Some people may think it characteristic of "refined and well-bred women" to gloat over the public perpetration by other women of hideous indecencies whose commission by members of their own families would kill them with shame. We did not dream there were such "ladies" in Greensboro. It is incredible to us. We are heartily glad we have not the least idea who they are. We can only reaffirm our settled conviction that any woman, while eagerly feasting her eyes upon a spectacle of horrible indecency, abdicates for the time being her right to the sacred title of lady. For "no lady would complacently witness this unspeakable degradation of her sex. No lady would become a party to such wholesale massacre of modesty."

Replying to the above Editor Reese says in the Record:

Dr. E. W. Smith comes back today with considerable vim. Those who read our comments yesterday will remember that our only criticism was in the young Doctor's broad assertion regarding "females" attending a show where tight is a lady. We said on Tuesday that ladies could have gone without being offended. Why? Because we have seen them at places of amusement where tight is worn. Remember it is not a controversy of going to see the White Crook, but of any place where tight is on exhibition.

We have no desire or the least inclination to urge any one—lady or man—to go to see such performances, but Dr. Smith's trouble is in classing any and all such as "marching about the stage with half her body exposed."

This is untrue, to start with—that is with the majority of such shows—but if it were true, what is the difference between exposing the lower part or upper part of one's body, the latter of which is sanctioned in the highest society?

Please remember, now, as we go along, that we are not condemning or approving any of these things, but in the condemning process both should go together.

He further falls into error in class-

ing all stockinet shows under one head—"wholesale massacre of modesty," preceded by several other like phrases.

Upon this the Doctor will find that scores of the parent women in Greensboro and elsewhere will take issue with him. Let any man put down his own premises and argue from them and he will win. If all places of amusement where tight is worn are as the young Doctor says, he is right beyond peradventure; but the trouble is his premises are incorrect—they are not one and the same. Everybody knows this.

## THE NEXT ATTRACTIONS

Evangeline, the Great New York Success. Wednesday; Robson Thursday.

Of the beautiful "Evangeline," which has charmed more people than any piece on the stage, the New York World had this to say no longer than a few weeks ago: "Twenty years ago two young men of Boston in their spare moments wrote a musical extravaganza which fairly revolutionized the burlesque stage. The work still lives after all these years, with its inherent charms as fresh and as potent as two decades ago. Surely, J. Cheever Goodwin and Edward E. Rice when they build 'Evangeline' build better than they knew. It served as a model for scores of similar productions and it gave to the American stage more famous comedians than any other piece ever written in this country." This is the attraction that is to be at the Academy of Music on next Wednesday night.

It is said that as Matthew Ponderbury, Stuart Robson's interpretation of the much domineered husband is as humorous as was his "Bertie, the lamb." An able conditiant in this great comedy is Madame Jaunesco, the best tragedienne of the present stage era, who enacts the role of Mrs. Ponderbury, the autocratic wife. This mirthful comedy, together with a one-act play, will be seen at the Academy of Music on Thursday, when Mr. Robson and his company of excellent actors come to entertain his friends and clientele.

## AN EXCISE COMMISSION.

The legislature will be asked to Establish It—To Issue All Whiskey License.

One of the most important matters coming before the general assembly is the determination of the prohibition question. As is already known Editor Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder, Dr. Tuttle and other temperance workers intend to make a vigorous fight against the whiskey interests.

The saloon men are mindful of this fact but they express themselves as being satisfied that no legislation antagonistic to their interests will be enacted. It is not a well known fact, but the liquor dealers, through their president and advisory committee took a hand in the late campaign. They confined their energies to the legislative contest, and it is said defeated a number of candidates who favored prohibition. They did this in Wake.

Mr. E. V. Denton, one of the most prominent liquor dealers in the state, says that if the prohibitionists interfere with the whiskey interests the liquor dealers will ask for the establishment of an excise commission. The legislature will be asked, regardless of this, to establish an excise commission consisting of three commissioners who shall have control of issuing license everywhere in the state. This would take the license matter from the Board of Aldermen and commissioners.

Proposes a Ten Per Cent Reduction.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Chandler has introduced a bill in the Senate for a ten per cent. reduction of the salaries of all Federal employes. The reduction is to begin on June 30, 1897, and continue for three years, and shall include all of floors and employes of the United States whose salaries are paid from the treasury either annually, quarterly, monthly or semi-monthly, except those whose compensation cannot be diminished during their continuance in office.

Services at Central Church Tomorrow.

Dr. Hill, an Evangelist from New York will preach morning and night at the usual hours for church service in the Central M. E. Church. Dr. Hill anticipates spending the winter in our state, holding revival meetings his wife and himself are singers.

## NO ACTION FOR CUBA

Will be Taken by the Present Congress.

AN EXTRA SESSION

Of Congress Will be Called After the Fourth of March to Pass a Tariff Bill—McKinley's Policy Outlined.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—That McKinley's legislative programme is to be put into execution the beginning of his term is now definitely known. It comprises the immediate preparation of a protective tariff measure by the present ways and means committee at an extra session of the fifth-fifth congress shortly after March the fourth.

Already work has commenced under the plan agreed to by Dingley at the recent long conference with McKinley. The work of framing a tariff bill has already begun. The extra session will be urged to adjourn as soon as it accomplishes the work of passing a tariff bill. No financial legislation of importance will be attempted. Notwithstanding the eager rush of Senators to bring on the Cuban debate it seems determined by the leaders of the Senate that there will be no action on the Cuban question at the present session unless the situation changes leading the President to recommend it.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 12.—The head of the local Cuban committee today received dispatches from Key West making absolute denial of the Spanish report from Havana of the alleged killing of General Antonio Maceo.

The dispatches state that at 9 o'clock last night Maceo was safe in Pinar del Rio province, and his army was making successful operations against General Weyler's forces; that since the turning of Weyler's left flank on December 1st, Maceo had captured more than twelve thousand stand of arms and immense quantities of ammunition, medicines and commissary supplies. The dispatches also stated that within the next three days the Cubans are likely to turn Weyler's other flank and win a decisive victory.

Francisco Gomez has not been with Maceo in any of his recent movements, and is safe in Matanzas province. The head of the local committee said:

"We know positively that the most sensational and glorious news for the patriots will come from Cuba on or about December 15th. Texas is doing more to help the patriots than any other State in the union just now, and is favorably located for effective aid. Dallas and Galveston will be in close confidential relations with Key West than will any point in the east for some time to come."

A GILTED LOVER

Puts a Pistol to his Brain, but it is Snatched Away.

Ed. Pool, a young man just grown, made a futile attempt to end his life last evening.

Pool is an operative in the Pilot Cotton Mill. Of late he has paid a great deal of attention to a young lady. But Pool's case of true love did not run smooth. He loved, he wooed and he lost.

Disappointment was tured to desperation and last evening the love sick operative pointed a pistol to his head with the intention of killing himself. An associate of Pool's who was near by snatched the pistol to one side as the trigger was pulled. The ball went wide of its mark. The lover still lives.

VAMMOSE AT WILMINGTON.

Believed to be Loaded With Ammunition For Cubans.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 11.—The famous steam yacht Vammose, of New York, put into Wilmington for coal today. She is credited as being a dispatch boat between Cuba and the Florida coast for a prominent New York newspaper, but it is generally believed she is loaded with ammunition for the insurgents. She steams thirty miles an hour, and can easily outrun anything that the United States has.

Subscribers will please add to their telephone lists, George F. Carroll's residence, No. 192 D.

## ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN.

Matters of Interest Pertaining to the Tripple Link Order.

Our grand secretary's office is room 27, Pullen building.

Those who failed to attend Seaton Gales Lodge, Thursday night missed more than they can imagine.

There are now twenty-five children in the Orphan's Home at Goldsboro, fourteen boys and eleven girls. Grand Secretary Woodell paid a visit to Neuse Lodge and also to the Orphan's Home this week; having business with the Grand Master in Goldsboro.

The board of trustees of the Orphan's Home, consisting of W. C. Douglass, chairman; C. B. Edwards, treasurer; Nathaniel Jacobi, W. D. Gaster, W. T. Dorch and W. A. J. Peacock held an important meeting this week.

A petition for a Rebekah Lodge at Henrietta in Rutherford county has been sent in and accepted and the Lodge will be instituted in the next few days.

We clip the following from last Sunday's Wilmington Messenger: Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., will confer the initiatory degree on Tuesday night, at which time Orion, Wilmington and Hanover lodges will make a friendly call.

A series of Odd Fellows' visitations was commenced November 27th when Cape Fear, Orion and Wilmington lodges visited Hanover lodge, the visiting brethren furnishing the refreshments. A very pleasant time was spent. The Odd Fellows, we learn, propose to keep up these visits during the winter. Odd Fellows are invited to Cape Fear Tuesday night.

A similar visitation will occur at the meeting of Capital Lodge on Tuesday evening next. No. 8 and 64 will visit Capital Lodge.

Brother Kidder says: "Fifty years' experience in the Order warrants me saying that no human organization more fully meets its obligations to the living and the dead than Odd Fellowship. Such testimony is valuable to prudent men." Such is the testimony of every intelligent member.

Brother Past Grands, we shall expect you to air your views in this column, pro and con, upon the adoption of the pending amendment, which, if adopted, will give to every Past Grand in good standing, the privilege, as well as the right which he already has, of casting a vote for each of the grand officers when they are to be elected. Do you favor the amendment or not? We shall expect to hear from you.

The compiler of the Odd Fellows' column desires to announce, in place of a salutatory, that he has made an arrangement with the Press-Visitor by which this column will appear regularly every Saturday evening and will be devoted entirely to the interests of Odd Fellowship. To this end he invites and expects the earnest hearty co-operation of all its members, not only the male, but the female members as well. It will be open to you each week inviting you to give any news you may have or to express your views upon any subject pertaining to the Order's interest. All communications must necessarily be short and to the point, as space is limited, but let us hear from you, each and all of you, just as often as you please.

Remember, it is not the compilers interests, but the Orders interests you are contributing to, and it is as little as you could do to let us know what you think about an Order you profess to love. The Press-Visitor has kindly and very generously donated to us this means of helping on our fraternity, and it is the earnest wish of the compiler that the paper may find its way into the home of every member: this much you can do if no more, read and pay for the paper, and we promise you that we will do our best to give you value received.

An Endless Chain.

An original Rhamkette farmer got off a good one here today when he remarked that farming was the only occupation at which a man could continually break and keep on doing business.

A farmer can work a year and fail, he says, and then move on to another farm and work that a year and fail and move again, but he can keep on farming. It is the only business which is not affected by foreclosures or failures. The farmer can break but he can always farm.

## MANY APPLICANTS.

But Ammunition and Not Men are Needed for Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Dec. 12.—Although the Cuban patriots need men to help them fight against Spanish tyranny and oppression, it is not so easy as some imagine to lend assistance. Of the many thousands who offer their lives for Cuba few are accepted. The reason is men are not needed so badly as arms and ammunition. This is the answer one is likely to get when applying to go to Cuba to fight for "Freedom's cause." If all men were taken who apply a regiment would be enlisted weekly. Most of the applicants are young Americans having the war fever. Many conscripts apply to take advantage of the mild climate in Cuba to avoid a hard winter. Also many Spanish spies apply.

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 12.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January,	7 03	7 07	7 02	7 03
February,	7 12	7 13	7 10	7 11
March,	7 21	7 23	7 19	7 20
April,	7 25	7 27	7 25	7 25
May,	7 32	7 35	7 30	7 31
June,	7 36	7 36	7 36	7 35
July,				
August,				
Sept'mb'r,				
October,				
Novemb'r,				
December,	7 01	7 02	6 99	6 99

Closed quiet, sales 79,100 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market.	
Sugar	117
American Tobacco	75
Burlington and Quincy	77 1/2
Chicago Gas	74
Des. and Cst. Feed	74 1/2
General Electric	32 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	49 1/2
Manhattan	96
Rock Island	68 1/2
Southern Preferred	29
St. Paul	74 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	27 1/2
Western Union	86 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—December, 76; May, 84.
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Oats—December 17; May 20.
Pork—January, 7.62; May, 7.92.
Lard—January 3.87; May, 4.07.
Clear Rib Sides—January 3.87; May 4.07.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

December	4.02 1/2 s
December-January	3.63 1/2 s
January-February	3.61 s
February-March	3.63 1/2 s
March-April	4.00
April-May	4.00 1/2

Closed steady, sales 10,000 bales.

New York, Dec. 12.—The cotton market showed a disposition to recover further today from its violent break of Thursday, but was checked by the port receipts for the day pointing to 50,000 bales against 38,000 last week and 32,703 last year. Trading was light throughout and mostly of a Saturday half-holiday character. The closing was quiet and barely steady at 3 to 4 points decline for the more active options after sales of 79,000 bales. After the close New Orleans receipts for Monday was estimated at 16,000 bales against 10,000 last week and 14,734 last year and Houston at 11,000 to 12,000 against 6,806 last year. This caused easier feeling and led to belief that movement of crop during the coming week will continue liberal.

Important Meeting.

There will be held in Indianapolis about the middle of January a meeting of business men from every state in the union. The meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce of that city, after consultation with representatives from neighboring cities.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Raleigh is invited to send two delegates, and it is important that the matter should be fully discussed at the monthly meeting on Tuesday evening next. The proposed meeting is one of national importance. Matters affecting the welfare of every business man in the country will be discussed. And if this chamber sends delegates, it should select the best and safest members.

## SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

THE annual meeting of the State Board of Charities occurs next Friday.

Every day marks a new record in the county jail. Yesterday the number of prisoners reached 74.

Regular meeting of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, A. F. and A. M., Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers.

The box sheet for Evangeline was opened at King's drug store this afternoon. Tonight will be a good time to mark off your seats for the great attraction.

Rev. A. M. Simms will preach at the Tabernacle at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning on "Studying the Bible." At night his subject will be "Quickening Moral Sentiment."

The Seaboard Air Line announces a one-half rate on Wednesday, the sixteenth, from Henderson and all intermediate points to Raleigh, on account of the appearance of Evangeline at the Academy of Music.

Miss Pattie Montgomery has accepted a position with the enterprising firm of Sherwood Higgs & Co., where she will be pleased to see you during the Christmas holidays.

The largest sales of tobacco this season have occurred on the Raleigh market this week. The breaks have been spirited and the prices have been good and entirely satisfactory. Raleigh's tobacco market continues to develop.

Capt. J. T. Alderman, of the Seaboard Air-Line, is to be married to Miss Anna B. Crow, one of Raleigh's fairest and most popular young ladies, next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. It will be a quiet home wedding, only intimate friends having been invited.

Charles W. Lea, who has been connected with the Farmers' Warehouse in this city, but who has severed his connection with that warehouse, is now connected with the Banner Warehouse in Durham.

Messrs. Berwanger's beautiful Christmas window is not only strictly in it, but it is strictly in the lead. The display of beautiful and showy neck wear, suspenders, handkerchiefs, etc., has never been surpassed here.

Henry J. Brown, a nephew of the Hon. J. W. Brown, of Raleigh, was with his uncle in Baltimore last month, and took a course in embalming and went home with his diploma and is doing such a class of work that any one would be proud of. In fact, it seems quite natural for me to say "Prof. Brown."—New York Sunnyside.

The following marriage announcement marks quite an event in colored social circles: Mrs. Adolphia C. O'Kelly requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter Fannie Marguerette, to Mr. William H. Peace, Wednesday morning, December sixteenth, at half-past ten o'clock, St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. C. G. O'Kelly and Rev. R. H. W. Leak will perform the ceremony.

Died.

At the residence of Mrs. John H. Beckham this morning at 7:30 o'clock the beloved wife of Mr. Cornelius H. Beckham. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Edenton Street M. E. Church. Services will be conducted by Dr. J. W. Caeter in the absence of Dr. Norman. Friends are invited to attend.

J. E. Howell Dead.

Died, at the residence of his son, W. A. Howell, of malarial fever, at Norman, Salem county, Arkansas, Mr. James E. Howell, aged 71 years, formerly of Chapel Hill. He was well known in Raleigh, leaving here twenty-six years ago. He leaves a wife, two daughters and three sons. Chapel Hill papers please copy.