\$3.00 PER YEAR.

Another Meeting of Stock-

holers of A. & N. C.

CHANGE OF CHARTER

cook to be Made President of the Road When Russell Gets In Control.

It was learned in the city last evening that the president of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad had called another meeting of the stockholders. The meeting is called December 31st for the purpose of changing the by laws.

Republicans are very suspiciou; of this last move and they see a dark, devious hand in it all. Several well known Republicans think that it is a ruse on the part of the stock holders

Mr. R. W. Hancock of Newbern, who will be made president of the that the move was merely a continu road as soon as governor elect Rus- ation of the bitter warfare between the sell gets hold of the lines was in the Seaboard Air-Line and the Southcity last evening.

The news of Mr. Hancock's ap. pointment to the presidency comes pretty straight. It was stated that he came here to consult with attorney Purnell about the new move on reed in railroad circles said that the part of the stockholders. Mr. Purnell and Mr. Hancock were closeted during the evening at the they could see it showing through

Mr. Hancock stated to a Press-VISITOR reporter last evening that ment which has been presented he had published notification that application would be made to the General Assembly to change the charter of the A. and N. C. road. of Mr. St. John against the Southern Mr. Hancock said that he was not prepared to state what changes has been on between them for a long would be made in the charter, and while. that the publication of the notice was taken more as a precaution

WAKE MOONSHINERS.

Three Stille Destroyed Near Holly Springs -Shelbourn's Very Busy Day,

to the fraternity of moonshiners yes terday. He also made himself very active and in eighteen hours he did what it would take most people

at 12 o'clock through the country to the Louisville and Nashville, and trace a clue of a still in Granville county. At 12 o'clock last night it will easily be seen how the South Mr. Shelbourn and Mr. Perry returned to the city having destroyed a large still near Pokomoke in Gran-

The two alert deputies remained in the city just long enough to thaw their limbs and in company with Mr. E. A. Womble left for Holly Springs, this county on a warm trail: Just this side of Holly Springs they saw a big light blazing away in the woods. The deputies slipped within twentyfive yards of the blaze, where three bright aved darkies were stirring the Central-that is, these two roads beer in two large stills.

A gun cracked and the negroes jumped over stills bushesand every thing else in their eagerness to get away. The raiders were so full of the Central through the stock which laughter at the expense of it owns direct in the West Point and the shiners that they did not give chase, Both stills were the Louisville and Nashville, through destroyed with 1,000 gallons of the Georgia road lease, has a mighty

A mile beyond that point another still was found and destroyed. No one was near, but the still had been orked during the night.

Mr. Shelbourn and Perry travelled 80 miles through the country yester-day and incidentally interferred with anticipated Christmas festivities of a large number of people.

Dissolution of Pirm of Cuthbert & Co.

A New York dispatch announces be dissolution of the firm of E, B. Cuthbort & Co. The firm was comosed of E. B. Cuthbert, William clid Young and William Eculid was the stock exchange member of

It was said here that the dissolution was brought about in order to flow one of the members of the firm to retire.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chavasse and daughter, Mary, have gone to Hen-derson to spend the Xman holidays fluence which the Southern exercises with the parents of Mr. Chavasse. | in the management of the West Point | requested.

A NEW MOVE.

St. John Said to Be Trying Another Gam

The Atlanta Constitution of yes terday says:

An application for a receiver for the Atlanta and West Point railroad was filed yesterday morning in the superior court by Attorneys King and Spalding, representing Mr. Levi B. Nelson, who owns five shares of stock in the road and is the holder of a certificate of indeptedness in the sumof \$500, making his total interest in the road \$1,000.

As soon as the application was filed it was presentedtoJudgeLumpkin, who granted an order setting the case for a hearing before him in chambers on Thursday, December 31st, at which time the defendants are to show cause before him why the application should not be granted.

The application for a receiver for a road in such prosperous circumstances as the Atlanta and West Point road was known to be was quite unexperted. It had the color "They want us to get out another injunction," was a remark of ephant last while the scent was hot.

and size of a sensation about it, and the railroad wiseacres put their noses on the track of investigation while the scent was hot.

The impression that gained strong ground among the railroad men was ern, and that it was a move by the Seaboard. This version was vouched for by railroad authorities who should know. Railroad sharps who can tell every wind that shakes a Mr. St. John's shrewd hand was back of the play. They declared every line of the petition. They maintained that the St. John arguagainst the Southern before was prominent in the petition. It was, in short, they declared, a movement in furtherance of the warfare which

And how by striking at the Atlanta and West Point, does Mr. St. John aim a blow at the Southern? To the railroad seers it is very clear. The Central is, to all intents and purposes, a part of the Southern, The Central is a large owner in the Atlanta and West Deputy Collector Jack Shelbourn Point. The petition claims that the nade himself particularly obnoxious | Central is simpely associated with the West Point road that the latter has many times declined to compete with it for business. The petition charges that the West Point road is and has been for years under the Mr. Shelbourn left here yesterday domination of the central road and through this strong link of interest ern might be reached and burt through the West Point road.

The central owns one-eighth of the stock of the West Point. The Georgia owns approximately threeeights of the West Point and this gives these two roads the control. of the West Point, by reason of their holding a majority of the stock. The remaining stock is held by individuals in small divisions, there being fully 200 stockholders.

The Georgia road is jointly owned by the Louisville and Nashville and leased the Georgia many years ago for a period of ninety-nine years, each road having an equal interest in the lease. So it comes about that that which it jointly controls with voice in the management of the West Point.

Hence, the West Point's interests being the Central's interests, are to a great extent the Southern's interests. It offers a fine point of attack for the enemies of the Southern.

Mr. St. John has been at war with the Southern. Some months ago he wrote some letters to the railroad commission—at the same time Mr. Samuel Spencer was doing some like correspondence-in which he made a strong attack against combinations of railroads which would prevent competition. His argument in those letters was almost precisely similar to the argument used in the petition for a receiver filed yesterday. 'The Southern was roundly taken to task for bottling up competing lines. In the petition vesterday it is set forth hat the Southern's line to Birmingham and its line to Columbus are competing lines with the Atlanta

the patrons of the road are given none of the advantages of competi-

The railroad men incline to the

belief that it is the policy of Mr. St. John to get control of a fine slice of West Point road stock for the Seaboard. Of course, he cannot hope to get hold of enough stock to secure control of the road, but it is said that he has hopes of securing enough to give him the balance of power in the management. In that event he could prove a mighty factor in the government of the West Point road should there be a lack of harmony between the Central and the Louisville and Nashville. In case such a state of affairs came about he could join forces with the Louisville and Nashville and defeat the plans of the Southern. This would give the Seaboard what it has for years longed for-an out let to the southwest. It is thought that it is this that Mr. St. John is fighting for, and to obtain it is believed to be the inspiration which caused yesterday's suit to be filed. It would be a fine victory over the

Southern if, in the uncertain fortunes of railroads, the Seaboad, should thus get hold of the balance of power in the management of the West Point road. It would spread the warfare of rates into new territory and would vastly enlarge the scale of the fight. There has been a world of talk about an outlet to the southwest for the Seaboard and upon the movement made vesterday many believe the latest hopes of the Seaboard are hinged.

Anyway, the gossip of railroads has it that it is the Scaboard's hand which shows through the move made yesterday, and among the many things which is cited to prove it is the fact that the Seaboard's special attorneys brought the suit. King & Spalding drew the petition and presented it in court. They have represented the Seaboard as special counsel in many important pieces of htigation, a d the fact of their being interested in the present fight is regarded as highly significant.

CONTINUED COLD.

There Will be Little Change in the Weather Christmas Day,

The weather temorrow will con inue fair and cold and Saturday it will begin to moderate. It will be coldest tonight. The thermometer registered 24 this morning at eight o'clock. There was a change of sixduring the previous twenty-four hours. More delightful weather could not be desired.

The storm has moved off the north Atlantic coast, and only small amounts of precipitation, chiefly snow, are reported from stations in New England and the Lake region, The special feature of the map this morning is the extensive high area central in the west, with a pressure of over 30.80 inches. This has been accompanied by a decided fall in temperature, especially in the east. There was a fall of 24 degrees since yesterday morning at Washington, 20 at Philadelphia and Norfolk, 16 at Raleigh. The weather continues fine and clear throughout the south, but it is becoming cloudy

FUNERAL OF R W BEST

in the extreme northwest.

Will Occur Tomorrow at 3:30 P M-Re mains to Arrive in the Morning.

Mr. Robert W. Best, formerly of this city, and an honored son of North Carolina, died yesterday in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Best was a native of Green county and came from an influential family. He was at one time Secretary of State and was a past grand master of the Masonic order in this State. Fifteen years ago Mr. Best moved to Washington where he has resided since. He secured a position in the agricultural department in its Christmas festivities. which he held for a number of years. Afterwards he held a position in the Census Bureau until failing eveaight made it impossible for him to perform the duties of the position. Two of his daughters also held government positions. Mr. Best owned a nice home at Tocoma Park, a suburb of Washington.

The remains will reach Raleigh in the morning on the Seaboard vestibule. The body will be carried to Edenton street church, where it will remain until the funeral at three thirty. The interment will be in Oakwood.

The regular meeting of Phalanx Lodge, No. 34, will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is

THE INAUGURATION

Twelfth of January About Agreed Upon.

RUSSELL IN THE CITY

The Wilmington Light Infantry Wants to be His Escort---Spent the Day in the Library...Mrs Russell's Comine.

Governor Elect Russell was besieged by local politicians on his arrival here yesterday and it was welve o'clock last night before they acated room 26 at the Park Hotel. There was a general discussion of political subjects by the faithful, but nothing was dwelt upon seriouswith the exception of the date of inauguration. Judge Russell did not express himself positively about this.

Today after a fuller discussion and inquiry upon the subject it was agreed that the inauguration should occur on the twelfth of January, certainly not before. This date is conditional however, and the inauguration may possibly not occur until the thirteenth. If it is found that the legislature can complete the official count of the vote on the morning of the twelfth, the day set apart for that duty, a bill will be passed providing that the inauguration occur on that date, otherwise it will occur on the thirteenth.

There were some of Governorelect Russell's friends who advised that he take the oath at the earliest possible moment and that a special bill be passed on the day of the assembling of the legislature providing for the inauguration the next day. This proposition was not received with favor by Judge Russell nor some of his Populist friends.

Judge Russell came here, as was stated in the PRESS-VISITOR, to secure information from the Supreme court library for his inaugural message. He also secured data and information concerning the various departments. Judge Russell, accompanied by J. C. L. Harris, went to the library after breakfasting this morning and remained there until nearly 4 o'clock.

the city until tonight when he will tons are drawn by two horse teams; return to his country home in Brunswick. Judge Russell declined to of the cost of hauling and reduces talk for publication.

Governor elect Russell will not return to Raleigh until several days prior to the inauguration, probably January tenth. The Wilmington Light Infantry has tendered its services to the governor elect on the occasion of the inauguration and they have asked to be permitted to escort him to Raleigh. The fact that Judge Russell will reach here several days ahead of the inauguration will preclude the possibility of his accepting the offer of the com-

Mrs. Russell, the charming lady who will grace the executive mansion will come to Raleigh the day before the inauguration in a private car, accompanied by a party of friends.

Old Santa-Claus

In all his glory will be at Edenton Street Sunday School Room tonight. The Infant Class will have some Ohristmas exercises, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. The friends of the school are cordially invited to attend, and all who are present wi'l witness the arrival of Santa Clausand his distributions to the children. Probably more than one hundred sleighs will accompany him as escort.

The school extends cordial Christmas greetings to all its members and its friends-and invites them to join

- Fun for the Little Folks.

At 8:30 o'clsck sharp, this evening, old Santa Claus will appear in the window of Sherwood Higgs & Co., and strip the Christmas tree of all its scintillation, magnificent glory and beauty. Every article contained thereon will immediately be placed on sale at the original costs. As a souvenir of this Christmas Eve every little girl applying, will be presented with a beautiful child's handkerchief. Every child with its papa and mama is invited to be present.

Miss Rhetta Danie's, who has Witherspoon at Goldsboro, has returned to the city.

COUNTY ROADS.

Mr. W. C. McMackin Tells of the Advantages of Good Ones Over Bad Ones.

Mr. W. C. McMackin, the supervisor of county roads has a force of 35 hands on the rock quarry road laying macadam. Another squad of 15 convicts are at work completing Battle's bridge.

The splendid condition of the Raleigh township is a roads subject of admiration. Mr. McMackin, the efficient supervisor, has furnished the Press-Visitor the following interesting article on the subject of good and bad roads:

The bad condition of the roads is attracting wide-spread attention

everywhere.

Certain elementary principles are evident at a glance, to-wit, the price of farm products is fixed at the great cities and centers of consumption and distribution, and is absolutely beyond the farners' control. and the cost of transportion from the field to the market, is a principal factor in determining his profit, or the possibility of any profit. The railroads have done their duty by putting down rates until it varies. according to bulk, from one to two cents per ton per mile. But the average highways are so bad that a two horse team and wagon, the value of which I will say is three dollars per day, cannot haul a ton of produce more than ten miles and return in a day.

From this you will see that the cost of wagon transportation is about thirty cents per ton per mile or about forty times as great as the rate on the railroads. The average distance from the farm to the nearest railroad station is, we will say, ten or twelve miles, so that it costs as much to get the farm products to the failroad stations as to carry them 400 miles on the cars.

It only needs these elementary facts to show what an enormous drain bad roads make on our only resources-the farm.

It is evident that an improvement in these conditions is imperative, and the remedy is equally evident, proven by actual test, that the same team which draws one ton on our muddy roads will draw three to four tons on a hard macadam road. In those States where macadam roads have been extended thirty to fifty miles into The governor elect will remain in the country, loads of four to five the cost from thirty cents to seven and one-half cents per ton per mile. What this saving amounts to in any section may be calculated, which will be far more important to the farmer than 16 to 1.

But there is another and bardly less improtant side, and that is the use of the roads for health and pleas ure, and this appeals to the inhabitants of the towns and cities.

And all country pleasures and amusements are directly dependent on the condition of the roads and bridges, the latter I claim should be the strongest part of the road.

Years a macadam road cost from \$6 to \$10 thousand per mile ac. cording to width, grading, etc., now by large reduction in the price of road implements and their decided improvement the cost has been reduced to one thousand dollars per mile of ordinary width, and when convicts are used for their construction a further reduction of at least one-fourth is evident. I venture the assertion that there is not a votor in Wake county who is not for better roads and permanent roads.

Newspaper Man Arrested in Havana.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24 .- A dispatch from Havana says Ralph D Paine the well known Yale man who went to Cuba recently as a newspaper correspondent. has been captured by the Spanish. Friends here are very anxious to hear from him.

Election of Officers.

At a recent meeting of Hiram Lodge (Masonic) the following officers were elected for the new year: S. W. Walker, W. M.; Anderson Betts, S. W.; Joseph Fraps, J. W.; E. B. Thomas, Sec.; T. W. Blake, Treas.

Christ Church, Christmas Day.

The Feast of the Nativity of Christ, commonly called Christmas day, will be solemnly commemorated at Christ Church tomorrow at 11 a, m. with impressive ceremonies. The Holy Communion will be celebrated and there will be full morning seren visting the family of Capt. vice. The music will be of a very high order. Strangers are cordially

IIS XMAS OCCASION

body has Money and the People are All Happy.

he holiday shopping was greatest tay. The stores on Fayetteville reet have been crowded since early morning with Christmas purchasers. Everybody seems to have money and the universal verdict is that people were never so happy on a Christmas occasion.

The young people are absorbed in expeciancy, awaiting the arrival of that mythical old gentleman Santa, whose appearance is anxiously anticipated in every household in Ral-

Christmas is always observed more than any other hollday in Raleigh. Business is practically suspended, all the banks, public huildings and exchanges closing up. The Christmas festivites which begin tomorrow will not subside until New

Year's day. The um-ta-ta-ta of horns, which the small boy delights in, has already charged the atmosphere with that peculiar feeling which comes only on Christmas occasions.

Worship will be observed in nearly all the churches in appropriate manner. Collections will be taken for the orphans, and let every one remember the fatherless ones.

And it is a merry Xmas to all of the Press-Visitor's friends.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. Market quotations furnished by E. New York, and 305 Wilmington street. Raleigh N. C., over their attend the exercises. special wire:

MONTHS.	OPEN- ING.	HIGH- EST.		CLOS- ING
January,	6 83	6 86	6 81	6.83
February, March.	6 90	6 95	6 89	6 91- 7 00-
April,	7 07	7 11	7 08	7 05-
May,	7 14	7 20	7 14	7.15
June,	7 19	7 22	7.19	7.20
July,	7 32	7 25	7 23	7.24
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October,	1000000			
Novemb'r,	10000	COLO	1000	10000
December,	6 84	6 84	6 81	6 81-

Closed steady sales 103,500 bales.

The following were the closing nuotations on the New York Stock

Exchange today: New York Stock Market.

Sugar	11
American Tobacco	7
Burlington and Quincy	-
Chicago Gas	7
Des. and Crt. Feed	-
General Electric	3
Louisville and Nashville	4
Manhattan	8
Rock Island	6°
Southern Preferred	26
St. Paul	7
Tennessee Coal and Iron	2
200	4.5

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quobutions on the Chicago Grain and Pro-

vision market today: Wheat-May, 814; July 764. Corn-May, 25#; July, 26# .. Oats-May 20; July -... Pork-January, 7.57; May, 7.87. Lard-January3.77; May, 3.97. Clear Rib Sides January 3.77 May 3.97.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

December-January	3.58
anuary-February	3.57
ebruary-March	3.57
March-April	3.58
April-May	
May-June	
Closed steady, sales 10,000	0 bales

ONLY WITH CAMPOS.

Cuban Generals Will Treat With no other Spaniard to Secure Autonomy By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.-It is reported that many insurgent chiefs. including Maximo Gomez are willing to accept the arrangement for Cuban autonomy, but are unwilling to treat with any Spanish general except Martinex Campos.

Masonie.

The members of Wm. G. Hill Lodge are requested to meet at the lodge room tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of Bro. R. W. Best, which will take place from Edenton street Methodist church. Members of Hiram Lodge and visiting brethren are cordially invited. By order of the W. M.

NAT. L. BROWN.

Marriage & Weldon. At Grace church, Weldon Wednesday, December 23, 1896 by Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, Mr. Paul Garrett and Miss Eva Edwards, both of Weldon. No cards.

STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Pa per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Brown eft for Pittsboro today to spend the nolidays.

It was reported that there was a wreck on the Southern rallway this morning near Walnut creek, but such was not the case.

Mr. W. D. Smith made the old Soldiers at the home happy today by presenting them with five gallons of

ovsters for Christmas His many old Raleigh friends are ylad to see Mr. Dave Mebane in the city. Mr. Mebane is now located at Pinner's Point with the Southern

Col. A. B. Andrews has been elected president of the Virginia Midland railway. Col. Andrews was formerly president of the

board of directors. The Christmas entertainment of Central church Sunday School will B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, take place tomorrow evening at 7:30. The public are cordially invited to

> Auditor Ayer who paid his respects to the Governor elect told us that the inauguration would not occur before the thirteenth. "This much is settled upon," he said.

The up-to-date shoe house of S C Pool is a center of great attraction for the holiday trade. Call on them for the latest things in their line and see their new announcement in these columns

The Press-Visitor will observe the Christmas holidays tomorrow and Saturday and will make its next appearance on Monday. We wish all our friends a very happy and a very merry Christmas.

The Chattaneoga vestibule was delayed until half past two yesterdey on account of a wreck on the Southern at Lextington. All trains were blocked. A rear end collision was the result of the delay

The travel on the railroads was never heavier than at present. Every train is crowded to its capacity with Christmas passengers. Schedules have been given up entirely.

The Charlotte News Rev. O. L. Stringfield, agent of the Baptist female University, has just concluded his canvass among the Baptists of Charlotte and reports havsecured \$1,200 in crsh and pledges.

The white employees of the Seaboard Air Line round house presented Mr. George D. Harris, the foreman, with a box of fine cigars and a pound of smoking tobacco as a Xmas present today. Tomorrow December 25th being a

legal holiday, Sunday hours will be observed at the post-office. The general delivery and the carriers window will be open from 2:30 unt 1 3.00 p. m. All outgoing mails will close at 5 p. m. Legislators and lobbyists are

having difficulty in securing rooms at the hotel. The Park is not engaging any rooms. There are plenty of desirable boarding houses. which will accommodate two legis The Sunday School of Central

Methodist Church will give a de ightful Christmas entertainment tomorrow evening at church. Old Santa will appear in person and will make his entry down a chimney. The public and friends of the school are invited to attend.

Ex-Sheriff John R. Smith is in the city. Mr. Smith has the endorsement of the Republicans for superintendent of the penitentiary. It is understood that Governor-elect Russell is desirous of Mr. Smith being given the appointment, also that the Republicans will demand the place.

The statement of the Citizens Bank appears elsewhere today and makes a most excellent showing for this reliable and progressive institution as it always makes. There is no better bank and no more polite and gentlemanly bank officers in the State than the Citizens Bank of Raleigh.