#### OUR SCHOOL FUND.

An Injustice Done to Raleigh Township In Apportionment-

It is unfortunate for Raleigh township that the county commissioners falled to hear Mayor Russ and Superintendent Howell when these gentlemen wished to appear before gentlemen wished to appear before the board at its last meeting to point out the injustice that has been dene Releigh township of recent years in the apportionment of school funds. The boards of apportionment have been violating the law in refusing Raleigh township its true per capita of the school funds.

The board of county commissioners creating three new school districts, which have less than the number of pupils allowed by law. The laws of North Carolina for 1885, chapter 174, section 28 says:

"Unless for extraordinary geographical reasons, no change of district lines shall be made that will constitute any district with less than sixty-five children of school age, and the county board shall provide as far as practicable that no district shall contain less than that number of children."

The newly created districts are Holly Springs, No. 6, 50 children. House's Creek, No. 6, 41 children. Middle Creek, No. 6, 42 children.

Tiere are in Wake county outside of Raleigh township 152 school districts, 87 white, 65 colored. Of these districts, 66 have less than 65 children each; and 23 have less than 50 children. There are districts with only 35, 32, 27 and one with only 21 children.

These figures represent the total school population of the districts. all the children between the ages of 6 and 21. Only about 62 per cent of the school population attends school. The percapita apportionment given these small illegal districts is two dollars and over. Raleigh township, which pays half the school funds of the country districts, received an apportionment of only \$1.40 per capita.

The Commissionrs have no right to refuse us our per capita of the school funds. Their only excuse is that portion of the law which says :

funds to the several districts in pro- smiles today. They expressed them- in for their share of applause in portion to the whole number of chil- selves as being intensely pleased. dren between the ages of six and equalize the average length of school terms for the two races as far as may be practicable, without discrimination in fayor of or to the prejudice of either race." (Code, sec. 2,551,as amended by laws of 1889.)

Last year the white schools of Wake county outside of Raleigh township were taught on an average of 16 weeks; the colored schools 14 weeks. In Raleigh township both races had the same length of school term, 111 weeks. The county commissioners are not going to make the average term of the colored schools longer, and "equalize the average length of school terms for the two races" by creating new white districts contrary to law.

## Murder Case at Durham.

The case of state vs W. R. Bar bee for the murder of William Cole on the 27th day of June '96, was called in Durham Superior court yesterday.

After some delay, the calling of names of the special venire of men senced. Two hundred and seventy-five were summoned by the officers, twenty-four more than was

On Saturday, June 27th, between 12 and 1 o'clock p. m., considerable excitement was created by the murder of Cole by Barbee, which occurred in T J Mangum's saloon, corner Mangumand Peabody streets. Both of the men were drinking at the time, Barbee pulled a pistol and fired three or four times, shooting Cole through the heart, killing him instantly. Barbee was imme-diately arrested and locked up, where he has remained ever since,

HiramLodgeNo.40A F & A M will meet in regular cammunication Monday evening January 18th, 1897, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of of offiers. Brethren of other lodges cordially invited. By order of S. W. Walker.

Declare in Favor of Cv. Thompson.

#### OUT FOR PRITCHARD,

Odom the Auson Populist Writes a Letter -Pritohards Friend's say they are not Alarmed-Butler Very Chipper--- Mai. Grant Talks-

Early this morning Hon. Cy Thompthis year has not only followed the son was nominated for United States recent illegal precedents, but has Senator by the Populist caucus. Mr. violated the law still further in Thompson was named on the second ballot. He appeared before the caucus and accepted the nomination on a short speech.

For two weeks the republicans, together with Harry Skinner have been using their best efforts to make Senator Butler show his hand in the Senatorial fight. They were signally unsuccessful in this and Senator Butler voluntarily displayed his trump last night. That Cy Thompson is the strongest man who could have been selected to make the race against Senator Pritchard is conceded by all.

Senator Pritchard and his friends are as confident as ever. They say that the Senatorship was virtually settled when the break occurred in the Populist ranks and that it is not possible to defeat Mr. Pritchard.

Congressman Skinner, that hopeful soul, said this morning that the nomination of Thompson strengthened Senator Pritchard. Some people may laugh at this. Skinner

Senator Butler was not grieving when seen in his room this morning. In fact he was a trifle chipper and more sprightly than at any previous time during the past ten days, When asked to express an opinion as to the situation, the Senator said: "I can not amend the statement that I have made daily since my arrival here. I stand by what I have said, I have nothing to add or detract."

As every one is aware that state ment has been to the effect that Senstor-Pritchard could not be re-elect-

Auditor Ayer, chairman Fountain committeeman Lloyd and others of a fine tenor voice and knows how to "Apportion two-thirds of the the populist persuasion were all use it. Queen and Rapier also come

Senator McCaskey, chairman of twenty-one years, and at the same the minority populist caucus said time the remaining one-third shall this evening: "The nomination of be apportioned in such manner as to Cy Thompson is the strongest that Clayton, in her topical songs, was could have been made. I expect to | well up to the times. vote for him. As is known this has been my position all along."

Representative Fagan of Martin, another member of the minority stated to a Pages-Visitor reporter that he intended to vote for Cy Thompson

Representative Harris of Hyde another member of the minority said today: "The life of the Populist party depends on sending Senator Pritchard back to the Senate. I dan't want the party killed. This is what I said in the caucus last night." It is understood that Mr. Harris will vote for Senator Pritch-

Senator Hardison and D. Reed Parker have deserted the minority and will support Senator Pritchard. It seems assured that fifteen of the nineteen Populists who walked out of the regular caucus will vote for Senator Pritchard. The four who will not vote for him are Senators McCasky Parker, Hardison, and Rep-resentative Faran.

The anti-Pritchard forces were somewhat set back this morning by Senator Odom declaring in favor of Mr. Pritchard. Senator Odom has not been identified with either caucus faction of the Populists. On the night of the break in the ranks, Senator Odom was sick. Since then he has not been out.

Below is a copy of the letter HON, HARRY SKINNER, Raleigh, N. C: My DEAR SIR :-- It affords me great pleasure to say to you that I admire the course that you have pursued in the Senatorial contest. I have decided to cast my vote for Senator Pritchard for re-election, believing that honesty and fair dealing on the part of the Populist party requires me and all other populist members and Senators to observe the agreement entered into two years ago with our republican friends that the membership is requested, as it we should vote for the caucus nominee of the republican party.

Very respectfully,

Senator Butler's friends claim

teen bolters. They say that the Republican Senator has trouble in the Republican ranks and that several members will not vote for him. The Democratic members of the

Legislature are non-committal as to what policy they will pursue. They will caucus Monday night and it is very likely they will decide whom they will support. Several members are said to be opposed to supporting any one save a Democrat.

Ex-Senator Moody said today: Butler is seeking to destroy Cy Thompson. He would not permit him to be elected. Thompson is the brainlest man in the populist party, and Butler knows it. He has put him up to be slaughtered."

Senator Grant said: The nomina tion of Thompson does not effect Senator Pritchard's re-election. There is no chance of defeating him. Whatever coalition elects Senator Pritchard will form an administration party. Russell will be at the head of it. Of course everybody will understand what that means so far as offices are concerned."

There is more in that statement than meets the eye. Pritchard populists to be rewarded and to be known as fadministration populists! Thats' it.

#### Fingg's Female Minstrels.

Flagg's Female Ministrels have been booked for Metropolitan Hall next Wednesday night. An Atlanta exchange says of them :.

Saturday night closed a week's engagement of Flagg's Female Minstrels and too much cannot be said in praise of the efforts of the management in affording the variety-loving public an opportunity to witness such a show as held the boards at the Imperial for the past week. The attendance steadily increased during the week, until "standing room only" was the password.

Special mention should be made of Miss Madge Mason, the pretty and vivacious little yocalst. Miss Mason has an exceedingly sweet voice, a sweet face, and sweet manners. In her songs she literally "caught the house," as, after starting her song, she really had nothing to do but carry her lines and beat time, while the audience, to a man, joined in the air.

Mr. Ben Fox, as character and descriptive vocalist, is good. He has their respective roles.

on the stage, while Miss Dorothy

# 63 APPLICANTS.

Stood the Civil Service Examination Today-3 Were Ladies.

A few weeks ago the Civil Service Board of the Internal Revenue Department in this district made an urgent appeal to induce applicants to stand the competitive examination for positions in the department. which was held today.

This morning sixty-three applicants for positions appeared in the Federal court room and stood the examination. For the first time in the history of the Civil Service there were three lady applicants. Seven of the applicants were

colored. The examination was held for the grades of deputy-collector, gauger, store-keeper, clerk and messenger.

There were applicants from nearly

every county in the district. Raleigh furnished the largest number. Those from Raleigh who stood the examination were Mrs P C Patterson, Miss - Lucy W Clark, E M Womble, H S Christmas, A C Dixon, C M Pritchett, H N Clark, T J Stephenson, W E Foster, J A Creech, J C Bevers, M A Moser, C H Holloway, E M Woodell, J T Anderson; A W Moye, H G Griffin, J J MacKoy, A J Griffin, D Allen, G M Spence, E A Adams, J RO'Neill, S F Gardner, W E F King, L D Terrell, R B Seawell, Jr., T M Ashe, C

## Five Boys Burned Alive.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. DALLAS TEX. Jan. 16-At midnight the boys wing of the dormitory of the Buckners Orphan Home, five miles from this city was burned. Five boys perished.

## Joel Theadley Dead.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEWBURGE, N. Y. Jan, 18-Joe Theadley, ex-Secretary of New York State, and a historian of some note, that Pritchard will not be able to died this morning.

#### mmand more than half of the nine- WILL LIGHT UP MONDAY: ODD FELLOWS COLUMN Raleigh Electric

Ready to Turn The stockholders of Raleigh Electric Company at recent meeting adopted the ing resolutions which should o selves to the citizens of

Whereas, This compa has susbe burning quipments, tained a heavy loss by of its power house and o to replace which will estall large expenditures; and

Whereas, The street railway can not be operated without loss to the company, unless its earnings shall be supplemented by receipts from the incandescent lighting; and

Whereas, The stockholders are anxious to resume the operation of the railway, provided the citizens of Raleigh will liberally ) seconize the lighting department; therefor

Resolved, That the resumption of the operation of the street railway is impossible without a large increase in the patronage of the incandescent lighting department of this company.

Resolved 2. That the directors of the company be and they are hereby authorized to rebuild and requip the street railway power plant and resume its operation, when, in their opinion, a sufficient number of additional contracts for incandescent lighting have been secured to justify them in so doing.

Resolved 3. That the citizens of Raleigh are earnestly requested to co-operate with the company to ensure the re-establishment and operation of the street railway by giving orders to this company for the lighting of the residences and places of business, and in order to give them an opportunity of so doing and to which they are willing to patronize the lighting department of the company, thorough canvass of the city is hereby ordered to be made by agents to solicit contracts for lights.

Unless some accident occurs the lights will be turned on Monday. Since the fire of December 31st the company has builta house 42x36, ordered new machinery from Boston which has arrived, and is now in place, and will complete by Monday all repairs to the engine, boiler and smoke stack. As the insurance adinsters did not turn she property over until the 9th, it has taken rapid work to accomplish this in eight

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. Miss Minnie Summers is probably New York, and 305 Wilmington one of the best female clog dancers street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

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American Tobacco	7
Burlington and Quincy	
Chicago Gas	71
Des. and Cst. Feed	
General Electric	3
Louisville and Nashville	5
Manhattan	9
Rock Island	7
Southern Preferred	2
St. Paul	76
Tennessee Coal and Iron	3
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tations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat-May, 801; July 764. Corn-May, 242; July, 251. Oats-May 184. July 194: Pork-January, 7.80; May, 8.05 Lard-January -- ; May, 4.10 Clear Rib Sides-January 4.07 May 4.12.

Liverpool Cotton Market. January-February ..... 3.58 February-March ..... 3.58 March-April......... 3.58 s April-May ..... 3.58 s May-June ..... 3.59 s June-July ...... 3.59 Closed quiet; sales 8,000 bales.

Mr. Moody Says it Will be Pritchard. Mr. Moody, of Haywood, who is one of the leaders of the Pritchard forces, today authorized the Passs-VISITOR to quote him as saying that Mr. Pritchard would undoubtedly be elected United States Senator. He says that Mr. Pritchard's friends are not at all disconcerted by the endorsement of Dr. Cy. Thompson. | raging in India.

Doings Among the Chain Gang in North Carolina.

We were glad to meet so many Odd Fellows among the members of the Mascnic Grand Lodge.

That venerable, but witty brother Maj. Jas H Foote from "the state of Wilkes," made us a pleasant call.

Bro. Woodlief of Youngaville gives us encouragement from his quarter of the vineyard.

Grand Marshal J M Davis gave us cordial shake of the hand, as did Bro. E. Wallace of the state of Wilkes, and the Grand Herald, Dick

The new rituals have arrived at last, but our Grand Secretary has about rendered himself bald headed hile waiting for them.

It is currently rumored on the streets here that the ladies of Cary are thinking very seriously of asking the Grand Master for a charter to institute a Rebekah lodge.

Do not forget the joint meeting of the three Lodges with Seaton Gales Lodge on Thursday evening next. Let there be a full attendance

A young brother suggests that if ve want to see the order boom in Raleigh we should organize and uniform a Canton of Patriarchs Militant: we are inclined to agree with him and will be "one of the boys" in the crowd if the Canton is formed. What do you say young men?

There is a lodge in Tennessee which holds its meetings in a cave. There must be a cave somewhere in Raleigh where a great many of our members meet, for they are seldom seen in their lodge room

An exchange suggests that the nan who quits the order because some bad men get into it, should quit the world. There is a good point in the suggestion. Probably these backsliding Odd Fellows will guit the world sometime; then what

vill become of them. The cool evenings have come; the lodge rooms have taken on their winter comforts; the prospects for renewed manufacturing and commercial activity and confidence surround us. Why should not the odges feel the beneficial effects of prevailing conditions. They, should, and it depends upon the members whether a lodge grows and prospers, or whether it shows the effects of mildew and rot. Let every mem-Market quotations furnished by E. ber who loves the order look about B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, him and select at least one good man who would benefit the lodge and see that his name is enrolled in the great fraternal army. If this were done, what wonderful results the crowning years of the century

would show!-Companion.

How do we make it known that we

are Odd Fellows? If you were totake

that question in one sense it might not be a proper one to ask, but we ask it in all candor as the whole world has a right to ask it. There is only one true way by which Odd Fellows are known and that is by their deeds. Words fitly spoken are of much importance sometimes, but words do not count always. Some of the most fluent speakers we have in the Order are far from exemplifying in their lives the pure spirit of the order. A true Odd Fellow is a "good Samaritan" wherever opportunity offers, a "Jonathan," whose friendship is ever on the alert for his friend. A man whose word stands for truth at all times and whose actions speak louder than his words. He shares with his brothers every part of their duties. His Lodge is a sacred place, second only to his church or home; he is always present in mutural counsel, ready to help in the relief of distress, warring against vicatn all its forms, and using his utmost energies to elevate and build up the character of the family of man. He is a builder, not a teardown. Do you know any such? Oh yes, many, but not all whose names appear upon the roll. Where do you generally find themon Lodge nights? Go to the Lodge and see.

## Six Hundred Thrown Out.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PATTERSON, N. J. Jan. 16-Six hundred employees of the Golden Rod Silk works are idle.

To Stop the Spread of the Plague.

By Telegraph to the Press Visitor. ROME, Jan. 16-It is officially announced that England, France, Germany, Austria. Russia and Turkey have agreed to hold an international conference in this city to consider precautionary measures against

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

#### AROUND THE CITY.

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The advance sale of seats to the Rmenyl concert Monday night has been very large and there will undoubtedly be a full house.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 19th, being the anniversary of General Lee's birthday and a state holiday the banks of the city will be closed.

Watch the advertisement of the progressive furniture house of Thomas & Campbell, and take advantage of the attractive bargains they offer

All men are cordially invited to the meeting for men at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow at 4 p. m. One of the visiting statesmen is expected to make the address

At the Tabernacle Church in the morning pastor Simms will preach on, "Rich Fools of the Bible and Other Fools," and at night the subject will be "A Restatement of some Old Truths." Visitors to the city are cordially invited.

Call at the Hospital Monday and lend your aid to the ladies, who will give an entertainment to raise funds to equipp the new operating room. Cash donations will be especially acceptable from any who choose to

All who assisted in the Lutheran Reformation, and others who have been asked, will please meet Mrs. Mayers at Metropolitan Hall at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, and 7:30 Tuesday evening.

Bishop Cheshire has been designated by Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, the presiding bishop, to take part in the consecration ceremonies of Rev. J D Morrison, D D Bishop-elect of Duluth, Minn., on February 2. The services will be held in All Saint's Cathedral, Albany,

orner of Edenton and Dawson streets, Rev W C Norman, pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9.30 a. Prayer-meeting every Wednesday the Senate Chamber. evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend any and all of the services

Rev. F. D. Swindell, D. D., missionary secretary for the North this vexed question and put an end Carolina Conference, will preach in to the wrangle and squabble over Central M. E. Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Swindell is an eloquent and fluent speaker and you will enjoy hearing him. Rev. the State printing. Then appoint Mr. Glenn, the pastor, will preach at the usual hour in theevening. All are invited to attend these services and strangers will receive special at-

## Broke His lathers Skull.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16-John Mc-Cormack was held at Myrtle Avenue police court this morning to await the result of injuries inflicted on his aged father. The latter came home drunk at three in the morning, awoke everybody in the family and was ugly. The son ordered him from the house. A quarrel ensued; the son breaking the fathers skull with a cuspidore.

## A Much Married Man.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. DENISON, Texas, Jan. 16 .- Deputy United States Marshal B. C. Birchfield, of Durant, Indian Territory, arrived in the city last night, having in charge Tom Lowe, twenty-six years of age, who is wanted in this county under indictment in two cases for disposing of mortgaged property. Lowe, in the presence of officer Birchfield and policeman James, confessed to being the husband to sixteen wives, all of whom be has married within the last eight years. The confession was made in

writing. All the wives are alive, and so far as he knows, Lowe says, they are undivorced. He says that occasionally he has heard from the first of his wives, and that, so far as he knows, nineteen children have been the spread in Europe of the plague born to them within the last eight

### AFTER THE GERMS.

The Legislature did Little Work Today-

In Session a few Minutes. The House met at 9:50 and Representative Lawborn prayed. Only 2 bills were introduced, those being of no importance. The session last ed barely 10 minuts and there was an adjournment until 4 p. m. Monday in order that the hall might be cleared of microbes.

Speaker Hileman announced the following committees:

Insurance: White of Randolph, Fagan, Price, Pool, Allen, Harris of Halifax, Cunningham, Lawborn, Eddins.

Fish interests Hancock, Duncan, Babbitt, Pool, Hodges, Alexander, Parker of Perquimans, Harrington of Hyde, Elliott, Cox, Dat. iels, Fagan, Rountree, Chapman, Spruill, Drew, Hare, Burgess, Gallop and Howe.

To investigate charges of fraud in national election: Schulken, Lusk

and Nelson. Additions to committees: McPheters, to agriculture, Hartness to judiciary, Duffy to privileges and elections, Hartness and Young to Insane Asylums.

The testimony in the two contested election cases from Mecklenburg county has been filed.

The Senate was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by Lieut-Gov. Reynolds and after prayer by Rev. Mr. McNeil of the Senate the journal of vesterday was read and approved. Leaves of absense were granted Mr. Scales and Mr. Justice. No bills or resolutions were introduced. Senators were evidently too deeply engrossed on the subject of grippe

perms to draw up bills. The calendar was taken up and the following bills were disposed of. Bill for relief of A. M. Venoy, exsheriff of of Wilkes county, passed

2 and 3 readings. Resolution to pay postoffice box

rent adopted. By unamious consent the Senate took up House bill repealing chapter 566 laws of 1895 known as the 'Assignment Act" and it passed its several readings and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate then adjourned until

4 o'clock Monday afternoon. The committee on gripp and grippe germs composed of all the doctors of the Senate and several from the House of Representatives made no report, though they had a meeting Edenton Street Methodist church, and decided that it was not necesary to take up the carpet, would urge the war on microbes by sprinkling the carpet with a salution of bi-chloride of mercury, m., W J Young, superintendent, and looking after the ventilation of

## The Public Printing.

Editor Press-Vistor: The best and most economical way to dispose of and forever settle it would be for the State to establish and equip an office of its own at the State Capitol, sufficient to do all or elect an efficient and capable manager or superintendent at a fair salary to carry on the work on Union principles. The cost of the printing would then be reduced to the actual cost of the material and the wages of the printers and binders, which would be a big deduction over the present plan of letting it out to the "lowest bidder," and the work would all be done in the State. There would be a saving enough in two or three years to pay for the plant. Let our Senators and Representatives think about this plan and put a stop to so much squabble over the printing ques-

#### A CITIZEN. The C. F. & Y. V. Case-

Judge Simonton, of the United States circuit court, now in session at Wilmington is bearing the foreclosure proceedings in the case of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of Baltimore, against the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Compan v.

The Baltimore Sun says of the CREA

Jan. 14. It is expected that the prolonged litigation will be terminated by this decision, as well as the contention between the New York syndicate, which desires to secure the sale of the property by divisions, and the Baltimore reoganization committee, who desire its sale as a whole. The New York syndicate represents a proposition from the Southern railway to take division A. An offer was made by the Seaboard Air Line, through the Baltimore committee, to operate the enperty. There is also a senting