

NO SESSION TOMORROW

Legislature Going to the Inauguration

MURDER LAW

A Subject of Discussion in the House—Bill to Make Degrees of Murder More Active Failed of Passage—Other Bills Up.

At 10 o'clock the house met and representative Green prayed. The following bills and resolutions were introduced: By Hartness, to prescribe the liabilities of railroads, by providing that any employee of any railway who is injured, or the representative of any person killed by railway accidents during his service by the negligence, carelessness or incompetency of any other employee or by any defect in the machinery, etc., shall be entitled to maintain an action against said railway, and that any contract or agreement expressed or implied made by any employee of the railway to gain the benefit of the above shall be null and void; by Lusk, to allow administrators, executors, guardians, assignees and beneficiaries to change premiums paid security companies to the estates, the sum not to exceed one half of one per cent per annum on the amount of such bonds; by Lusk to have county commissioners designate a depository to protect the public funds in the hands of public officers, they may designate a bank, state or national; and that duplicate deposit slips shall be filed with the commissioners; by Carter, to provide that no man woman or child shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment for a longer time than 10 hours a day, unless for the purpose of making necessary repairs; this to apply to establishments which employ over five persons; the violation of this to be a misdemeanor and the penalty or fine of not less than \$50; by Smith, to amend the law of 1891 in regard to the collection of mortgages, etc.; by Cram, appropriating \$34,500 for a dormitory for boys at the white department at the institution for the blind, for an assembly room, etc.; by Bryant, to incorporate the Chatham Traction Company; by Sutton of Cumberland, to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Albemarle R. R.; by Peace, to strike out the provision for 2 additional justices of the peace.

Dockery made a motion, which after debate was adopted by a close vote, that when the house adjourn to day it be to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, in order that the members may attend the exercises at the University tomorrow.

Bill to amend the law regarding degrees of homicide was supported by Sutton, of Cumberland, and was opposed by Blackburn and Hartness. Sutton said a change of the present law was urgently needed and he cited several cases, saying that the supreme court could not now convict of murder. The bill provides that nothing in the act dividing murder into two degrees, shall be construed to revoke the common law presumption in cases of homicide, and that where a killing with a deadly weapon is proven or admitted the law presumes malice and the prisoner is presumed to be guilty of murder in the first degree, unless the matter in mitigation or defence is opposed by the accused or appears in the evidence which shall reduce the offence to murder in the second degree or manslaughter, self defence or justifiable homicide. Dockery asked Sutton if his bill did away with the degrees in murder. Sutton replied no. He said the legislature which passed the act had no idea that the supreme court would construe the law as it has done. He said no innocent man had been hanged in North Carolina. Lusk said there must be something wrong with our jurisprudence; that when he was a boy the question of lynching struck every community with horror, while now one reads daily of lynchings somewhere, and when the question was asked why the lynching was done, it was replied that the law was too slow. He said that now people were not hanged for murder and as a result the people are dissatisfied. The law ought to presume that when a man kills another it is murder.

The act of 1893 has revolutionized things and has in a great degree abolished capital punishment here in North Carolina, and there are no convictions of murder in the first degree.

Lusk said he thought Sutton's bill an excellent one, and warmly endorsed it.

Mr. Cook offered an amendment, which Sutton accepted, that the act shall not apply to pending cases. The amendment was adopted, but the bill failed to pass second reading.

Bill to amend the charter of Trinity College by taking from the student body certain forms of government and placing these in the hands of the trustees passed its readings.

SENATE

The senate met at 12 o'clock, Lieut. Gov. Reynolds presiding. Prayer by Rev. Dr. A. M. Simms, of the city. Bills and resolutions: By Scales, bill to amend section 114 of the code relative to office hours of clerks of superior court; by Parker, to amend the charter of the Ashboro and Montgomery R. R.; by Lyon, bill to amend the charter of the town of Durham; by Alexander, bill for the benefit of the deaf, dumb and blind institute; by Moyer, to incorporate the bank of Greenville; by Mitchell, bill for the relief of Confederate soldiers and other persons; by Person, bill to pension all ex-slaves who did service for the Confederacy, also to repeal section 3.433 of the code; by Person, to suppress lynchings and to recover damages; by Sharp, to prevent fishing in private ponds. Resolution to pay off the judgement against the University of North Carolina; by Butler, bill requiring county commissioners to appoint time and place for all sales under process of law.

James Young in Hamlet Tonight.

James Young, the gifted young tragedian, will appear in Hamlet tonight at Metropolitan Opera House. The Rochester, N. Y., Advertiser says of a recent appearance of Mr. Young there: "James Young, the Southern actor who essays the master role of Hamlet, appeared at the Cook Opera House last evening and was given a hearty reception. The theater was filled. In the house were many of the best known Shakespearean students of the city. The large audience gave the star and his supporting company the closest attention for three and a quarter hours and at 11:30 when the curtain rang down on the performance the impression left was certainly favorable. The appreciation of the audience spoke stronger praise than any words the critic may utter.

"The new star is of tender years to play the part, considering the traditions of the stage requiring that the actor have years, although the character portrayed is that of an inexperienced prince. Mr. Young is 23 years of age, is of rather slight physique, with a handsome, thoughtful-looking face. It requires little make-up for him to picture the ideal Hamlet.

"No one who saw the initial appearance of the southern boy in this city last night can question his remarkable gifts in elocution and acting. It is a version of the part differing in many details from others given in the past. The actor used rare art in interpreting the subtle lines and bringing out all the shades of meaning. His voice is rich and pleasant.

"Of the supporting company it may be said that they fairly met the requirements of their parts. Miss Rida Johnson, who appeared as Ophelia, is a talented actress. Miss Ida Lewis, as Queen Gertrude, was entitled to praise. Ellmer Buffham showed his dramatic powers to good effect as Laertes."

POUNDS RELEASED.

The Young Man's Case Argued Before Justice W. A. Montgomery Today.

Augustus Pounds, who is charged with the killing of young Mr. Marshall in Marks Creek township was released from jail today on habeas corpus proceedings before Justice Walter A. Montgomery of the Supreme Court.

Judge Montgomery held that there was sufficient cause to still hold Pounds in custody, but he reduced his bond from \$500 to \$300. Thus the young man gave and was subsequently released.

Col. Argo made a short statement in behalf of the defendant and Mr. T. P. Devereux represented the prosecution. Pounds went home this evening. He lives near the scene of the tragedy.

HE SENDS GREETINGS.

Butler is a Very Despicable Character.

SAYS TOM WATSON.

"His Crushing Defeat Will Cause no Grief in Any Party," Says the Georgian—A Letter Received by A. L. Swinson.

Senator Butler, in his winter of discontent, receives glad tidings from the Hon. Tom Watson, of Georgia. Mr. Watson sends Mr. Butler his compliments of the season in a letter to Mr. A. L. Swinson, the enrolling clerk of the Senate. Below is a copy of the letter received by Mr. Swinson yesterday: "A. L. SWINSON, Esq.: "My Dear Sir.—Yours was duly received, and I thank you for the favor. "Mr. Butler is a very despicable character and his crushing defeat will cause no grief in any party. "Yours truly, "THOS. E. WATSON. "January 22nd, 1897."

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 26. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cutbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

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

Table with columns: Name, Price. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, Des. and Cst. Feed, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today: Wheat—May, 78; July, 75. Corn—May, 24; July, 24. Oats—May, 17; July, 18; Pork—January, 7.80; May, 8.05. Lard—January, 3.87; May, 4.00. Clear Rib Sides—January 4.00 May 4.05.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

January-February 3.60 February-March 3.60 March-April 3.60 April-May 3.60 May-June 3.61 June-July 3.60 July-August 3.62 Closed quiet sales 8,000 bales.

Mrs. Martha Allen Dead.

Mrs. Martha Allen died in the 82nd year of her age this morning at the residence of Rev. Alvin Betts on the corner of Person and Morgan streets. Mrs. Allen's death was the result of a case of grippe. Mrs. Allen was a devout, christian woman. She was a sister of Mrs. Alvin Betts and leaves one son, who resides in Georgia. The funeral will occur from the Tabernacle tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Special Train from Chapel Hill.

There will be no session of the legislature tomorrow, both bodies having adjourned to attend the inauguration of President Alderman. The morning train will enable all people going from Raleigh to be present when the exercises begin. A special train will bring the party back, leaving Chapel Hill at six p. m.

Capital Lodge I. O. O. F. Capital Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F., meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. W. W. Wilson, N. G.

MILLIONS IN FLAMES.

Wanamaker's Big Phil. Store Threatened.

WATER PLUGS FROZE

And the Firemen Had Difficulty in Fighting the Flames—Dozen of Buildings Destroyed This Morning—Under Control at 10:30.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.—Fire which threatened to consume the great store of John Wanamaker raged this morning on the block bounded by Thirteenth, Juniper and Market streets. The roof of the tower of the immense Wanamaker structure, directly opposite, was ignited. The firemen had great difficulty in saving it from destruction. A big ornamental tower on Thirteenth and Market streets was gutted. Wanamaker was on the scene and directed the fire brigade and his employees. At ten o'clock between fifteen and twenty structures were destroyed. The loss is a million.

The fire originated in Hanscom Brothers' large grocery, consumed Bennett's restaurant Hirsch Brothers' large umbrella establishment, Blum Bros., cloaks, Jirsch Bros. and Dunlap Bros., fancy printers. The weather is bitter cold.

Wanamaker says that three hours after the firemen leave his store will open for business.

There was difficulty in getting water, as the plugs were frozen. The fire was under control at 10:30 after burning three hours. The loss will probably reach several millions. The following are additional business houses burned: Dunk Printing Co., Shower & Fryer, Wells' hat store, Roberts & Co., Marshall's restaurant, Reera & Ball, Hillard's pharmacy, Njokolays & Co., Smith Bros. & Co., twenty tenements, W. Potts & Co., Kisterhook & Son, Budd & Kille, jewelry, Gallagher & Langwan; besides many smaller places of business.

The severe cold interfered with the work of the firemen.

Greensboro's Small Pox Scare.

The Greensboro Record of yesterday publishes the following statement from Dr. W. P. Beall and Dr. W. H. Brooks, two of the most prominent physicians of that place: "A report with the sensational heading 'Small Pox in Greensboro,' appeared Sunday morning in the daily papers. Such a report unexplained, is calculated to do harm to the town by creating a needless panic, and we, therefore, submit a full statement of the facts. "On Friday afternoon a traveling salesman came to Greensboro, and not feeling well went to his room in the Benbow House and sent for a physician. He found a suspicious looking eruption on his body and after submitting the case to two other doctors, deemed it sufficiently suspicious to order the man removed from the city and quarantined, which was done Saturday night, as soon as a proper place could be secured. The room in which the man was has been thoroughly disinfected, bedding, etc., destroyed, inmates of the house and all others even recently exposed vaccinated, and every step taken to prevent the occurrence of any new case here. "We feel sure that under these circumstances, no fears need be felt by anyone, of outbreak of the disease.

A Fine Piece of Work.

At the office of Barbee & Co. today Mr. Stanley Faison had one of the finest pieces of work in the line of pen portraits we have ever seen. It was executed by his brother, Mr. Sherwood Faison, who is now studying at the Metropolitan Academy of Designs in New York, and who has evinced marked talent in this class of work. This picture was entitled 'Cloister Secrets' and was executed by Mr. Faison with pen and ink and was done inside of twenty four hours. It is a most vivid and life like piece of work and reflects the highest credit upon the young artist. The work would do credit to the most gifted masters.

Sheriff Harrington, of Pitt county, the county that Congressman Harry Skinner claims as his own, is in the city. Sheriff Harrington says the Populists of Pitt are disgusted with the action of the bolting Populists in supporting Pritchard. "The condemnation of Congressman Skinner's course is universal," he says.

THE SOUTHERN B & L A

Said to be in a Solvent Condition.

150 PERSONS

In Raleigh Hold Stock—They Have Paid in About \$15,000—Mr. McDonald's Advice is for Owners to Hold.

The Knoxville Tribune gives the following information concerning the Southern Building and Loan Association of Knoxville, Tenn., which is in business trouble and in which so many Raleigh people are interested.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Building and Loan association today a hard fight will be made by outside stockholders to not allow the association to go into the hands of a permanent receiver and wind up its business, but to move the general offices to another city and continue the business. Atlanta, Ga., is the city suggested and favored.

The city is full of representatives from in and out the state, who are large stockholders in the association and who also have the proxies of many hundred shareholders who will not attend the meeting. Representatives of \$588,000 of paid-up stock were holding meetings every few hours yesterday discussing the situation.

The gentlemen have had a special examiner at work on the books and at the meeting he reported to them that he had made a thorough examination and found the association to be in an excellent condition and perfectly solvent. The remainder of the morning was taken up in discussing what was the best policy to follow at the meeting today. At two o'clock the gentlemen met and took up the discussion of the general affairs of the association and discussed the idea of allowing the association to wind up the business and the idea was met with repulse, as not a member was in favor of it. Strong talks were made by many of those present roasting the Knoxville stockholders for trying to withdraw their stock from the Southern when they knew it was only injuring the association and their own interests. One gentleman arose and told of a telegram he had just received from an Atlanta party making the proposition that if the stockholders would vote at the meeting today to remove the general offices from this city to Atlanta they would subscribe \$300,000 to pay the stockholders of Knoxville who desired to withdraw and that they would insure a hearty welcome from every citizen in Atlanta and their hearty support.

Mr. W. H. Hunt, of San Antonio, Texas, is the leading spirit in the meeting. He represents 1,500 shares of stock with a paid up stock of \$75,000, and in the interest of himself and those he is representing deems it advisable to remove the general office.

Mr. Hunt will lead the fight for the removal at today's meeting. A reporter called upon Mr. Hunt last night at the Imperial and inquired as to what course the stockholders would take at the meeting, to which he replied: "The stockholders, I believe, will adopt resolutions fighting the receivership. I do not see any reason for the appointment of a receiver for an institution with three million dollars assets, and nearly \$500,000 undivided profits and not owing a cent in the world. I trust that the court will deny the application for a receiver. At our meetings today of delegates, who are here from a distance, to discuss a plan of action for the annual meeting it seems to be the unanimous opinion of all present, that the receivership would be readily beaten and that the association would continue its business as usual.

Mr. C. C. McDonald informs us that there is no need of any alarm on the part of members of the Raleigh Branch of the Southern, as he is perfectly satisfied they will receive every cent of their money. "The association is perfectly solvent and able to pay every cent it owes. Mr. McDonald says: "It is likely that the suit for a receiver will be dismissed and the association will continue business. In case a receiver is appointed, the stockholders will be paid in full. Of course it will take time."

There are 150 persons holding

STOCK IN RALEIGH IN THE SOUTHERN B. & L. ASSOCIATION.

They have about \$15,000 invested. The company has only two loans in Raleigh. Mr. McDonald's advice to stockholders is not to sacrifice their stock.

SNOW TOMORROW.

This the Coldest Morning of the Winter—Thermometer Will go Down.

Snow tomorrow and tomorrow night.

That is the comforting news that Col. von Herman spread forth today. The dispenser of weather in his forecast today says: "Increasing cloudiness tonight for Raleigh and vicinity. Snow Wednesday and Wednesday night. Continued cold; no moderation possible for some days."

The snow storm will strike us tomorrow. It is impossible to tell how long it will fall. The weather will continue to get cold after the snow storm passes. The temperature was 16 this morning, the coldest on record this year. The thermometer will drop even lower.

The severe cold wave continues to prevail over the entire country. The lowest temperature this morning occurred at Huron, South Dakota, (-26) and St. Paul (-24). The temperature is below zero from Kansas city through St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Detroit. It is 10 above zero at Memphis and Knoxville.

A storm has developed in the Gulf of Mexico, near Florida, which is causing heavy rains on Southern Florida and snow in other extreme southern States, at Galveston, Palestine and Vicksburg. The heaviest precipitation was 1.08 inch at Key West. The cold wave has not yet reached Florida and the storm developing there will keep it off for a time.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. T. Hodge is quite sick with la grippe on Hargett street.

Miss Louise Bruce Wright has returned from a visit to Haw River.

Mr. W. A. Lodge is confined to his room with la grippe.

Ex-Sheriff John R. Smith arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Keuster, of Baltimore, is in the city.

Miss Bedie Smith is quite sick at her residence 410 west Jones street.

We regret to note that the condition of Rev. Dr. Marshall was not so good today as it has been.

Rev. J. L. Burns, of Pitt county, who is a candidate for Keeper of the Capitol, is ill with pneumonia at the Harrison House.

Mr. Sam Berwanger is able to get out again in good shape after a few rounds with la grippe. He met the enemy in the ring and knocked him out without gloves.

Mr. J. Wayland Jones left today for Goldsboro where he leads to the hymeneal altar one of the fair daughters of that place, at high noon tomorrow.

Mr. Stuart Cramer, of Charlotte, is in the city on a business trip. The report that Mr. Cramer has been offered the position of adjutant general on the staff of Governor Russell is denied.

Important Meeting.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held at the Mayor's Office this Tuesday at 8 p. m.

This meeting is called to consider the electric street car situation. Other important matters will be presented.

It is desired that every member of the Chamber and all citizens, interested in the subject shall attend, and take part in the meetings. No subscriptions will be asked. It is merely a business meeting.

J. E. POGUE, Pres. GEO. ALLEN, Sec.

Entertainment by the Blind.

The board of trustees and faculty of the institution for the education of the deaf and dumb and the blind have issued invitations for an entertainment to be given by the pupils of this institution, in the school chapel, Thursday evening, January 29th, 1897, complimentary to the members of the general assembly and state officers. The exercises will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Manteo Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Manteo Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is earnestly requested to be on hand.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Four-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Messrs Woolcott & Son make a new and attractive announcement today. Do not fail to see it.

Major Grant is preparing a dispensary bill for Wayne. What will the poor traveller do who has to lay over in Goldsboro two hours next Summer.

Tonight services will be held at the Mission rooms, on Wilmington street, (old warehouse) every night this week by J. H. Wilson and Howard H. Pyche evangelists, of Boston.

There were thirteen additions to the penitentiary today. Nine prisoners from Cumberland and four from Wayne were added to the register of the Hotel Leazar, which will soon change its name to Cafe De Smith.

Hon W. W. Kitchen, congressman-elect from the fifth district, has tendered his clerkship to W. B. Guthrie, the chairman of the populist county committee in Durham county. Mr. Guthrie is the only son of Maj. W. A. Guthrie.

Sheriff Markham of Durham brought three prisoners to the pen yesterday. One of the prisoners was a colored girl, Artelia Mitchell. She gave carbolic acid to a minister's child, from the effects of which it died. The girl is sentenced to a five year term.

The small pox scare did Greensboro a great amount of damage. Yesterday travelling men kept shy of the place and not a few took another route to keep from passing through the place. The board of aldermen met Sunday and passed an ordinance requiring everybody to be vaccinated.

The physicians say there is more grip in Raleigh than ever before known. The standard for it and the only sure cure is the grip capsules sold by James McKimmon & Co as mentioned in their advertisement elsewhere. These capsules will stop the grip if any thing will and if you are a sufferer don't fail to try them.

The Clique Dramatique, Raleigh's amateur dramatic organization, is rehearsing a new play, "The Mask Ball," which will be presented some time during the latter part of February. The members of the organization thoroughly demonstrated their ability and aptitude as "Theatians" on the occasion of the successful presentation of the comedy, "Our Boys."

The Southern will tomorrow, the 27th, inaugurate a new sleeping car line between New York and Nashville. It will be an extension of the sleeper line between New York and Hot Springs. The sleeper will leave New York at 4:30 p. m., arriving in Knoxville from Hot Springs on No. 11 at 7:25 p. m., and will leave at 7:40 for Nashville, arriving there at 6:20 the next morning. Leaving Nashville at 12:20 p. m., arriving in Knoxville the next morning at 8 a. m. and leaving on No. 12 for Asheville and New York at 8:15. This is quite an improvement over the service now given and the public will welcome the new service.

MR. YOUNGSTON HERE

The Assistant Grand Chief of Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers.

Mr. A. P. Youngston, of Cleveland, Ohio, Assistant Grand Chief of the International Order of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is in the city stopping at the Park as the guest of division 339 of B. of L. E., of Raleigh. The following committee of this division of engineers met him at the Union Station on his arrival today: A. G. Atwood, W. A. Hortos, W. R. Bishop, H. J. Helleg, Ernest Martin, and Mr. Young.

Mr. Youngston is one of the first railway men in the country, being next to Chief Arthur. This is Mr. Youngston's first visit to Raleigh, and he was given a most hearty welcome by his brothers in this city. We welcome Mr. Youngston to Raleigh, and we are glad to have such a distinguished and sociable gentleman in our midst.