

COMING OF NAT GOODWIN

What the Washington Post of Yesterday Says of the Comedian.

Nat C. Goodwin, the greatest comedian of the day comes to the Academy next Wednesday, the 17th.

Mr. Goodwin began a week's engagement in Washington Monday and the Washington Post of yesterday, in a very lengthy criticism, says among other things of his appearance there: Nat C. Goodwin, who has been flaunting the American flag among the bushrangers since he last appeared here, returned to the Capitol of his native land last night, and was welcomed by an audience which completely filled the National Theater and with a warmth and enthusiasm that might well rival the homecoming of the prodigal son of Biblical lore. Not that Nat has been feeding on husks which had been scorned by antipodean porkers; on the contrary, he looks as if fatted calf had been his daily diet for some time. In short, Mr. Goodwin seems to have acquired some avoirdupois by his Australian trip, but he is the same jolly Nat as of old, and since he makes everybody "laugh and grow fat," why should he not enjoy some benefit himself? On the other hand it is pleasing to record that Miss Maxine Elliott, Mr. Goodwin's leading lady, who on her last appearance here betrayed an unfortunate tendency toward embonpoint, has regained her girlish figure just in proportion that she has broadened and developed her art. There is no manner of doubt that she divided the honors with Mr. Goodwin last night, both in the play and in popular appreciation.

In the part of Beresford Cruger, Mr. Goodwin has a character that fits him like a glove. It is a trifle Quixotic at times, but he carries it off with the nonchalance of a thorough American, and at the same time gets more fun out of it than any other actor could do. He has bright lines of the double entendre order, bordering upon colloquialism, and of course every one knows there is no cleverer man at polite "gagging" than Nat Goodwin.

As Beatrice Carew, Miss Elliott did some of the best work Washington has ever seen her in. We have, perhaps, been accustomed to regard her as a stage beauty first, but she proves herself a clever actress in this play.

IN A PICKLE

Our Winston Friends Seem to Have Been a Little Premature.

Winston's Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, etc., seem to have jumped before they were ready—before they knew what they were doing regarding the lease question. Action has been taken by some of these organizations against the lease but they had not looked well into the matter.

Gov. Russell's bill, annulling the lease, carries with it also the abrogation of all charters heretofore granted to any foreign railroad. It goes still further and prohibits the granting of any new charters to such. Our Winston friends were banking on getting a through line built via Mooresville in the event the present lease was broken, but they find themselves in the soup, for as stated above the bill knocks this bright prospect in the head.

A gentleman from that place this morning says the people up there had not looked into the matter closely and that now they would give something to be able to do some "abrogating" themselves: but how to take the back track is what is bothering them.—Greensboro Record.

Social Events at Durham.

The Durham Sun of yesterday says: "One of the most delightful events of the season was a 'peanut party,' given last evening at the residence of Capt W. L. Wall, on Chapel Hill street. It was given by Mrs. Wall, complimentary to Miss Mary Wall. Invitations were sent out, and those present were Misses Lizzie Morehead, Mabel and Lottie Tomlinson, Mabel and Pearl Duke, Matilda and Etta Heart, Lalla Ruth Carr, Lily Parrish, Annie L. Watts, Addie Reed, Mary Wall, Lizzie Ashe, Blanche Blake, Ethel Bagley, Mamie Simmons, Addie Ramsey, and a corresponding number of gentlemen.

Each of the guests was required to bring an original production, of either poetry or prose, inside a peanut shell. The first prize was awarded to Miss Pearl Duke for the best production. Professor Jerome Dowd won the booby prize.

The sheriff of Buncombe county brought two convicts to the penitentiary yesterday.

CLERK SWINSON GUILTY

So The Investigating Committee Reports.

A & N. C. ROAD.

In the House—Hancock's Bill Passes—Many Bills in the Senate—Committee May Go to Charlotte to Inspect Mecklenburg's Roads.

The House met 10 and Representative Lawhon prayed.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Hartness, to provide that in case of suit for damages brought against a person resident of another State who has property in this State it can be attached where there are unliquidated damages; by Carter, for relief of John P. Arrington ex-Sheriff of Nash, allowing him to collect arrears of taxes; by McRary, to create a short farm of agricultural liens in North Carolina, allowing the creditor to sell enough of the property at public auction, after 20 days notice, to cover the debt and interest; by Adams, to allow doves to be killed at any time in Wake and Richmond; by Cunningham, to amend sec. 421 and 322 of the code, by providing that where issues of fact and questions of fact arise in which the sum in dispute is not less than \$500 compulsory reference shall not deprive either party of constitutional right to a trial of the issues of fact arising on the pleadings.

By Lusk to amend the act of 1895 establishing a criminal circuit to be composed of the counties of Buncombe, Madison, Haywood and Henderson by striking out the word "criminal," that the judge in addition to his present jurisdiction shall have it also as to all civil actions and special pleadings and all civil business originating or pending in any of these counties, concurrent and equal jurisdiction, power and authority with superior court judges; that there shall be two extra terms of Buncombe court, the judge to receive \$500 more annually; by Sutton of Cumberland, to allow laborers and messengers at public buildings who get \$400 a year who have continuously served for a year 15 days leave annually with pay; by Lusk, to restore the rules of evidence in the making of sales of real estate for taxes as they were prior to 1883.

Cook made a report for the special committee on the bill regarding the lease of the North Carolina railway, offering a substitute for the original bill, asking that it be adopted as the bill; asking that it be printed and that it be made special order for next Friday. Blackburn protested that this was too short a time. It was stated that the house would be light on Friday owing to the absence of committees. Cook then moved that the bill be made the special order for noon next Tuesday. It was so ordered. Alken gave notice that as a member of the special committee he would file a minority report on substitute. He said he had not seen the substitute, but that understood a number of changes had been made in it since the hearing of it.

At noon the House took up as a special order the bill, introduced by Hancock, to "restore to the State the management and control of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad." Hancock opened the debate on it, saying it was introduced because the directors had under the company's by-laws met in secret session and taken control of the road, disregarding the State's two-thirds; that they issued a call to the stockholders to meet and seal the contract. Hancock said that as a stockholder, and believing they wanted to get absolute control of the road for forty years, he had applied for and obtained an injunction, and the private stockholders were prevented from disposing of the State's interest to themselves. That the directors met again secretly, December 31, and changed the by-laws so as to get control, and take it out of the hands of the president and directors, and place it in the hands of the finance committee. He said that W. S. Chadwick, president of the road had secured proxies which gave him over 600 votes, while W. T. Dortch, State proxy, representing 12,000 shares, represented only 350 votes. He declared that in violation of the charter, private stock had been so divided as to control the road's affairs, and take it out of the State's hands; that Chadwick and eight little Chadwicks had stock; that they themselves could get up

a stockholders' meeting any time in Chadwick's house, as they represent 1,088 shares.

Hancock's bill passed all readings. Bills were introduced by Mr. Lyle to provide for working public roads by taxation, Mr. Adams to place Geo. W. Grady, of Raleigh, on the pension roll.

Crumpler's bill to revise the public school laws creates the State board of education out of the Governor, president of the University, president State Normal and industrial school and three professional teachers to be elected biennially by the other members of the board; the board to recommend a course of study in the public schools, and a course of reading in professional study for teachers; to grant first grade life certificates; to meet in Raleigh, at the Governor's call, not over two days in each year; the office of county examiner is abolished after the 1st Monday in next July; the county commissioners, clerk and register shall biennially elect three men of good business qualifications as county board of education; and the latter board, clerk and register shall biennially elect a county supervisor of schools; the county boards to elect a district board of 5; apportion school fund, establish schools; third grade teachers' certificates to be abolished; county supervisors to be paid not over \$2 for each day actually at work.

At 2 o'clock the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 12 m., Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds presiding. Prayer by Senator McNeill.

Petition was presented from citizens of High Point asking that the present lease of the North Carolina Railroad be not interfered with.

By Utley, from citizens of Apex, asking for the amendment of the charter of the town of Apex, and that the S. A. L. R. R. be allowed to condemn only fifty feet of ground on each side of track from centre of said railroad track; by Clark, from citizens of Littleton, against a dispensary.

Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows: By Alexander, a joint resolution that a committee of seven, three from the Senate and four from the House, be appointed to visit Charlotte and examine the public roads in Mecklenburg county, so as to improve the public road laws of North Carolina; referred to committee on public roads.

At this point Clark for the committee appointed to investigate the statements made by A S Swinson, enrolling clerk, sent forward his report, which is as follows: By leave we respectfully report to your honorable body that in pursuance of their duties, they held a session on yesterday and after hearing Swinson, Lieut. Gov. Reynolds and Speaker Hileman, we are convinced that the enrolling clerk has been grossly extravagant in the management of his office in that he has employed and retained on his force a number of assistant clerks when they were not needed. That neither Lieut. Gov. Reynolds nor Speaker Hileman have forced or compelled him to employ any extra force.

On motion of Parker, (Alamauce), the matter was referred back to same committee with instructions to employ a competent stenographer, and that all the evidence be taken and reported to the senate tomorrow morning (Thursday).

By Utley, a bill to incorporate Mt. Moriah Male and Female Academy; by Butler, to revise and improve the public school system of N. C. (and on motion of Butler 500 copies were ordered printed); by Ashburn, a bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers; by Grant, resolution to pay witnesses and counsel for the Hoola Boom Campbell committee, appointed 1895; by Atwater, to regulate the practice of osteopathy; by Mr. Justice, a bill to amend section 2747 of the code, relating to the meeting of the electoral college; by Ray, a bill to protect creditors and innocent persons where property is mortgaged in other States; by Anderson, a bill to enlarge the powers of the railroad commission; by Barringer, a bill to amend chapter 365, laws 1895, relating to lost certificates of stock; by Clark, a bill to allow Halifax county to levy special tax; also (by request) a bill for a dispensary for the town of Littleton; also to satisfy certain claims against the University of North Carolina in favor of Hon. D. L. Swain, deceased; by Clark, a resolution that the special committee (Swinson committee) be vested with power to summon witnesses and employ such assist-

ance as is necessary, adopted; by Harrison bill to provide for the treatment and cure of inebriates.

Calendar.

Bills taken up as follows: For the procuring and distribution of dead human bodies, for the advancement of medical science, re-committed to committee to draft new bill, on account of so many amendments being offered.

A petition was read from North Carolina Teachers' association asking for a reformatory for youthful criminals.

Senate at 2:15 adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

LET THE LEASE ALONE

What Failed to Happen at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was more largely attended last evening than has been the case for many months. Every one was waiting for something to drop, but drop it did not, and when a motion was made to adjourn there was a smile on every face present. It was current talk on the streets yesterday that a resolution would be introduced denouncing the lease of the North Carolina railway to the Southern, and nearly all of our representative business men turned out to take a hand in the fun. There was some fun, but different from that expected. The lease matter was not referred to. The sentiment of those gentlemen present was overwhelmingly in opposition to the contemplated resolution.

On motion of Capt. C. B. Denso, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to appear before the legislative committee having in charge the reformatory bill in behalf of the establishment of such an institution.

President Thompson of the Electric company, at the request of Chairman Pozue, made an encouraging statement about the prospects of rebuilding the street car plant. A motion was adopted by unanimous vote requesting our citizens to subscribe for electric lights in order to secure the re-establishment of the street car line.

DASHED INTO A FREIGHT

Southern's Train Upsets a Seaboard Train at the Cary Crossing.

The Seaboard-Southern railway war seems to be on in earnest.

This morning the Southern railway's freight train, No. 73, ran into a Seaboard Air-Line freight just this side of Cary, where the Seaboard freight crosses that of the Southern. The Southern's train knocked four of the Seaboard's cars from the track, breaking two of them into kindling wood. The engine to the Southern's freight was badly battered and the front trucks jumped the track. The Seaboard's engine was not damaged, as it was above the crossing.

The regulations are that all trains shall come to a full stop, where one road crosses another, before they pass by. The Seaboard freight had complied with the regulations and was moving slowly and with great difficulty, when the Southern's freight train came thundering through Cary. The air brakes had refused to work and the engineer was unable to control his iron steed. No one was hurt, strange to say.

Appreciated, and How Much.

W. T. Howell and W. A. Upchurch know a good thing when they see it, and they do not only express themselves by word of mouth, but in a more substantial manner. Supervisor McMackin is grading the extension of the Rock Quarry road, on which these gentlemen live and own farms. They were so much pleased with the work and improvement to their places, that to Mr. McMackin's surprise proffered a barbecue, and on last Friday they bountifully fed sixty convicts and several friends with the very best barbecue, stews, salads, potatoes and coffee, cooked by "the prince of cooks" Jack Winslow. Everything was managed to make the occasion one of enjoyment. The most interesting feature of the evening was Tom Howell and McMackin eating barbecue and drinking coffee. After a speech of thanks by one of the convicts, the crowd dispersed to their respective homes wiser and better men.

X Y.

The usual monthly "German" by the Capital Club will be given Friday evening and promises to be a very delightful occasion.

NO ACTION TAKEN

In regard to Raleigh Schools by Commissioners—Supt. Howell Talks.

The board of county commissioners were in extra session Monday and Tuesday. They have decided to do nothing in the matter of apportionment of school funds of which the Raleigh school committee complains.

Superintendent Howell was asked if this was because as Mr. Rogers, the clerk of the board, had stated in the News and Observer, the schools of Raleigh had received already as much as or more than they are entitled to.

"Of course," he replied, "the county commissioners think so, else they would have made our apportionment larger."

"Mr. Rogers, I notice, says your conclusions are all wrong, and he gives figures to prove it."

"Yes," replied Mr. Howell, "but his figures are the same as mine, for I got them from the record in his office, and the only thing he disproves is something I have never said. We disagree as to law, not as to facts; not about what the commissioners have done, but as to their right to do so. Mr. Rogers' statement is an ingenious attempt to make the casual reader think I had erred in my facts, and my argument consequently worth nothing. But please publish what I did say in the News and Observer of last Thursday, and Mr. Rogers' comments there on. I want the people of Raleigh and of Wake county to know what is being done with their school money, and that no one has disproved a single statement I have made. I said."

"There are 18,096 children in the county. The school fund apportioned was \$27,796, this gives \$1.53-6-10 for each person of school age. In Raleigh township there are 5,571 children, and we ought to have received \$8,557. Instead, the board of county commissioners allowed us \$7,799, or only \$1.40 for each child."

"This is the way Mr. Rogers replied to that in the News and Observer last Saturday."

"In nearly all of his calculations Superintendent Howell starts out by stating what he simply supposes to be a fact, but is in reality, very incorrect, and hence his conclusions are erroneous. For instance, he has said that the board only gave Raleigh township its per capita of the two-thirds required to be apportioned per capita. Now, take two-thirds of the school fund, and divide its per capita, and it will give \$1.028-10, while in fact the board gave Raleigh \$1.40 per capita. So Mr. Howell is mistaken just 37½ cents per capita. Nearly all his other calculations are equally erroneous."

"Well, you and Mr. Rogers seem to agree as to the per capita apportionment in this township, \$1.40. How did he happen to misquote your statement so widely?"

"I don't know, unless because he had not read it. Unfortunately for Mr. Rogers' argument, I did not 'start out' as he has represented me as starting, nor did I 'simply suppose' what he has given me credit for."

YARBORO REOPENS

A Large Number of Guests on Hand the First Day.

The doors of the Yarboro were thrown wide open this morning to the public, and that section of the city, which to some extent has appeared deserted was enlivened as of old.

A large number of permanent boarders moved to the hotel during the day and the transient guests were surprisingly large. Manager Cooke had the hotel in splendid order and there was a general jollification among some of the old guests of the house.

Dinner was the first meal served. A great many innovations and improvements will be made in the hotel at an early date.

Weather Conditions.

The weather has become cloudy over almost the entire country. The barometric depression central Tuesday over Colorado has apparently moved south to Texas, the lowest barometer being reported at Corpus Christi. It is raining at New Orleans and Mobile and snowing at scattered stations in the north.

Only slight changes in temperature have occurred in the south and east, but it has again fallen below zero in the extreme northwest.

Mr. D. T. Johnson has something of interest to say in our advertising columns today.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pouri of the News Pictured on a Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Verse.

The Stanford Company will present "The Life of an Actress" to-night at Metropolitan Opera House.

Next Sunday will be St. Valentine's Day, an anniversary that has been and will be observed in a fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bailey have returned to the city from their bridal tour and are stopping at the residence of Mrs. Annie S. Bailey on North Blount street.

In the Progressive Farmer President Mann Page, of the National Farmers' Alliance, calls the supreme council to meet at Washington the third Tuesday in the month. The executive committee meets at the same place.

Sheriff C. Call, of Wilkes county, is in the city today. Mr. Call is very prominently and favorably considered for marshal of the western district of North Carolina and as it is probable that the young republicans of the west will be recognized in this appointment, Mr. Call will stand a good chance.

Some things it takes nerve to do, and to succeed at almost anything requires nerve. Messrs. Whiting Bros. come out in this issue with an announcement that is bound to be of interest to all who wear hats. Look up their new "ad" and then go around and see for yourself.

Mr. G. S. Tucker, of the firm of G. S. Tucker & Company, installment dealers of this city and Wilson, has gone on the road in the interest of a large western furniture factory. Their business here will continue under his brother, Mr. C. D. Tucker, and the store in Wilson under the management of Mr. George W. Grady.

Mr. J. B. Spilman of Waco, Texas has arrived in the city to accept the position of book keeper with the Southern law Book Exchange. Mr. Spilman is a very clever and talented gentleman and is a brother of Rev. B. W. Spilman of this city. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Spilman to the city.

Rev. J. A. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky., one of the leading young divines attending the State convention of the Young People's Union, is in the city. Rev. Mr. Robertson, who is a North Carolinian, completes his studies at the Southern Theological Seminary at the coming commencement. Mr. Robertson has taken a very high stand at the Seminary and has a bright future before him. He preaches at the University Sunday.

Fathers and mothers should not fail to read the "ad" of Pool's shoe store in this issue. Buying shoes for children is a big expense, but if fathers and mothers will take advantage of the great sacrifice Mr. Pool is offering in these goods they will make their expenses about half. In order to make room for spring goods he has placed his entire line of children's shoes on sale at a great reduction. He also has the newest creations in gentlemen's and ladies' fine footwear.

Groceries for Cash.

Messrs. Woolcott & Son now have a full fledged City Department Store. They have just added a large grocery department to their business, so now you can buy anything you want to eat or wear from them.

They sell only for cash and if you will read their new ad. today you will see what they are doing. Department stores have come to stay and these gentlemen have taken the initiative and put in such a stock. You can buy anything from a paper of pins to a \$50 tailor made suit of clothes from them.

Died.

In Wilmington Monday morning, February 9th, 1897, Edward, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Billings, formerly of this city. The remains arrived here this morning and were interred in Oakwood this afternoon. The funeral occurred at Wilmington yesterday.

OVER A MILE A MINUTE.

Some Remarkable Time Made by the Seaboard Air Line.

The railroads have been making some fast time lately.

The Seaboard Air Line made a run of 78 miles in 72 minutes and the Baltimore and Ohio made 41 miles in 37 minutes. Engine No. 1313, which draws Royal Blue Line train No. 511 from New York to Washington, on January 24th made a run from Camden Station to Washington in thirty-seven minutes. The distance is 41 miles. The train left Camden station at 4:02 and was in Washington depot at 4:39.

The run from Branchville to Trinidad, Washington's city limits, a distance of eight and a half miles, was made in five minutes. Engineer Schultz was in charge. The fast time was made because the train was several minutes behind time. Engine No. 1313 is one of those recently built for the Baltimore and Ohio. It is a Baldwin ten-wheel driver. The fast time made on the Seaboard Air Line is particularly interesting because the engine used was built by the Richmond locomotive works, a southern concern.

COWLES TO BE ADJUTANT

Col. Boyd, Who May Set in McKinley's Household Here.

Mr. A. D. K. Cowles of Statesville will be Governor Russell's adjutant general. The appointment does not come officially, but announcement of it will be made at the executive office this evening or tomorrow. Mr. Cowles is in the city.

Col. Jas. E. Boyd, who is now prominently before the country as a cabinet possibility arrived in the city today. Col. Boyd was greeted heartily by his many friends in the city and he was given evidences of their hearty good will and friendship in his laudable ambition to become a member of McKinley's family. Col. Boyd has every quality of that material called "Cabinet timber." No man in the South is better fitted to administer the affairs of one of the departments of State. Col. Boyd has been strongly endorsed for the position by leading Statesmen all over the country.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. 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	6 85	6 85	6 76	6 76
February	6 85	6 85	6 76	6 76
March	6 92	6 92	6 83	6 84
April	6 99	6 99	6 89	6 91
May	7 05	7 05	6 96	6 96
June	7 09	7 10	7 00	7 01
July	7 10	7 10	7 01	7 01
August	6 76	6 76	6 75	6 73
Sept.	6 70	6 70	6 67	6 63
October	6 68	6 68	6 61	6 63
November	6 76	6 76	6 67	6 68
December	6 76	6 76	6 67	6 68

Closed steady; sales 175,700 bales. The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market.		
Sugar	.....	112 1/2
American Tobacco	.....	89 1/2
Burlington and Quincy	.....	75 1/2
Chicago Gas	.....	77 1/2
American Spirits	.....	134
General Electric	.....	35
Louisville and Nashville	.....	50 1/2
Manhattan	.....	90
Rock Island	.....	28 1/2
Southern Preferred	.....	28 1/2
St. Paul	.....	75 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	.....	29 1/2
Western Union	.....	83 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:	
Wheat—May, 70 1/2; July 71 1/2	
Corn—May, 24 1/2; July, 24 1/2	
Oats—May 17; July 17 1/2	
Pork—May, 7 70; July 7 85	
Lard—May, 3 82; July 3 92	
Clear Rib Sides—May 4 95; July 4 06	
Liverpool Cotton Market.	
February	..... 3.52
February-March	..... 3.52 b
March-April	..... 3.53 b
April-May	..... 3.53 b
May-June	..... 3.54 b
June-July	..... 9.55 s
July-August	..... 3.55 s

Closed barely steady; sales 10,000 bales. A Card. Since my arrival in Raleigh I find some malicious enemy has circulated the report, that I was bought off from the state ticket after being nominated as auditor. I wish through the columns of the Press-Visitor to deny such a charge, and denounce the originator as a liar, thief and knave of the deepest dye—I live in Wilkesboro.

J. R. HENDERSON.