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TWO FACTS KNOWN

The Court of Inquiry Report March Twentieth

WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT

The Reason the Report of the Court is Being Delayed is That the War Ships Have Not Suff cient Ammunition.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March 1.—All the departments of Congress have settled down to wait quietly until after the middle of the month for developments. These two facts are regarded as certain:

First, there will be no report until after March the twentieth; Second, the report will indicate that the disaster was not an accident.

The latest announcement does not mean, however, that it will show that the plot was of Spanish origin or design. The reason for this delay is that the battleships have not enough ammunition.

COURT TO RETURN.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Havana, March 1.—A naval official said that the court of inquiry will return to Havana on the Marblehead or the Nashville, instead of by the coast survey vesel Bache.

INDEMNITY LOSING FAVOR.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March. 1.—The cabinet meeting is the center of interest. It seemed after the meeting that the indemnity plan is losing favor.

SPAIN'S VIEW.

The Anxiety Over the Situation Grows Daily.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Madrid, Mar. 1.—Great anxiety is visible regarding verdict of United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine than was apparent a week ago. The constant rumor of possible hostilities is harassing and weakening the government and also trying the patience of the "jingo papers," which publish exhaustive despatches from New York and Washington to the effect that the relations between the United States, Cuba and Spain are hourly becoming more and more strained and attributing this to President McKinley's series of anti-Spanish declarations. Admiral Bemmejo and Minister Maine are actively seeking the best means to procure additional war ships.

HAVANA NEWS.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Havana, March 1.—A strong breeze is blowing today, but active preparations continue for the public welcoming of the Vizcaya.

Senator Proctor, after a visit to Gen. Blanco today, will take the trip to the Provinces, probably first going to Pinar del Rio, and will accompany Clara Barton's business manager. The steamer Montivideo sailed last night with five hundred soldiers. Some invalidated others and the time expired.

No word from the divers thus far today of any work of importance.

PURCHASE TWO WARSHIPS

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

London, March 1.—It is reported that an agent of the United States has almost completed arrangements for the purchase of two warships. No details of the purchase are given.

NOT GOING TO TALK.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March 1.—Government officers are not going to speak further in regard to the sinking of the Maine until the official report.

WAR PREPARATIONS.

The Government is Buying and Mounting Big Guns.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1.—The Otis Steel Company have received instructions from Washington to construct four gun carriages. These are furnished to mount the big battle ship guns.

The Rhodes and Beider Coal Company has contracted to furnish three hundred thousand tons of coal for immediate shipment to Florida.

Dr. Gattling's big coast defence gun will be removed from the Cleveland City Forge and Iron Works to the Otis Steel Works tomorrow, and in two weeks it will be sent to Washington to be rifled.

SECOND DAY.

Court of Inquiry Still Holding Private Sessions.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Key West, March 1.—The second day's session in the United States Court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine began in the United States court room shortly before ten o'clock this morning. Most of the officers were examined yesterday, but reported today for re-examination, having been notified that they might be recalled. The court sat in the private room of Judge Locke.

FRANCE LOSES A SHIP.

But Her Gunboat Was Not Blown Up.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Sydney, Australia, March 1.—During a hurricane the French gun boat Loyalty was sunk. New Caledonia was completely devastated.

SHERIFF MARTIN TO TESTIFY.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 1.—Sheriff Martin will testify for the defense late late this afternon.

MINERS TO STRIKE.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Columbus, Ohio, March 1.—President Farms of the Ohio Miners' Organization, says that a strike of the miners on April first seems inevitable. The Ohio operators have decided that they cannot pay the same wages as paid in western Pennsylvania. The Chicago conference will refuse to sign the scale. The men will insist.

SIXTEEN DROWNED.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Adelaide South Australia, March 1.—During a fearful gale a wave swept a second officer and fifteen sailors overboard.

TRAIN BEHIND.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Portland, Me., March 1.—The train with La Champagne's passengers is three hours behind time, but will arrive in New York this evening.

TEACHER AND PUPILS HURT.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, March 1.—Miss Jennie Reed and six children, who were attending her private school were knocked out of a wagon by a trolley car today. All of them received severe injuries.

MINING PLANT BURNED.

Buildings and Machinery of Cumnock Mines Destroyed in Three Hours.

Colon, N. C., Feb. 28.—The machinery plant of the Cumnock coal mines, with the exception of the new ventilating apparatus, was burned down in three hours Sunday morning. The fire had a good start when the flames were first seen, and made such rapid progress that all efforts to cope with it were futile. The engineer and fireman say that with the pump and hose it was impossible to subdue the fire. By 11 o'clock the building with its contents was in ruins.

Every effort was made to save portable property. All railway cars in the yard were moved to a place of safety. Fortunately no one was injured.

Nothing is known positively of the origin of the fire, but it is believed to be the work of an incendiary. It has been suggested that it is the culmination of a plot to prevent the successful operation of the mines by the present management; but in the absence of proof this theory will have to be taken with some grains of allowance.

The management declare positively that the plant will be rebuilt at once. In fact, the work of clearing away the debris was begun today. Recent promising developments under ground afford every assurance that ample capital for reconstruction and extension will be secured without difficulty. The new plant will be modern in all its appointments.

The output of the mines during the months of January and February was the largest in the history of coal mining in this section.

EXCEPTIONS OF SEABOARD AIR-LINE.

Protests Against the New Passenger Rates.

The Seaboard Air Line, through Capt. W. H. Day, attorney for the road, filed exceptions to the recent reduction of passenger fares by the Railroad Commission to 2½ and 2 cents per mile, to go into effect March 23rd. Capt. Day filed the exceptions with Clerk H. C. Brown, of the Commission.

The exceptions set forth that the old rate was just and reasonable, and did not yield more than a sufficient return on investments and barely paid the actual costs of operating the road with economy and a reasonable interest upon the funded debt, and does not yield sufficient income to pay any dividend.

That the reduction will probably result in an actual deficit.

That the order of the Commission substantially requires the roads to carry passengers without reward, under the pretense of regulating fares, and amounts to the taking of private property for public use, without just compensation and without due process of law.

That the determination of the Board was reached without any petition or complaint, and without any evidence to show that the old rates were unreasonable, or that the new ones were reasonable and just, and in disregard of evidence offered.

Lastly, if the order of the Commission is carried out, the business of the railways will be conducted at a continued loss.

The Commission will probably give the representatives of this road a hearing on the exceptions about March 15th.

None of the other railroads on which the reduction was likewise made have filed exceptions, but it is probable that they will do so. All exceptions will have to be filed by March 3rd, ten days after the Commission adjourned.

Havana, Feb. 28.—According to the Spanish official reports General Castellanos, with a column of 2,400 regular infantry, 400 cavalry and three pieces of artillery, has had over eight days' fighting with the Insurgents under General Lope Precio, near Puerto Principe City.

Two pitched battles were fought, and in the second one over 100 Insurgents and 100 Spaniards were killed. The battle ended after two terrible cavalry charges by the Cubans. The Insurgents numbered 3,000. The Insurgents lost their leaders, Angel Recio and Alvaro Rodrigues.

THE STATE AROUSED

Governor Russell Receiving Many Tend rs of Service

CUBAN SENTIMENT HERE

A Virginia Colonel Wants to Enlist in this His Native State—Col. Burgwyne Raise a Company of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Governor is almost daily receiving letters from parties who are manifesting their bravery and patriotism by tendering their service in the State Guard in the coming (?) war.

J. W. St. John, of Wilmington, writes the Governor offering his services in the National Guard of this State in case of war between the United States and Spain.

He gives the record as follows:

Private Separate Co. N. Y. N. G. 1879.
Second Lieut., March, 1888.
First Lieut. April, 1890.
Captain, July 1892.
Honorable Discharge Sept. 1896.

The writer says: "I am well posted and up to date in the latest army tactics and manual of arms and am fully competent to command a battalion and would esteem it an honor to receive a commission from you.'" Mr. St. John met the Governor election night in the Republican headquarters.

Colonel William H. S. Burgwyn yesterday wrote Gov. Russell the following letter, which has the true American ring about it. In view of the possible declaration of war between this country and Spain, and a call upon you by the President to furnish North Carolina's quota of troops for that purpose, I have the honor to tender you my services to raise a regiment of infantry, composed of the sons of Confederate soldiers, to serve in that war." Col. Burgwyn was in the civil war, and afterwards commanded the widely known Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Maryland.

Ex-Adjutant General James D. Glenn, now on the retired list, offers his services to the Governor in any capacity.

Another letter received today by Governor Russell was from G. H. Hill, of Charlottesville, Va., and he writes along the same line. He served in the Confederate army as a colonel.

Col. Hill writes that before the war he was in the artillery of the United States army, and was stationed at Fort Ridgily, Minn. The Colonel says in part "At the first sound of the bugle of old North Carolina calling her sons to defend her, I offered to her Governor my sword and services and served throughout the entire war, believing then, as I do now, that I owed my allegiance to my mother State. Now that our country is all excitement and war seems almost inevitable, I have offered as I did then, to you, as the chief executive of our grand old mother State, my sword and services in defence of the general government, and if war should be declared you may rely upon me as a volunteer to go to the front when our State shall need men to furnish troops to fight for the defence of the "Stars and Stripes."

Are these sample extracts from a few of the many letters received by Governor Russell sufficient to show the loyalty of this State and her ex-Confederate sons if the conflict should come? A well informed gentleman said yesterday that he doubted if the war sentiment was as rampant in any State in the Union as it is in the Old North State.

In Asheville a gentleman 57 years old went before the local company of the State guard and begged to be allowed to enlist, his age notwithstanding.

GEN. HAMPTON'S VIEWS.

Gen. Wade Hampton, one of the two surviving lieutenant-generals of the Confederacy, consented today for the first time to talk on the Maine disaster, and the probability of war with Spain, says the Columbia despatch of Feb. 26.

"I cannot express an opinion on the cause of the Maine tragedy," said the general, "as that is a matter which is to be determined by experts and divers. But as to what course the United States should pursue, should the disaster prove to be due to Spanish treachery, or to the fanatical hatred of the United States on the part of some individual Spaniard, I do not hesitate to say that we should demand a heavy indemnity and enforce the collection of it at the muzzle of the guns.

"Here, again, another contingency arises. It is whether or not Spain would choose to pay or go to war. In the later event, there is not much doubt as to the outcome. There is one fact that should not be lost sight of, however, at this point, and it is that Spain has a navy as large or slightly larger than that of the United States, though I doubt if it would fight as well as ours. Once war is declared we all know that its issues will be determined on the sea. Spain will be unable to invade the United States, and likewise we are unable to invade Spain. There could, threfore, be but little land fighting, except that the Spanish fleet might shell a few of our most exposed seaports. We in turn would take possession of Cuba, and the war would ultimately end on account of Spain's inability to continue it."

Gen. Hampton was asked if he would offer his services to the government, but declined to answer. From his subsequent conversation the inference could be drawn that he would not. He would advise he said that the men of the South stay at home and let the North furnish the troops.

"We are," said he, "just recovering from a terrific struggle, which depopulated our section of the country, and another war would give us another setback. If it becomes necessary, our citizens should take arms to defend their seaports, but not otherwise."

When asked what disposition should be made of Cuba, Gen. Hampton expressed a strong disapproval of annexation.

"We have enough bad voters in this country now," he said, "without taking in any more. It would be well for the United States to exercise a protectorate over both Cuba and Hawaii, but I am unalterably opposed to annexation."

The most surprising part of Gen Hampton's talk was his estimate of Gen. Miles.

"Miles," said he, "has lately written a book telling of his campaigns on the frontier and his wars against the Indians, but there is nothing to it except vainglorious prise for himself.

OFF FOR NEWBERN.

Most of the Raleigh Delegation Will Leave Tomorrow.

Raleigh promises to be well represented at the Newbern fish, oyster and industrial fair, which was formally opened in that city yesterday at noon. Several have already gone, but the largest number will probably leave tomorrow.

Curator Brindley, of the State Museum, went today in the interest of the museum. He finds many valuable specimens there every year.

Curator Pearson and Prof. Holmes of the State University, went to Newbern today.

Among others who have gone from Raleigh are John Morris and Sherwood Upchurch.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad will run a special train from Goldsboro to Newbern to accommodate the crowds every day this week and Friday. This special train will leave Goldsboro at 8 a. m. Wednesday and Thursday.

LANGDON MUCH WANTED

He is Wanted for Escape from a Reformatory.

Yesterday afternoon's Norfolk Ledger says:

"J. C. Langdon, the young Philadelphian being held here for the Raleigh authorities, upon the charge of forgery, was carried before Judge Hancock in the Corporation Court today upon a writ of habeas corpus sued out Saturday evening by Mr. P. J. Morris, counsel for the accused. A motion to squash the mittimus upon which he is being held in jail was argued by Messrs. Morris and H. G. Miller for the accused and Commonwealth's Attorney Duncan for the State. The court decided to hold Langdon for the North Carolina authorities. The papers which were expected here from Richmond before this had not arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Chief of Police Dornin, the officer having received a letter from T. B. Patton, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntington, Pa., stating that Langdon is wanted there, he having escaped from that institution while under sentence for forgery. As stated Saturday, he is also wanted for the same offense in Augusta, Ga.

JAY RAY DISCHARGED.

Brother of Superintendent Charles Ray Arrested in Durham.

"James Ray was tried by Mayor McCown today at noon for larceny and was discharged."

The above item is taken from the Durham Sun of yesterday afternoon. James Ray is a brother of Superintendent Charles E. Ray of this county. James Ray lives in Wake county. He went to Durham to do some trading. He was accused by the storekeeper of slipping a bolt of cloth into his basket but, as the above item shows, he was discharged.

APEX BOOMING.

A Weekly Paper Now Makes its Appearance There.

Next Thursday a paper called "The Apex Weekly News," will make its appearance in that thriving village. Mr. A. J. Wood will be the editor, and Mr. Charles L. Reed the business manager. The editor announces that the paper will be straight Democratic.

RATES CUT.

Two Western Roads Make a Cut of 50 Per Cent.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Chicago, March 1.—The Northern Pacific and the Great Northwestern Railway made a fifty percent cut in their rates to the Northwest this morning to meet Canadian competition.

COURT MET.

Yesterday was the date for the civil term of the Superior Court to convene, but, as has been previously announced, in view of the fact that the Supreme Court is this week hearing appeals from this district, Judge Timberlake agreed to adjourn court over until next Monday. However, the sheriff this morning, according to law, walked into the court room and called the court to order, several loafers accompanying him into the room. Immediately after calling the court to order he adjourned the same over until this morning. The same performance will be repeated each morning this week until next Monday, when Judge Timberlake will be on hand, ready to proceed with business.

New York, Feb. 28.—The monitor "Terror," which arrived here early this morning, to protect the harbor in case of war with Spain, is an object of usual attention from the crowds which line the shore to get a look at her. Every time the boats come ashore with officers and men the people cheered them lustily, the women waving their handkerchiefs frantically. The "Terror" keeps up steam constantly.

TIME HAS EXPIRED

McKinley Gave Spain Until March to Pacify Cuba

AUTONOMY A FAILURE

What Will the President do Now is the Question?—Spain Unsuccessful in Asking An Extention of Time—Another Crisis.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, March 1. The New York Evening Journal's Washington special says that the time allowed by President McKinley ultimatum to Spain for ending the war in Cuba expired at midnight. According to the terms of the note transmitted to the Spanish government through Minister Woodford Spain was to make a success of autonomy in Cuba before March the 1st or the United States would intervene. Autonomy, according to Consul General Lee, has proved a hideous failure. Cuba is not pacified. The United States must intervene. It has been known here that for some time the representatives of Spain have made every effort to secure an extension of two months. They have claimed that if the day for accounting could be put off until the beginning of the rainy season autonomy in Cuba would become a fact. The administration officials admit that the time allowed Spain for closing the war has ended, but they refuse to divulge the President's attitude on the subject.

MONTH OF MARCH

How the Weather Has Been in the Last Eleven Marches.

The following data, covering a period of 11 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records in this city for months of March.

Mean or normal temperature 49.

The warmest month was that of 1894, with an average of 56.

The coldest month was that of 1891, with an average of 45.

The highest temperature was 89, on March 22nd, 1894.

The lowest temperature was 20, on March 16th, 190.

Average date on which "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 1st.

Average date on which "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 8th.

Precipitation (rain and snow).

Average for the month 4.17 inches.

Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 13.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.25 inches in 1891.

The least monthly precipitation was 1.59 inches in 1893.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.09 inches on March 19th and 20th, 1895.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours record extending to winter was 2 inches on March 4th, 1893.

Average number of clear days, 10; partly cloudy days, 8; cloudy days, 13.

The prevailing winds have been from the northwest.

The highest velocity of the wind was 41 miles from the southwest, on March 28th, 1890.

DEATH OF MR. J. P. WRIGHT.

At his residence, corner South Salisbury and South streets, yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock, Mr. James P. Wright breathed his last, after an illness of about two months. While on a visit to his old home, Richmond, Va., two months ago, Mr. Wright contracted a deep cold which rapidly developed into consumption, ending his life as stated within two months' time.

Mr. Wright has been residing in Raleigh some four years, removing from Richmond with his interesting family to take a position in Wyatt's harness and saddlery establishment, at which business he was a skilled workman.

Deceased leaves a most estimable family, consisting of his widow and five children, only one of whom has reached the age of maturity. He was 49 years of age.

The funeral arrangements will be announced hereafter

The funeral service of the late James P. Wright will be held at the Fayetteville street Baptist church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

CONGRESSIONAL FUSION.

Populists Here Say That It is Now Assured.

The news comes straight that Senator Butler has given orders to his lieutenants to begin working for congressional fusion betwen the Populists and the Democrats. It is reported that the Populist party wants to name the Congresional candidate in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh districts.

A Republican politician of this city said yesterday that he expected his party to lose every district in the State if civil service was not broken up before the election.

Nearly all the Populists here seem to regard Democratic and Populist congressional fusion as a certainty, but say this will not keep them from fusing with Republicans on county tickets.

A GILDED FOOL.

Mr. Edward P. Elliott, one of the finest impersonators in this country, will close the "star course" tomorrow night with his impersonation of "Dollars and Sense" or "A Gilded Fool," as played by Mr. Nat Goodwin. Subscribers can get their seats by calling at the drug store of W. H. King & Co. tomorow (Wednesday) night, 2d inst.

MONDAY EVENING CLUB.

Judge Clark and Prof. Poteat Read Papers.

An unusually large crowd gathered last evening in Mrs. Holleman's hospitable home. It was the regular meeting of the Monday Evening Club, but papers from Judge Walter Clark and Prof. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest gave promise of an immensely interesting meeting.

Dickens was the subject for the evening, and the program was opened by a reading, "The Begging Letter Writer," by Mr. Henry Briggs.

A violin and piano duet was rendered by Misses Kate and Mary Denson.

Before reading his paper, Prof. Poteat expressed his pleasure and gratification at the fact that there are such organizations as the one he was addressing. There being so many similar ones throughout the country speaks well for the literary aspiration of the people.

The subject of his paper was, "The Literary Aspect of the Scientific Revolution." This paper was full of thought and meat for reflection. Its preparation showed much research and originality.

"O for thee I am thinking" was sung by Miss Hughes, of Oxford.

A paper on Charles Dickens was read by Judge Walter Clark. After comparing him to the other great novelists of his time, he wrote with keen appreciation of the delicacy of his character drawing and the far-reaching effects of his writings in reforming certain evils of his time. Judge Clark's paper was highly enjoyed.

Mrs. Charles McKimmon sang in her usual charming manner "Gavotte in Gray."

A selection from "Pickwick Papers" was read by Miss Montgomery. "A pleasant day with an unpleasant termination."

Misses Annie and Margaret Hill and Messrs. Grice and Phillips were elected members.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movement in New York and Liverpool Markets.

By private wire to W A Porter field & Co.

New York Cotton.

Months.	High.	Low.	Clos.
March	6 09	6 05	6 09@6 10
April	6 10	6 07	6 12@6 13
May	6 16	6 10	6 15@6 16
June	6 18	6 13	6 18@6 19
July	6 21	6 16	6 21@6 22
August	6 25	6 19	6 24@6 25
September	6 20	6 15	6 19@6 21
October	6 18	6 13	6 18@6 19
November	6 16	6 13	6 17@6 18
December	6 18	6 15	6 19@6 20
January	— —	— —	6 21@6 23

Steady; sales 125,700.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 1—4 p m

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

Fair demand, favor buyers. American middling 3 7-16; sales 10,000; speculation and exports 500, rec'e p's 7,000, American 42,000. Futures opened quiet, dc and moderate, closed quiet.

March	3 24-
March-April	3 24-
April-May	3 24-
May-June	3 24b
June-July	3 23-
July-August	3 23-
August-September	3 23-
September-October	3 24b
October-November	3 24
November-December	3 2 -
December and January	3 23-

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market to-day:

Wheat—May 1 5; July 91⅛
Corn—May 36; July 41.
Oats—May 26⅛; July 24⅞
Pork—May 10 42; July 10 47
Lard—May 5 32; July 5 47
Clear Rib sides—May 5 20; July 5 25

New York Stock Market

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

St. Paul	—
Chicago & North Western	124⅛
Rock Island	88⅛
Southern Preferred	24
Louisville and Nashville	55⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	21
Con Gas	186
American Tobacco	90⅞
Missouri Pacific	28⅛
Manhattan	108⅛
Western Union	88
Burlington and Quincy	96⅞
Jersey Central	85
U.S. Leather Preferred	63⅛
Sugar	129⅛

ONE LEFT.

"There is only one Republican left in the capitol now since Major Alexander has resigned," said a Republican yesterday, "and that man is Major W. H. Martin in State Treasurer Worth's office."

"How about the Governor?" he was asked.

"Oh he is a great big he Populist," was the response.

J. O. U. A. M.

Regular meeting of Raleigh Council, No. Junior Order United American Mechanics, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Report of representatives to State Council and other important business. Every member urged to be present.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

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

Mr. C. P. Snuggs is a little better today.

Labor Statistician Hamrick went out to Wake Forest today.

Hon. Kope Elias left for the West today after spending yesterday in the city.

Officer Haynes did not arrive this afternoon with James C. Langdon according to expectation.

It is reported that the business men of Winston, N. C., are promoting a railroad between Clayton and Glenville.

Miss Hastings, of Massachusetts, who has been visiting Mrs. William Phillips Aviritt, left this morning for Kittrell.

An interesting question is raised as to an inter-State free pass. Can the Commission forbid the issue of a pass from, say, Raleigh to Atlanta and return?

Preparations are now being made by the ladies of the church improvement society of the First Baptist Church for an old folks' concert, which will be given at an early date.

The exposition car "City of Charlotte," recently spent one day at Wilson and 1,900 persons visited the car during the day. This is the largest one day record that the car has made.

The United States Supreme Court handed down no decision in the case of the Wilsons vs. Railroad Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson yesterday. It is probable that the opinion will be given next Monday.

Don't forget the organ recital at the First Baptist Church tonight at 8 o'clock. An excellent musical program has been prepared and a treat is in store for all lovers of music. The recital will begin promptly at 8 p. m. tonight.

Dunc Mangum was arraigned before Mayor Russ this morning charged with disorderly conduct. He is accused of swearing on the street and banging on a man's door and raising a disturbance generally. He was fined $25 and cost, and it is probable that he will have to go to the roads.

Representative Frank Brown, of Jones county is here. He today assumed a position in United States Marshal Duckery's office, which has been held by Hanna. He says Hanna resigned some time ago, and that he (Brown) has been getting the pay all the time since Duckery came in.

Mr. G. L. Hogan, at the Carolina Hotel this city, has closed contracts for calcium carbide gas plants to light the town of Oxford, N. C., Louisburg, N C., and Tarboro, N. C., and deals for other towns are now pending.—Durham Sun.

Messrs. Mike P. Chamblee and J. T. Rowland have returned frmo a pleasant visit to Wakefield.

Clerk Winbish, of the penitentiary, says he only ordered 150 pounds of the "bargain coffee" offered him by a New York house at 6½ cents. Yesterday when a car arrived with 20,000 pounds he was amazed. It is what is known as broken-grain coffee. However, he says that he gets out of his difficulty about coffee by getting permision to return it to the shipper.

"There are people who say that when the Commission meets to hear exceptions to the reduced passenger rates it will be convinced that it is not just to make the reduction, and that in such an event the Governor can put in effect his project of leasing the Atlantic & North Carolina to the Southern, at 2½ dthe Carolina Railroad to the Southern at 2½ per cent on the capital stock," says Col. Olds, in his correspondence.

FAIR TONIGHT.

It was snowing Early This Morning at Charlotte.

The forecast of Raleigh and vicinity of the weather bureau says, fair tonight and Wednesday, warmer.

The storm on the middle Atlantic coast has disappeared. A new depression extends from northern Texas to Minnesota, with the lowest pressure at Davenport. A little rain has fallen in Texas and snow in the Lake region.

It was snowing this morning at Charlotte, but generally throughout the country east of the Mississippi the weather is clear and cold.

SUPREME COURT.

Cases Argued That You Are Familiar With.

Today the fourth judicial district was called in the Supreme Court and the following cases were argued.

State vs. Hester, argued by Attorney General for the State; Battle & Mordecai and Argo & Snow for defendant.

State vs. Robertson, argued by Attorney General for State; Argo & Snow for defendant.

Smith vs. Thompson, argued by Douglass & Holding for plaintiff, McRae & Day, Jones & Boykin for defendant.

Moseley vs. Crose, argued by Douglass for plaintiff, and Argo & Snow for defendant.