Weather.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20-Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Fair tonight and Thursday; slowly rising temperature.

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PETITION FOR A **FIREPROOF HOME** STATE LIBRARY

Petition Presented by Gox of Wake, From State Library Association

MR. STEDMAN PRESENT

Courtesies of the Floor Extended to Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Stedman, of Greensboro, Also to Col. B. M. Whitfield, of Lenoir-Gordon Introduced Bill as to Pay of Solicitors-Bill to Amend Guilford County Scale Bill-Bill by Lemmond to Require More Particular Description of Property Sold Under Judgment-Other Bills Presented

Speaker Graham called the house to order at a few minutes past 11. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Lee, senator from the 29th district.

Petitions and Memorials.

Cox, of Wake: On behalf of North Carolina Library Association, for the erection of fire-proof building; also from State Literary and Historical So-

Harshaw: For ex-Confederate soldiers of Caldwell. Marriage extended to January 1, 1866 and pensions without regard to financial standing. Green: From citizens of Craven

for road to be buil by convicts. Killian: From citizens of Hickory for repeal and modification of prop erty exemption section.

Privileges of house extended to Col. M. B. Whitfield, of Lenoir, on motion of Mr. Morton.

By invitation Colonel Whitfield, who was a member of the house 50 Darham Bon't Want Ching years ago, occupied the seat of Representative Cotton, of Pitt, and briefly adressed the house. The aged ex-member was applauded loudly as he was escorted to the seat which Mr Cotton had especially asked that he occuy, saying it was the same seat

Introduction of Bills.

Haymore: Protect Toxes in Surry Gordon: Repeal sections 2767, 2768, Revisal, and insert other sections relating to salaries of solicitors Amend Guilford county salary bill

relative to allowance of clerk of court. Lee: Amend 237, Laws 1907, authorizing town of Canton to issue bonds.

Hayes: Authorize commissioners of Chatham to pay floating indebtedness by bond issue.

Myatt: Repal section 202, Laws 1907, relating to fees of officers of Johnston. Connor: Regulate pay of jurors to

Wilmington. Amend sections 4495, 4498, 4501 Revisal, requiring additional qualification in order to practice medicine

McDonald, of Moore: Establish stock law in Moore. Sparrow: Regulate hunting to

(Courtesies of floor extended to ex-

Lieutenant-Governor Stedman, of Greensboro.) Dowd: Regulate cost of advertis

ing sale of real property. Martin: Amend chapter 853, Laws of 1907, as to working roads of Pam-

Pickett: Promote cause of education in Alamance. Morton: Amend New Hanover bond issue act.

Higdon: Change county line be tween Olyde and Macon.

McDevitt: Appoint members of board of internal improvements for town of Marshall.

Lemmond: Require more particular description of property sold under judgments, etc.

Gibbs: For relief of certain citizens of Whittier school district.

Witnesses and officers to re-

Everett: Establish graded schools in Laurinburg. Doughton: Regulate practice of

optometry, providing board of exam-Koonce: Allow ex-Sheriff W. C. Mills to collect back taxes in Ouslow.

Pitt: Amend charter of town of Scotland Nack, so as to add more

ing to fences in Sampson.

McNeely, by request: Amend chapter 41, Laws 1907, for registration of eterinarians Hageman: Regulate fishing in

Wilson: Repeal chapter 487, Laws 1907, relative to working roads in

ransylvania. Cox, of Wake: Resolution to print 500 copies of memorial of North Carolina Library Association for fire-

roof building. Graham: For relief of Henry H. Howard, ex-Confederate sailor, gunner's mate on Virginia, or Merrimac.

Calendar. The following / bill passed third

Pay jurors in Swain \$1.50 per day and 5 cents a mile. Graham county added; also Jackson and Ashe.

Joint Session. By this time the hour of noon had arrived, when the joint session of the house and senate was to canvass the vote for United States senator and declare the result. The lientenantgovernor announced 46 senators present. There were 114 representatives present. The journals of yesterday's senate and house were then read.

Mr. Perry, of Bladen, asked that his name be recorded as voting for Lee S. Overman

The tellers of the senate and house were then called to the speaker's desk and canvassed the result.

The joint tellers' report showed 36 otes in the senate and 91 in the house for Overman; 8 in the senate and 26 in the house for Adams. Total vote of 127 to 34.

The declaration of the general assembly was then read by Clerk Maxwell of the senate.

On motion of Senator Long the oint session adjourned at 12:30. A resolution of thanks to the Un:versity was offered by Mr. Underwood and adopted on its immediate read-

The special order, the bill increasing the salary of the commissioner of labor and printing, was laid before the house, and Mr. Hayes moved ref-(Cnotinued on Fifth Page.)

DON'T WANT RECORDER

in City Court

Court-Warrants For Non-Taxlist-

(Special to The Times) Durham, N. C., Jan. 20.-The pro-

posed recorder bill for Durham, introduced in the senate by Mr. Manning, was considered Monday night before the city officials and other prominent citizens, and received a black eye. The ildermen are very much opposed to present and forcibly set forth the reason for it, but it went down so far as the city fathers have the say. city officials fear the enlargement of the mayor's jurisdiction and oppose the recorder proposition, desiring the office to be elective and not confined to a member of the legal profession. It looks now as if the burning of our municipal building will result in good after all, disastrous as its destruction is. It is proposed that the city and county join together and on the presant site owned by the city, erect a great building serving as a court house and municipal building together. The city has \$40,000 insurance and with what would be added by the county, the edifice would probably be the finest in the state of its character. Nothing is certain yet, but a mass meeting is to be held Thursday night

to consider the situation. In the superior court this week the civil calendar is being looked after, The cases of Mrs. Olo D. Thomas against several of the Durham merchants will be called. The one against Every inch of ground will be vigorously fought by both sides.

E. W. Turner, a painter, died yeserday at the Watts hospital from a fracture of the skull made the day hefore by being struck on the head by a large hook used in swinging the thousands congregated to watch the adder from which he was working, spectacular fire were wives and chil He was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

Warrants for the many non-taxlisters have been sworn out by Masstrate Harris. He was one of the Turner: Amend Revisal relative to the cases. Justice Cox is issuing the liability of countles in criminal ac- warrants. There are more than 550 of tions, applying to Mitchell county these cases and the outcome will be only. Witnesses and officers to re- of much interest. The punishment is double taxes, fine of \$50 max'mum, and imprisonment 30 days in the discretion of the magistrate. The magistrate has final jurisdiction. There is not get it into the icy water. She

In the Y. M. C. A. conjest the "Reds" at this time are in the lead. Monday will be the final day. In the are thought to have been in the tun-contest at present there are votes nel beneath the crib. Fifty of the enough to make 50 new members. It men employed on the structure were is believed that the contest will result in 200 new mambers. The association to live with its heavy expense, must have a strong membership and this "Blue" and "Red" contest was a fine scheme to work up enthusiasm.

WATER BY FIRE

Dangerously Hurt in a Spectacular Fire

Most Horrible Lake Disaster in Years Occurred This Morning When Temporary Structure in Lake Michigan Over Tunnel Was Burned-Men on the Structure Jumped Into the Water and Some of Them Perished-Others Were Trapped in the Tunnel Beneath and Were in Danger From Smoke and Dynamite-Most Spectacular Fire Since World's

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Jan. 20-Between tweny-five and thirty men are believed to nave been burned to death or drowned today when fire destroyed the "intermediate" city water crib off 73rd street in the most terrible lake disaster of recent years. One survivor places the list of dead at thirty-six. The wounded, many of whom are in horrible condition, from both burns and exposure in the icy waters, where they leaped to save themselves only to have to fight with the ice, will number nearly sixty. Several of them

will die. The destruction of the crib, two miles from shore, was the worst calamity known in Chicago except the iroquois Theatre fire, and not excepting the cold storage fire of the world's fair. Trapped in mid-lake between fire on one hand and a stormy ice-flood lake on the other, the men were almost helpless.

Dynamite stored in the shaft beneath the crib threatened further de-Mr. Manning Was Present and Spoke struction. The very life savers and in Favor of the Bill But the City rescuers who went to the scene were aged houses in towns for miles Fathers Opposed it—Work of Civil in constant danger that the embers around. namite stored there. A number of men were in the tunnel at the time and are believed to have been lost. Awful scenes were pictured by the survivors. These were rescued by the tug T. T. Morford, of the Dunham Towing Company, and the fire boat Michael Conway, of South Chicago.

Twenty-six of the survivors were taken to the Franklin street pier, Senator Manning was twenty-five others to the 68th street crip, and others to the South Chicago hospital.

The intermediate crib burned like a spark. nI a few brief minutes before the entire wooden superstructure was ablaze, seventy-eight men had to determine between positive death by fire or a probable death in the ice-covered waters. Many of the men resisted the flames until the last minute, dropped into the water, clung to the edge of the pier until their fingers were nearly burned off and then dropped to their death.

oNt a single man would have been saved but for the presence of the tug Morford, which was moored near the 68th street crip.

Captain Ed. Johnson was one o the first to notice the flames and he started his boat to the scene, only short distance away. By the time ho was at hand many had been drown ed, others were struggling in the T. M. Stephens & Co. is on trial now. waters, some half clothed, were clinging to the cakes of ice, and all the living were shricking for help or ut tering hysterical prayers.

Other pitiable scenes were enacte: on shore, where among the man; dren of many of the men employed on the burning crip. These women and children, with field glasses a their eyes, watched the terribb struggles of the men battling for their lives auginst two elements.

One woman believed that she say her husband in the water two miles out where the fight was being waged. She tried to hire a boat but was un successful. She seized one and could certainly some shaking among the de- started from shore on the ice cakes and had leaped to several of them be fore she was submerged and dragged to shore. Fifteen of the men doad are thought to have been in the tunasleep on the second floor of the frame structure when the fire broke out. They had no chance to clothe themselves before leaping into the

POWDER WORKS TRAPPED UNDER | BLOWN UP WITH PRESENTS WAKE GREAT DAMAGE COUNTY MEASURE

Thirty Men Perish and Sixty Five Buildings Torn to Pieces Bill to Allow the County Board and Others are Badly Wrecked

MANY JUMP INTO WATER TWO MEN ARE MISSING FOR RELIEF OF WORTH

Works of the Eastern Dynamite Company, a Branch of the Dupont Powder Company, at Gibbstown, N. J., Wrecked-Two Men Are Believed to be eDad and Several Are Injured—Buildings Damaged for Many Miles Around-Shock Shook City of Wilmington, Twenty Miles Away-Details Lacking.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chester, Pa., Jan. 20-An exploson which was felt for many miles around occurred at 7:15 o'clock this morning at Gibbstown, N. J., in the powder works of the Eastern Dynamite Company, which is connected with the Dupont Powder Company. The first explosion was followed quickly by a second and a third.

Five of the eighteen buildings in the plant were blown to pieces, and many others were wrecked. Two men are missing and are supposed to be dead, while a third is lying in the hospital at Chester. A half dozen others were injured less seriously.

Owing to the confusion at Gibbstown and the severing of communicaion by wire it was impossible to as- of 1905. certain the cause. All that could be learned was that what is technically known as the "dope" building blew up, carrying with it four other to pay of solicitors. buildings used 10, the storage and 183, by Barham: preparation of ammonia, sulphur, capital offenses. nad other chemicals used in the manufacture of explosives.

The explosion not only destroyed the five buildings and seriously damaged the rest of the plant, but it broke windows and otherwise dam- tices of Harnett,

the shock shook the entire city. It ws plainly felt here, alarming many Wilkes school district. persons, who feared it was an earth-

quake. as yet. The company sent one of its dolph.

foreman, found unconscious sixty as personal and real exemptions. feet from the building in which he 188, by Sherrill: To promote edu was at work when it was blown up; cation in McDowell county. John Bradley, powder mixer, struck by flying timbers; Patrick Makin, S. B. 131, H. B. 10: To amenpowder mixer, ent and bruised about charter of Landis was put upon it the head and body.

brother of oFreman Bates, and rolled. James Hogge ,his assistant.

rocked as if by an earthquake when passed by a vote of 31 to 9, after sev the explosion occurred.

The citizens rushed into the streets no. It was ordered enrolled. earthquake.

with the greatest care and it is ex- Passed second and third reading. tremely dangerous, no matter how much care is used.

The plan at iGbbstown covers about 500 acres. The buildings, as Wake to borrow money. in all powder plants, are located as far apart as possible. They are built Worth of all further liability of lightly, so as to offer the least pos- losses. sible resistance in case of explosion. were all at considerable distances repeal certain section, Laws 1907. from each other.

rival of a physician.

customs house but had to give up his sary. Lost also.

Jones Also Introduces Bill to Relieve Ex-State Treasurer Worth of All Further Disability on Losses-Another Petition as to the Homestead Exemption Clause of the Constitution-Bill Introduced As to Pay of Solicitors-Bill by Barham as to Trial of Capital Offenses-Many Local Bills.

of Education to Bor-

row Money

The thirteenth days' session of the enate of the North Carolina legislature was called to order promptly at 11 o'clock this morning by President Protem Kluttz, and Rev. P. D. Woodall was presented to conduct the norning devotions.

The committee reported the journal of yesterday as correct, and the same stood approved. Reports of committees were called

for and the following bills were reported: Eill to drain White Oak Swamp in Bladen, favorably, By consent senate bill 21 was with frawn from the house.

Bills Introduced. 171, Burton: To amend 573, Laws

178. By Ray: To amend section 950 of Revisal. 177, by Blow: To repeal 2767 a 183, by Barbam: As to trial of

184, by Dawes: To establish to: school district in Toisnot township, 181, by Shaw, by request: To provide for school tax in Robeson.

185, by Turner: To appoint jus 186, by Means: To confer police

powers upon deputy sheriffs at Kan-

180, by Lee: As to special tax in 184, by Johnson: To appoint cer

tain justices in Cumstock county. tA the offices of the Dupont Com- 187, by Spencer: To change line pany no details have been received of Glenola school district in Ran-

tugs to the scene for information. | Senator Elliott presented a peti The injured include oJel Bates, tion as to amendment to constitution

third and final reading. Passed b The missing men are George Bates, a vote of 44 to 0, and ordered en

Bills Passed.

S. B. 130, H. B. 23: As to issuin Every building in Gibbstown was bonds in Carthage township. 1 eral had changed votes from aye to

'n great alarm fearing that the dis- S. B. 105: To drain White Oal turbance had been caused by an Swamp was put upon second reading Passed.

In the opinion of experts here, the Senator Emple asked to introduce explosion probably resulted from bill 189 out of order, and put upon careless handling of frozen powder, calendar, as to sale of raft lumber Yesterday was the coldest day of the caught in certain streams in New year and it is believed that some of Hanover and Brunswick counties. It the powder became frozen. While in was put upon its second reading and this condition it has to be handled amended by including Pender county

> Senator Jones was allowed to in troduce the following: To allow board of education o

To relieve ex-State Treasure To amend chapter 674, Laws 1907 The buildings that went up today as to ex-Confederate soldiers, and to

Senator Ray also introduced a bil

diers. Bills Ratified. As to pay of Hays, of Wilkes, an resolution as to Lee's birthday.

to relieve certain Confederate sol

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Stedman was given the privileges of the floor The house sent over various bill as having passed that body. Special Order.

The resolution pledging the senat-New York, Jan. 20-Rather than to adjourn by February 15, specia be a further burden to his wife and order for today, was called up and retwo children, Edward M. Taylor, suf- ported without prejudice by the com fering from the incurable malady, to- mittee. Put upon its passage it, was day slashed his throat with a razor lost, and Senator Dockery moved to while in bed at his home, 115 west reconsider. It was lost also. Docy. 135th street, and died before the ar- ery then sent forward a substitut that it is the sense of the legislature Taylor was formerly clerk in the that a 60-day session was not neces-

At 11:40 the senate took a recess He disappeared and then she fainted.

of 10 minutes, and on reassembling went into joint session with the house to ratify the election of United States

Someone distributed a lovely pink carnation to each of the senators and clerks aand reporters and a fine American Beauty rose for the presi-They went to the house

Returning from the joint session to the senate chamber the chair called the body to order, and on motion of Lockhart Senator Manning was grant ed leave of absence till tomorrow.

The chair announced additions to committees as follows:

Agriculture: Tilson. Blind Institution: Love. Game Laws: Latham. On motion the senate, after an-

JOINT PYTHIAN MEETING.

nouncements, adjourned till 11 a. m

At Which the Officers of Center No. 3 and Sir Walter Raleigh No. 199 Will Be Installed.

The regular meeting of Center odge, No. 3, K. of P., will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, at which time Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 199, will meet with them in foint session.

Grand Chancellor Webb, of Duke, will be present, as well as other grand lodge officers, and will install the officers of both lodges, which has been delayed until this time in order o have the grand chancellor here.

A full attendance of the membership of both lodges is desired, prompty at the hour designated, 8 o clock, Thursday night.

Soldier Gets Five Years.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 20-Convicted of murder in the second degree, William Pickett, a former soldier, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary in the circuit court of Elizabeth City county.

In a free for all fight in a Phoebus aloon last June Pickett kicked Charles Wagoner, also a soldier, in the abdomen, inflicting injuries from which Wagoner died in the Fort Monroe Hospital next day.

Attempted Criminal Assault on White Woman

Mob Threatened a Lynching.

In accordance with a request by elegraph from the sheriff of Sampout Company H. second infantry, of "linton, yesterday afternoon to proect the life of Will Ward, alias Jack-

obertson was called into conference could be asked. nd in a few minutes the order was igned for Company H to put them-

ossession and prevent a lynching. by Mrs. McLeod as her assailant, ing body. There were often threats of lynching. naking it necessary to call out the iding.

and threatened to cut her throat, enjoy. when she broke away and ran screamng into the yard. The negro gave nce in the edge of a swamp, identi- to receive the visitors. ed fully by Mrs. McLeod and hurried off to Clinton by the sheriff, who asked for military protection when ship of North Carolina have any idea the crowd began to gather.

a flat Iron and hit him in the back, there and see and study the surround-

PLEASES GUESTS AT CHAPEL HILL'

Two Bundred Legislators and Raleigh People Go to Chapel Bill

MASTERFUL ADDRESS

The Celebration of Lee's Birthday at the University Made a Notable Occasion-The Orator Charms and Teaches Lessons From the Life of the Dead Chieftain, Applying His Qualities to Present Conditions-Most of the Assembly Members Hear the Orator.

As stated in The Times of yesterday, the North Carolina general assembly accepted the invitation of President Venable to attend the celebration of the birth of Robert E. Lee at the State University last night, and a large majority of both houses were found there last night at that hour to hear the great speech and speaker, Woodrow Wilson, the hon-

ored president of Princeton. Through the courtesy of the enterprising Southern Railway, which is generally equal to any occasion that may arise, there was provided a special train, consisting of engine, baggage car and three day coaches, in the personal charge of Mr. R. L. Vernon, Traveling Passenger Agent, all three of which were filled, all seats being taken on leaving Raieign, and it was a good natured party from start to finish.

Besides the members of the legis-TROOPS PROTECT NEGRO later going out were a number of Raleigh people, prominent among them were: Judge Walter Clark, F. B. Arendel, Rev. Jno. N. Cole, Jos. G. Brown, Josephus Daniels, M. L. Shipman, Prof. Jno. E. Ray, A. J. Felld, Col. R. B. John, John Andrews, and others. Among the number there were twenty-nine ladies, the honor of knowing any of whom the reporter Blood-hounds Put on the Trail and was denied. In all there were 193 Three Hours Afterwards Capture people on board when the train left Negro in the Edge of a Swamp. the union station, and ran to East Durham without a stop, save a railroad crossing. At Durham the party was joined by Prof. Edwin Mimms, Rev. M. Bradshaw, and others, swelling the party up to about 200 souls,

by actual count.

A Pleasant Run. The run to Chapel Hill was made in a few minutes less than two hours, every mile of which was interesting The governor received the telegram and pleasant, there being no delays t about 6 p. m. yesterday. General of any kind, and the ride all that

Arriving at the destination, there were all the carriages to be had, but elves at the disposal of the sheriff. about twenty people for each vehicle, Yohone message from Clinton last in the light of which a large number right conveyed the news that the mil- took the exercise of walking the mile tary company was at the jall and in or more uptown, or to the University ontrol and that little doubt was felt grounds, reaching which place each bout the company's ability to keep was left to his own good pleasure, to go or to stay. Many went the rounds Yesterday morning Will Ward, g'v- of the buildings in branches, some ing his name as Jackson, was re- with guides, some without, while assorted to have attempted criminal sembled in front of the old main essault upon Mrs. McLeod, and a building were a large company of the phone message to Clinton caused the young men, who sang songs, gave lispatch of blood-hounds to the scene. the college and tribal yells, and in At 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon various ways made known the fact Ward was incarcerated in the Clin- that they were there and glad to on juil, after having been identified have a holiday in honor of the visit-

A Four-thirty Dinner.

At four-thirty it was announced roops. Excitement at Clinton is sub- that a full dinner was ready at Commons Hall, and in a very short time Between 9 and 10 o'clock yester- thereafter the tables were fast filling tay morning the negro entered the up, where awaited a most excellent ome where Mrs. McLeod was alone, repast of substantial food, such as a our miles from Clinton, choked her man who had missed his dinner would

Elected Honorary Members.

During the serving of the meal it tursuit and was in the act of drag- was announced that all members of ing her back into the house when the general assembly living east of er screams attracted a young white Orange county had been elected memnan passing, who reached the scene bers of the Philanthropic literary son time to see the negro flee to the ciety, and the members from the west Blood-hounds from the con- elected mebers of the Dialectic Literlet camp at Clinton were put on the ary Society, and that members of rail three hours later and the negro each were at the right and left of the vas finally captured after some resist- door on going out and would be glad

An Impressive Place. Comparatively few of the citizenof what a great institution the state possesses there amid the hills of Or-Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 20-At- ange county, or what an influence emacked by a tramp, who demanded instes from those halls as the young that she give him a meal, Mrs. Chas. men go out to become citizens. There W. Clark grabbed a piece of firewood are those who never cease to harp on and beat him until he started to flee what each successive legislature gives from the house. When she picked up to the University. If such would go

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