

DECEMBER MEETING  
OF ALDERMEN HELD  
THURSDAY EVENINGStreet Matters, Election of  
Firemen, Reading of Re-  
ports And Other Ques-  
tions Before Aldermen.TAX PENALTY IS  
DELAYED MONTHNo Penalty Will Be Effec-  
tive Until January First  
Under Ruling Which Ap-  
plies For One Year.

Meeting at the city hall Thursday night in regular session for December, aldermen of Concord gave attention to various street matters, accepted several reports submitted by individual and committees, elected firemen for two years and gave taxpayers of the city until January first to pay their taxes without penalty.

Alderman Howard, chairman of the finance committee, suggested that the penalty on taxes be withheld until January first due to the fact that local cotton mills have not been operating on full time during the summer and that business conditions have not been the best. He made it plain, however, that the board was not trying to set a precedent and explained that the action was for this year only.

City Tax Collector Field was au-  
thorized to refund any penalty money collected since December first.

Dr. S. E. Buchanan, county health officer, appeared before the board and asked that the city appropriation of \$1,000 be continued for the next year for health work. His request was granted.

A sewer line for East Field street was authorized, H. A. Graebel to pay interest for one year on the cost of installing the sewer.

J. B. Hill told the aldermen that his property on Duval and Isabell streets had been damaged by the city, and the matter was referred to the street committee, which will report on the matter at the next meeting of the board.

The committee appointed to investigate the claim of Mrs. Thompson for a retaining wall for her property on Pine street, reported suggesting that an 18-inch wall be built, Mrs. Thompson and the city to split 50-50 on the cost.

The board agreed to build a sidewalk and retaining wall on Meadow street, as requested at the last meeting by H. T. Utley, Mr. Utley to give six feet of land for the sidewalk.

Q. E. Smith, city engineer, submitted his report, showing collections of \$391.25 from plumbing permits and permits to cut streets of the city.

John L. Miller was re-elected chief of the fire department by the aldermen at a salary of \$300 a year, and J. E. Lineberger was re-elected assistant chief. The aldermen decided that the assistant also should be paid and Mr. Lineberger's salary was fixed at \$140 a year.

All regular firemen were re-elected. They are C. L. Miller, R. C. Stinson and D. B. Talbert.

The aldermen agreed to purchase part of the property of Frank White, in Ward 4, to be used as a street approaching the new colored school building. Other property belonging to White, Lee Parker and Gus Culp was ordered condemned for the same street, a commission composed of T. H. Webb, L. T. Hartsell and A. F. Hartsell to assess the damage, if any. For the part of the property purchased from White the citizens agreed to pay \$296.12.

Alderman Wilkinson told the board that a sewer line is needed between St. Charles and Pearl Streets, and the sewer committee and city engineer were ordered to make an inquiry into the cost of such a line and report at the next meeting.

The aldermen were advised that there is a chance now to secure a right of way for the extension of South Spring street and City Engineer Smith was instructed to secure such a right of way.

Twenty dollars was authorized by the aldermen to be paid on the fund for the cleaning of the old Lutheran cemetery on Corbin street.

## With Our Advertisers.

Ritz's Toy Department is now open, and is bigger and better than ever. See ad. in this paper.

Caromol Kid sandalwood in patent and satin at Ivey's. Others from \$3.05 to \$8.50.

Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. can refresh the daintiest fabric and heavy fur coat for you.

Lewis C. Riddehour, on E. Corbin street, will give you five gallons of gasoline and a quart of oil for \$1.11, Saturday only, for the official opening day.

N. M. Stearns will sell at auction at his home in No. 2 township on Wednesday, December 9th, one milk cow and one buggy.

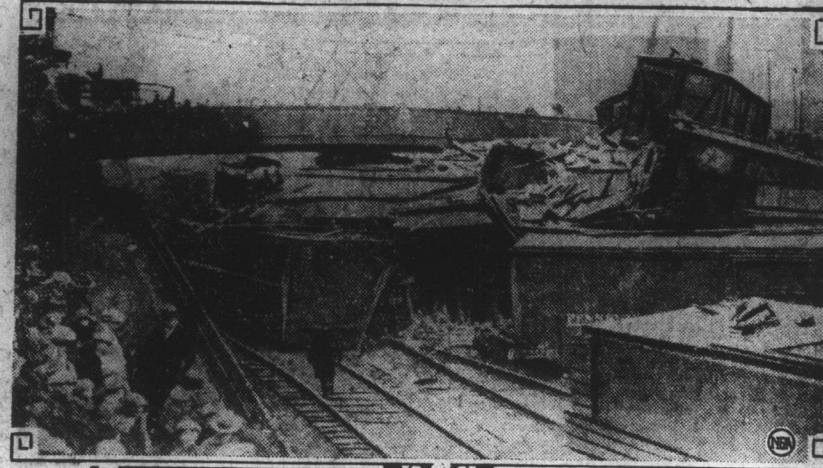
D. Y. C. S. E. See new ad of the Kidd-Frix Company.

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## When 19 Freight Cars Were Piled Up



A long string of freight cars on the Pennsylvania railroad got loose on the famous "horse shoe curve" near Altoona, Pa., and raced down a steep two-mile grade into the city. There the cars "side-swiped" another string and were wrecked, blocking all traffic on the main line and killing two trainmen. The brakeman saved his life by running back along the tops of the cars. There are nineteen cars piled up in the heap shown.

WOMAN HIT DURING  
BIG PISTOL BATTLEBattle Was Waged Be-  
tween Paymaster of the  
Oil Company and Three  
Robbers.

New York, Dec. 4.—(P)—A woman passerby was shot today during a pistol battle between the Paymaster of the Standard Oil Company plant on the East River, Manhattan, and three robbers who escaped with the \$5,500 bales.

The woman, Mrs. Lena Goodman, was wounded in the right leg. One of the holdup men's bullets craned through the plate glass window of a nearby drug store. The paymaster pursued the robbers for several blocks, but they escaped in their automobile.

DAWES IS BENT ON  
REFORMING SENATE

Vice President Arrives in Washington Ready to Battle Against Filibuster Rule.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Vice President Dawes arrived today from Chicago prepared to carry forward his fight for an amendment of the Senate rules to prevent filibuster.

Mr. Dawes declined to make any statement regarding his plans and busied himself during the day renewing acquaintances at the capital and the treasury. Tonight he and Mrs. Dawes were guests at the cabinet dinner given by President and Mrs. Coolidge at the White House.

Among the early callers at the vice president's office was Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, who has introduced a resolution which would enable a majority of the Senate to put an end to Senate debate at any time.

Senator Cummings, of Iowa, former president pro tempore of the Senate, also called on Mr. Dawes and the vice president, saw Senator Moss, of New Hampshire, and a number of other senators during a visit to the capital.

SIX MEN INJURED  
WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSED

Men So Badly Hurt That They Were Rushed to Hospital in Danville, Va.

Danville, Va., Dec. 4.—(P)—Six men were injured today when a bridge on which they were working collapsed. Telephone reports from the scene about ten miles north of here said they were "badly smashed" and were being rushed to a local hospital. The bridge spanned the Southern Railway tracks between White Oak and Blairs, and when it gave way the men were thrown on the tracks below.

MEN TRAPPED IN MINE  
WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT

Made Brandy, Must Pay \$50 and the Costs.

Sherby, Dec. 3.—"Jedge, Ah jes' made hit for a little holiday cheer up, and Ah didn't know hit wuz wrong ter make hit, cus hit don't make yer drunk and only makes you feel a little better and then sorter sick." That was the explanation Elf Bell, aged Kings Mountain negro, gave Recorder John Mull as he faced the court charged with manufacturing liquor from California peaches.

After some deliberation Judge Mull fined him \$50 and the costs and left him a suspended sentence of six months on the roads if he tried his art again on California peaches.

Swallows Thumb Tack, Rushed to Hospital.

Monroe, Dec. 3.—Clifford Holmes, 15-year-old son of F. C. Holmes, of Marshall, was rushed to the Ellen F. Tagerard Hospital, Monroe, this afternoon with a thumb tack in the lower part of his throat as a result of holding tacks in his mouth while sticking pictures on the wall. The tack was removed and Young Holmes is reported resting well.

Erd's Christmas Sale.

Erd's big sale of Christmas goods will open Saturday morning, Dec. 6th, and will continue through Christmas Eve. You will find in this big and well arranged store at Christmas Sale prices many things you need. Read about some of these in a full page ad. today.

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THE COTTON MARKET  
Opened Steady at Advance of 1 to 12 Points on Covering and Trade Buy-  
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New York, Dec. 4.—(P)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 to 12 points on covering and some trade buying which was probably promoted by the fairly steady showing of Liverpool and rather smaller private crop figures.

The two first crop reports to make their appearance were below average of the recent estimates, one placing the crop at 15,041,000 and the other at 15,200,000 bales. Any effect this may have had on sentiment, however, soon was offset by publication of two other reports pointing to a yield around 15,000,000 bales, and ginning of between 13,600,000 to 13,716,000 bales to December 1st.

January contracts which had sold up to 19.68 at the opening, broke to 19.73 before the end of the first half hour, while March eased off from 19.78 to 19.62 under liquidation by early buyers, Southern and Liverpool selling. Prices showed net losses of 5 to 10 points before 11 o'clock.

Cotton futures opened steady; Decem-  
ber 24; January 19.84; March 19.78; May 19.41; July 19.02.

AIR BOARD'S PLANS  
WILL BE SUBMITTED

Congress Will Get Chance to Adopt Law Embodying Board's Sugges-  
tions.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(P)—Legisla-  
tion to carry out the recommendations of the President's air board for expansion of the army and navy air services, already is being prepared by Republican leaders for early introduction in the Senate.

TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 4.—(P)—Two negro women were killed and between 20 and 30 persons injured when a tornado dipped into the city from the northwest early today, blowing down about 50 homes and causing a property loss estimated at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

At least 50 homes were completely demolished, and a large number of others badly damaged, while telephone and telegraph communication was completely destroyed for several hours.

A number of business houses were badly damaged in addition to the homes destroyed.

FRENCH START PUSH  
AGAINST THE REBELS

Shells Have Been Thrown Against  
Points Occupied by the Djebel Drus-  
es.

Beruit, Syria, Dec. 4.—(P)—Almost simultaneously with the arrival of France's new High Commissioner in Syria, Henry de Jouenval, the French have gone on the offensive against the rebel Druses in southern Lebanon.

Yesterday they began throwing shells from their artillery against various points occupied by the Djebel Druses, preparatory to a maneuver in which it is hoped to surround and capture the 5,000 rebels who are still in the field.

PROHIBITION IS NOW  
AGITATING WASHINGTON

Much Interest Being Manifested in  
Enforcement Plans of Administra-  
tion.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(P)—Prohi-  
bition enforcement suddenly has taken

its place among the outstanding public issues that are agitating Washington on the eve of the convening of Con-  
gress.

Aroused by the culminating force of a long series of events ranging from Gen. Andrews' reverberating shakeup of the prohibition unit to a row over local enforcement methods in the national capital, both wet and drys are again coming into action for another round of the old debate over liquor.

SIX RESCUE CREWS ARE TRYING NOW  
TO REACH THE IMPRISONED MEN.

Boulder, Colo., Dec. 4.—(P)—Be-  
tween 40 and 45 men were imprisoned in the Cardinal tunnel, a property worked by the Fairview Mining Com-  
pany, by a fire that broke out in the workings early today. The mine is 20 miles west of here. Six rescue crews left here for the scene.

Mine officials said they feared the imprisoned men are unconscious from the heavy smoke that is pouring from the mouth of the tunnel, and that has prevented workers who were not equipped with masks from entering.

To Make Mass Attack on Violators  
of Law.

Charlotte, Dec. 3.—A four-fold at-  
tack on prohibition law violators in the eighth division, which includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, is under way.

The dry campaign should be in full operation shortly after the first of the year, according to A. H. Price, of Salisbury, divisional counsel, working with Ben C. Sharpe, eighth division administrator, whose office is located here.

Drugs Eight Months on Charge of  
Slander.

Salisbury, Dec. 3.—A case coming up from the western part of the county and heard before Judge Coggin in the county court Tuesday was that in which a white man, D. O. Walton, was charged with slander of the wife of another man at that community. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve eight months in the workhouse. He gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$500. Only two more cases were on the docket, these being speeders of cars and they paid costs.

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Rhinelander Case Now  
With Jury, Arguments  
Having Been FinishedCROPS IN STATE ARE  
NOT SO BAD NOW

More Will Be Produced Than Was  
Expected on October 31st.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—(P)—Optimistic forecasts for North Carolina crop yields are made by the fifth federal reserve district bank at Richmond, in its Monthly Review of business and agricultural conditions, just received here.

White crops, in general, will probably not come up to those of last year, on account of the summer drought, the crops now appear to be much larger than was expected on October 1st, says the Review.

General improvement is shown in the expected crop yields in North Carolina," it says, "since the October 1st report as a result of the harvest yields per acre reported by farmers Alice Bearce Jones went to the jury shortly before noon today.

Out of the mass of testimony, much of it conflicting, taken during the three weeks trial, the jurymen were charged by Justice Morschauser to answer to seven questions proposed to it. On the jury findings will be based the Justice's decision whether or not annulment shall be granted.

If granted, his decision will act