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CONGRESS has adjourned for the holidays.

HON. W. D. KELLY, the noted Pennsylvania protectionist, has made a trip North and is astonished at the rapid development of the wealth and industrial progress.

DEATH OF SENATOR LOGAN. The death of Senator JOHN A. LOGAN, which occurred at Washington City on Sunday last, was a surprise to the country, and a news will be received with deep regret.

THE SUPREME COURT ARRANGED. The Washington Gazette delivers itself of the following comments on a recent decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of CHAS. H. BROWN, a practicing attorney who had been convicted on the charge of embezzlement.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Forney, McAdoo and Hopkins, as conferees on the bill increasing the annual appropriation for the militia.

INTENSIVE FARMING. THE JOURNAL has always been an advocate of the intensive system of farming. We've been convinced while trying to farm that small farms, highly manured and well cultivated was the only system by which farming could be made to pay.

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But whether the above reports of the Georgia farmers were true or not, it is an indisputable fact that it is cheaper to grow five bales of cotton on three acres than to grow the same on ten acres.

Two of the Munger Bros. from Philadelphia, are visiting their brother at Jordan's creek, Beaufort county.

A certain young man from Hyde went on a visit to Beaufort county had a horse to run away and smash a new buggy.

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The Christmas chimes are pealing high beneath the solemn Christmas sky.

Merry Christmas is here, with a smile and a cheer. Let all your old troubles and sorrows be buried.

When God created man He commanded His angels to visit him on earth and guide him in his ways.

At that moment a new and most beautiful star blazed in the sky.

The Examination of the Books. The legislative committee consisting of Messrs. Womack, of Chatham, and Woodard, of Wilkes, Democrats, and Mr. Bulla, of Davidson, Republican, appointed to examine the books of our Democratic treasurer Bain is the right man in the right place.

Miss Katie Ferguson has resigned as teacher at the Academy at Pantego, and Mr. Allen is to start a school at that place, so I am informed.

Schooner Annie E. Hall is loading at the wharf here. She is three weeks from Philadelphia. While at Washington, N. C., the captain was robbed, by one of the crew, of \$81 and a gold watch.

"Little Elm," youngest child of Asa J. Smith, died on the evening of the 17th inst., at about 9 o'clock, of pneumonia. She was sick but two or three days.

The little pleasure steamer Hermon, on her way to Florida, is at our wharf. Her Captain, A. H. Shipman, with his family, seem to be at home and from appearances, able to be at home anywhere.

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Mr. Barnes, of the Georgia, concluded his argument in opposition to the bill by an urgent appeal in behalf of good faith towards the Indians and the maintenance of the National honor by the government.

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