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The Governor appointed Jas. L. Webb to be collector in the Elizabeth district to succeed Frank J. Osborne.

EX-SPEAKER REED calls the message an ordinary one. Mr. Dewey would call it an ordinary that "wasn't back."

BROOKLYN citizens have signed a petition to the Legislature, advocating consolidation with New York city.

It is plain that the English delegates to the Monetary Conference attended with the fixed purpose of preventing anything definite being done.

The House will pass a resolution in a few days to thoroughly investigate the condition of the treasury. It is determined to get at the bottom facts.

JOY FLOWER, it is announced, will in his forthcoming message, advocate good roads and the preservation of the forests. He is on safe lines to that extent, anyhow.

It is said that the tea farm near Summerville, S. C., sent to Baltimore for examination is pronounced by experts to be equal to the best English breakfast tea.

SENATOR HANSON returns to the Senate was signalled by a general handclapping in the chamber. He has apparently recovered his health impaired by his great exertions in the campaign.

The Confederate Soldier's Home bill in the Georgia House of Representatives was so amended as to not submit the question to a vote of the people. The 110 party people voted against the Home.

The Southwest silver convention, in session at El Paso, Texas, has resolved upon the organization of a pan-American bi-metallic association, with A. C. Flak, of Colorado, as president, and headquarters at Denver.

GEN. HANSON has introduced a bill in the Senate to erect a government building at Winston, at a cost of \$225,000. Winston is entitled to a very fine building, and ought to have it. We hope the bill will pass.

GOVERNOR TILMAN, of South Carolina, is making every effort to get the Fort Royal and Augusta railroads under control of the Georgia Central in order to build up Fort Royal. He has so far succeeded in putting up on a line of trans-Atlantic steamers.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: Senator Vance presented on Wednesday the petitions of citizens of Adson and Nash counties against the passage of the anti-option bill. Senator Vance gets about pretty lively now, reading only this bad weather. He is looking well.

The vote was very close in California between Cleveland and Harrison. The Secretary of State figures the entire vote cast in California was 268,077. Cleveland receiving 117,908, Harrison 117,756, Weaver 25,226, Bidwell 7,188, Cleveland's plurality 152. One Republican got through on the electoral ticket.

A number of railroad and membership met in Atlanta on Thursday last and discussed the question of direct trade from Southern ports with Europe. A plan suggested by Col. A. Pope, by which shipstapships may be returned for use on the return voyage, was adopted. The English gentlemen interested in this movement are expected the latter part of this month, when the final consummation of the plan will take place, and a port will be selected. The difficulty has been the import freight.

Dry & Co.'s weekly report says that business shows no decrease except the usual slackening in new enterprises at this season; that the volume of payments is as large as ever and all industries are more fully employed than ever; that the money markets generally show strong demand; that the holiday trade opens more briskly than usual; that the stock market is rather weak; that produce exports will fall below last year but are largely in excess of imports in value.

This proposition to place the appointments of the House committee in the hands of a caucus committee finds considerable favor among Congressmen. It is true that some objections are urged. Representative Rayner stating that under the proposed plan there would be a division of responsibility that would be objectionable. Col. Oates, of Alabama, thinks that there is too much one-man power now, and is especially favors a reform which will curtail the automatic power of the Committee on Rules.

REPRESENTATIVE SPRINGER appeared before the Elections Committee of the House and advocated his resolution providing that the people shall vote directly for President and Vice President, and that the Governor, secretary of state, and the chief justice of the highest appellate courts in the State are to constitute a board to canvass the vote dividing the votes among the several candidates in proportion to the votes cast for each; also that the term of Congressmen shall, after 1896, be for a term of three years and commence on January 1. Col. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times also appeared and advocated Mr. Springer's resolution.

THE RIGHT OF PRIVATE JUDGMENT.

It is not our purpose to treat of dogmatism, but it may not be improper to enquire how far, if at all, the Right of Private Judgment has been invaded by pre-heresy, orthodoxy, or other doctrinaire bodies.

The case of Professor Briggs and Smith has been given wide-spread notoriety as involving the right of private judgment, but we respectfully submit that the issue is not properly joined. The simple point is whether Professors Briggs and Smith have taught doctrine contrary to the standards of the Presbyterian Church. It is no infringement of the right of private judgment for a church to require that its ministers declare its doctrines and refrain from teaching doctrines which the church does not hold. The opinion of a large portion of the Presbyterian Church is that the teachings of Professors Briggs and Smith are opposed to Presbyterian doctrine.

The professors contend that this is not so, and that a thorough comparison of their work with the scriptures and the standards of the church will show that they are not in opposition but in harmony with both. A trial of the whole ecclesiastical means for settling the matter. The question is one of church discipline only, and does not, in any way, involve the right of private judgment. A citizen has a right to his opinion, but the right to promulgate those opinions as the creed of a church is a very different matter.

It has been asserted, in this connection, that the Presbyterian church is a "high-handed tyranny." That, it is far from it. It is an organized body of believers, and its profession of faith is published to the world. No man enters its portals blind folded; and fidelity to the Master requires that it give no tolerance to blind leaders of the blind.

The Presbyterian church is not singular in this Methodist and Baptist churches—indeed all churches—are equally jealous of their honor and so less zealous in the maintenance of their doctrine.

It would be superfluous to suppose that any church would assert that the ministry of a man who directs his assaults against the foundation stones of its spiritual temple.

All honor to the church that stands by its creed, regardless of the dogmatism of scholasticism and the blameworthy of genius!

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SLIGHT OF HAND

Every boy enjoys a slight of hand performance. It is an innocent amusement and keeps the boys wide-awake and on the lookout.

Bar, political slight of hand is very far from being harmless. It is played by all parties but by general consent Republican excellently. Turning up a political jack, or concealing a political ace in the sleeve is an every day occurrence with them.

They are now trying to win the United States Senate by such methods. This has been established beyond controversy in the West. It is known that they have their main chances in Kansas, Wyoming and Montana, and even though Cleveland carried California, except one elector, advice from there to Republican Senators was that their game is to win the United States Senatorship.

Republicans are publicly saying that the Democrats will have the next Senate and that it is all right they should have it to take the responsibility during the next four years, and yet they are secretly manipulating the cards so as to cheat the Democrats out of their majority in the Senate.

Resolved first, that we deeply deplore her untimely death, and we now turn to the arrangements to be made for her interment in the West. Who doth a thing well?

Resolved second, knowing the frailty of us, we will so live that our lives may be in accordance with the will of God, and that we may meet him, when our summons shall come to join that innumerable caravan.

Resolved third, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and humbly commend them to Him in whom we trust.

Resolved fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother of the deceased and also to the New Bern Democrat for publication.

A COLUMBIA, S. C. dispatch to the State Herald, Dec. 10, says: A bill was introduced in the senate today by Senator H. C. Bradley providing to amend the constitution so as to give women the right to vote and hold office.

ABOUT 800 negroes in Arkansas have been defrauded by a colored Baptist preacher pretending to be a Government agent. His dupes killed him.

KINSTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Our town and vicinity are made up of nearly equal parts of Catholics and Protestants. It is a happy circumstance that the merchants are making very handsome profits over holiday goods. And the evenings of 2500 are spent much time every day, looking in the windows, and speaking out the things he saw and heard. I had the money.

There was a report of an exhibition on Sunday afternoon, caused by the searching of a negro house in the village for leavened goods. But there was no food.

We visited a few back woods, the truck farm of Messrs. James and Sons, near the north-west corner of town, on Sunday.

Near the truck farm we noticed two large piles of bricks, the property of Mr. A. B. Abbott. This gentleman has turned out one million bricks this year. They are of all grades. The machinery is all modern and the work is of skillful labor. It is a pretty sight to see the thousands of well-burnt bricks arranged in mathematical precision and as firmly fixed as if already built in walls.

Rev. Mr. Shambarger, pastor of the Methodist church here, preached his farewell sermon at his church on Sunday night. His reverend colleagues in many young friends here, who wish him happiness and prosperity wherever his lot may be cast.

We had a very pleasant time coming for our citizens in the way of a musical treat by our home talent. We do not know the precise time when it will be held.

The Christmas concert of Kinston College will come off on Thursday night, Dec. 23rd, when the Fall Term of that institution closes.

Mr. George Webb, of the place, had another collection of books. It is a simple, but perfect arrangement for keeping books up right in a book case. The cost will be trifling, but it will prove to be of great service to any man who directs his assaults against the foundation stones of its spiritual temple.

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Our school is full and progressing finely under the management of Miss Amanda Ernie.

Miss Jennie Turner, one of this year's graduates, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Green.

Last week we gladly welcomed Mr. E. A. Simkins in our midst, after an absence of several months. Glad to see you with us. Mr. S. Combs will be here all the winter, taking their flight to parts unknown.

If Madame Honour's reports are true, there will be several marriages consummated in the near future.

The Episcopal Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas tree, and the children are looking forward with bright anticipations to Christmas and the reappearance of Santa Claus.

Last Sunday Rev. J. Johnson delivered his farewell sermon, which was an excellent one. We hope to have him with us next year.

Resolutions of respect for the students of Trenton High School.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to remove from her earthly home to her heavenly abode our dear sister, Miss Jennie Turner, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Chapman,

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National Bank—New Bern, N. C. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors and the payment of dividends will be held at the City Hotel on Monday, Dec. 17th, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The stockholders are requested to be present at 11 M. The dividend will be paid at 12 M.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN FRANCE. The national conference of the French Christian associations in France was recently held in eastern France. Mr. George Williams and other prominent workers from England were present.

Reports showed a considerable increase in the number of associations and in members. The Ladies' Association is doing a noble work at a cost of about \$2,000,000. The meetings were crowded, and there was much interest manifested in the work of the associations.

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The Shrewd Game of a North Carolina Girl Spoiled.

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Edwards then appealed to the Supreme Court, and this tribunal has just decided that Jennie should retain the land. If she violated her contract of marriage, that the transfer of the land to her was without consideration, and that the land must be sold to pay the debt of Edwards.

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