

THE CAPE FEAR.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 30, 1876.

10 CENTS A WEEK

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Thanksgiving Day.

By permission we copy the following from a letter written by Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, of Philadelphia, to Mrs. Hugh Waddell, of this city. It is dated June 27th, 1855:

"I trust your pen will impress the South with the idea of a National Thanksgiving, which is a point I have been laboring to bring about for several years past. Let the last Thursday in November be the day, and each and all of the State, Governors appoint that day—then from Maine to Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, would be raised, simultaneously, the song of rejoicing, and the Thanksgiving Jubilee would be another tie, a bright link in the chain of national love and union."

These thoughts would be very appropriate to the present Thanksgiving day, but that the expression "national love and union" seems to be strangely at variance with the rumors and facts that engross the public mind.

Official Vote for State Officers.

The following is the official vote as ascertained by the joint session of the General Assembly for State officers: Governor—Vance, 123,265; Settle, 1,025; Vance's majority 12,009. Lieutenant Governor—Jarvis, 127,863; Smith, 109,580; Jarvis' majority, 14,283.

Secretary of State—Engelhard 124,011; Albertson, 108,914; Engelhard's majority, 16,097. Auditor—Love, 122,950; Reilly, 109,797; Love's majority, 13,153.

Treasurer—Worth, 123,936; Wheeler, 109,225; Worth's majority 14,711. Superintendent of Public Instruction—Scarborough, 123,660; Carson, 108,123; Scarborough's majority, 15,737. Attorney General—Kenan, 123,608; Hargrove, 109,357; Kenan's majority, 14,251.

A Nuisance.

Bill posters are in the habit of sticking their bills on fences and even on the sides of houses on the streets. A great many nice brick fences in the city are highly ornamented with hand-bills and placards. There is a city ordinance against this and it should be enforced.

Wilmington Light Infantry.

We are requested to notify the members of the Company that there will be no drill to-night, but that the drill will be to-morrow (Friday) night. This is done to enable the members to have a good time Thanksgiving Day.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Hewlett held an inquest yesterday over the remains of the child which was found dead in bed on the Stokely plantation on Tuesday morning, and returned a verdict of death by suffocation.

Joint Thanksgiving Services.

The congregations of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches will hold joint services at the First Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock a. m. to-day.

Mayor's Court.

James Williams, col., charged with fast driving; dismissed on payment of costs. Enoch Nichols, disorderly conduct; fined \$20 and costs or thirty days on the streets.

The Cape Fear Light Artillery.

Will meet Friday evening, in full uniform, for drill, and will consider the propriety of visiting Raleigh on the occasion of the Governor's inauguration.

No Paper on Friday.

The CAPE FEAR will not be issued Friday. Like everybody else we shall keep Thanksgiving Day.

Hotel Personals.

VERMILION HOUSE.—Wednesday.—G. E. Bragden, Chicago; H. H. Wheeler, E. T. Clark, H. Osborne, N. Y.; S. V. Reid, Cincinnati, O.; J. G. Maxwell, Fla.; D. D. Barber, Mayesville; W. D. Cater, W. S. Moor, G. M. VanRensselaer, Baltimore; B. Godwin, Lumberton.

MANNING HOUSE.—Wednesday.—M. Campbell, Columbia; R. J. Southerland, Duplin Co.; M. Dolbrely, Syracuse; S. P. Wright, S. C.; E. C. Roper, Va.

A Master at the Helm.

The New York Tribune says, editorially: "The same master-hand that guided the Democracy through the campaign, will direct every movement in the more exciting contest that impends in Congress. Mr. Tilden is to name the speaker, it is said, and will thus preside by proxy in the House. It is safe to say that there will be a shrewd selection. Gov. Tilden, in a matter like this, knows no resentments, and is ignorant of friendships. There will be no blunder the less in Democratic history."

THE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Programme and Revised List of Prizes for To-day—Assistant Marshals.

We are furnished by Mr. Berry Gleaves, Chief Marshal, with the revised list of prizes offered for successful contestants in the races and games of the St. George and St. Andrews Athletic Club, to take place at the Club Grounds on to-day, being Thanksgiving Day. Also with a list of Marshals for the occasion. There is no doubt that the exercises, taken together, will be a grand success, unless the rain pours in torrents. Even then, we believe our indomitable Athletes will brave everything to carry out that part of the programme, which can be conducted under canopy.

The programme is as follows: REVISED PROGRAMME AND PRIZE LIST. 9 o'clock, rifle match—prize valued at \$10.

10:30, standing high jump—prize 1 set studds.

10:45, one-fourth mile running race—prize 1 silver cup.

11, running long jump—prize 1 pair sleeve buttons.

11:15, three-legged race—prize 1 pair vases.

11:30, one hundred yard's running race—prize 1 clock.

11:45, potato race—prize 1 barrel potatoes.

12:15, hurdle race—prize 1 silver cup.

12:30, running high jump—prize 1 pair vases.

12:45, one mile running race—1st prize 1 dozen plated knives; 2d prize one-half dozen plated knives.

1:15, egg and ladle race—prize 1 ladle.

1:30, hop, step and jump—prize 1 inkstand.

1:45, throwing heavy hammer—prize one-half box cigars.

2, wheelbarrow race—prize 1 wheelbarrow.

2:15, fencing—prize 1 set studds.

2:30, all-fours race—prize 1 pair slippers.

3, one mile walking match—prize 1 walking cane.

3:15, boys' velocipede race—prize \$2 50.

3:45, sack race—prize one-half box cigars.

4, pig with greased tail—prize the pig.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Assistant Marshals, Messrs. J. Davis, DuBrutz Catlar, W. Roddick, C. Giles, J. Colville, R. G. Ross, A. B. Brown, Dr. W. G. Thomas, N. Giles and Don. McElae.

BERRY GLEAVES, Marshal.

Notice.

Postmaster Brink says: "The post-office will be closed to-day from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Mails received and dispatched as usual."

Appointments of Bishop Atkinson.

Wilson, 2d Sunday in Advent, December 10. Tolbot, December 12. Ringwood, December 13. Halifax, 3d Sunday in Advent, December 17. Weldon, December 19. Jackson, December 20. Rocky Mount, December 22.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Seventh Day.

Continued from the Raleigh Observer.

SENATE.

Monday, Nov. 27, 1876.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees:

Printing—Wilson, Nicholson and Wynne.

County Government—Coke, Robins, Latham, Roberts, Folk, Johnston and Green.

Senate Branch County Government—Williams, Bigham and Dockery.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The following bills introduced and referred to appropriate committees:

Cunningham: Bill to repeal chapter 243 of the laws of 1874-75.

Mebane of Rockingham: Bill to amend an act to continue in force an act to compromise, commute and settle the State debt, passed by the General Assembly of 1874-75.

Thorne: Bill to change the time of closing the polls on election day. (The law on this subject requires the polls to be closed at sun-down. This bill proposes to amend by striking out sun-down and insert 7 o'clock.)

Finger: Resolution to raise a joint committee on State debt, composed of five Senators and seven members of the House.

On motion of Albright, the resolution was adopted, under a suspension of the rules.

CALENDAR.

Resolution to raise a joint committee to visit the colored insane asylum in the county of Edgecombe within the next week and report a bill to establish a

branch asylum in said county for the benefit of the colored insane of the State.

Folk said the appropriation of so large an amount should receive mature consideration and urged its reference, and the motion prevailed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Geo. L. Fulcher, member from Dare, came forward and qualified.

By Terry, of Richmond: Joint resolution on usury. Referred to committee on finance.

BILLS.

The following bills were introduced, read and referred to appropriate committees, or placed on the calendar:

By Rose of Cumberland: A bill to amend section 2, chapter 18, of Battle's Revisal, relative to summons. Judiciary.

By McBrayer of Moore: Bill to amend section 40, chapter 45 of Battle's Revisal. Judiciary.

By Clark of Bladen: Bill concerning the entries of public lands. Judiciary.

By Godwin of Cumberland: Bill to suppress riots during political campaigns. Judiciary.

By Ormond of Green: Bill to amend chap. 65 sec 9 and 10, Battle's Revisal; Judiciary.

By Duggan, of Edgecombe: Bill to repeal all that part of chapter 163, Public Laws of 1874-75, which relates to Edgecombe county. Proposition and Grievances.

Judge of committee on propositions and grievances, reported an amendment to H. B. No. 40, with a recommendation that it do pass. Went to the calendar.

BILLS AND SECOND READING.

H. B. No. 22: To amend title 9, chap. 2, code of civil procedure relating to claim and delivery of personal property with a recommendation from committee on judiciary that it do pass, was but upon its second reading.

Henderson, of Rowan, moved, to lay the bill upon the table. The motion prevailed.

H. B. No. 23: To amend sec. 4, chap. 22, Battle's Revisal. Judiciary committee recommend that it do not pass. On motion of Vaughn, of Alleghany, the bill was laid upon the table.

H. B. No. 25: To amend chap 49, laws of 1874-75. Judiciary committee recommend that it do not pass. On motion of Henderson, of Rowan, laid on the table.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

H. B. No. 89: Bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 209, Laws of 1874-75, with recommendation from judiciary committee that it do not pass.

McBrayer's motion to lay on the table prevailed by a vote of 52 yeas against 38 nays.

The Speaker announced as the house branch of joint committee in relation to employees of the General Assembly, as follows: Todd of Ashe, Shape, Roberts, Clark of Craven, and Wilson of New Hanover.

Richardson, of Columbus, asked a suspension of the rules to take up the resolution introduced by himself relative to the governor's Message. The rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

Richardson, of Columbus, moved a suspension of the rules to take up his resolution of inquiry into the State Treasury, and asking a message from that department, giving the fines and forfeitures paid into Educational Fund from 1868 up to the present time. The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Ragley of Perquimans offered a resolution of thanks to the President of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States did, in a recent order, instruct General Ruger in Florida, and General Anger in Louisiana, to be vigilant with the forces at their command, to preserve peace and good order, and to see that the proper and legal boards of canvassers are unmolested in the performance of their duties; and, further, that should there be any grounds of suspicion of a fraudulent count upon either side, it should be reported and denounced at once; that no man worthy of the office of President should be willing to hold that office if counted in or placed there by fraud; that either party can afford to be disappointed in the result, and that the country can not afford to have the result tainted by the suspicion of illegal or false returns, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the people of this State are due to the President for his timely action whereby he has protected the Canvassing Boards in said States from violence and unlawful interference during the count of votes, and has preserved the peace of the nation at a time of high political excitement, and when the fate of the country was depending upon the result,

Wilson of Transylvania, moved to indefinitely postpone the action upon the resolution offered by the member from Perquimans.

Yeas 63.

NAYS—Bagley, Bledsoe, Bryant, Bunn, col., Cale, col., Carter, of Warren, Clarke, of Craven, Duggan, col., Ennis, Ewing, Baynes, Bill, Hood, Horton, of Hertford, Johnston, of Warren, Johnston, of Washington, Linebeck, Lloyd, col., Ormond, Reynolds, Rogers, col., Simmons, Terry, Ward, of Chowan, White, Williamson, col., and Wilson, of New Hanover.

Henderson, of Rowan, moved the suspension of the rules, which motion prevailed and the motion to concur in the Senate resolution regarding the public debt was adopted.

H. B. No. 40: Providing relief to

the tax-payers of Wake county, extending the time for redemption of lands sold for taxes, was taken from the calendar and put upon its passage. The committee on Propositions and Grievances recommended amendments by striking out "Wake county" and inserting "North Carolina," which amendments were accepted and the bill passed its second reading and was ordered to be read the third time.

Carter, of Buncombe, amended by striking out six months and inserting May 1st, 1878. The bill as amended then passed.

H. B. No. 3, being the special order for 12 m., was taken up. This is a bill for the general relief of sheriffs and tax-collectors in the several counties of the State, extending the time for settling the taxes for 1876 to the 5th day of January, 1877, except in the case of Pender county, the tax-collector of which is allowed till February 1, 1877. Passed second reading and referred to Judiciary committee.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 1876.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on Printing, reported that they had entered into a contract with the "News Publishing Company" to execute the printing for two years, fixing the price at 75 cents per 1,000 ems, instead of 80 cents per 1,000.

Mr. Greene submitted a petition from five persons offering to do the printing for 50 cents, which was placed on the calendar.

Justice: Bill to make embezzlement of county funds a felony. Referred.

Bennett: Bill to allow E. W. Taylor, late sheriff of Brunswick county, and Nixon Ottaway to collect arrears of taxes. Referred to committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mebane, of Bertie, col.: Bill to prevent misegregation of the two races. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The same: Bill to amend chapter 89, laws 1874-75. [This bill proposes to amend the law so as to provide that no colored child can be bound to a white master or mistress.] Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Transmitting the following bills, which were referred to appropriate committees: "House bill No. 40, for the relief of the tax payers of North Carolina; bill to extend the time for registering grants, deeds, &c."

CALENDAR.

On motion of Folk the rules were suspended in order to take up the bill specifying the time for qualifying county officers, and the bill passed its several readings unanimously.

A message was received from the House, proposing to go into the election of a United States Senator at 12 o'clock, which was concurred in.

The President appointed Marler and Green to succeed in the election.

Green placed in nomination the Hon. O. H. Dockery of Richmond county.

Folk said:

MR. PRESIDENT: It is with inexpressible emotions of pride and great affection that at the request of the Democratic members of the General Assembly, I place in nomination for the distinguished office of United States Senator one who, among all the able and gifted men North Carolina has bequeathed to the country, is unsurpassed as a statesman, patriot and gentleman. It is not because of its high position and emoluments, but because it is the splendid reward of North Carolina—for his able and heroic defence of the cause of an oppressed and sorrowing people, and his ardent love for the whole Union, that my heart swells with pride when I announce as the Democratic nomination for United States Senator the statesman, orator, soldier, Christian and gentleman, General Matt. W. Ransom. Without fear and without reproach, endowed with the wisdom of a statesman, the devotion of a patriot—gifted with the spirit of a hero and the tongue of a Tully; as noble in nature as he is graceful in person, the greatest States of ancient and modern times might be proud to enroll his name among the best of their statesmen and heroes.

The vote was then taken and the ballot resulted as follows: Ransom 38 and Dockery 8.

On motion of Graham a message was sent to the House informing that body of the readiness of the Senate to proceed in joint session with the count of the votes for State officers, and the Senate took a recess until the close of the joint session.

Postal Hours.

The mails close at the City Post-Office as follows:

Northern through mails - - - 5:30 P. M.

Northern through and way mails, daily - - - 7:30 A. M.

Mails for the N. C. Railroad and routes supplied therefrom, at - - - 6:30 P. M.

Southern mails for all points South, daily - - - 7:00 P. M.

Western mails C. C. R.'s, daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - 1:00 P. M.

Fayetteville by C. C. R.'s, daily (except Sundays) - - - 6:00 A. M.

Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - - - 6:00 A. M.

Northern through mails - - - 12:45 P. M.

Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.

The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close at 8 A. M., daily, except Sundays.

Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Supply and Shallotte, every Friday at 6 A. M.

Mails delivered from 6 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:20 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., and from 2 to 5:30 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as Stamp Office.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

CAPE FEAR OFFICE, }
November 29, 1876—G. P. M. }

Official quotations of the Produce Exchange at mid-day:

Cotton—steady.
Ordinary - - - - 9 3/4 cents
Good Ordinary - - - - 10 1/2 " "
Low Middling - - - - 10 1/2 " "
Middling - - - - 11 1/2 @ 11 3/4 " "
Good Middling - - - - 11 1/2 @ 11 3/4 " "
Spirits Turpentine—35 cents bid.
Rosin—Strained steady at \$1 75. Good strained steady at \$1 75.
Tar—Firm at \$2.

Crude Turpentine—Hard firm at \$1 75, soft firm at \$2 00; virgin firm at \$2 60.

Cotton—The market to-day opened firm and sales were made at the quotations. Later, under unfavorable advices there was more disposition to sell and at the close lots pressed on the market were sold at figures somewhat in favor of buyers. The sales to-day were 571 bales at prices ranging from 95 to 115, the market closing quiet.

Spirits Turpentine—In this article we have to note a firm market with sales early in the day of 17 casks at 35 cents. After mid-day an advance of 1/2 cent was obtained and 270 casks changed hands at that price, closing firm at 35 1/2 cents bid.

Rosin—The market for strained is easier and we are without reported sales. In good strained there was a fair demand and lots were readily placed at the quotations.

Tar—Continues steady, with sales to-day of 127 bbls at \$2 in water.

Crude Turpentine—The receipts are very light and the market is firm at the quotations. The sales the past few days have been made without the usual deductions.

DAILY RECEIPTS.

Cotton 760 bales, spirits turpentine 228 casks, rosin 651 bbls, tar 127 bbls, crude turpentine 13 bbls.

REGULAR WHOLESALE PRICES.

The quotations, it should be understood, represent the wholesale prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

Beans—Gummy 125, @ 1 1/2. Double Ancho 33 @ 1 1/2.

Bacon—North Carolina hams (new) 15c, shoulders 10 @ 12 1/2, sides (N. C. choice) 15c; western smoked hams 17 @ 18c, sides 10 1/2, shoulders 9 1/2.

Beef—On the hoof 6 @ 7c.

Birds—Spirits turpentine second hand, each \$1 65; new New York each \$1 80; new city each \$2.

Butter—20 @ 28c.

Butter—Wilmington 87 @ 8; Northern 82 @ 8 1/4.

Butter—North Carolina 18 @ 20c; Northern 25 @ 35c.

Candles—Sperm 25 @ 45c; tallow 14 @ 15c; adamantine 13 1/2 @ 14c.

Cheese—Northern factory 14 @ 15 1/2; dairy cream 14 1/2 @ 14 1/2; State 12 1/2 @ 13c.

Coffee—Java 34 @ 35c; Rio 19 @ 22c; Laguayra 24 1/2 @ 25c.

Corn Meal—Per bushel, in sacks, 70 @ 72 1/2.

Cotton Ties 3 1/2 @ 6c, arrow ties 8 1/2 @ 9c per hundred.

Domestic—Sheeting, 4-4, per yard, 7 1/2; yarn, per bunch, 90c.

Eggs 20 @ 28c.

Fish—Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl, \$16 @ 20; No. 1, per half bbl, \$8 50 @ 9; No. 2, per bbl, \$10 @ 13 50; No. 2, per half bbl, \$7 50; No. 3, per bbl, \$11 @ 11 50. Mulllets, per bbl, \$5 50 @ 7. N. C. herring, per bbl, \$6 @ 8. Dry cod, per lb, 7 1/2c.

Flour—Corn, in store, in bags, 67 @ 70c; cargo, per bushel, 56 @ 57 1/2; 3rd low, per bushel, 55 @ 56; wholesale, in bags, 62 @ 65c. Oats, per bushel, 65c.

Peas, cow, per bushel, 65 @ 70c.

Hides—Green 3 1/2 @ 4c; dry 8 @ 9 1/2c.

Hay—Eastern \$1 10, North river 90 @ 81. Lard—Northern 13 1/2 @ 13 1/2; North Carolina 15c.

Lime—Per bbl \$1 40 @ 1 50.

Lumber—City steam sawed; ship stuff, resawed, per M. \$ 81 @ 82 1/2; rough edge plank, per M. \$ 81 @ 82 1/2; West India cargo, according to quality, per M. \$ 81 @ 82. Dressed flooring, seasoned, 2 @ 26 1/2; cantling and boards, common, per M. \$ 81 @ 82.

Molasses—Cuba, hds, per gallon, 38 @ 40c; Cuba, hds, per gallon, 41 @ 44c; sugar house, hds, per gallon, 24; sugar house hds, per gallon, 27c; syrup, hds, per gallon, 40 @ 42c.

Oil—Kerosene, per gallon, 50c; lard per gallon, 90 @ 81 1/2; lard, per gallon, 75 @ 80; rosin, per gallon, 13 @ 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, 25 @ 3c; spring 15 @ 20c.

Peanuts—Per bushel 75 @ 81 10.

Potatoes—Sweet, per bushel, 50; Irish, northern, per bbl, \$5 25 @ 5 50.

Pork—Northern tyress \$20 @ 21, prime per bbl \$20, rump per bbl \$18.

Rice—Carolina, 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4; rough, per bushel, 5 @ 5 1/2.

Rope—Country, per lb, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4; city, per lb, 2 @ 2 1/2.

Salt—Alum, per bushel, 60; Liverpool per sack 92 1/2 @ 95c, American per sack 80.

Sugar—Cuba, per lb, 8 1/2; Porto Rico per lb, 9c; A coffee, per lb, 11 1/2; B coffee, extra C, per lb, 10 1/2 @ 11c; crushed, per lb, 12 1/2.