

# THE CAPE FEAR.

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## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

### Fire in a Photograph Gallery.

Sunday, about 1 o'clock, p. m., the gallery of Mr. C. M. VanOrsdell's Art gallery was discovered to be on fire. Several gentlemen, on forcing the door open, perceived that a window in a small room where negatives are kept was in a light blaze. Buckets of water were thrown upon the flames, which soon extinguished them. It is not known how the fire originated. It might have caught from a camera, which was near the window, concentrating the rays of the sun upon the film; but this is not probable, as the camera stood in the same position all through the summer, when the heat of the sun was much more likely to engender a conflagration.

It is likely that it caught from a spark from a chimney. The camera, a very large, fine one, was destroyed. Mr. VanOrsdell's loss is about \$525, with an insurance of \$325 with Messrs. Atkinson & Manning.

### The W. L. I.

It having been arranged for the Wilmington Light Infantry to escort Gov. Z. B. Vance to Raleigh on the occasion of his inauguration, January 1, the company will proceed over the Carolina Central Railway to Charlotte, where they will meet the Governor and his other escorts. They will take the North Carolina Railroad for Raleigh. After the inauguration our Wilmington boys will return by the Wilmington and Weldon line. They will have free transportation throughout, and will no doubt have a large time on the round trip. The occasion will be a mammoth affair, commensurate probably with the victory it celebrates and the fame of the illustrations and dearly beloved victor.

### Church Notes.

Notwithstanding last Sunday was excessively cold, the congregations in the city were full. In the morning Rev. Dr. Wilson preached with great power on the beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful." Bishop Atkinson delivered an interesting sermon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In the same Church, at night, Rev. Mr. Ambler continued the subject of the intermediate state after death in the particular theme of recognition in Heaven. We have no notes of the other churches. The Methodist pastors are absent at Conference.

### An Old Paper.

The first number of the New York Commercial Advertiser, date of Monday evening, October 2, 1797, has been shown to us by Mr. James Jones, of this city. It has twenty columns of matter, chiefly advertising. Among other interesting items, is a statement that Governor Ashe, of North Carolina, had issued his proclamation for seizing Berklat Polk and John Johnson and others, for preparing a military expedition against the Indians, and the editor's remark that "this is probably some branch of Blount's project."

### Mayor's Court.

Marshal Morris, disorderly conduct; fined \$20 and costs or thirty days on the streets.  
David Mallett, same, fined \$10 and costs or fifteen days on the streets.  
Thomas Helms, begging on the streets; fined \$20 and costs or twenty days on the streets.  
Geo. H. Adams, violation of tax ordinance; continued until to-day.

### The Marine Temperance Society.

The Total Abstinence Society met at the Bethel last evening, and we learn had a very interesting time, addresses having been delivered by Messrs. B. G. Worth, W. J. Potter and W. M. Hays, resulting in an addition to their membership of eleven new members. The meeting was graced by the presence of several ladies.

### L'Arioso.

The L'Arioso Pleasure Club will give a series of hops this winter on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. The governing committee are Messrs. E. S. Nash, S. P. Shotton, J. I. McRee, R. F. Hamme, J. W. Bolles, A. H. Kelley, W. J. Gordon. We acknowledge the compliment of a handsomely printed season invitation.

### Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was obtained at the Signal office in this city, yesterday at 4:31 p. m.:

Augusta, 41; Charleston, 43; Galveston, 49; Jacksonville, Fla., 47; Mobile, 45; New Orleans, 46; Norfolk, 35; Savannah, 45; Wilmington, 40.

## The New Board of County Commissioners.

The members of the new Board of County Commissioners were qualified yesterday and will have a meeting to-day.

Miss Lisette C. Bernheim, a young lady of Wilmington, who writes for the CAPE FEAR and other papers, is flatteringly noticed in the *Shenandoah Herald*, of Virginia.

It is said that Taft, Cameron and Sherman passed through en route to South Carolina, Sunday night.

The thermometer stood 15 degrees below zero in Fayetteville, last Saturday.

### New Advertisements.

C. M. VanOrsdell—Notice to patrons; art gallery.

## LEGISLATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

### Eleventh Day.

Continued from the Raleigh Sentinel.

SATURDAY, December 2.

### SENATE.

Graham: Bill in regard to bonds of sheriffs was taken up. The bill provides the sheriffs shall execute their different bonds payable to the State. The gist of the bill is to make sheriffs give a bond double the amount of taxes they have to collect. Graham explained his bill. Moore of New Hanover certainly didn't understand it and moved to make it a special order for next Tuesday at 12 o'clock. No seconding voice to motion. Folk moved to suspend rules and put bill on third reading. So ordered. Bill on motion of Graham was referred to judiciary committee.

Latham: Bill to settle ridings of several judicial districts among the judges of the Superior Courts. Didn't propose now to have it passed but to refer it to judiciary committee and be printed for consideration of members. Stickney thought it was making too radical a change in so short a time.

Robbins held that the constitutional amendments which go in force on the 1st of January provide for the rotation of judges.

After discussion, Robbins moved to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried, ayes 17, noes 12.

Bill to change the act in relation to gauge of railroads.

Moore of New Hanover said there was so much talk of railroad rings and that sort, he was frank to say he didn't understand it, ("I believe you," said a voice), and he wanted it printed before he could vote on it. Bill passed final reading, ayes 31, noes 2.

House resolution on adjournment. Stanford moved to suspend rules and put on third reading. It adjourns from 9 a. m. Wednesday, 13th, to Saturday 12 m., December 30, 1876. Passed third reading, ayes 31, noes 1.

Senate bill 68, an act supplemental to an act in relation to establishing the new county of Pamlico, was taken from the calendar. Provides for leaving to voters the removal of county site, &c. Coke explained the object of his bill. Passed second reading, ayes 32, noes 0. Must go over till subsequent day under the constitution.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Shackelford, from committee on engrossed bills, reported back correctly engrossed House bill No. 58, amending section 2, chap. 18 Battle's Revisal.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Purnell: Bill to provide for graded schools in cities of 5,000 population by taxation. Committee on education.

By Bryant: Bill for the relief of sheriffs and tax-collectors. Judiciary.

By McRae: Resolution relative to the internal revenue of the United States. Calendar.

## CALENDAR.

On motion of Carter, of Buncombe, the bill relating to building, loan and other co-operative associations, was ordered to be printed.

Spake's resolution to take a recess from December 13 to December 30, was taken up and passed second and third readings and ordered to Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Vaughan, the bill to prevent the burning of dwelling and other houses was made special order for Thursday at noon.

Resolution instructing the North Carolina delegation in Congress to use their efforts to procure a prohibition of more than 8 per cent. interest to national banks, passed second and third readings.

Resolution instructing the judiciary committee to investigate the reports relative to hiring out of Jones county paupers, was taken up. Graves moved an indefinite postponement. McGehee opposed the resolution as needless and injudicious. Clark, of Craven, Bledsoe and Lineback favored the adoption of the resolution. Carter, of Buncombe, thought it useless to proceed to a legislative investigation of the various misdeeds of the Republicans in Jones county or elsewhere, unless some guarantee were given of reform at some time prior to the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds.

McLean moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until the return of Hon. Jake Scott, member from Jones. Ruled out of order.

Davis, of Haywood, moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The yeas and nays were called, resulting yeas 61, nays 22.

## LATE AND IMPORTANT.

### THE IMPEACHMENT SCHEME.

Grant, Cameron and Sherman to Be Impeached by Congress—Randall to Be Speaker—Bloody Conspiracy in South Carolina.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The impeachment plan includes Grant, Cameron and Sherman, and, if subject to impeachment, Ruger. Sherman is considered undoubtedly subject, as he is a creature of Congress, and his office expires with him.

It may be stated that the temper of the Democratic leaders here is averse to any course of compromise, and they will demand and concede only what the constitution and laws allow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In the caucus to-night Randall beat Cox ten votes for Speaker. There were but two candidates. After the nomination Mr. Randall made a brief but eloquent speech. Mr. Cox then entered the caucus, which received him standing. He congratulated his competitor. The vote stood: Randall 73, Cox 63. It was resolved to send committees at once to Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida to ascertain the facts regarding the electoral votes in those States.

COLUMBIA, Sunday, Dec. 3.—9:15 P. M.—The following has been telegraphed to the *News and Courier*:

Gen. Hampton received an anonymous letter this afternoon, purporting to be written by a Hayes Republican, in which it was stated that another conspiracy is on foot of a more startling nature than that developed last week. The plot, as stated by this unknown writer, is that a party of 75 or more roughs, of both colors, some of them being members of the Charleston Humkidor Club, will be brought to Columbia to-morrow, appointed State constables and stationed as spectators, or be substituted for the members themselves in the Hall of Representatives, and that at a preconcerted moment a demand will be made upon Speaker Wallace to vacate the chair. The demand will not be complied with and a bloody row will be precipitated.

LATE—Midnight.

The Democratic members who were awake seemed to be unaware of the impending crisis. I am informed that the anti-chambers of the executive offices and committee rooms are filled with special constables to be used to-morrow in ejecting the Democratic representatives. Gen. Ruger and his aides have been telegraphing constantly the entire night, and the Democratic executive committee are also similarly engaged, both of them communicating, it is supposed, with Washington. The indications are that there will be a collision to-morrow between Chamberlain's constabulary and the citizens in the streets, if it does not take place in the House.

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

Gov. Brogden has pardoned Houston, the Meeklenburg forger, out of the penitentiary.

The *New York Nation*, an able Republican weekly journal, makes an earnest appeal to Gov. Hayes to refuse an election accomplished by fraud.

Jay Gould's *Tribune* treats it as quite a joke that Chief Justice Waite should be invited by the Democrats to go down to South Carolina in the interest of law and order.

The *Richmond Enquirer*, after a repose of ten weeks, has been revived and appears in the same guise which became so familiar, and so popular, some months ago. Mr. G. Watson James is the man at the wheel.

A deaf mute has been ordained into the Episcopal clergy in Pennsylvania, and Bishop Stevens, who performed the ceremony, is censured by those who honor the apostolic canons which forbid the ordination of persons "defective in the senses or grievously maimed."

On Saturday evening last a meeting of citizens, irrespective of party ties, was held in Philadelphia. The call was couched in the following language: "A meeting of the citizens of Philadelphia will be held on Saturday evening, December 2d, to express their indignant denunciation of any and every attempt at dishonesty or fraud in the return of votes at the late Presidential election, wherever or by whomsoever the attempt may be made."

## 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 - - - 7:00 A. M.  
Mails for the N. C. Railroad and routes supplied therefrom, at - - - 7:00 P. M.  
Southern mails for all points South, daily - - - 7:00 P. M.  
Western mails C. C. R'y, daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - 1:00 P. M.  
Fayetteville by C. C. R'y, daily (except Sundays) - - - 6:00 A. M.  
Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - - - 6:00 A. M.  
ARRIVE.  
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 9:30 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5:00 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as Stamp Office.

Stamps for sale at general delivery when Stamp Office is closed.  
Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night.

Rev. Dr. Moran preached in the M. E. Church, Greensboro, last Sunday.

## M. E. CONFERENCE.

Abstract of Proceedings.

Some account of the first day's session was given in the CAPE FEAR on Saturday. The following are the standing committees:

### EDUCATION.

Clerical—F. L. Reid, A. W. Mangum, Dr. B. Craven, M. L. Wood, W. M. Robey, W. D. Lea, L. H. Gibbons, J. Alford, W. C. Gannon, J. R. Griffith.

Laymen—M. S. Davis, A. G. Headen, Dr. T. M. Jones, J. W. Manney, A. A. Scroggs, C. G. Montgomery, E. J. Lily, W. J. Parker, W. F. Korieguy, T. C. Williams.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerical—S. V. Hoyle, J. J. Reia, P. L. Herndon, L. W. Crawford, J. C. Crisp, T. P. Ricard, Ira T. Wyche, O. J. Brent, C. C. Dodson, L. L. Nash.

Laymen—R. W. Best, Alex. Walker, O. W. Carr, B. F. Sumnerrow, M. O. Sherrill, Dr. D. C. Smith, Dr. F. E. Asbury, W. M. Parker, W. L. Arndell, N. A. Lawrence.

### BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Clerical—Dr. J. B. Bobbitt, T. J. Gattis, V. A. Sharpe, T. C. Coon, J. S. Erwin, C. M. Pepper, H. T. Hudson, J. T. Bagwell, J. R. Brooks and J. D. Buie.

Laymen—R. W. Best, T. N. Jordan, M. B. Southerland, J. W. Manney, W. T. Shipp, C. G. Montgomery, K. H. Worthy, A. J. Johnson, T. A. Wainwright and B. W. Brown.

### CHURCH PROPERTY.

Clerical—R. S. Webb, H. H. Gibbons, J. W. Lewis, T. S. Triplett, J. T. Harris, T. H. Edwards, B. C. Phillips, S. M. Davis, N. A. Hooker and B. B. Culbreth.

Laymen—J. B. Floyd, J. E. Mann, R. P. Troy, Dr. T. Holcomb, R. S. Abernathy, J. D. Squire, R. S. Ledbetter, J. T. O. Culbreth, J. C. Webb and N. A. Lawrence.

### BIBLE CAUSE.

Clerical—A. A. Boshammer, H. P. Cole, J. F. Heightman, James Wilson, J. C. Hartsell, D. May, W. S. Chatlin, J. Saadford, A. R. Raven, R. O. Burton.

Laymen—J. B. Floyd, T. N. Mann, R. P. Troy, B. F. Sumnerrow, R. L. Abernathy, T. J. Wilson, Dr. F. E. Asbury, W. M. Parker, J. B. Webb, T. C. Williams.

### SECOND DAY.

Rev. Dr. Craven, President of Trinity College, and Rev. Dr. Jones, President of Greensboro College, read the annual reports of their respective institutions. Referred to committee on Education.

Bishop Kavanaugh preached the Thanksgiving Sermon from the 103 Psalm.

### THIRD DAY.

W. D. Taylor, of the North in M. E. Church, and James H. Tart, of the Baptist Church, were recognized as elders.

Isham Cox and Allen Jay, of the denomination of Friends, were introduced as fraternal messengers, Messrs. Cox and Tatum making some remarks.

Rev. Dr. McFerrin, Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced. A resolution receiving Messrs. Cox and Jay as fraternal messengers was passed, prefaced by some remarks by Bishop Kavanaugh.

On motion, two fraternal messengers were appointed to the next yearly meeting of the Society of Friends.

Rev. Dr. Lafferty, of the Virginia Conference, made some extended remarks, complimenting North Carolina institutions.

Candidates of the first year were called and the following were reported upon and passed on the class of second year: B. R. Hall, N. G. Whittington, J. M. Rhodes, J. B. Carpenter was continued in first year.

The class of second year was then called as follows: J. W. Shackford, N. M. Jurney, J. F. Craven, W. S. Roan, J. T. Gibbs, L. L. Nash, J. W. Randle, J. R. Scroggs, C. A. Gault, M. W. Boyles, J. Lumley, N. S. Norton. The class was addressed at length by the Bishop.

Rev. D. A. Long, fraternal messenger from the Christian Church, was introduced and made remarks of a pleasant character. On motion, two fraternal messengers were appointed to attend the next session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference.

Candidates of the second year were called and reported upon, and admitted to full connection, as follows: N. M. Jurney, J. E. Craven, W. S. Roan, J. T. Gibbs, L. L. Nash, J. W. Randle, C. A. Gault, M. W. Boyles, J. R. Scroggs, J. M. Lunley.

N. S. Norton was elected to deacon's orders and continued in the class of second year.

D. P. Goode was discontinued at his own request.

they have for their Church, by the manner in which they guard her reputation.

The best criterion by which to judge as to the importance and dignity of this Christian body is to see their hundreds of ministers and laymen in annual session as they are here now.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

The President Preparing His Defense—Effort to Justify Usurpation—Secretary Fish Dissents—The Policy Modified—Prospect of a Democratic Triumph—The Speakership.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—At the cabinet meeting to-day the President mentioned certain topics which he will treat in his annual message, including the question of the Presidential succession and the complications in certain of the Southern States. The President will in his message treat at length on Southern affairs, and will defend the action which he has taken in South Carolina and Louisiana, and will give his official endorsement to the manufactured tales of outrage and intimidation. He talked very bitterly on the subject to-day. The proceedings of the cabinet were principally confined to the consideration of Southern affairs, and more particularly in South Carolina.

Mr. Fish, it is understood, did not concur with the extreme views of the President, and indicated his entire dissent from the propriety of the military interference with the Legislature. The result appears to be that such modified orders were sent to Gen. Ruger as need not be construed to warrant his interference unless in case of violence. Mr. Lamar received this evening a telegram from Gen. Hampton and Senator Gordon requesting him to inform the President that both Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature desired non-interference of the military, and asked that they be so instructed. Mr. Lamar showed the telegram to Secretary Fish, who informed him that orders had already been sent to that effect. Mr. Fish also said that Gen. Ruger never had been instructed to interfere with the organization of the Legislature. This indicates that the same excuse will be made as in the Louisiana case, namely, that the military acted, without orders.

In connection with this subject rumors were circulated to-night that Secretary Fish had resigned on account of dissatisfaction with the course of the President, but there appears to be no good foundation for the rumors. Much speculation is indulged in as to the causes which have induced this unexpected back-down. By some it is ascribed to pressure which it is alleged has been brought to bear from influential Republicans in the North. Others say that it has been concluded to abandon Chamberlain now that the Hayes electors are secured. But if Chamberlain goes by the board, as he assuredly will if the government keeps its hands off, the Hayes electors will be apt to follow suit.

## THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The Speakership continued to-day to be the principal topic at the hotels. Messrs. Randall, Morrison and other candidates were in the lobbies of Willard's for a considerable time, talking with their friends. There was some talk to-day of Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, but it seemed to come mostly from persons who were not members.

The Republican members of the House will also hold a caucus to-morrow night, and it is said Gen. Garfield will receive the complimentary nomination for Speaker. Senator Blaine arrived to-night in apparent good health and ready to shake his bloody shirt at the first opportunity.

## POLICY OF THE HOUSE.

Messrs. Randall, Hewitt and Lamar have been in close consultation to-night arranging the policy to be pursued on the opening of the House. It is the opinion that everything that is to be done will be determined upon in advance and carefully matured, and that the practice of members jumping up with crude propositions on the most important subjects, and without consultation with any one, will be discontinued. Mr. Lamar, as chairman of the Democratic caucus, has issued a call for a meeting to-morrow night.

## Appointments of Bishop Atkinson.

Wilson, 2d Sunday in Advent, December 10  
Tobert - - - - - December 12  
Engel - - - - - December 13  
Ringwood - - - - - December 14  
Hallifax, 3d Sunday in Advent, December 17  
Weldon - - - - - December 19  
Jackson - - - - - December 20  
Rocky Mount - - - - - December 22

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### Notice to My Friends and Patrons.

BY THE KINDNESS OF MR. C. W. YATES, who has placed his enlarging Cameras at my disposal until I can replace mine that were destroyed by the fire on the 2d inst., I am enabled to continue my business in all its branches, from this date. I would also reiterate my sincere thanks to all who assisted in saving my property from further destruction.

Respectfully,  
C. M. VANORSDELL.  
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 5, 1876-14.

## TABLE BOARD.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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