

# THE CAPE FEAR.

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## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

### Local Reform.

We understand that the Democratic Executive Committee of the city are considering the questions connected with procuring an amended charter for Wilmington. This is well. Other leading minds among our citizens should also be employed in looking into these important matters. If there is not time for calling a public meeting and having everything thoroughly canvassed, let certain well-informed and substantial citizens be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Committee. A few names occur to us as suitable counselors on such an occasion. All or a part of the following gentlemen would materially assist the Committee in its work: Hon. George Davis, Col. Robert Strange, Col. W. L. DeRosier, Messrs. T. W. Player, Jno. C. Heyer, Jno. L. Holmes, John Dawson and L. B. Bowden and Dr. W. G. Thomas.

### Correction.

Mr. Henry Nutt requests us to make a correction or two in our report of the proceedings of the Scientific and Historical Society meeting, last Monday night. We do so with pleasure. Mr. Nutt says that he did not say there was obscurity as to the date of the opening of New Inlet. That inlet was formed in September, 1761. Another place wherein he is incorrectly reported was where we made him to be in doubt as to the obstructions placed in the river during the Revolutionary War. These were not particularly for the purpose of keeping out Sir Peter Parker's fleet, for the reason that they had been put there the year before to protect the port from invasion generally. As to the Old Town settlement from New England, which the Barbadoes colonists found, there is some obscurity as to its precise date. This colony, however, was not at the mouth of the river, as stated.

### Arrested and Set Free—A Drummer's Complaint.

The Charlotte Observer says: "A Wilmington drummer writes us quite a lengthy letter, in which he states that he has been very badly treated in several towns in this State by being arrested and brought before magistrates to show why he had not purchased a town license, in addition to the State tax which he had. He wishes it published for the sake of his brethren in the drumming business that he was brought before the Mayor of Greensboro a few days ago, and when he showed His Honor, who is a gentleman and a scholar and a member of the bar, the law as set forth in section 82, page 778, Battle's Revisal, he immediately dismissed the case and made the plaintiff pay the cost. This, to the mind of our commercial friend, plainly proves that arrests for this offence are illegal and should be so considered by his brethren."

### Death of an Esteemed Lady.

It is our sad duty to record the death, at her residence on Chesnut street, yesterday morning, of Mrs. Ann S. Davis, relict of Junius Davis, Esq., and sister-in-law of Hon. George Davis. The deceased had a large circle of friends, and she will be greatly missed. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from St. James' Church.

### 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, 49; Charleston, 47; Galveston, 54; Jacksonville, Fla., 51; Mobile, 46; New Orleans, 49; Norfolk, 43; Savannah, 51; Wilmington, 48.

### Mayor's Court.

Louis Merrick, disorderly conduct, fined \$10 and costs or 15 days on the streets.

We are informed that there is no timber in market for sale. Our country friends will do well to make a note of this. A dealer states that a few rafts would command a fair price.

A small, handsome steamer, the Nettie, only twenty-two tons, from New York to New Orleans, put in to coal yesterday. She has a combination engine.

The river water in the dock between Messrs. Worth & Worth's and Sprunt & Son's, left by the recession of the tide, froze yesterday morning.

The Fairy Belle, loading for Rio Janeiro, will take out the largest cargo of lumber since the war, some four hundred thousand feet.

### Went Away to Get His Bride.

A telegram informs us of the marriage, yesterday, in Granville county, of our talented young townsman, Mr. John D. Bellamy. His wife, Miss Emma Hargrove, who is known and esteemed in Wilmington, is the daughter of Col. John Hargrove, a leading and most excellent citizen of Granville.

### Hotel Personal.

PURCELL HOUSE.—Wednesday.—K. Gleping, St. Louis; H. Haus, Atlanta; J. K. Draper, H. P. Forwood, P. E. Lewis, J. C. Stott, H. Goldthwaite, N. Y.; D. D. Barter, S. C.; Edmund Davis and lady, T. Munzel and lady, Philadelphia; A. F. Powell, Whiteville; H. T. Schroeder, Laurinburg; E. B. Hunting and lady, A. D. Jones, F. A. Morbray, Baltimore; Dr. George Martin and lady, West Chester; A. V. Baulute, Ga.; R. D. McGowan, Kenansville.

### MASINGA HOUSE.—Wednesday.—E. Sloan, Pender Co.; H. A. Mason, Richmond; C. C. Corbin, New River, E. T. Bangs, Fayetteville; Miss Haynes, Md.; W. S. Dockery, Mangum.

The Fayettevillians have had snow and excellent skating for several days.

Yesterday both Heaton and Jenkins were feeling better.

## MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

### First Day.

From the Raleigh Observer of yesterday. The nineteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. E. & A. M., convened in their Hall in the Fisher Building last evening at 7 o'clock and was opened in ample form. The following grand officers present: G. W. Blount, G. M.; H. H. Munson, S. G. W.; S. H. Rountree, J. G. W., pro tem.; W. E. Anderson, G. Trea.; D. W. Bain, G. Sec.; Dr. Eugene Grissom, D. G. H.; W. P. Williams, G. Chaplain, pro tem.; J. D. Southerland, S. G. D.; J. C. L. Gudger, J. G. D.; K. S. Martin, G. Marshal; J. Hildeheimer, G. S. Bearer; A. M. Noble, Gr. Pursuivant; H. C. Prempert, G. Tyler. J. B. Neathery, chairman of committee on credentials, reported Lodges represented; (report not finished). Grand Master Blount then read his annual address, which was listened to with marked attention.

The following Past Grand Masters were present: Dr. W. G. Hill, Hon. E. G. Reade, R. W. Best and John Nichols.

The attendance of members and representatives was very large, over 250 being in attendance.

The following standing committees were announced: Grand Master's address, P. G. M. E. G. Reade, W. G. Hill and J. S. Battle.

### Charters and Dispositions—No. 1.

L. A. Bickle, F. H. Glover, John M. Cotton. No. 2. Robt. Bingham, J. D. Southerland, A. M. Noble.

### Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges—No. 1.

D. S. Waitt, E. H. White, N. E. Canaday. No. 2. D. G. W. Ward, Thos. Capehart, J. H. Moore. No. 3. J. I. Macks, Geo. S. Baker, J. Hildeheimer. Accounts and Claims—J. B. Neathery, Michael Whitley, James Southgate.

### Jurisprudence—W. G. Hill, John Nichols, Eugene Grissom.

### Grand Secretary's Books and Report—S. H. Rountree, W. P. Williams, Wm. Simpson.

### Unfinished Business—R. P. Matheson, J. C. L. Gudger, C. D. Rice.

### Propositions and Grievances—W. B. Kenan, E. A. Wright, Exm Lewis.

### Suspensions and Expulsions—No. 1.

G. B. Harris, J. Q. Jackson, L. W. Batchelor. No. 2. J. S. Battle, W. R. Cox, E. S. Martin. No. 3. C. A. Cille, Z. M. Paschal, A. B. Boykin.

D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, submitted his report, which was referred to committee on same.

W. F. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, submitted his report, which was referred to the committee on same.

G. Badger Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, read the report of said committee, which was very elaborate, and couched in language such as only Geo. Badger can use. It reflects credit upon the chairman, and shows him to be a man of a comprehensive mind.

On motion of J. H. Mills, the report was referred to a committee of five, to wit: J. H. Mills, F. H. Busbee, J. A. Leach, J. B. Batchelor and John Nichols.

Gn motion of J. B. Batchelor, a resolution introduced by him at the last communication, in relation to holding property by the Grand Lodge, was taken up and referred to the committee on the Orphan Asylum.

## THE ELECTORAL VOTE YESTERDAY.

### THE HOUSE WILL HAVE TO ELECT.

### Disputed States All Counted for Republicans—Only Two Oregon Electors Certified.

Special Dispatch to the Cape Fear: WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 12:10.—The disputed States are all counted for Hayes. Only two electors are certified by the Governor of Oregon. There will be no election and the House must elect.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

### The Democrats Got a Quorum.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 5.—The constitutional House of Representatives assembled at 10 this morning. Daniel Bird and John Gibson, two colored representatives from Fairfield county, who have acted with the Bayonet House, took seats in the constitutional House, and were sworn in by Speaker Wallace amid great applause.

During the day the following dispatch was received by one of the members from Barwell: "I learn that Silas Cave was arrested and taken to Columbia by two negro constables on Sunday night."

10 P. M.—The Democrats now have 63 members. S. S. Bridges, colored, of Newberry, has taken the oath before Speaker Wallace, recognizing the constitutional House, and will be regularly sworn in this morning.

The force of declaring Chamberlain elected is the more striking when one leaves the Bayonet Statehouse and comes up Main street to find 3,000 people cheering for Gov. Hampton. The excitement was intense, and again Gen. Hampton poured oil upon the troubled waters. He assured them that there was only one thing that could rob them of the victory, and that was an act of violence. In conclusion he told them to have no fear of the result, and went so far as to console them with the assurance that if the verdict of the people at the ballot-box was not respected, they would have a military Governor.

## LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Continued from the Observer. SENATE. MONDAY, Dec. 4.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Transmitting a resolution requesting the representatives of this State in Congress to use their influence to have the law regulating banking and currency so amended as to prevent national banks from taking more than eight per cent interest, asking the concurrence of the Senate. Referred to the committee on banks and currency.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Stanford: Bill to prevent felling trees in North East River. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Robinson—the following resolution: Whereas, The platforms of both the political parties in North Carolina pledged their respective organizations to a vigorous prosecution, and as early completion as practicable, of the Western North Carolina Railroad to Ducktown and Paint Rock, by the use of convict labor, and such judicious legislation as might be found necessary: Resolved, That the joint committee on penal institutions is instructed to inquire and report to this General Assembly—

1. The number and sex of the convicts confined in the Penitentiary, with the term of each.
2. The number of said convicts, who, under the Constitution, are required to be kept in said Penitentiary.
3. The number of convicts now working on works of the State, outside of the Penitentiary.
4. The expense per capita of supporting convicts in and out of the Penitentiary.
5. The number, and salaries of officers and employes direct, and indirect, of said Penitentiary.
6. What number of officers and employes, with their salaries, in said institution, whose services can be dispensed with without detriment to the interests, and to give effect to the object sought by these resolutions.

Resolved, That with a view to the vigorous prosecution of the work on said road to an early completion, said committee are instructed to report the gross number of convicts which can be furnished by said institution for labor upon the Western North Carolina Railroad. The resolution was placed on the calendar.

## CALENDAR.

Bill to amend section 2, chapter 18, of Battle's Revisal, relating to summons in civil actions, was taken up, and a substitute from the judiciary committee for the same was read, when, on motion of Mr. Sandifer, the bill and substitute was recommitted to the judiciary committee.

Bill to extend the time for the registration of grants, deeds and other conveyances was ordered with substitute to be printed and recommitted to the committee.

Bill to amend section 343 of chapter

17 of Battle's Revisal, passed its several readings.

Bill to change the mode of paying Solicitors, was indefinitely postponed. Bill to extend the time of John D. Davis, Sheriff of Carteret, to collect and settle the State taxes was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to amend sub-section 9 of section 34 of chapter 17 of Battle's Revisal, was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to make the embezzlement of county funds or other property a felony, with an amendment from the judiciary committee extend the provisions of the bill to the penal, charitable or educational institutions of the State and to towns and cities, which was adopted and the bill passed its second reading.

Sandifer said it was an important matter, and moved that its further consideration be postponed for the present, and that the bill be made the special order for Thursday next at 12 o'clock, which prevailed.

Resolution for the relief of David J. Moore of Pender county, was made the special order for tomorrow at 12 o'clock, on motion of Sandifer.

Resolution of instruction to the joint committee on penal institutions, introduced this morning by Robinson, was taken up. Robinson spoke.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 4. Richardson presented a petition signed by citizens of Columbia, asking the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors within two and a quarter miles of Pine Forest Church, in Columbia county. Laid on the table.

McGehee, for the committee on finance, reported back the following bills: H. R. 28, in relation to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, recommending it do pass.

Carter presented a resolution of instruction to the judiciary committee concerning cumulative suffrage, which was read and placed on the calendar.

Todd, of Ashe, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to repeal sections 14, 15, 16 and 17 of chapter 2, Battle's Revisal, which was referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

H. R. No. 35, in relation to the revenue laws of the United States, requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their efforts to have the same modified. Passed second and third readings and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

H. R. 96, to amend chapter 37 of Battle's Revisal in relation to divorce and alimony. Referred.

H. R. 28, in reference to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, passed its first and second reading.

Moring moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 96, in relation to divorce and alimony, was referred to the judiciary committee.

The bill was then placed upon its second reading, and after considerable discussion by Moring, Bagley and Purnell for, and by McGehee and Henderson against the passage of the bill, it was made the special order for Saturday next at 12 m.

S. R. of instruction to members of Congress in relation to the revenue laws of the United States, passed second and third readings and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

H. R. 36 of instruction to judiciary committee in regard to cumulative suffrage was adopted.

## THIRTEENTH DAY.

### SENATE.

TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, ASKING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SENATE:

Resolution relating to the W. & W. R. Co. Finance committee.

Resolution relating to the internal revenue laws of the United States. Calendar.

## CALENDAR.

The following bills came up and were indefinitely postponed.

Bill to extend the time of the sheriffs of Franklin, Wilson and other counties, to collect and settle the State taxes.

Bill to submit the question of license or no license to sell intoxicating liquors to the qualified voters of the several counties in the State.

H. B. No. 62, Senate bill 195, to amend the laws of 1874-75, as relates to Edgecombe county.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Transmitting a resolution to raise a joint committee of five to take into consideration what action is necessary on the part of the General Assembly to ensure a proper reception of Governor Vance on the day of his inauguration, which was adopted under a suspension of the rules.

The president appointed Stickney and Troy Senate branch of the committee.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

Resolution to pay Daniel I. Moore, who lost both eyes in the service of the Confederate States, \$50.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By Staples: Resolution in relation to the inauguration of Gov. Z. B. Vane. Calendar.

Staples moved to suspend the rules and take up a resolution offered by himself in relation to the reception and inauguration of Gov. Z. B. Vance, raising a committee consisting of three from the House and two from the Senate. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate without being engrossed.

A petition from the citizens of Columbus county was referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Gudger was permitted to introduce a bill to be entitled an act in regard to usury, which went to the calendar.

H. B. No. 35, to restore gold and silver as a legal tender was taken up and passed its second and third readings.

## SPECIAL ORDER 12 1/2 P. M.

H. B. 13 to prevent malicious mischief to personal property.

H. B. No. 48 to amend subdivision 24, section 8, chapter 27 Battle's Revisal regarding the maintenance of the poor.

Upon this bill the judiciary committee offered a substitute recommending the passage of the substitute, which provides for the prohibiting the hiring out at public outcry or privately any white person to a colored person or hiring or letting out of any poor person at public outcry. The substitute was placed upon its second reading, and Mr. Staples called for the yeas and nays.

After a very spirited discussion the bill was put upon its passage on its second reading and passed yeas 73, nays 22.

Staples moved to postpone the further action on the bill till Friday, at 12 m., and that it be printed, which motion prevailed.

## M. E. CONFERENCE.

### Fourth Day's Proceedings of North Carolina Conference M. E. Church, at Greensboro.

From the Raleigh Observer of yesterday. SATURDAY.—On motion a committee on temperance was appointed consisting of Dr. Craven, C. M. Pepper and L. Shell.

Rev. H. T. Hudson, chairman on books and periodicals, read a report on the same recommending in high commendatory terms the Nashville Christian Advocate, Southern Quarterly Review, Raleigh Christian Advocate and the books published by the Nashville Publishing House.

The special hour having arrived Rev. W. S. Black of the Wilmington district addressed the conference in a very able and scholarly manner on the relations of our colleges to the church. It would require too much space to attempt a synopsis of this address. They were wordily spoken and will do good.

According to programme Hon. F. C. Robbins, former Senator from Davidson, next addressed the conference in an earnest, forcible, practical and logical style peculiar to the orator. In closing he said he must give Huxley a blow, and said he was willing to give him all the glory if he could prove his ancestors were monkeys, and if he himself did not believe in the unity of the human race he would be inclined to believe that the Huxley scientists were of a higher order of the money tribe.

On motion both of these gentlemen were requested to furnish their addresses for publication.

Dr. Craven then read a report from the committee on education, decidedly the best report of the kind I ever heard.

Conference adjourned until to-morrow; benediction by Rev. S. D. Adams.

At 7 o'clock missionary addresses were delivered by Prof. A. W. Mangum and Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D. Dr. McFerrin "prized up" the collection, as he sometimes calls it, to the amount of \$200. The president of the Missionary Board, Rev. P. J. Caraway announced that during the year the conference raised over \$5,500.

## APPOINTMENTS OF BISHOP ATKINSON.

Wilson, 2d Sunday in Advent, December 10	December 10
Tolston . . . . .	December 12
Enfield . . . . .	December 13
Ringwood . . . . .	December 14
Hallifax, 3d Sunday in Advent, December 17	December 17
Weldon . . . . .	December 20
Jackson . . . . .	December 20
Rosky Mount . . . . .	December 22

## DIED.

DAVIS.—In this city on the morning of the 6th inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Ann S. Davis, aged 48 years.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral from St. James' Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC is called to my unusually large and varied stock of Men's and Youths' CLOTHING.

All the latest styles of cut and fabric are daily exhibited on my tables, and are being disposed of at prices to suit the times. This cold weather necessitates wearing an overcoat, and those not supplied will find it to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

A. DAVID, Merchant Tailor and Clothier, dec 7-11 No. 27 Market street.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly to incorporate the Laborers' Union, the First Ward Bucket Company and Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 of the city of Wilmington. [dec 7-law 11.]

## TABLE BOARD.

A GENTLEMAN, OR GENTLEMEN can obtain board in a private family who live not very far from the business portion of the city. Apply at 207 2d St. THE CAPE FEAR OFFICE

## MISCELLANEOUS.

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