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## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

### THE NEW HANOVER AND PENDER ELECTION.

Majority of the Committee Favor the seating of Lloyd—The Minority Urge a New Election.

We see by the proceedings of the Legislature on Wednesday that our talented friend, Dunham, is not likely to secure the seat he claims in the House. The Committee on Privileges and Elections have reported against his right to the seat from this county. A majority are in favor of Lloyd, col. from Pender, keeping the seat, while a minority, headed by the Chairman, Mr. Moring, report in favor of a new election on the ground that the act under which the election was held was unconstitutional and void. They further declare that in consequence of that act the people in New Hanover and Pender had been deprived of the opportunity of exercising the right of the suffrage to which by law they were entitled, and recommend that the seats of the two members from New Hanover, as well as the seat of the member from Pender, be declared vacant, and the Governor notified thereof, to the end that he may order a new election. After the reading of the report of the committee and of the views of the minority, the matter went over for further consideration on Monday next.

### LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting—Abstract from the President's Report.

In accordance with the wish of the ladies assembled Thursday at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, (the proceedings of which have been printed in the CAPE FEAR,) that those who have so materially contributed to its means of affording relief to the necessitous should be informed through the papers in regard to its distribution, an abstract from the President's report is here printed:

"In November last the College of Physicians placed in a drug store \$350 to be given by us in medicine to the needy sick—exhausted by the end of May. A contract for June (for the same purpose) left us in debt \$26.62; (paid a few days ago). Since then the county has dispensed medicines through us. A donation of 1 barrel of molasses and another, purchased, have both been distributed in small quantities. About 20 barrels of flour have been purchased for distribution and 3 or 4 given us.

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On Thursday the resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to refund certain taxes collected by the Sheriff of New Hanover from the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, under protest, passed the Senate by a vote of 22 to 14.

### Life's Four Stages.

We had the pleasure of examining, yesterday, in a private house, four oil paintings that have been in Wilmington nearly a quarter of a century. They exhibit, we think, more than ordinary artistic skill, and we surmise they are very creditable copies of the original painting that bears the above name, and is justly celebrated. The blending of the lights and shadows, the tints of the coloring and the expression of the countenance are very fine. The outline of the set of paintings is familiar to nearly all our readers, but we give a short sketch of them because we were especially pleased with the skill displayed by the artist who executed the pictures we refer to. In the first, an infant is launched on life's uncertain current in a boat that emerges from gloomy chaos and cloud. An angel stands very near and Time holds his hour glass in the bow of the boat. Glinting the high rock from behind which the boat is guided, is the sunlight of the golden dawn. This same light discloses fair fields clothed in verdure and budding flowers. The second picture shows the figure of a bold, intrepid youth in the boat. The current of the stream is broader and brighter, and through a vista of graceful trees, interspersed with Arcadian landscapes, gleams the gilded Temple of Fame, high up in the ethereal atmosphere of fleecy, crested clouds. The Angel has withdrawn from the lifeboat and wafts the young mariner a "God speed" from the shadow of a giant palm tree.

In the third a man, haggard, despairing, angel-forsaken and alone—except for Time and its fatal hour-glass—permeates the boat to dash madly on over a dark, angry stream with white breakers ahead of him. One ray of light struggles through a rift in the black, ominous clouds above him.

In the fourth, the scene is bathed in a softened radiance that streams from behind the clouds. The Angel has returned to the boat and directs the old man's gaze toward troops of celestial spirits that are dimly discerned winging their way toward him from the far-off abode of the Blest. The sands in Time's hour-glass have run out, and Time itself is no more. Behind the boat is unfathomable darkness; beyond it ineffable Light.

We have often seen similar copies of the same pictures, but these are vastly superior to anything of the kind we have ever before examined.

### Mayor's Court.

Charles Needan, for abusing and threatening Capt. John Duggan, was fined \$20 and costs or 30 days on the streets.

James Hostler was arrested Thursday night for cursing in a loud and boisterous manner on the public streets, and will have a hearing before the Mayor to-day.

### 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, 48; Charleston, 48; Galveston, 57; Jacksonville, Fla., 60; Mobile, 56; New Orleans, 58; Norfolk, 47; Savannah, 49; Wilmington, 45.

### To be Revived.

We learn that it is the intention of Col. S. D. Pool to revive *Our Living and Our Dead*, in Raleigh, about the first of the year. The first two numbers of the new series are nearly ready. The Magazine has done the State considerable service, and if properly supported will be able to do much more.

### 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 - - - 6:30 P. M.  
Southern mails for all points South, daily - - - 7:00 P. M.  
Western mails C. R. Y., daily - - - 6:00 A. M.  
Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - 1:00 P. M.  
Fayetteville by 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 7:30 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 5:30 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.

The steamship Raleigh, from Charleston, S. C., brings to one of our commission houses a consignment of spirits of turpentine amounting to several hundred barrels.

### Sick.

We regret to learn of the serious indisposition of L. H. Bowden, Esq. He has been very ill since last Sunday. A good citizen, and we hope he may speedily be convalescent.

We return thanks to the Hon. A. M. Waddell for the *Congressional Record*.

### LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Fourteenth Day.  
Condensed from the *Observer*.

### SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Robins, judiciary: House bill and substitute from the Senate to extend the time for the registration of grants, deeds and other conveyances. Committee propose amendment to the substitute and recommend its passage.

By the same: Bill for the relief of sheriffs and tax collectors. The Committee suggest amendment and recommend its passage.

G. B. A. from judiciary committee, submitted a report in reference to bill to amend section 1 of chapter 97 of Battle's Revisal.

The State is prohibited from passing any law impairing the obligation of a contract. The provisions of this bill would only apply to future contracts and the committee see no necessity for its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill and the accompanying memorials.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to appropriate committees:

Cunningham: Bill to regulate the practice of dentistry in North Carolina.

Troy: Bill to incorporate Gideon Relief Brotherhood Lodge, of Fayetteville.

Troy: Bill to make Cape Fear river a awful fence.

### CALENDAR.

The following bills were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Bill to amend an act to compromise and settle the State debt. Referred to committee on State debt.

Bill to prevent the falling of trees, or placing other obstructions in North East river, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill for the relief of the tax-payers of North Carolina. [Proposes to extend the time to Jan. 1, 1878, to those parties who wish to redeem their lands which have been sold at a sacrifice for taxes.] Indefinitely postponed.

Resolution of instruction to the representatives of this State in Congress in reference to the revenue laws on tobacco and brandies passed.

On motion of Folk, the rules were suspended and the bill to provide for the registration of certain grants, deeds and other conveyances, was taken up, amended and passed its several readings.

By consent of the Senate, Troy introduced a bill relative to the convicts of the State. [The bill provides that until there shall be received into the Penitentiary 450 convicts in excess of all that can be farmed out or at work on the W. N. C. R. R., all convicts sentenced for one year's term or more shall be received into the Penitentiary.] On his motion the rules were suspended in order to put the bill on its passage.

On motion of Scales it was amended by striking out the W. N. C. R. R. and inserting railroads of the State and other public works, and the bill passed its second reading.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the doorkeeper announced the arrival of the gentleman composing the electoral college.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, December 6.

Rose, for committee on counties, towns, &c., reported back H. B. 113 with an amendment and recommending that the amendment be adopted and that the bill do pass.

Henderson, for committee on privileges and elections submitted a report upon H. B. 9 inquiring into the right of John W. Dunham to a seat upon the floor of the House from New Hanover, and if the sitting member from Pender is entitled to his seat. This report cited several authorities upon legal and constitutional questions which arose and recommended that if further action was deemed necessary the whole matter be referred to the judiciary committee. The substance of the report of the majority of the committee was to the effect that the elections in Pender and New Hanover were constitutional and valid and that New Hanover was not entitled to three representatives; in consequence of which John W. Dunham was not entitled to a seat and that Alfred Lloyd, the sitting member from Pender, was legally entitled to his seat.

Moring submitted a minority report from the same committee, in which the direct opposite view of the matter was presented. This report cited authorities, stated that parties were represented before them by their attorneys and that they had prepared the following resolution based upon their view of the matter, of which they recommended the adoption:

Resolved, That the seats of members from New Hanover and Pender

counties be declared vacant, and that the Speaker of the House notify His Excellency the Governor that three seats in the House of Representatives are vacant, and that he order an election to fill the same.

Staples moved that the further consideration of this matter be made special order for 12 o'clock M. on Monday next and that the reports be printed, which motion prevailed.

### MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

Second Day.

Condensed from the *Raleigh Observer* of Thursday.

Committee on Orphan Asylum—W. R. Cox, John Nichols, R. M. Paschal, F. H. Glover, J. Q. Jackson.

J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, read a long, elaborate and interesting report, setting forth in detail the workings of that noble institution. The report was referred to the committee on Orphan Asylum.

Committee on Appeals—Thos. S. Kenan, R. W. Best, M. S. Davis.

Committee No. 1 on charters and dispensation submitted a report which was, on motion received and adopted.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, read a communication from R. J. Jones, Grand Master of Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., relative to the orphan work, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

A number of reports were acted on. J. I. Macks introduced a resolution, which was referred to committee on Masonic jurisprudence.

### NIGHT SESSION.

The attendance was very large this evening. Gen. W. R. Cox, chairman of committee on Orphan Asylum, submitted a report, which was, on motion, referred back to the committee, and made the special order for to-morrow at 10:30.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand officers for the ensuing Masonic year, under the superintendence of W. R. Kenan, J. I. Macks, Robert Bingham and J. R. Williams, with the following result:

H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, Grand Master.

R. W. Hardie, of Fayetteville, Grand Senior Warden.

J. C. L. Gudger, of Haywood, Grand Junior Warden.

W. E. Anderson, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer.

D. W. Bain of Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

The following committee was appointed: S. H. Roundtree, B. Walke, C. D. Rice, G. B. Harris, H. F. Granger.

### THIRD DAY.

Thursday, Dec. 7.—E. S. Martin's report on suspensions and expulsions was adopted.

After several withdrawals and amendments of sections Orphan Asylum report was adopted.

J. I. Macks' report on work, proceedings, etc., adopted.

Mr. Mills unanimously re-elected Superintendent of Orphan Asylum.

W. R. Kenan, chairman of committee on propositions and grievances, presented report, which was adopted.

Other reports adopted.

Night Session.—Committee to prepare suitable resolutions respecting the death of the late John Dove, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, viz: Messrs. T. S. Kenan, C. A. Cilley and C. D. Rice.

Past Grand Master, E. G. Reade, then took the chair, and assisted by E. S. Martin, Grand Marshal, proceeded to install the officers for the ensuing year.

### MARRIED.

BELLAMY—HARGROVE.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday the 9th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Pettigrew, John D. Bellamy, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., to Emma M., daughter of Colonel John Hargrove of Granville County, N. C.

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