RENERAL CITY NEWS.

SUNDAY MORNING'S FIRE.

several Small Buildings Destroyed. Sunday morning about 5 o'clock policeman John Marshall discovered that Mesers. Johnson & Elwell's upholsterering establishment, on Princess between Front and Second streets, was on fire. He immediately sounded the alarm and a policeman awoke Col. Roger Moore, Chief of the Fire Department. That officer soon arrived and there were several policemen and a few citizens on the spot. They burst in the door and found a pile of mattresses burning. These were carried out, but the moss spreading soon set fire to the whole store. The Little Grant arrived soon after and had a steam playing on the build-

The office of Drs. Love and Murphy next caught; most of the furniture was eaved. Mr. T. Childs' tin shop, which was east of the burning building, was almost consumed. Mr. J. G. Voss' shoe shop was demolished to keep the fire from spreading. The first building was used by Messrs. Johnson & Elwell, upholsterers, and by Mr A. H. Leslie a short distance but were stopped. as a paint shop.

Messrs. Johnson & Elwell's stock was valued at \$800, with an insurance for \$200 in the Albemarle Insurance Co., of Virginia, Mr. Norwood Giles agent.

Mr. Leslie's loss is about \$100, with an insurance for \$50.

Drs. Love and Murphy saved a great many of their instruments and books, which were insured for \$350 in the Wilmington Mutual.

Mr. J. G. Voss' loss is about \$50. No insurance.

Mr. T. Childs' loss is covered by an insurance of \$100 in the Atlas Insurance Co., of Hartford, Col. W. L. Smith, agent.

The store rented by Mr. Childs was owned by Messrs. Sol. Bear & Bro., and had no insurance on it. The building was not entirely ruined. Loss \$300.

The other three buildings were owned by Mrs. Mariah Mebane, and were not insured. It is not known how the fire originated. ..

The aremen complain that the bells in the city are not all rung, and on this occasion that only the Market bell was rung. All the bells should be rung as the firemen who live far from the market house hardly ever hear the bell.

Mayor's Court.

Willis Drake, drunk and disorderly; fined \$10 and cost, or 30 days on the

Champ Artis, insulting police officer: | ive destinations yesterday, Aned \$10 and cost, or 15 days on the

streets. C. Howard, drunk and disorderly;

case continued. Harman Woelse, keeping a gambling house; case dismissed.

Geo. Armstrong, same offense; case continued.

W, M. Register, drunk and disorder-

ly; fined \$25 and cost.

A Kerosene Casualty.

Sunday evening about 6 o'clock a colored girl fifteen years of age, named Fannie Robins, residing in Camp Lamb, andertook to light a small brass lamp from the fire-place. The result was that the lamp exploded, and the dress of the girl got a-fire from the flame. She screamed. Her mother, running in at the moment, snatched up a pail of P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 water near by and threw it upon the burning child, thus extinguishing the fire, not, however, until the feet and lower part of the legs were severely, though not seriously burned.

Painful Accident.

Sunday morning as the train with the delegates for the colored M. E. Conference was leaving the depot, a young colored man by the name of Fred Merrick, who was seeing some friend off, jumped from the car while in motion. As he jumped his feet slipped on the ice, and he struck the ground with such force that he broke one of his legs just below the knee. The unfortunate man was carried to his home and the necessary surgical assistance was rendered.

Personal.

Rev. Father Gross, of this city, preached in Raleigh at St. John's Catholic Church, last Sunday. The to the civil war sheriff of his county. News says of him: "Father Gross for a short time was pastor of the church here, and during his brief pastorate completely won the love of his immediwho became acquainted with him. . He is a learned, eloquent and accomplished gentleman, and his sermons never fail to impress and edify his hearers."

Municipal Reform.

We learn that the Central Democratic Reform Club are taking the preliminary steps to raise the necessary funds and have an amended charter drawn for our city, which will insure control of the city affairs by the taxpayers. We are informed that the result of their action will be submitted to our citizens as soon as the committee arrive at a decision.

Temperance Meeting.

The Cape Fear Marine Total Abstinence Society met at the Seaman's Bethel last evening, and we are pleused to learn, enjoyed a most interesting metting. .

Several addresses were delivered and fourteen names were added to the membership. There was a large attendance of both ladies and gentlemen, and an excellent feeling was exhibited.

A Short Runaway.

Yesterday, while a carriage containing Rev. Dr. Wilson, was driving up Front street over the new cobbles, the carriage was jostled so much that the driver fell from his seat. The horses, finding no one had the reins, ran a

New Advertisements. Danforth-Steel engravings.

Stevenson-Candies, currants, figs, raisins and other nice things for Christ-

Death of G. A. Trenholm.

We regret to learn by the Newe and Courier of the death of George A. Trenholm, the able ex-Secretary of the Treasury under the Confederacy.

Thermometrical.

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

Augusta, 52; Charleston, 64; Galveston, 60: Jacksonville, 68; Mobile, 61; New Orleans, 64; Norfolk, 39; Savannah, 64; Wilmington, 57.

Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The visitors of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and all who are willing to assist them, are earnestly desired to meet in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon-Tuesday-at 3 o'clock.

A Church Fair.

We are requested to State that the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a fair and festival for the benefit of that Church on the 20th inst.

The Senatorial committees to visit the three disputed States passed through on their way to their respect-

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, 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. C. R'y, daily (except Sundays) -Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - 6:00 A. M. ARRIVE.

Northern through mails -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

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

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The venerable Methodist Church at Weldon was burned Tuesday night. Snow in Watauga county fifteen inches

Mr Hill Keith of Wake county, married his mother-in-law last Thursday.

Durham Herald: The CAPE FEAR comes to our office daily, and has all the latest news. Wilmington should be proud of her new daily. Bro. Harris deserves great credit for his undertaking.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at Moriah, Greensboro Circuit, on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, at 12, M.

George Dill Esq., of Beaufort Carteret county, died very suddenly at his residence on Monday last. Mr. Dill was a soldier in the war of 1812, and for many years prior

Raleigh Observer: A letter of invitation will be sent to Samuel J. Tilden, President elect of the United States, soliciting his presence at the inauguration of Governor Z. B. Vance. North Carolina is well worthy the distinguished honor which ate parishioners, and the esteem of all would be conferred upon her by a visit from Mr. Tilden upon that occasion, as the people have shown their just appreciation of the great principles of reform so effectually administered by him, by giving to the electoral ticket a majority nearly 3,000 in excess of that of our State ticket.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAR- | and Johnston advocated its passage OLINA.

Sixteenth Day.

ondensed from the News.

SENATE. FRIDAY, Dec. 8.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Scales, from the committee on corporations, Dortch, from the committee on propositions and grievances, Crawford, from the committee on privileges and elections. Moore, from the committee on enrolled bills, Stewart, from the committee on engrossed bills, submitted repor's. Robins submitted a minority report to the report of the judiciary committee concerning the repeal of the House bill 422, laws of 1874-'75. Placed on the calendar and ordered printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. A message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate of the passage of House bills 72, 121, 80 and 29, and House resolutions 46 and 48. These were placed upon the calendar or referred to appropriate committees.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Upon motion of Scales, the rules were suspended and the Senate took up Senate bill No. 90, authorizing sheriffs or tax-collectors who were in office in arrears of taxes for 1873-74 and '75, their authority to collect such taxes to expire on the 30th of December, 1877.

The question recurred upon the passage of the bill on its third reading and it passed, ayes 24, noes 13. Bill to amend chap. 195, laws of 1874-75, for the protection of birds in

the counties of Davidson, Davie, Randolph, Anson and other counties. Upon motion of Liles, the bill was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Under the resolution of Finger the chair announced the following committee on the State debt ; Finger, Holt, Roberts, Green, Graham, Troy and Johnston.

Bill to be entitled an act to make Cape Fear river a lawful fence for its entire length, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to be entitled an act to protect paupers. [Provides that no pauper shall be hired out at public auction by county commissioners, or any white or colored paupers hired privately to a endar. person of the opposite color, except by written consent of the pauper.]

After amendments by Graham and Askew, the bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Shackelford, from committee on engrossed bills: McBrayer, from committee on judiciary; King, from same; Kenan, from committee on propositions and grievances, Gudger, from same; Stables, from committee on judiciary, submitted reports.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS, By Henderson: A bill to allow mechanics 60 days in which to file liens.

By Wilson of New Hanover: A bill to provide an asylum for the insane colored people of the State. Calendar. CALENDAR.

The bill for the general releif of sheriffs and tax collectors, was taken up.

The bill allows all those who have their respective races, been sheriffs and tax collectors for the years 1873-'74-'75-'76, to collect arroars out the words "white" and "colored" of taxes. The provisions of the pro-posed act do not extend to sheriffs and in the bill. tax collectors who have not settled with the proper officers for the public and county taxes.

An amendment, offered by Cooper. that the benefits of the proposed act shall not extend to such sheriffs and tax collectors who have not settled for ities to erect poor houses in such counpublic and county taxes at the time they attempt to collect such arrearages was adopted

clude the year 1872. Adopted. The bill passed its third reading and

was ordered to be engrossed and sent to and sheriffs to furnish itemized statethe Senate. On motion of Rose, the rules were

suspended, and the report of the com- up, and on motion of Leach, was recommittee on the resolutions of protest | mended to judiciary committee. against Federal and military interference in South Carolina, was taken up, After various amendments and substitutes had been voted down and several report and resolutions were agreed to-52 to 47.

Seventeenth Day. Condensed from the Observer. SENATE.

SATURCAY, Dec. 9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Messrs. Coke, Wilson, Robins and Folk, from the judiciary; Dortch, from propositions and grievances; Short, from the insurance; and Stickney, from the committee on education, submitted reports which were placed on the calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. Resolution of protest in relation to President Grant sending troops to the Southern States to interfere with elec-

tions, referred to the judiciary commit-INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, Boddie: Bill to extend the time for the organization of Rocky Mount mills to the 1st of January, 1882; the rules

several readings. On motion of Short the rules were suspended, and the bill concerning certain Insurance Companies incorporated

in this State was taken up. Considerable discussion ensued. Short

and Folk spoke in opposition; finally the vote was taken and the bill failed to pass its second reading.

CALENDAR. The following bills came up and were Bill to change the time of closing

the polls on election day. Bill to amend section 2 of chapter 18 of Battle's Revisal, relating to sum-

Bill to amend sections 112 of chapter 63 of Battle's Revisal, relating to the service of summons in Justices Courts.

Bill to amend sections 49, 51, 55 and 70 of chapter 68 of Battle's Revisal. Mebane, of Rockingham, called to the attention of the Senate the fact, that at the last session of the Legislature the amendment now proposed by the judiciary committee was enacted and that it was now the law; he did not see any necessity for the passage of

BILLS AND RESOLUTIANS WHICH PASSED THEIR READING.

Bill to prevent and punish attempts to burn dwellings or other out-houses. Resolution of instruction to the Rhpresentatives of this State in Congress to exert themselves to procure such amendments to the law regulating the currency so that national banks will be 1873, and have been since, to collect effectually prohibitec from taking more than 8 per cent. interest.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 1876.

By Geffroy: Bill for the relief of the sheriff of Carteret county. Propositions and gricvances.

By Moring: Bill to restore to the State its representation in the W. N. C. R. R. Referred to committee on internal improvements and ordered to

be printed.

By Hill, col.: Bill to incorporate the New Hanover Industrial Association. Corporations.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Williams, col.: Resolution of Instruction to members of Congress from North Carolina to use their influence to secure the passage of a law setting aside three or more territories west of the Mississippi river for the colonization of the negroes of the South. Cal-

By McRae: Resolution to secure the arrest of fugitives from justice. Calen-

PASSAGE OF BILLS.

The following Senate bills passed their final reading and were ordered to be enrolled for ratification:

S. B. 133, to extend the time for the organization of Rocky Mount Mills un-

der their existing charter.

The following bills were laid on the table, having been reported unfavorably on by the committees:

H. B.'s 32, 44, 55, 57, 90, 101, 105, H. B. 103, to amend sub-division 24, sec, 8, chap. 37 Battle's Revisal in relation to the maintenance of paupers in several counties, to prevent hiring out, was taken up. [This is the bill which called forth much debate on the color

question a few days ago.] Mr. Simpson offered an amendment that if necessary to let out the keeping of panpers, each color should be let to

Bagley moved to amend by striking Clarke, of Craven, offered to amend

by authorizing county commissioners to select places for the poor in each county where there are no poor houses. Ransom offered a substitute for the whole matter, requiring county author-

ties as have hone, with separate departments for white and black. Rose moved to recommit the matter king moved to amend so as to in- to judiciary committee, which motion

prevailed. A bill to require registers of deeds ments of county expenses, being a substitute for H. B's 64 and 84, was taken

SPECIAL ORDER,

H. B. to amend chap. 37 section 1 of Battle's Revisal, in relation to divorce CANDIES PERPECTLY FRESH speeches had been made, the original and alimony, being special order for 12 m., was taken up, and after lengthy discussion entered into by Moring, Mc Gehee and Henderson, was, on motion of McGehee, referred to judiciary com-

> H. B. 116, bill in regard to usury, and other House bills were put upon their second reading, and, on motion, referred to judiciary committee.

> H. B. 38, to establish an insane asylum for the colored insane, was read the second time and referred to committee on insane asylums.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Senator Merrimon is one of the subcommittee appointed to visit South Carolina. Mr. Cronin, the Democratic elector in Oregon, is a brother of Mr. Timothy C. Cron-in, of Brooklyn, one of the Republican electors for New York.

Of the standing committees of the Senate Gen. Ransom is appointed to three-Commerce, Railroads and Library. Judge to the 1st of January, 1882; the rules | Merrimou to three—Privileges and Elec were suspended, and the bill passed its | tines, District of Columbia and Rules.

Miss Kate Claxton. (Mrs. Dore Lyon.) who displayed so much heroism at the hurning of the Brooklyn Thatre, is the grandaughter of the Rev. Spencer W. Crone, a celebrated Baptist div ne, who was an actor in the old Richmond Theatre when the terrible fire occured there in 1811.

HOW TILDEN WON THE PRES-IDENCY.

Governor Grovenor Tells the Story of

Oregon Vote.

New York, Dec. 8 .- Gov. Grovernor, of Oregon, telegraphs the following to the Herald : SALRM, OREGON, Dec. 7 .- To the Ed

itor of the Herald-At your request 1 give some of the grounds of my action in granting certificates to the Electors | some in Oregon. The law of Oregon requires the Governor to grant certificates to Electors duly elected. In taking his oath of office the Governor is sworn to support the Constitution of the United States and of this State. In the election of President and Vice President the Constitution of the United States is the paramount law. That instrument declares that no person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States shall be appointed an Elector. John W. Watts, one of the Electors voted for in Oregon, was, on the 7th day of November, holding an office of profit and trust under the United States, towit:, postmaster at Fayette, the countyseat of Yamphill county, and had se SMALL PIG HAMS & BREAK held that office for more than three years. Many more than the number of voters constituting his majority had passed in and out of his own office on official business. His official character was generally known, and was mentioned during the political discussions of the canvass. The law was known, and the fact was known rendering him disqualified to be an Elector. A protest was filed in the Executive office by prominent citizens objecting to the issuance of a certificate to Watts, as a person qualified, accompanied by proof of his disqualification, and demanding that the same issue to the eligible person having the next highest number of votes. A reply was filed objecting to anything but a count of the votes and a certificate on the count, and making no denial of the disqualifying facts. It was ruled in the case that where the objection to an applicant's right to receive a certificate rests upon the ground that a constitutional prohibition is interposed the Governor, acting under an oath to support the constitution, is bound to entertain and determine the question; and not only that, but he is to determine it in such a way as to enforce the constitutional mandate to the extent of his executive power. It was also held that, the law and the fact being well known, the votes cast for the ineligible candidate cannot be counted for any purpose, and the eligible candidate having the next highest number of Latter for thickening Soups and frying votes, was duly elected. This ruling was based upon standard authorities, such as Cushing and Grant, the decisions of many courts, like the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of New York, the later uniform practice in the United States House of Representatives; and the great weight Imported Segars. of English authorities, both parliamentary and judicial. The law of Oregon, providing for the filling of vacancies in the Electoral Colleges recognizes a vacancy only in cases where there has been an incumbent. unless the next highest candidate should take the position, and there was no vacancy which could be filled by the other members of the Electoral College. The next highest candidate eligible under the Constitution of the

United States was therefore certified to be duly elected. L. F. GROVER, Governor of Oregon.

The Governor's proclamation had not been issued on Sunday morning, but the News learns this much of the vote on the Constitutional Amendments: Total vote for ratification in the counties 120,159, for rejection 106,554, majority for ratification 13,605. The majority in the three irregularly returned counties is 486, which, had these counties been properly returned, would have made the majority for ratification 14,091. These are the things that Judge Settle said in all his speeches were "too dead to skin."

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