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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Blow, Trumpets, Blow!
 With an apology to the poet laureate we submit the following to our local juveniles. It is a mark of our appreciation of their perseverance, energy and wonderful strength of lungs:
 The endless squalls of tin horns call
 The small boys out in all their glory!
 The din's enough to e'en appal
 Good Santa Claus, so old in story.
 But, blow, Tom, blow: start all the others
 blowing.
 Blow, Dick: answer Harry, blowing, blowing,
 blowing.
 O hark, O hark! from early morn
 Till dewy eve the small boy's horn
 Must still torment the weary ear
 For Christmas comes but once a year.
 So, blow boys, blow: start all the others
 blowing.
 What fun, is it not, to be blowing, blowing,
 blowing?
 Then blow, boys, blow: from Castle-street
 To Red Cross; blow; nor fail to greet
 The crowds on Front and Market way,
 Front on till after Christmas Day!

We were about to add the two other lines to this production, but just as we had dipped our pen in the ink, five boys came along with a horn apiece, and blew their loudest. Poets are never supposed to sing to the music of tin horns. If they had indulged in any such custom, Sappho would have jumped over the Leucadian rock long before she did; Milton and Homer would have gone as deaf as well as blind as bats before either of them had a chance to speak of the tumult that a war in Paradise or Ilium raised; Virgil would have drowned himself in the Tiber before he would have measured spondees and dactyls to such piping, monotonous sounds; and Byron would have died in the frenzy of his anger! So our Muse deserted us, and we could not, in rhyme or rhythm, advise the boys to "blow" any more.

Our consolation is, they won't wait for us to urge them, but will, on the contrary, give us the benefit of their best efforts gratis!

Mule vs. Sambo.
 Scene, in front of the Postoffice: dramatic persona, several ladies who could not resist the temptation; negroes, boys, drays and one or two horsemen:
 "Any letters in dis 'stablishment for Sam Washinton?" yelled a country darkey, on an aged mule that willingly halted in front of the Postoffice door. The question was repeated several times, when, receiving no answer, the son of Africa attempted to continue his journey after having expressed himself in language that would have improved the vocabulary of Mephistopheles, concerning the negligence of the clerks, who were busy giving letters to a number of people who applied for them at the proper place.

The mule, however, thought there was time enough, and regardless of Sambo's blows and uncomplimentary epithets, planted himself in the sand-bank and stood his ground. The ladies peeped and laughed, the draymen left their teams, and helped Sam whip the beast, a small boy on a lively marsh pony rode up behind the mule, regardless of a possible kick, and joined in with shouts, cheers and blows. For several minutes, the emblem of stubbornness resisted and finally walked off at a slow, dignified, injured gait. We were reminded of a recent caricature in an illustrated weekly, in which Ulysses Grant wore the ears and form of a mule.

The Tileston School.
 The pupils of this institution were disbanded yesterday, to resume their studies on the 1st of January, after a week's holiday.
 On account of the rain the closing exercises were not so well attended by visitors as they probably would have been had the weather been fair. They were, however, of an equally interesting nature.
 After the usual opening chorus, there were compositions read, dialogues spoken and a very entertaining spelling match between the students in the first and second rooms. The first was the victor. Misses Addie Meares and Katie Smith sang a solo each. We did not learn the names of the others who took a prominent part.
 After calisthenics and the usual anthem and chanting the Lord's Prayer, the school was dismissed.
 During the day Miss Bradley gave the children a short lecture on Christmas, but as we did not have the pleasure of hearing it, we are unable to give a synopsis of it or even to give our readers any idea of how she handled the subject.

THE LATEST NEWS.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Prospects of the Rival State Governments—Chamberlain Weak in the Treasury—Alacrity of Taxpayers to Support Hampton—Missing Returns Supplied—A Count Favorable to Tilden.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 20.—The dual Legislatures to-day adopted measures looking to the provision of ways and means by which to sustain their respective movements. The Senate passed the tax bill which originated in the Mackey House, levying a tax of seventeen mills on the assessed value of all property in the State, which is equivalent to \$2,010,000, and it now only requires Chamberlain's signature to make it a law in the estimation of the two Republican bodies in the State House. It is significant, however, that the Republican members of the Senate, which a day or two ago resolved to make a recess until the 20th of February, today reconsidered their action and passed a concurrent resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 22d inst. The colored members of the Mackey House became satisfied that after the \$200 paid them (which is alleged to have been advanced by United States District Attorney Corbin, to secure his election), is expended, they will be minus any funds, and to legislate, even without pay, is not agreeable to the average colored Assemblyman of South Carolina.

UNABLE TO COLLECT TAXES. Prominent Republicans here concede the fact that the Chamberlain officials will be powerless to collect any taxes, and it is palpable that as soon as the one company of soldiers now in the State House is removed, Chamberlain's whole fabric of government will tumble to pieces.

Burglaries. A burglar, Thursday night, succeeded in entering the residence of Col. C. L. Graffin, on the corner of Sixth and Market streets, through one of the front windows. Several hundred dollars in checks and twenty-five dollars in currency were taken from Col. Graffin's pockets.

The residence of Mr. T. J. Cowan, corner of Eighth and Mulberry streets, was entered by a sneak thief the same night, but he did not succeed in carrying off anything.

The City Hall Last Night. There was an immense crowd at the festival of the First Presbyterian Church, at the City Hall, last evening. The ladies had everything in apple-pie order, and a plenty of it. The receipts were doubtless very large.

We are requested to say that a lunch will be served up from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. to-day.

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

Augusta, 64; Charleston, 60; Galveston, 60; Jacksonville, 68; Mobile, 61; New Orleans, 67; Norfolk, 48; Savannah, 64; Wilmington, 58.

James Sprunt, Esq., of the well-known firm of Alex. Sprunt & Son, has been elected a Director of the First National Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Eli Murray.

No cases were disposed of before the Mayor's Court yesterday on account of the absence of witnesses.

Sheriff Manning will provide a Christmas dinner for the prisoners in jail.

Pender Court commences next Tuesday.
 No Magistrate's Court yesterday.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The Tarboro *Southerner* prints a column account of burglaries in that section.

The *Advocate* gives a full account of the Episcopal concert in Wilson Thursday night and says it was a grand success.

Mr. W. H. Blount has severed his connection with the Rocky Mount *Mail* to take charge of a neighboring paper probably, after January 1.

Mr. Sidney P. Hilliard, a young merchant of Whitakers, has been arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences, and taken to Baltimore.

At Sharpsburg on the W. & W. R. R., Mr. Marcellus A. Robbins, a saloon keeper, shot and mortally wounded Mr. R. F. Braswell. They were both in love with the same young lady.

Above Newbern, on the Neuse, young David Rountree got two bones of one of his arms broken and other injuries by a cart load falling on him.

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HAMPTON'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. On the other hand, Hampton's government, existing in the will of the governed, and particularly of the taxpayers, will be able to obtain all the funds it needs. To-day a set of resolutions were introduced and passed in the Democratic House of Representatives which make liberal provisions for carrying on the government, and which will receive the most cordial endorsement and support of the taxpayers. The resolutions provide for the collections of one-fourth of the State and county tax of last year by the county treasurers and other officials, to be appointed and designated by Hampton for the purpose. To carry out this programme Hampton is to issue a proclamation calling upon all loyal citizens in the State to support his government and to contribute to its support in the manner indicated. The resolutions further provide for the compensation of the officials, and give details providing the necessary machinery to carry on the government.

A COUNT ELECTING THE TILDEN ELECTORS. The clerk of the committee will tomorrow proceed to aggregate the returns, and it is anticipated and claimed by a leading Democrat now here from New York, it is suspected in Mr. Tilden's interest, that the actual vote, as ascertained from the returns of the managers of the precincts, will certainly elect two, if not three, of the Tilden electors.

Republishers Talk of Tilden and Wheeler. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The belief gains ground here among Republicans that Florida belongs properly to the Democrats. Private information, some of it from responsible Republican sources, has braced the hopes of the Democrats. There also fresh are signs that the Republicans begin to give up the election. Report says that a Senator, one of the most vigorous and extreme on the Republican side, said to-day that he would not be content to accept anything less than "Tilden and Wheeler." It is not now expected that any decisive movement will be made on either side till after the holidays. If Florida and Louisiana, or both, should turn out to be rightly Democratic an attempt will be made to throw out the votes of Alabama and Mississippi and thus throw the election into the House, which would of course leave the Senate to elect Mr. Wheeler Vice President.

WHAT THE EAST WANTS.

A Voice from Wayne. Editors of *Observer*:—As the system of county Government will come before the Legislature after the first of January, I propose the following, which the writer thinks ought to be satisfactory to all sections.

I. The Legislature to appoint the Justices of Peace for a term of years—the same number as now provided by law.

II. Abolish County Commissioners.

III. The Justices to elect of their body a chairman and five others to be called a special court to constitute a quorum for all purposes.

IV. A county court to be established in each county to be held quarterly by the special court or any three Justices.

V. Transfer all the powers and duties of the County Commissioners to the county courts.

VI. The county courts to have grand and petit juries—to have exclusive jurisdiction of all bastardy cases and all criminal actions, except capital offences, and such other crimes as the

Legislature may deem best to confer on the Superior courts exclusively.

VII. Appeals to be allowed by defendants from the county to Superior courts, on conviction.

VIII. The Superior courts not to have jurisdiction except upon appeal by defendant of any bastardy case or criminal action of which jurisdiction is given to the county courts.

IX. County courts not to have jurisdiction of civil issues triable by jury except bastardy cases.

X. Transfer all special proceedings and probate business from the Superior Court Clerks to the county courts in term.

XI. The Clerks of the county courts to have probate of deeds and instruments required to be registered, in vacation.

XII. County courts to elect their Clerks for a term of four years.

XIII. County courts to elect the Registers of Deeds, Treasurers, Surveyors, School Committees and Constables.

XIV. Abolish Clerks of Townships.

XV. County courts to elect Solicitors, for a term of four years, to prosecute in behalf of the State in the county courts.

The Tarboro married men have a ball and supper on the 29th.

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 - 7:30 P. M.
 Western mails C. C. R'y., daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - 7:30 P. M.
 Fayetteville by C. C. R'y., daily (except Sundays) - 6:30 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.
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Wilmington District.

ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS MADE BY THE PRESIDING ELDER, REV. W. S. BLACK, FOR THE PRESENT CONFERENCE YEAR:
 Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Dec. 23, 24
 Bladen, at Magnolia, - - - - 29, 31
 Elizabeth, at Elizabeth, - - - - 30, 31
 Onslow, at Lebanon, - - - - Jan. 6, 7
 Whiteville & Waccamaw Miss. - - - - 13, 14
 at Whiteville - - - - 15, 16
 Bladen, at Deems' Chapel, - - - - 20, 21
 Elizabeth, at Elizabeth, - - - - 27, 28
 Wilmington, Front Street - - - - Feb. 3, 4
 Smithville, at Zion, - - - - 10, 11
 Clinton, at Clinton, - - - - 17, 18
 Topsail, at Union, - - - - 24, 25
 Cokesbury and Coharie Miss., at Hall's - - - - Mar. 3, 4
 Kenansville, at Kenansville, - - - - 10, 11
 District Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front Street Church, Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Feb. 5.

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 The different editions of THE SUN during the next year will be the same as during the year that has just passed. The daily edition will on week days be a sheet of four pages, and on Sundays a sheet of eight pages, or 56 broad columns; while the weekly edition will be a sheet of eight pages of the same dimensions and character that are already familiar to our friends. THE SUN will continue to be the most vigorous advocate of reform and reformation, and of the substitution of statesmanship, wisdom, and integrity for hollow pretence, imbecility, and fraud in the administration of public affairs. It will contend for the government of the people by the people, and for the people, as opposed to government by fraud, in the ballot-box and in the counting of votes, enforced by military violence. It will endeavor to supply its readers—a body now not far from a million of souls—with the most careful, complete and trustworthy accounts of current events, and will employ for this purpose a numerous and carefully selected staff of reporters and correspondents. Its reports from Washington, especially, will be full, accurate and fearless; and it will doubtless continue to deserve and enjoy the untiring of those who thrive by plundering the Treasury or by usurping what the law does not give them, while it will endeavor to merit the confidence of the public by defending the rights of the people against the encroachments of an unjust power. The price of the daily SUN will be 55 cents a month in advance, or with the Sunday edition \$7.70 a year.

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