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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE LAST AND THE FIRST.

Advice and Action—Notes of Pulpit Talk on the Closing Year—Yesterday on the Streets.

Sunday was a fine, hearty, rather severe, we may say piping, winter day—a good day for closing up the affairs of the old year. Indeed, the year went out most gallantly. Cloaks, overcoats, furs and other wraps were appreciated even in the well warmed churches of our city.

Bishop Atkinson, preached at St. James' in the morning one of his timely and excellent discourses.

The Peacemaker's Blessing was the theme of one of Rev. Dr. Wilson's most satisfactory sermons, in the morning at the First Presbyterian Church. At night he continued his series of discourses on Old Testament Character, the subject again being Jacob.

At the First Baptist Church Rev. J. B. Taylor preached morning and night on themes suited to the season. At night a large number of the Front Street Methodist congregation attended, as the service closed early enough to enable them to attend their mid-night services.

Father Moore was the preacher at St. Thomas Catholic Church; Subject—Lessons taught us by our Lord Jesus Christ in the mystery of His birth, founded on the Epistle to the Hebrews, 1 ch. vs. 1 and 2.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, at St. John's Episcopal church, chose for his text Luke iii. 35: "Yea a sword shall pierce through his own soul also." God in His goodness sends us afflictions, and we must receive them thankfully; trouble is better than joy, adversity than prosperity. Our Lord Jesus Christ showed all this in His life, conversation and death.

The Watch Night service at the Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church was an occasion of unusual interest in that denomination. The congregation of the Fifth Street M. E. Church participated. The house was full and the religious exercises were more than usually instructive and solemn. The sermon of Rev. J. T. Gibbs on the transitoriness and unworthiness of mundane and the permanency and glory of Heavenly things made a deep impression evidently on his hearers. Short addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Mann and Rhodes. [We fell into an error Sunday morning in stating that there would be a midnight joint communion in the Front Street Church.]

The African M. E. Church, on Red Cross street, held a Watch Night meeting, at which there was a large attendance.

Rev. Mr. Ambler, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, discoursed in the evening upon the Binding of Satan and the End of the World. The latter days would probably show as great depravity in the world as there had been in earlier ages. It was not certain that there would be a complete triumph of Christianity until the Millennium. [Paraphrase: we may as well state that we were misinformed as to the subject of Mr. Ambler's Christmas sermon. The text of the day before was given to us. The Christmas subject was one more suitable for the day.]

We are without notes of services in other churches.

YESTERDAY.

The First was not observed formally by any organized bodies, so far as we are informed, except the Produce Exchange and the Odd Fellows. The members of the Exchange met at the Exchange room and proceeded in a brotherly manner, arm in arm, to the residences of the President and Vice President, respectively Messrs. David G. Worth and E. Lilly, where they were socially entertained.

The Odd Fellows in their lodge room, opposite the City Hall, had a royal time last evening with their supper. A large number were present despite the dreary weather, and good wholesome feeling was inspired by the generous repast and the communion of kindred spirits.

Business was dull, little having been done in any of the stores. Work on the wharf was almost entirely suspended. The draymen and laborers generally took holiday, as did the commission merchants.

The usual emancipation procession and ceremonies were dispensed with by the colored people. A few of the "colored troops" were, however, seen on the streets in full uniform.

Not a great many social calls were

made. We heard of one or two receptions and entertainments for a few friends last evening. Otherwise the day passed without social event.

Geographical Revolutions.

From a very interesting article bearing the above caption in the *Southern Presbyterian Review* we take the following: "Some of the sounds of North Carolina, which have been navigable within the memory of living sea captains, are now impassable bars or emerging sand flats." The changes on our coasts are indeed worthy of note. A young gentleman who was perfectly familiar with the appearance of the sounds near this city says, that after a few years absence at college, he noticed at a glance the increase in the size of several jutting strips of land that were once invisible when the tide came in. On the other hand, the old grave yard at Edenton is nearly submerged, and many of the headstones marking the graves from above the water's surface.

The article in the *Review* is a very able one and recalls, while it substantiates some of the positions taken in regard to the earth by the late Haywood Guion, Esq., in his wonderful book, "The Comet." It is well worth reading.

Collision in the River.

While the Norwegian brig Ellida was being towed down the river yesterday she collided with the Fayetteville steamer North State. Some of the head rigging of the brig was carried away. Capt. Green of the North State, was thrown by the shock on the deck of the brig and sustained painful injuries. He got his hand crushed.

Captain Martensen, of the Ellida, has asked for a "survey." The Ellida cleared for Amsterdam and was on her way out of port when the accident happened.

Harbor Master's Report.

The following vessels arrived here during the month of December: steamers, 21; barques, 20; brigs, 8; schooners, 12. Total, 61.

The following is the pilots' report of soundings on the bars and rips at low water: Bald Head Channel, 10 feet; Western Bar, 11 feet 6 inches. Rip, 6 feet 6 inches; New Inlet Bar, 9 feet 9 inches. Rip, 9 feet 9 inches.

B. G. Bates, Harbor Master.

Red Men.

At the last regular council of Wyoming Tribe No. 4, Improved Order Red Men, held on the sleep of the 1st sun Cold Moon, G. S. D. 386, the following chiefs were raised to their respective stamps:

John E. Silvia, P.

T. J. Herring, S.

A. T. Hewlett, S. S.

C. C. Redd, J. S.

S. A. Craig, C. of R.

W. S. Hewlett, K. of W.

Response.

Recently a movement was made to purchase the old South Church in Boston. Mrs. Hemenway wrote to Miss Amy Bradley that it would be very agreeable for her to know that the pupils of the Tileston school had contributed something toward the purchase fund. Miss Bradley announced Mrs. Hemenway's wish to the children and yesterday they gave Miss Bradley about \$10 to be sent on for this purpose.

Hotel Personals.

PURCELL House—Monday—M. F. Schmelyer, H. P. D. Graft, N. Y. P. L. Peacock, Ga.; J. J. Williams, N. C.; Louis A. McLean, N. Y.; Nhoj C. Neatrab, Alphedding; R. Mayor, Jr., Va.

MANNING House—Monday—G. Walker, Middle Sound; Jos. Walton, D. Haston, Philadelphia, M. Dolly, N. Y.

Where Quartered.

The Raleigh *Observer* of Sunday says: "The Wilmington Light Infantry is quartered in the McKee House, corner of Wilmington and Martin streets."

Sad Mistfortune.

We regret to learn by Sunday's Raleigh *Observer*, the Col. S. L. Fremont, while on a visit last Saturday to his son-in-law at Rocky Mount, fell down, and it is feared, broke one of his legs.

We trust it is not so bad as that.

An immense turkey was served for dinner on Christmas Day at a residence in this city, of which twenty-five people ate heartily—and there was enough of it left for a large dish to be had next morning.

Sankey protests against his revival tunes being arranged for waltzes and quadrilles.

Not a great many social calls were

INAUGURATION.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

OPENING OF A NEW ERA.

The First of January, 1877.—Inauguration of Zebulon B. Vance and a Complete Administration—A Proud Day for Democracy and the Whole People.

The Raleigh papers of Sunday contain full accounts of the journey to Charlotte of the Raleigh party of the Governor's escort and the trip from Charlotte to Raleigh of the whole party. At the Centennial City the reception was cordial, and all along the route thousands came out at the depots to shake hands with "Zeb" and hear him say word or two. We have no place for particulars.

PROGRAMME FOR THE INAUGURATION.

10, a.m.: Military, fire and other organizations will form at the foot of Fayetteville street and move thence to Yarborough, from whence Gov. Vance will be escorted to the Capitol to be inaugurated.

6 p.m.: Torch-light procession will form as follows:

1st and 2nd Wards, on East Lincoln street, with right resting on Fayetteville street; 3rd Ward on Fayetteville street, with right resting on Lincoln street; 4th and 5th Wards on West Lincoln street, with right resting on Fayetteville street; visiting military, fire and other organizations, with banners, on East South street, with right resting on Fayetteville street; county and visitors on West South street, right resting on Fayetteville street.

Each subdivision will have a marshal, with assistants.

6 p.m.: The column will move on Fayetteville street in the following order:

Music: 1st Ward; 2d Ward; 3rd Ward; 4th 5th Ward; visiting military companies; fire companies; county and visitors on foot; county and visitors on horseback.

The route will be indicated by burning barrels.

The Raleigh Light Infantry will fire minute guns until the head of the column reaches the stand erected for the speakers.

Procession will move in column of fours, with transparencies at intervals.

B. C. MAXBY, Chief Marshal.

The following contains the leading particulars of the inauguration:

OUR SPECIAL.

Special to the Cape Fear.

RALEIGH, 11 o'clock p.m., Jan. 1.

The inauguration took place in Trick Hall.

The military parade was grand. There was an immense crowd in attendance upon the ceremonies.

The Chief Justice administered the oath of office to Governor Vance. Justice Reade to the others.

A magnificent portrait of the Governor was presented to Mrs. Vance by Philadelphians.

All day a severe snow storm prevailed, notwithstanding the display to-night is fine.

Vance, Jarvis and others have been speaking to an immense and enthusiastic crowd.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Last week that sterling paper, the Salem *Press*, closed its twenty-fourth volume.

Rev. F. H. Johnson has removed from Lexington to take charge of the Presbyterian Church in Winston.

Mr. J. W. Brable of Stanlyville has received serious injuries by ice and snow from the roof of a house falling on him.

A Rev. stirrer-up of strife from the North has been to Charlotte at work among the negroes. He went back to vilify the people in the columns of the Champion Liar, the New York *Times*.

The unexpected taking off of the Sunday train caused a good many people to stay away from the inauguration, says the *Messenger*. A few rode to Goldsboro to take the N. C. train there. Two Warsaw gentlemen walked to Goldsboro.

Charlotte *Observer*. A few days ago

the police received information of a desperate encounter which occurred in the vicinity of Five Points on Christmas day, between two negroes, in which one of them was so badly ent that it is probable he will die. They have been keeping a lookout for the other party, but thus far their efforts have been unsuccessful.

Senator Ferry and the Coast.

A friend of acting Vice President Ferry says there is no reason to believe that he has concluded not to assume the responsibility of counting the electoral votes and declaring the result unless the Senate passes a formal resolution directing him to do so. This gentleman also says that it is very doubtful whether such a resolution can be gotten through the Senate.

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