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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, 1877.

10 CENTS A WEEK.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

County Commissioners.

The Board met in regular monthly session last night at 8 p. m.; present J. G. Wagner, chairman, and commissioners I. B. Grainger, Delaware Nixon, B. G. Worth and Duncan Holmes.

Ordered: That the gas bill be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Application of Miss Mary Davis for license to retail spirituous liquors was granted.

Report of County Treasurer was, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the committee, D. C. Davis and S. Van Amringe, in their settlement with A. R. Black, Tax Collector, for balance due on enjoined tax, was on motion received and ordered spread on the minutes and put on file.

Ordered: That the Attorney of the Board investigate the matter of delinquent tax-payers whose property was sold by A. R. Black for non-payment of junction tax for 1875, and take measures to collect the same or recover the property, if deemed advisable.

Ordered: That a committee be appointed to ascertain by conferring with some parties as to the terms on which they take charge and work the prisoners recently turned over from the keeper of the work house to the county, and make such arrangements for their keeping as may be practicable.

I. B. Grainger and D. Holmes composed the committee.

Report of Poor Committee was received and ordered on file.

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

Auditing—J. B. Grainger, B. G. Worth.

Finance—B. G. Worth, I. B. Grainger.

Poor House and Hospital—B. G. Worth, D. Nixon.

Roads and Bridges—D. Nixon, D. Holmes.

Public Buildings—D. Nixon, D. Holmes.

Outdoor Poor—I. B. Grainger.

Resolved, That the committee on Poor House and Hospital examine into the contract with Mr. Scott, and report at the next meeting whether a more advantageous contract for the county can not be made and thereby curtail expenses.

On motion the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Let us Have Some Amateur Theatricals.

The long winter roll on in its dullness. A hop now and then is all that relieves the fearful monotony. We have thought that an amateur company might be formed, which in the course of ten days or two weeks would be prepared to give an entertainment at some suitable place. If the thing could be well managed there would be money enough in it to enable the managers to engage the Opera House for at least two or three evenings during the season. The theatrical troupes having staid away this winter, some form of amusement seems to be demanded by that large number of persons who frequent places of public amusement. The suggestion of an amateur company is thrown out so as, if possible, to assist somewhat in supplying this want.

A Dangerous Practice.

This morning as we were passing Mr. T. Childs' tin shop, on Princess street, in the western part of the building occupied by Mr. S. A. Currie's livery stable, he called us in to the rear of the shop and showed us several small holes in the window panes on the west side. They were evidently made by balls from a pistol or rifle, as they were small and the glass was shattered considerably. Mr. Childs' work bench is directly in front of the windows, and a ball passing would be very apt to hit him. He says he has heard no report of fire-arms. Persons should be careful how they discharge weapons in the city for they do not know where the balls will enter.

Howard Relief Fire Engine Company.

At a meeting of this company held January 1, the following officers were elected: Foreman, A. Adrian; 1st Assistant Foreman, H. Mintz; 2d Assistant Foreman, C. Wessell; President, John Haar, Jr.; Vice President, J. G. Oldenbittel; Recording Secretary, H. Ehrbeck; Corresponding Secretary, John Meyer; Treasurer, H. Ohlandt; Chief Engineer, Walter Furlong; Assistant Engineer, F. W. Lessner.

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city at 4:30 p. m.:

Augusta, 37; Charleston, 42; Galveston, 46; Jacksonville, 53; Mobile, 44; New Orleans, 39; Norfolk, 31; Savannah, 44; Wilmington, 36.

THE COURTS.

U. S. Commissioner's Court.

A party was before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy yesterday for retailing liquor without a license, but the case was dismissed.

Magistrate's Court.

John Jones was arraigned before Justice Gardner yesterday for assault and battery on Charles King, both colored; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Mayor's Court.

Two parties who had a fight on the 26th of December, and whose case was continued until yesterday, were fined each \$5 and costs.

Odd Fellows.

The officers of the two lodges of Odd Fellows elected last week were publicly installed last night at their hall. Other officers were appointed. There was a full hall of participants and spectators.

The full report we expected did not reach our office last night.

New Advertisements.

A. K. Walker—Notice of declaration of dividend by the First National Bank.

Jno. F. Divine—Change of schedule on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad.

Through an accident the last part of the article in this column yesterday morning recording the arrival of the Light Infantry and the Cornet Concert Club from Raleigh did not appear. The heading indicated what was done, and we shall not, therefore, supply the omission.

In the 41st year of its useful existence the Baltimore Sun sends out the Sun Almanac for 1877. It is an excellent reference pamphlet and is especially adapted to the wants of the Southern people. This little book is presented to all subscribers of that valuable journal.

The river is frozen below here at the rice fields along the shore—something very unusual, as the constant action of salt water prevents freezing.

The congregation of St. Mark's (colored Episcopal) Church will give a festival and Christmas tree at the City Hall this evening.

Mr. W. F. Hargrave has been elected Second Assistant of the Wilmington Fire Engine Company No. 1, vice Mr. N. B. Rankin, resigned.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Dawson Bank has been postponed until next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

See the changes in the schedule of trains on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

The Jenkins-Heaton case comes up before the Mayor this morning.

The first National Bank has declared a dividend of four per cent.

The freshest brought down several rafts of crude turpentine yesterday.

Wilmington District.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—FIRST ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS FOR QUARTER MEETINGS AS MADE BY THE PRESIDING ELDER, REV. W. S. BLACK, FOR THE PRESENT CONFERENCE YEAR: Onslow, at Lebanon Jan. 6, 7; Whiteville & Waccamaw Mis. at Whiteville " 13, 14; Bladen, at Deems' Chapel, " 20, 21; Elizabeth, at Elizabeth " 27, 28; Wilming on, Front Street Feb. 3, 4; Smithville, at Zion " 10, 11; Clinton, at Clinton " 17, 18; Top all, at Union " 24, 25; Coker's Bay 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.

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 Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays 1:30 P. M.; Fayetteville by C. 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, Supp'y 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.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Twenty-First Day.

Continued from the News.

SENATE.

MONDAY, JAN. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Standford: A bill to regulate the rate of interest, [providing for the repeal of the usury law.] Committee on banks and currency.

By Dortch: To increase jurisdiction of justices of the peace, [giving them jurisdiction over civil actions for claim and delivery, and for conversion of personal property, provided the value of the property in controversy does not exceed \$50.] Referred to the judiciary committee.

By Dortch: A bill to provide for the government of counties. Committee on county government.

Senate concurred with the House and granted relief to the Sheriff of Carteret.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Singleary: A bill relating to county governments, changing the provisions of sections 1 and 5 of art. 4 on municipal corporations. Placed on Calendar.

The bill provides as follows: The people shall continue to elect, as is now done, biennially, two magistrates in each township. The Legislature elect every four years for the term of four years two magistrates for each township, and the Legislature may, at discretion, elect an additional number for townships and for townships in which towns are situated. The whole number of magistrates, including both those elected by the people and those elected by the Legislature, shall elect biennially, from their own number, five county commissioners.

Bill giving Governor power to fill vacancies in Boards of County Commissioners passed.

Senate bill for the relief of Sheriffs and tax collectors, was taken up and, on motion of King, referred to the Judiciary committee.

MORE OF THE INAUGURATION.

Notes from the Raleigh Papers. Letter of congratulation were received from Govs. Tilden, Hendricks and Kemper and from Hon. A. S. Hewitt, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Smith, of the Presbyterian Church at Greensboro, delivered a short and appropriate prayer.

Snow commenced falling at 10 o'clock. The ladies packed the galleries at Tacker's Hall.

The Secretary of State, Treasurer and Auditor, being bonded officers, did not take the oath. They were to do so after the Governor was installed.

At night the fire-works and other illuminations were grand.

The procession called on Gov. Vance for a speech but he being at supper, Lt. Gov. Jarvis was induced to respond. Jarvis, Attorney General Kenan and Col. Jno. A. Gilmer spoke, when Vance was drawn out. He told the anecdote of the Dutchman who rebuked the tin horn serenaders who greeted his marriage two days after the death of his first wife. The Dutchman said they should behave better at a house where there had been so recently a funeral. There had recently been a funeral in this State—that of Radicalism.

Gen. Leach, Mr. J. N. Staples and Judge Fowle likewise made short speeches.

Among the incidents was an unfortunate accident. Mr. M. C. Morrow, of the Hornets' Nest Rifles, Charlotte, broke an arm by falling on the ice.

THE PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

From the Philadelphia Times. Of all the bald trickery and awkward floundering in the miry brambles of fraud displayed by the Administration in the manipulation of the returns of the disputed States, the backing and filling and double-shuffling in Florida on Wednesday last, were the most disgraceful.

From the Springfield Republican. The condition and prospects of the Presidential dispute change from the force of a public opinion that is felt rather than heard. Outwardly, the situation remains the same; inwardly, there is a constantly increasing conviction that Tilden is entitled to the Presidency, and that by some process out of the present entanglements and conflicts, Congress will secure it for him.

The Republican leaders at Washington are still trying to see if the country will not sustain them in forcing the counting in of Hayes by the discriminating action of the President of the State with the returns sent in to him.

The Republican managers are very jealous of the attempts of business men and capitalists of the cities to express themselves on the great dispute, and seem to regard any appeal to Congress to settle the question on the principles of justice and by the means of the highest national authority as a conspiracy to help Tilden.

From the Washington Union. The triumph of Radical knavery would confirm the policy of the past, not only in the South, but over the whole country. Instead of a brightening horizon, the fraudulent counting in of Mr. Hayes would present a vista of wretchedness. It would proclaim the

supremacy of Returning Boards at the polls of the South, the succession of carpet-baggers in its gubernatorial mansions, of ignorance and venality in its Legislative halls. It would add a fatal blow to the hopes of reviving commerce, industry and prosperity at the North, and in the degree that it postponed recuperation it would magnify the burdens which impoverish the living, and which wait to usher in posterity to a mortgaged birthright.

On the other hand, the inauguration of Mr. Tilden would not only confirm the faith of mankind in the creed of self-government, but would give assurance that there is a reserve of virtue in the most critical moments that the people can rely on. When it was first believed that Mr. Tilden was elected, and would be the next President, a sudden elation was felt from the center to the circumference of the globe. This revival was succeeded by a corresponding depression when the nefarious designs of Mr. Chandler were developed. Every interest is now held at bay waiting to be unlocked by the announcement that Mr. Tilden will occupy the White House.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Dr. Walters. Rev. W. T. Walters, D. D., died at Wake Forest College last Sunday at 6 o'clock, p. m., aged fifty-three years. He was a native of Pittsylvania county, Va., and graduated at Wake Forest College, of which institution he was afterward tutor, then Professor of Mathematics. He has not been connected with the college, except as Treasurer and Trustee since the war, but has filled useful offices in the Baptist Church, edited agricultural journals and devoted himself to farming. Dr. Walters was an able, useful and highly esteemed citizen.

The Treasurer's son, Mr. T. C. Worth, will be teller.

The last county to be heard from, Pasquotank, has sent in its election returns. Better late than never.

The Raleigh Observer gives sketches of all the State officers who have just been inaugurated.

Mr. Phil McGowan, who was shot in Raleigh while attempting to save another's life, Christmas, died last Sunday.

Wilmington & Weldon RAILROAD.

OFFICE OF GEN'L SGT. Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1877.

ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3d, 1877, Passenger Trains on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad will run as follows:

DAY MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN. Leave Wilmington, Front St. Depot, at 7:45 A. M. Arrive at Goldsboro 11:48 A. M. " Rocky Mount 1:40 P. M. " Weldon 3:20 P. M. Leave Weldon, daily 12:30 P. M. Arrive at Rocky Mount 2:23 P. M. " Goldsboro 4:05 P. M. " Wilmington, Front St. Depot 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN, DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY. Leave Wilmington at 5:30 P. M. Arrive at Goldsboro 10:15 P. M. " Rocky Mount 12:30 A. M. " Weldon 2:20 A. M. Leave Weldon, daily 4:30 A. M. Arrive at Rocky Mount 6:01 A. M. " Goldsboro 8:00 A. M. " Wilmington 12:00 M.

The Day Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Bay Line, daily except Sunday, and daily via Richmond and all-rail route.

Night Train makes close connections at Weldon for all points North via Richmond.

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FREIGHT TRAINS will leave Wilmington tri-weekly at 5:30 A. M., and arrive at 1:30 P. M. JOHN F. DIVINE, General Agent.

First National Bank of Wilmington, January 3, 1877.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a Dividend of Four per cent, payable on the 10th inst.

A. K. WALKER, Cashier.

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.

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