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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9, 1877.

10 CENTS A WEEK

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE COURTS.

New Hanover Superior Court.
The Superior Court convened yesterday at 10 a. m., Judge McKay presiding. The following are grand jurors for this term:
J. H. Allen, foreman, Lewis Chapman, Henry Robinson, William H. Peterson, David R. Canady, H. M. Bishop, Balam W. Wade, William McRae, Clause Schriever, J. J. Cutler, Amos W. Brown, William L. Jacobs, Charles Jones, John Gause, Gus Rosenthal, Charles H. Thomas, John F. Garrell, R. L. Harris.

After the empanelling of the jury the Judge delivered the charge, when the regular business of the Court was proceeded with.

Mr. Henry Arthur Beaman exhibited a license from the Supreme Court to practise law in the Courts of the State, took the attorney's oath, and was duly admitted to the Bar.

It was ordered that Messrs. R. S. French, George Davis, A. Empie, A. T. London, and C. M. Stedman be appointed a committee to prepare a calendar of civil cases. It was also ordered that the Solicitor prepare a calendar of criminal cases.

The following cases were called:
State vs. W. H. Moore, for staying an election, called, and defendant failed.

State vs. Mack Daniels, peace warrant; *not pros.* with leave.

State vs. Mack Daniels, assault and battery; *not pros.* with leave.

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Look Out for Him.

A postal card was received at the Marshal's office yesterday with the following printed on it:

\$500 REWARD.—Arrest Samuel H. Thorburn, bank clerk, for felony—large amount of currency. Left Petersburg, Va., Saturday night, Dec. 30, 1876; is about 35 years old; 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, or thereabouts; rather spare built; will weigh 130 or 140 pounds; hair dark brown and rather stiff and inclined to stand up in rather an unkempt condition; low, narrow forehead; eyes dark grey-blue and inclined to squint, with down cast look. He is an inveterate smoker of pipe, speaks thick, with a lip as though tongue too large; had on, when left, mustache and chin whiskers, dark, sandy color; dressed tolerably well, with new black overcoat, and had a small black hand satchel.

The above reward will be paid for his arrest and recovery of the money. Arrest Chief of Police, Petersburg, Va.

A photograph of the defaulter accompanied the card. No party answering to the above description has been seen around this city, as far as known.

The Historical Society Last Night.

The second session of the Historical and Scientific Society met last evening at 8 o'clock at the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church, President Bernheim in the chair.

Col. J. G. Burr delivered a long, well-written and elaborate lecture on the Local History of Wilmington. It touched upon the early settlements, the history of the churches, the eminent historical personages and many amusing reminiscences connected with our history. We regret that under a resolution of the Society no synopsis of remarks of the members should be published.

A long discussion of points in the lecture followed, which was participated in by Messrs. Wright, Nutt, DeRosset, London, Dr. Watson, Dr. DeRosset and Bishop Atkinson.

A great deal of interest in the history and antiquities of this region was manifested. The attendance at the meeting was quite large. The Society is fully established.

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, 56; Charleston, 55; Galveston, 41; Jacksonville, 65; Mobile, 41; New Orleans, 43; Norfolk, 47; Savannah, 61; Wilmington, 54.

The form of selling real estate for the unpaid taxes of last year was gone through yesterday in front of the City Hall.

The Stockholders of the First National Bank will meet to-day at 11 o'clock, and elect Directors for the ensuing year.

The bill to incorporate Bellevue Cemetery passed the House Saturday, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A fight between two boys on the street disturbed persons going into the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

There have been sixteen revisions of the laws of North Carolina.

It took six hounds and one bull-dog to kill a Lincoln county wild-cat.

Brogden closed his career by commissioning Brigadier General Washington, of Goldsboro.

The *American* says a deep snow has stopped—or to use its words—"killed" business at Statesville.

Neuse river, at and far above Newbern, is frozen over from bank to bank, one and a half miles.

It took five days for President Rollins to run a train through the snow on the W. N. C. R. R.

The old brick ware house of the Roanoke Navigation Co., at Weldon, fell down during the late snow.

The Charlotte *Observer* complains of the want of waiting room accommodations on the railroad depots there.

N. W. Boddie, Esq., Senator from Nash, walked fifteen miles through the snow and sleet on Monday to take the train for Raleigh.

While a Newbern party were skating on a pond a day or two ago a lady fell through the ice, and in attempting her rescue several gentlemen got wet.

The Southern Underwriter's Association at Raleigh, at its annual meeting last Thursday, elected Hon. R. W. Best, President; Dr. G. W. Blacknall, Treasurer; and E. E. Gray, Esq., Secretary.

It is rumored in Raleigh that Gen. W. R. Cox, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, will succeed Judge Watts, whose resignation takes place on the first day of February next.

The Charlotte *Observer* learns that the literary societies of Davidson College will probably invite S. S. (Sunset) Cox, of New York, to deliver the annual address before the two societies at the commencement in June.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Twenty-Fifth Day.

Continued from the Observer.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Transmitting resolutions of respect to the late Dr. P. M. Winchester, member of the House of Representatives. Placed on calendar. Also resolution in favor of the late Confederate soldier who lost both eyes in said service, with amendments, which were concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.
Dorch: Bill in relation to the draining of lands. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Moore, col. of New Hanover: Bill to incorporate Independent Order No. 2 of Grand Lodge of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria in America of the State of North Carolina. Referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

CALENDAR.

Bill to incorporate the town of Laurinburg, was amended, and passed its third reading.

Bill to make gold and silver a legal tender.

The committee on banks and currency reported adversely to the bill.

Johnston advocated its passage, and Dorch, Graham, Sandifer and Finger spoke in opposition.

Sandifer moved that it be indefinitely postponed, and the motion prevailed.

Resolution of instruction to the Public Treasurer in reference to amount paid sheriffs for making election returns, passed.

Bill for the relief of tax payers of North Carolina, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Ferguson, the vote by which the bill for the relief of the tax payers of the State, was lost, was reconsidered, the bill was amended and passed its third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bill introduced by Davis to amend an act entitled an act to prevent the destruction of fish in the waters of Black river and Six Runs, in the counties of New Hanover, Pender, Sampson, Cumberland and Harnett.

The following bills, upon their second reading, were, on motion, referred to the judiciary committee:

Bill to repeal chapter 74 Laws 1874-'75 in regard to the rates of interest.

Bill to regulate the rates of interest.

Bill to amend certain acts on sections of chapter 6 Battle's Revisal.

Resolution to pay expenses of the late Dr. Winchester, a member of the House, passed.

A memorial from the medical profession was taken up and referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Resolution in favor of Judge Settle was amended so as to read \$50. Adopted.

Twenty-Sixth Day.

Continued from the News.

SENATE.

SAURDAY, JAN. 6.

The commission appointed at the session of 1874-'75—Hon. Curtis H. Brogden, Hon. R. F. Armfield and Hon. James L. Robinson—to purchase the W. N. C. R. R., submitted a report of their action in that matter. Read and ordered to be sent to the House with a proposition to print.

By Cunningham: A bill to protect cotton planters. Propositions and grievances.

By Moore, col. of New Hanover: A bill to bill to provide for the working of the public roads of the State. Propositions and grievances.

By Liles: A resolution instructing the Attorney General to bring a suit to recover the locks and dams of Deep river. Calendar.

By Seales: A resolution in favor of sheep husbandry. Calendar.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Newbern.

Upon motion of Green, the bill was made special order for Tuesday, 16, at 11 o'clock.

S. B. 97, an act to regulate the practice of dentistry in North Carolina. The committee reported a substitute. The bill with substitute provides that no one shall practice dentistry except he be licensed by some regularly chartered institution of dentistry or by a board appointed by the North Carolina Dental Association; provided, the provisions of this act shall not extend to any person now engaged in the practice of dentistry, nor shall it interfere with the mere pulling of teeth.

After a good deal of debate and an amendment by Latham, Bingham moved to lay the whole matter on the table. On a division the Senate was found to be a tie, 17 voting in favor of laying on the table and 17 against it. The President voted aye, and the bill went on the table.

Resolution of instruction to the committee on agriculture and mining, asking it to take steps for the protection and encouragement of sheep farming, passed and was transmitted to the committee.

Mebane, col. of Bertie, moved that the rules be suspended and Senate bill concerning the paupers of the State be taken up. [Enforces the maintenance of paupers at the poor houses, and prohibits the hiring out of paupers.] The report of the committee advised non-action until some plan of county government can be perfected, and the bill was, upon motion of Latham, laid on the table.

Troy moved to reconsider the vote

by which the motion to lay on the table the bill in regard to dentistry prevailed, and after some debate, participated in by Seales, Troy, Nicholson and Caho, the motion was put and prevailed, and the bill was then re-committed to the committee on incorporation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SAURDAY, JAN. 6.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, &c.

Ewing presented a petition of citizens of Laurinburg, Richmond county, against the incorporation of that town.

By Jeffroy: A bill to incorporate the town of Beaufort, Carteret county. Committee on corporations.

By Duggan: A bill to incorporate the town of Sparta, Edgecombe county. Committee on corporations.

By the same: A bill to incorporate Repton Encampment I. O. O. F., Tarboro. Committee on corporations.

By Singletary: A bill for the protection of legal notices. Committee on judiciary.

By Powell: A bill in regard to county government. Ordered to be printed and referred to the committee on that subject.

THE SITUATION IN WASHINGTON.

Varying Hopes and Fears of Both Parties.

From the N. Y. Sun.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 4.—The most variable stock in Wall street is not more fluctuating than are the hopes and fears of both the Democrats and the Republicans as to the President.

The most serious and least sanguine of Democratic Senators freely confess this. Last week, for instance, under the influence of another change in Grant's talk, the louder bluster of some of the new confederates, the Hampton letter to Hayes, the report that the Democratic committee in South Carolina had conceded the State to Hayes, and the renewed attempt to steal the vote of Florida under the counsel of Landauld Williams, who was sent down for that purpose, there was a rise in Democratic fears and a corresponding fall of their hopes.

To-day a change to the contrary is again to be noted, largely due to the favorable reports from all parts of the country as to popular sentiment, the return of the committee from South Carolina, messages from Louisiana, the fact that with the peaceable inauguration of Drew in Florida the electoral vote of that State is conceded to belong to Tilden, and to the general uneasiness in the Republican camp.

This uneasiness is evident. It is shown by Grant's open declaration in favor of a new election. It is shown by the open threat of carpet-bag Senators to desert Hayes if he should keep up his coquetting with the South. It is shown by the complete and irreconcilable difference of opinion between Mr. Conkling and Morton and Sherman who still insists upon the original programme of counting in Hayes through the President of the Senate.

It is shown by Mr. Ferry, who, though as thorough a partisan as Morton in most matters, has yet, at last, felt himself constrained to privately disavow that he ever claimed the power which Morton and Sherman insist he must exercise. It is shown by the studied silence of every prominent Republican in the Senate on this question, except Conkling, Morton, and Sherman.

It is shown by the vigorous protest of so influential an organ as *Harper's Weekly*, and so prominent a Republican as Geo. William Curtis, against Mr. Hayes as President of fraud, and for fraud. It is shown by the want of harmony among prominent Republicans, and the lack of any method which could be successfully substituted for the original scheme and upon which the party could be united.

Right here is the weakness of the Republican position, the defect that will prove fatal. Morton was very shrewd when he insisted that the Vice President had the sole right, and the two Houses of Congress not the least right to count the electoral vote. This was the simplest and safest way to make Mr. Hayes President. It will prove to have been the only possible way. Once off of it, the Republican leaders will strive in vain to find a path to the White House through the legal and constitutional wilderness in which they must soon be lost. The abandonment of Mr. Morton's plan means the loss of the Republican ship. For there is absolutely no method, or process, or plan, or road, or scheme ever mentioned by any prominent Republican by which Mr. Hayes can be made President with the least regard for constitutional forms, or the plain letter and spirit of the laws—without a *coup d'etat*, which would simply mean the end of the republic. And this even the new confederates will not dare to do—not even Mr. Morton, whose daring is certainly great enough.

The case of the Granville County Commissioners came up before the Supreme Court Saturday. As Judge Reade held that the case should come up on appeal and that *habitus corpus* is not the proper remedy the commissioners were held on their own recognition in the sum of \$230 each.

The Raleigh *News* reports that on last Thursday near China Grove, Rowan county, Cornelius Litaker fired three shots at Robert Harris, a prominent citizen of Locke township, two of which took effect, one penetrated his lungs, Harris is in a critical condition. Litaker escaped.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Governor Hendricks' Message—A Reference to the Usurpation of State Rights in South Carolina.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5, 1877.—Governor Hendricks' message to the Legislature was delivered this morning. It relates wholly to State affairs, with the exception of a reference to the presence of United States troops in South Carolina, saying:

The constitutional and independent authority of State courts and legislatures is endangered if not now supported by a patriotic and liberty-loving sentiment so strong among the people that party and partisan dare not defy it. During the four years of my administration our State has not been wholly free from domestic troubles. The public peace has on more than one occasion been threatened. Strong bodies of men, moved by some real or supposed wrong, have threatened to assert and vindicate rights wholly independent of the remedies and proceedings provided by law. In no instance has the authority and power of the United States been invoked against them, but in every instance have the people preserved the public peace and maintained the authority of the State and the supremacy of her laws. A people so careful of their own institutions and so capable of preserving them, and of maintaining the constitutional rights and prerogatives of their own State government, cannot be indifferent when other States are threatened with overthrow, or the destruction of rights and privileges without which no free State can exist.

GENERAL SUMMARY.
Van derbilt's funeral was modest.

About half of Boston's \$500,000,000 of property is said to be mortgaged.

Small-pox is raging fearfully among the Indians in Victoria and vicinity, British Columbia.

Judge Mackey threatens to disclose evidence that would consign Chamberlain to the Penitentiary.

The President told Mr. Gobright on Saturday that he would not interfere in the matter of who is Governor of Louisiana.

Yesterday was Jackson's Day, and large meetings were held all over the Northwest to consider the situation.

Of the twelve new newspapers received by Geo. P. Rowell & Co. during the week ending Wednesday, January 3, 1877, eight are Democratic in politics, two independent or neutral, one educational and one religious. Not one Republican.

Rev. Dr. Wm. L. Breckinridge, brother of the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, and last surviving son of United States Attorney General Breckinridge under Thomas Jefferson, and uncle of the late General John C. Breckinridge, died on the 26th ult., at Raymore, Cass county, Missouri, in the 73rd year of his age.

A Washington correspondent of the *New York Post* says: Mr. Ferry will not attempt to exercise judicial power, or to decide which are proper certificates, from the States of Oregon, Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina, unless the Senate and House fail to agree, but in this event he will proceed to act in accordance with the constitution as he interprets it.

Tuckaloo or Hannah, the Esquimaux woman who, with her husband and child, was among the party separated from the Polar ice and floated for 150 days on the ice floe, has just died at Groton, Conn., having never recovered from the effects of that trying time. She had learned to speak and read English fluently, and intended soon to join the Baptist Church.

While the friends of Mr. Bennett claim that the engagement was broken off some days ago, and that no day had ever been set for the marriage, those who are intimately associated with the May family assert quite the contrary. Not appearing at Miss May's residence and not sending any word of apology or excuse Mr. Frederick may determine the outrage should not pass unnoticed and straightway proceeded to chastise Mr. Bennett with the result as above told.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
First National Bank of Wilmington, December 28, 1876.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held in their Banking House on TUESDAY, the 9th day of JANUARY, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A. K. WALKER, Cashier.
dec 29, 30 & Jan 8, 9.

FRESH CELERY

—AND—
CABBAGES

WILL BE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STEAMER ON MONDAY, XMAS DAY.

Store will be opened until 10 o'clock for accommodation of customers.

dec 24-4f JAS. C. STEVENSON.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly, to incorporate the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

EXTRAORDINARY.

INDUCEMENTS ARE NOW OFFERED IN

CLOTHING!

As the season is far advanced I am determined to close out all my

STOCK OF OVERCOATS

At a Very Small Margin on the Cost.

My stock of Clothing embraces all the

LATEST STYLES

and I am determined to make it to the interest of all to buy of me.

Purchasers will find great bargains in both

CLOTHING AND FURNISHING GOODS.

Our ALL MADE SHIRTS that I sell at

90 cents are still all the go. These shirts

are really worth \$2.50. Purchasers will

do well to examine before purchasing elsewhere.

A. SHRIER,
dec 8-11 30 Market street.

JAS. F. PETTWAY, C. H. SCHULKEN.

Pettway & Schulken,

BROKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS IN Merchandise, Cotton, Naval Stores and other produce.

Orders for Molasses, Meats, Lard, Salt, Fish, Coffee, Sugar, Cheese, Flour, Baking, Ties, &c., and consignments of all descriptions of produce solicited. [29-30

REMEMBER