

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight with a cold wave. Strong northwest winds.

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## BICKETT ASKS SALE OF STATE'S PRISON

He is Inaugurated Governor of North Carolina With Simple Ceremonies.  
FAVOR REGULATING MEDICINE SALES.  
Prison Represents an Inexcusable Waste of \$1,000,000 Capital to transact Business, The Governor Declares—Wants a State Educational Commission.

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—With simple ceremonies Thomas W. Bickett was inaugurated governor of North Carolina today, succeeding Locke Craig. Governor Bickett delivered his inaugural address immediately after Chief Justice Walter Clark had administered the oath of office.  
Two recommendations were made in his address by Mr. Bickett, one for the sale of the prison and the other for a law regulating the sale of patent and proprietary medicines.  
Governor Bickett declared that the State prison represents an inexcusable waste of \$1,000,000 capital to transact a business that could be done better at a capital of \$100,000. He recommends that the prison be converted into a State asylum for the insane.  
"The prisoners should be provided for with sanitary and comfortable quarters," he said. To sentence a man to serve on the gaug, he characterized as cruel and excessive punishment.  
As regards the patent and proprietary medicines he favors a law to make it a felony for any one to sell, offer for sale or make proprietary or patent medicine purporting to cure cancer, tuberculosis, epilepsy, paralysis or any other affliction that State and national medical associations declare there is no cure for.  
The governor advocated a law requiring all vendors of proprietary medicines to file a statement with the State Board of Health showing the exact composition of such medicines and empowering the board to prevent the sale without the medicines contained the curative values.  
The Governor also advocated legislation to regulate the industries. "I insist they should be made to correspond with living conditions and not with the theories of professional agitators. I insist that the Legislature should reflect the conscience of North Carolina and not the covetousness of New England," he declared.  
He proposes that all bills on public water supply should be for water supply installed in the homes near the supply. Public courses should be included in the schools dealing with sanitation, is also proposed.  
Governor Bickett recommended that the State Hospital for the Insane be placed under one management as well as the Agricultural Department of the A. & M.  
Rotation in office and short ballot is advocated by the Governor.  
Bickett arrived in Raleigh from his home in Lenoir this morning on a special train, accompanied by his special inauguration committee of the Legislature, members of his family and a large number of friends. He was met at the Union Station by committees representing the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the Raleigh and Durham Rotary clubs and the Woman's club, of this city.  
From the Union Station the Governor, at the head of a procession of automobiles, and escorted by the cadets of the North Carolina Agricultural College, and the college band, proceeded to the Governor's Mansion, on North Blount street, where he was joined by Governor Craig. The procession then proceeded to the Yarrow-Hugh Hotel, where a committee representing the civic organizations of the city, State officials and distinguished citizens from all parts of North Carolina, welcomed the Governor and Governor-elect. From the hotel the party went to the City Auditorium, where the inaugural ceremonies were held.  
The Bible used in the ceremony was presented to Governor Bickett by J. Ed. Pegram, of Durham, chairman of the inaugural joint committee of the Legislature. It bore the name of the new Governor, and the date of his inauguration embossed in gilt letters, while on the fly-leaf were the names of Governor Craig, Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the State Supreme Court, State officers and the inaugural committee.  
After the inauguration, Governor Bickett and Mrs. Bickett were escorted to the Governor's Mansion, where a luncheon was served. Those present included, in addition to the new executive

## ENTENTE ANSWER TO PRESIDENT'S NOTE IS IN HAND

Began Arriving This A. M.; Given to Wilson as Soon as it is Decided.

## UTMOST SECRECY IS MAINTAINED BY U. S.

Believed Allies Won't Enter War Conference Unless a Military Necessity Should Demand Such.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The entente reply to President Wilson's peace note began arriving at the state department this morning. As fast as it could be decided it was laid before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.  
The utmost secrecy was maintained at the state department, but the impression was gained that while the entente makes definite statements, the peace note does not cause all hope to be abandoned.  
In other quarters there is much speculation whether President Wilson will take further steps for peace on the actual terms of the answer or on his personal estimate of the situation for confidential advice to him from abroad.  
The note is thought to have been drawn so it would meet a wide variety of viewpoints, not only to President Wilson but to the public opinion here and abroad, and in entente and Central Power circles.  
The allies diplomats believe that the reply will leave no grounds for a war conference. In a strict sense such a lack of terms would not mark an advance towards the end of the war.  
The impression is general in allied quarters that the Allies will not enter into a conference unless compelled to do so by a military necessity.  
On about two million acres of National Forest lands grazing by domestic stock is either entirely prohibited or is greatly restricted to provide range for elk.

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\* GERMANY MAKES KNOWN PEACE TERMS.  
\* London, Jan. 11.—The Associated Press learns that the Entente reply to President Wilson makes specific designation of its terms of peace, which includes restoration of Belgium to Serbia and Montenegro; complete reparation for the damage they sustained and evacuation of invaded French, Russian, and Rumanian territory, with such reparation as considered just.  
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## RED MEN HIT TRAIL FOR NEW BERN

Tenth Anniversary of Chhatta-Wha Tribe, No. 14, Is on; Big Banquet.

New Bern, Jan. 11.—Today marks the tenth anniversary of Chhatta-Wha Tribe, No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men and the occasion is to be celebrated by the local members and visiting friends in such a manner that it will never be forgotten.  
A large number of visiting brethren arrived in the city this morning to attend this event and others are expected this afternoon. A number of speeches will be made followed by banquet that will be held in their lodge rooms this evening.  
Earl Banks, colored, was found guilty yesterday in Craven county Superior court of a charge of attempting to cut Captain W. H. Newell, in charge of a Coast Line train operating between New Bern and Wilmington. It seems that Banks, who was a passenger on Captain Newell's train, while acting in a disorderly manner and was told to quiet down by the conductor, which he resented. The negro is charged with then attacking him with a knife.  
Among the visitors in the city attending the ninth annual convention of the Pepsi-Cola Bottlers' Association, is Dr. A. B. Joyner, of the Greensboro Daily News. Col. Jimmy Long, of the Greensboro bottling plant, brought Mr. Joyner to New Bern to show him how these conventions are held.

## GOV. T. W. BICKETT.



## SENATE ALSO ASKS BRYAN TO ADDRESS JOINT SESSION

Extends Commoner Invitation To Make Address Before It Next Week.

## WOULD ABOLISH INTERNAL BOARD

As Houses Do Light Work Up to Noon Today—Bills Introduced and Passed.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—Both houses, working lightly at the end of a rush week, adjourned at noon today, but not until the Senate had somewhat refractorily invited William J. Bryan to speak to it next week, and the House had received Representative Ray's bill to abolish the board of internal improvements. Both houses worked upon a trouble making theory.  
Senator Brenizer, of Mecklenburg, did not think the policy a good one, and dangerous in its tendency. He was backed by several others, who did not consider themselves doing the will of their constituents in listening to outsiders. It passed safely, but the amendment inviting Secretary Daniels failed because the original before the House did not include Daniels.  
Ray's bill destroys the board of internal improvements. He has no killing grudge against it, but he thinks its service is very limited. No speeches have been made. This board furnished the Republicans their chief campaign food last year.  
Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Much opposition is expected today to the resolution introduced in the Senate proposing to ratify the action of the State Board and Governor Craig in appropriating \$4,570 to dependent families of the State prisoners as a Christmas present. Senator Jones, of Buncombe, introduced the resolution.  
Other bills introduced yesterday are as follows:  
H. B. 575, Dalton, to amend laws relative to salaries of certain state officials.  
H. B. 576, Ray of Macon, to appropriate an additional \$250,000 for pensions to Confederate soldiers and their widows.  
H. B. 577, Gardner, to repeal law abolishing treasurer's office in Yancey.  
H. B. 578, Dalton, to amend law relative to settlement of appeals.  
H. B. 579, Matthews of Mecklenburg, to amend law relative to grave yards in Mecklenburg.  
H. B. 580, Shaw, to protect landowners from unjust and vexatious entries.  
S. B. 528, Justice, to appoint members of county board of education in Henderson county. To committee on education.  
S. B. 529, Oates, the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Senate not later than January 25 the captions of all bills by the Legislature up to and including January 9.  
S. R. 530, Jones, to ratify the action of the State Prison Board, in accordance with the action of the Governor in appropriating \$4,070 to dependent families of State prison convicts last Christmas. To appropriations.  
S. B. 531, Oates, to provide for improving harbor facilities of the incorporated cities and towns of the State. To commerce.  
Second and Third Reading.  
H. B. 340, S. B. 305, relating to the roads of Nashville township, Nash county.  
H. B. 222, S. B. 203, to fix compensation of jurors in Madison county.  
Passed Third Reading.  
H. B. 226, S. B. 274, to amend chapters 7 and 23, public local laws of 1915.  
H. B. 234, S. B. 337, to permit Hazelly township, Gates county, to provide fund for building roads.  
H. B. 236, S. B. 247, to authorize Hall township, Gates county, to borrow money.  
H. B. 244, S. B. 332, relating to roads of Madison county.  
There was no development of any importance in the House yesterday. What few bills that came up for discussion were continued over from the previous day.  
Senator Matt Allen, of Wayne, has introduced the first "indeterminate sentence" bill yet offered. It reads as follows:  
The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
Section 1. That in all cases where any person has been convicted of any offense, the punishment of which is discretionary as to time the judge or the presiding officer over the court having jurisdiction of the offense may in his discretion fix a minimum and maximum term and at any time after the expiration of the minimum term the judge who imposed the sentence or the resident judge of the district in cases tried in the Superior Court or the officer presiding over such other

## LIEUT.-GOV. GARDNER.



## SERIOUSLY HURT, KILLS ATTACKER

Although He is Beaten With Knucks, Sam Smith Slays Man Who Shot Sister.

Wilson, Jan. 11.—Mack Walston was killed yesterday in a scuffle with Sam Smith, on the farm of J. J. Aycock, after he had seriously wounded Smith's sister, Sarah, it is alleged, with a gun shot and badly beaten his slayer about the head with brass knucks and the butt end of a gun. No charges were made against Smith, as it was shown that he acted in self defense.  
The Smith woman is said to have been living on Walston's farm for some time, and to have left there several days ago. It seems that Walston made several attempts to persuade her to return only to have her refuse. The final attempt is said to have led up to the shooting. Walston is alleged to have shot her and then attacked her brother when he appeared.

## HARRY THAW CUTS HIS THROAT WHEN POLICE DRAW NEAR

He Will Die, According to Chief of Detectives, Tate.

## HOUSE SURROUNDED AS HE CUT HIMSELF.

When Police Rushed in, He Asked That Physician Be Sent For—Is Now at Philadelphia Hospital.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.—Harry Thaw cut his wrists and throat while in a private house on Walnut street here today and has been taken to St. Mary's hospital, where, according to Chief of Detectives Tate, in charge of the searching party, he will die shortly.  
Captain Tate said that he has been informed that he can not recover. Tate said that Thaw's whereabouts were learned today and the house surrounded. When detectives found him his wrists and throat were cut.  
Thaw is said to have asked that Doctor Elwood Kirby, a well known physician here, be sent for. When the physician arrived he ordered Thaw's removal to St. Mary's hospital, where he is in charge.  
The house where Thaw was found was within a short distance from where he was in an automobile accident last May. A damage suit was instituted against his mother, in whose machine he was riding at the time.

## SUICIDE PLANNED DEATH BY POISON

C. L. Benton Decides to End Life When Disappointed in Love Affair.

Lowe, Jan. 11.—C. L. Benton, of Chadbourne and Wadesboro, suicided here Tuesday because he was disappointed in a love affair. He left a note addressed to the young woman, who lives with her parents here, written on the back of her photograph, declaring that he had decided to "end it all." The suicide had planned his death several days in advance having previously announced that he would kill himself by poisoning.  
Coroner Ranoke decided there was no need of an inquest. The body of the young man was taken to an undertaking establishment in Lumberton to be prepared for burial. The interment will be in Evergreen, Columbia County.  
The emotion that impelled Benton to take his life seems to have infatuation for a young woman, who lived in this county and spent some time in Chadbourne last summer. Benton committed his rash act near the home of the girl and in his pocket was found her picture, with the following lines underneath written in pencil:  
"So sad to me that we ever met on this earth. It has been my end. Trouble is killing me. My dear children have forsaken me for life. Myrtle please sympathize with me in eternity, you know the cause"

## MISS BESSIE NEWTON OF SOUTHPORT IN LEAD TODAY

Nothing More Uncertain Than a Sure Thing—No Candidate Should be Satisfied With Past Achievements.

lag behind.  
There is another grand shake up in the positions of those who are really doing things. This time it is Miss Bessie Newton, of Southport who makes the largest gain, and moves into the top seat. Miss Newton had not been near the top for many days. Southport is doubly honored today, as they have another representative, in Miss Janie James, who is in seventh place.  
Miss Mary C. Hewlett, Wilmington; Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Evergreen; Miss Pauline Newsome, Clinton; Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins, Wilmington; Mrs. James E. Holton, Wilmington; and Miss Edna P. Brown, R. F. D. 2, Wilmington, are the other occupants of high seats today.  
The second period of the contest will close at 9 o'clock Saturday night, by which time all candidates living in Wilmington must have their subscriptions and the money to pay for them deposited with the Contest Manager, in order to count toward the second diamond ring and the high, second period, extra votes. Out-of-town candidates will be allowed to mail their subscriptions anytime Saturday, and they will be credited as this week's business.  
Remember, that after Saturday there will be a decrease of 10,000 votes on each \$15 club. The last two weeks of the contest each \$15 worth of subscriptions will give 130,000 extra votes. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER VOTE OFFERS OF ANY KIND. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO lose votes, if you do not want to lose the prize you have been working for, secure every possible subscription by Saturday night!  
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TODAY'S LEADERS.  
\* Bessie Newton . . . . . 84,255 \*  
\* Mary C. Hewlett . . . . . 84,200 \*  
\* Mrs. J. W. Griffin . . . . . 84,090 \*  
\* Pauline Newsome . . . . . 83,896 \*  
\* Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins . . . . . 83,665 \*  
\* Mrs. James E. Holton . . . . . 82,260 \*  
\* Janie James . . . . . 82,260 \*  
\* Edna P. Brown . . . . . 82,280 \*  
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There's nothing more uncertain than what is known as a sure thing. Bobby Burns, the Scotch poet, proclaimed years ago that, "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," an aphorism that the young women and girls in The Dispatch contest will do well to bear in mind. The contestant who becomes satisfied that she has enough votes to win, might as well make up her mind that she will not be one of the fortunate ones who will receive the Overland automobile, the Ford automobile, or one of the other prizes. The ones who will win will all be hustlers, who will not be satisfied with past achievements, but will keep gathering in every subscription they possibly can, up to the hour the polls close on January 29.  
The voting is very spirited each day, as most of the candidates appreciate the fact that it is easier for them to secure subscription payments, if they keep up with the procession in the daily voting and not

FUNERAL OF MRS. CUMMING.  
Remains Will Arrive in the City Tomorrow Morning—Interment.  
The remains of Mrs. L. L. Cumming, widow of Capt. James D. Cumming, a former resident of Wilmington, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., recently, will arrive in the city tomorrow morning at 9:50 o'clock and following services at the lodge at Oakdale cemetery the interment will be made at that place.  
The following are those who have been selected as pall bearers: Messrs. M. S. Willard, C. W. Worth, J. Allan Taylor, Hon. John D. Bellamy, Hon. George Rountree, W. H. Sprunt, A. M. Hall and H. C. McQueen.  
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BANKHEAD BILL FAVORED.  
Washington, Jan. 11.—The Senate today passed the Bankhead bill, barring from the mails liquor advertisements being sent into other states regulated under prohibition laws. The bill now goes to the House.  
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## GARRIES ITEMS FOR CAPE FEAR

Rivers and Harbors Bill Has \$115,000 For River at and Below Wilmington.

(By George H. Manning.)  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—The rivers and harbors bill, which has almost been completed, contains appropriations of \$25,000 for the improvement of Shallow Bag (Manteo) Bay, \$15,900 for Beaufort harbor; \$31,800 for Scuppernon river; \$25,375 for North East river, \$5,000 for New Beaufort Creek and \$2,500 for Thoroughfare Bay. These are the new projects in the bill for North Carolina.  
The bill also makes provision for the continuation of the prospects now under way and the appropriations for maintaining the present navigable waters of the State.  
The bill provides a total of \$115,000 for continuing the improvement of Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington and \$425,000 for improving the Cape Lookout Harbor of Refuge.  
To maintain the waterways already constructed the following appropriations are provided:  
Shallow Bag Bay, \$5,000; Beaufort Harbor, \$4,500; Beaufort Inlet, \$14,000; Morehead City Harbor, \$2,000; Roanoke River, \$2,500; Scuppernon River, \$3,500; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$4,500; Contentnea Creek, \$1,000; Neuse River, \$2,000; Trent River, \$400; Waterway from Pamlico to Beaufort Inlet, \$15,000; North East River, \$3,000; Black River, \$2,000.  
The bill also provides for preliminary surveys of the following streams: Smith's Creek, Broad, Queens Creek, North East River, from Hallsville to south of Goshen Swamp.

## CITIZENS COMPLAIN.

Want City to Lay Curb Or Remove it From Street.

Citizens living along Market street, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets, in both Carolina Place and Carolina Heights, are complaining because the street department has not laid the curbing that was placed on these three blocks some time ago but as yet has not been given attention. It was stated by one citizen this morning that it should be put down at once or removed as it is not in any way aiding the drainage of the street which it was to be placed for.



MRS. JAMES FULLER LORD

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