## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Cut the Wages of Employees.

GOVERNOR'S, REPLY

Governor Russell Will Make His Reasons for Removing the Wilson's as Railway Commissioners Next Tuesday.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bran-

Réports from committees were favorable us to bills to abolish the chain gang system of Madison county; to extend the powers and duties of justices of the peace and to amend sections 872 and 890 of the Code; to amend the charter of Bingham's School.

A ceport was sent by Senator Osborne, stating that the special committee had called upon the Governor and asked him to produce evidence in the case of the dismissal of J. W. and S. Otho Wilson from the Railroad Commission, and that the Governor stated that he would submit all the papers in this matter on or before Tuesday next.

A resolution was offered by Senator Cotten to the effect that there should be an investigation as to the \$25,000 claimed to be spent by the State for the equipment and mustering in of the troops of the three North Carolina regiments. The chair directed that this matter be referred to the consideration of the Committee on Finance.

Introduction of bills was next in order, the following being introduced: By Senator Satterfield, to appoint extr county commissioners of Caswell county. By Senator Hicks, for the telief of C. M. Rogers. By Senator Mason, in relation to bankruptcy. By Senator Hampton in a hole, Petree then moved McIntyre, to amend chapter 114, Laws of 1895. By Senator Davis, regarding fences in Brunswick county. By Senator Bi.ck, to amend section 2815 of the stock law elections. By Senator Speight, to amend section 1308 of the Code. By Senator Bryan, in regard to certain oaths. By Senator Stanback. in regard to the courts of Montgomery

Bills as follows pased flual reading: To provide a permanent system of government of Craven county; to provide for the filling of vacancies in office in Craven county: to regulate the bond of officers of Craven county; to increase the number of commissioners in Craven county; to unite the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Rallroad; to amend the charter of St. Mary's School, and to mend Chapter 67,

The matter of \$330.60 allowed Cannon, the losing contestant in the election contest case from the Thirty-Senator Ward said that he thought this amount excessive and that the payment of such I rge sums to confestionts would be conducted to increasing the number of contests before the Legislature and a consequent heavy expense to the State.

Sepatur Skinner said that the account of Mr. Cannon had been carefully examined and considerable reduced, and that he did not think there was any from on it that should not be paid.

While referring to Senator Skinner's statement, both Senators Ward and Glenn requested that before a final vote was taken upon the account a bill of particulars should be filed and considered. This the chair ordered to be

By leave, Senator McIntyre introduced a bill to repeal chapter 190, Laws of 1897.

A bill to repeal chapter 464. Laws of 1897 (passed by the House), which Senator Justice explained is a bill to repeal the printing laws enacted by the last Legislature, was placed upon immediate passage and passed final read-

The Senate Committee on Finance reported favorably on a bill to repeal the law of 1897, establishing a Board of \$1.80 to \$3 (this being done by the Com-Equalization.

The Senate adjourned at 12 m.

HOUSE. The House met at 10 a. m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel. An announcement was made by Justice that Governor Russell would send in, not later than next Tuesday, his reasons for removing Railway Commissioners S. Otho Wilson and James W. Wilson. He added that the Governor had informed the special committee that he would, if it were desired,

furnish the names of persons who gave

him information on which he made the

removals. The following bills were introduced: By Gattis, to incorporate the Chapel Hill School. By Leatherwood, to change the time of holding superior courts in Alamance and Swain counties copies the Twelfth district. By Reeves, for of the early Supreme Court Reports. the relief of two ex-sheriffs of Ashe. By Bryan of Madison, to abolish the chain gang system in Madison county. By Willard, to revise the jury lists of New Hanover, and to amend the char-

electric company and Seacoast railway. By Ray of Cumberland, to change the time of the meetings of county commissioners to the first Tuesday in each month, and to prevent exhorbitant charges by merchants on chattel mortgages or other securities. By Maitland, to repeal the act of 1897 requiring a fence to be built around the town of Columbia, Tyrrell county, to keep out hogs (the bill requires hogs to be kept up). By Moore, to so amend section 35 of the Code as to make bastardy proceedings a quisi civil action. By Boushall, to amend the charter of the Central Trust and Banking Company of He:tford, so as to give it authority to endorse bonds. By Johnston of Sampson, to amend the act of 1895, regarding fishing in stre ms in Samp-

A bill was favorably reported by Gilliam for "the better government of Hertford county." It creates five new ommissioners and gives the laden authority to remove the school supervisor and to have complete charge of all school committees and also to pass upon all official bonds and not to force them to accept bonds given by trust or surety companies.

Bills passed to improve the roads in Washington conuty; to allow Charlotte to issue bonds with which to pay for water-works purch sed from a private company.

A resolution came up reducing the pay of various employees 20 per cent (This was in accordance with the ag eement made by the Democratic caucus last week. The reduction is bised on the pay in 1897.1 tI does not affect the pay of the clerks which were cut to \$4, or to laborers who get \$2 a day, or to the pages, who get \$1 a day. Lowery offered an amendment that this should apply to members also. Hampon demanded the year and nays on this. The point was made by Justice that the amendment was not germane is the Constitution fixes the pay of members. He then offered an amendment that Lowery's amendment apply o Forsyth county alone. This wa adopted, amid much laughter, in which the Speaker heartily joined. This put to table the amendment. Carter of Forsyth said he and his colleagues were willing to have their pay reduced. Hampton's motion to table was lost. Julian offered an amendment that the resolution should not apply to laborers who are getting \$2.50 a day. Justice said the resolution was entitled to apply to certain assistant clerks who are now getting \$5 a day. Williams of Iredell said that the \$2.50 a day men are working only two to four hours or day He declared they ought not to be paid over \$2 a day, as farmers get only 50 cents a day. Ray of Macon said the so the committee could took into it and see that the pay of the various classes of laborers is equitable. Julian withdrew his amendment. Robinson of 'umberland said the purpose of the caucus' action was to reduce the pay if clerks to that of the members, Williams a ld he had discovered that nearly all the labolers were getting \$2.50 a day. Watson, Populist, said he fapay to \$1 as moved by Lavery. The esolution was by his time in a very emplete tangles. Overmun first sugcontrol in a foresteening the Committee on Rules, but later sold that it was perhaps best to adopt it as amend d by

great laughter. Bills pased repealing the act of 1897, creating cotton and peanut weighers for Edgecombe county, and repealing the act incorporating Reward, in Buncombe and Madison counties. Bryan of Madison s id that most of the town was in Madison, and he wanted the bill reconsidered. Bunch said the committee on towns had found that Redmond was only a bar-room and a foot-log. Cutis said he introduced the bill, and that the charter of Red mond was really the charter of a bar-room. He said the matter was an issue in politics in Buncombe.

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But finally all the amendments were

reconsidered. Craig made a motion to

table them, but found that it would

carry the resolution with it, and with-

drew it. Then Lowery withdrew his

amendment. The original resolution

then come up and was adopted, amid

Bill passed to amend charter of Fayetteville. It changes the poll-tax from mittee on Cities and Towns to preserve the constitutional equation): gives power to charge a privilege tax: makes the aldermen the sole judges of the fitness of applicants for liquor license and provides that not less than \$500 shall be charged for such license (in the court that the sale of liquor in Cumberl nd county shall be authorized hereafter), and limits the powers of

the board of audit and finance. Bills passed to all aw Bertle county to levy a tax; to amend the law as to caveats to wills; to allow Reidsville to issue bonds; to allow persons in Lincoin and Catawba countles to pay poll-

taxes by road work. There was quite a discussion as to the propriety of passing a bill giving to The bill was re-referred. It was shown that the cost of the early Reports was heavy.

Messrs. Woollcott & Son are offering ter of the Wilmington Gas Light Com- special inducements for their special pany by allowing it to combine with sale next Thursday.

## ELECTROCUTED.

James Coffin Killed by a Shock

WORKED FOR BELL CO.

Jim Coffin Was Drawing a Wire When It Came In Contact With Wire of the Raleigh Electric

James Coffin, a negro employee of he Southern Bell Telephone Company, was killed while at his work this morn

The accident happened about ten ninutes to 11 o'clock this morning. Inspector Lewis and Lineman John Sheald, assisted by Coffin, were trying to arrange the wire, which had been deranged by the sleet. The weather vas unsuited for the work and it was raining hard. Lineman Sheald was on the pole on Edenton street, where Blount intersects, and Coffin was standing on the ground, on the east sidewalk of Blount street, just north of Newbern avenue. He had a coil of were on his arm, and had wrapped the vire he was drawing around his hands. The wire was being drawn over the wire of the Raleigh Electric Company, when the wire either cut the insulator or insulation was impossible on account of the weather. The wire reseived the full charge and Coffin fell to the ground with a scream. Mr. Sheald descended from the pore on which he was working and ran up town for assistance. Mr. Lewis went to the negro, but he says that the wire was wrapped around his hand, and to pull it loose would have meant death to the one who attempted it. Mr. Lewis says Coffin was dead in two minutes.

Mr. Sheald met Mr. John Morgan near the capitol and Mr. Morgan van to the spot and with his hatched cut the wire. He thinks Coffin was still alive, for when the wire was cut the body moved, but this was probably due to the relaxation of the muscles when the current was cut off, which had been running through the body for at least ten minutes.

Dr. A. W. Goodwin reached the spot hortly after, and tried to resuscitate the man, but in vain. The negro lay on his back on the sidewalk, in mud at least four inches deep. A carriage was summoned and the limp body of James offin was carried to his home on East Cabarrus street.

Coffin was labout 25 years old. It is understood that he has a wife, but no hildren. He had been employed by the Bell Company as a ground lineman about two months. Mr. Sheald, with whom he was working, has recently moved to Raleigh from Dur-

The killing was one of those occitich are liable to harper time in this profession. It is always dang-rous work and especially in such wet weather, when perfect insulation s impossible. Notwithstanding the fact that rain

s falling in terrents, just after the coldent, yet scores of people went to so the hady before its removal.

## MURDERERS WEEK.

Next week will be one of fearful reord in Wake county, On Monday Alona Hinton (colored) will be tried for the killing of Lucien Bryan Mial, another colored man, in Mark's Creek ownship, On Tuesday Alexander Allen (colored) will be tried for the killing of his wife, near this city. On Wednesday Jim Booker alias Jim Chave (colored) will be hanged in the juliyard for the murder of Mahala White. On Thursday Millard F. Moore (white) will be tried for the homicide of Claude Shaw.

## NEW COMPANY.

The meeting to be held tonight at :30 in Rescue Hall to organize a miliary company promises to be one of importance, both to the future welfare f the city and those who attend. Every oung man of good character in Raigh, and especially those who were nembers of the old organization, should e present, and thus take steps to give he city a much-needed protection.

MONDAY EVENING LITERARY CLUB.

The next regular meeting of the Monday Evening Literary Club will be held on the evening of the 16th, at the residence of Mrs. Mattle A. Heck, at 8 o'clock. A most interesting programme will be made especially attrictive by excellent music, both vocal and instrumental.

## MASONIC.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, A. F. and A. M. vill meet in regular communication Monday evening, January 16, at 7:30 o'clock. A full meeting of the membership is requested. Brethren of sister lodges cordially invited to be present. W. W. PARISH, W. M. E. B. THOMAS, Secretary.

DINGLEY'S DEATH.

Funeral Services Will Be Held Monday at Noon.

By Telegra . Times-Visitor. ... Jan. 14.-The WASHIN death .. Nelson Dingley. night canned a deep of Mah official circles. Prominent gloom | dranches of the public sertoday to express theld convice ch dolence in response to a desire generally & pressed the public funeral service will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives Monday at noon. The funeral cortege will leave Washington for Lewiston, Maine, his ome, on Monday at 4 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, Jar. 14.—Congress-man Boutelle, of Maine, announced the death of Congressman Dingley in the House. After the appointment of a committee to attend the funeral, the house at 12:10 adjourned. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—House res-positions were reported to the Sanata

olutions were reported to the Senate. Hale moved their adoption, announcing Dingley's death and adjourned at 12:40,

#### EGAN'S PROVOCATION.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.— Commissary General Egan declined to either deny or affirm the statement that he would applogize formally to the War Investigating Commission for the language he used in his response to General Miles. It is generally believed that he is making the preliminary of a revision of his statement, but somewhat under protest. He remarked today: "I am sure the public will, after some reflection, agree with me that my provocation was great. Such a low and base accessful of the source of the state base accusation os was made against me could not fail to arouse the best minded person."

#### SOUTHERN RAILWAY ACTIVE.

by Telegraph to the Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Southern railway was most active in the stock market today, which is one of the most active Saturday's on record. Fifty two thousand shares were sold. Activity is due to heavy increase in business largely attributed to a revival of busi-ness in Cuba. The business of the road shows a very jarge increase each week over the preceeding week, since the close of hostilities.

#### NO HOPE.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.-Application by "Eadger" Moore for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the legality of his conviction was denied by the Supreme ourt today.

#### HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

An Insane Man Commits a Double Tragedy in Atlanta. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 14.-With to 9. fury, resulting from ungovernable rag or insanity, Alex Cohen stabbed A. S or insanity. Alex Conen standed A. S. Mullian with a knife last night then drove the blade twice into the throat of Mrs. Harris. When Harris rushed to his wife's rescue Cohen turned upon him, but was subdued after a fight in which one of Harris' fingers was nearly bitten off. His hand was severely cut. which one of Harris' fingers was nearly bitten off. His hand was severely cut. Mrs. Harris may not recover. Her infant in her arms was also injured. Cohen reported to the police sometime since that he was becoming insane. In jall this morning Cohen said Multian and Harris talked about him calling him all sorts of names.

## FILIPINO KILLED.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor, nation as improving. The native call-alor at the waterworks, six natics out-to the lines was natisficant Thurs by twenter. By in a cases I gains of the held from the Pre-bylection church that s, arrived with various weathers. Since her man lare users late Henthrax s, armed with various weapons the delignment in Pre-physician choich start who leavely assign the North anti-physician for the North anti-physician start for the Alberta for the Albert

## A NEW THIAL

PARIS, Jan. B. Cauley and Marin aday say that the coart of cassation and positively decided to order a new rial for Drevius.

## ALBANY.

ty Telegraph to The Times-Visitor, NEW CASTLE, Jan. 11.—The United States cruiser Albany was suc-sefully trunched this afternoon.

"OCEANIC" LAUNCHED.

By Cable to the Times-Visitor. BELFAST, Jan. 14.-The new White Star liner "Oceanie," the largest vessel of the company's fleet, was launch ed successfully this afternoon.

## PHILIP SUCCEEDS BUNCE.

ity Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. BROOKLYN. Jan. 14.-Commodor. Thilip will succeed Rear Admir d funce in command of the navy yard day.

## FAIR AND COLDER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Clearing this afetrmoon; fair, conter tonight and Sunday.

The conditions are now decidedly facorable for clearing weather. A severe storm is central over the east Lake region, which presumably moved there there from Texas. Threatening weather with rain continues in the e st, with largest- amounts at Memphis, Cincinnati and Palestine.

The barometer is high in the west with clear, colder weather which has already extended as far e at as Meridan, Mobile and Memphis. The temperature has fallen 24 degrees and 18 at Abile,, but is much warmer in the southeast.

The special attention of the public is called to the announcement of the Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Company, and of Mr. Henry T. Hicks' Drug Store for

ODD FELLOWS COLUMN.

We were glad to see so many Odd Fellows in the Grand Lodge of Ma-Grand Master B. S. Royster is now Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic

Grand Lodge, Grand Muster Dr. R. J. Noble, of the Masonic Grand Lodge, is a Past Grand of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37, I. O.

A good petition for a new Lodge at Shelby has been received and is now under consideration.
Dr. L. B. McBrayer, our District Deputy for the Fifty-ninth district, write

only for the Fifty-hinth district, writes encouragingly of the prospects in his district. Dr. M. is a hustler.

Bro. A. C. Tainter, the District Departy for the Sixty-first district, says:
"We are getting along nicely; all we lack is timber of the proper dimensions." This means that they have all s." This means that they have all men who are worth having al-

ready.

We think that Hot Springs Lodge. No. 179, deserves the credit of making the largest donation, in proportion to membership, to the Orphan Home at Christmas. It was not voted out of its

Thristmas. It was not voted out of its treasury either.

Our Grand Treasurer has just paid over to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home another installment of one thougand dollars for the fiscal year

Have the Lodges in Raleigh discussed the proposed amendment to the Constitution now pending, and to be voted on at the next session of the Grand Lodge? Do you know what

it is? We notice something about "with-drawing fellowship from a Grand Jurisdiction" in the proceedings of another Orles. This would never occur for a similar cause with us. Only white men

similar cause with us. Only white men-can be members of our Order, and if-our law upon this subject is not obeyed by a Grand Lodge we simply call in their charter and the chapter ends. In these days of many societies, many notions and many remedies for existing evils, when the spirit of criti-cism and antagonism is rife among men, that organized body of workers the most active, the most faithful to the most active, the most faithful to obligations taken and promises made, and the most careful in the matter of the finances, will become strong and durable, and as a consequence survive the weak and inert, which will go to the wall.—O. F. Siftings.

Admissions to the Illinois Odd Fellows Orphans Home are governed in

part as follows:

"The age limit for admission is 12 years, and children admitted may be

years, and children admitted may be retained until 16 years of age, or in the discretion of the Board.

"No vicious child or child of naturally whoked tendencies will be admitted. The Home is full of young and innocent lives whose future is too important to be subjected to any corrupting influence. Whenever the Board discovers that improper children have been admitted, whether the same be through mistake or imposition, such children will be promptly returned to goardians. Children having one living goardians. Children having one living parent will not be received, except in case of extreme emergency, as where the surviving parent is a confirmed in-calld or is insane, or is otherwise whol-ly incapricitated from earning or pro-

iding a living."
This branch of the Order has had a effuling influence upon the Order at The taste and grace with which Large. The taste and grace with which the laddes put upon the floor the work in the beautiful form has been an in-spiration to the Subordinate branch of our Order, and has led them to a much ugher degree of excellence in the per-ermance of their work.

## MRS, COLEY DEAD.

one of Raleigh's codest and Bestknown Chrizers D. d.

Mrs. Eleanor Colly deal at her resis on South McDowell street you action is indecoving. The native engl- certary evening at 8:15 orelock, in the

Showard of inisocial, one sister, Miss. St. a Showard, still the eff.

Woods S. W. 1991 Chook Williams of the lar Whiting, one do by ward Miss. Chook. She was a line so of Henry D. Tarrier, Immediate of Thingar's Anthe Canolina Almanae.

Who, Coley was a rhandy one of Kashoulli's added inhabitants. Her moth rived where bobbin & Ferral's statuted where Dobbin & Ferral's statuted where the same and the work of the same and the same mother was complayed at the home

m's mother was employed at in of Mrs. Coley's mother when Andrew . born.

Mrs. Coley was a true Christian wo man. Her surviving caltiren are Mes-srs, Henry, Samuel and Caleb Coley, Mrs, Billings and Miss Hannah Cocy.

## MARK TWAIN'S STORY.

Mark Twala tells of an instance

which happened on one of his lecture tours. He delivered one of his most comical addresses to quite a large audience in a country town, had exerted himself to the utmost, but had utterly failed to start an audible smile. He had finally closed with the impression that he must have made a failure. As the audience was leaving one of the conferencement up to him and said: 'Mr. Twain, we enjoyed your address very much. It was extremely interexing, but do you know there were two or three times during the evening I had just all I could do to keep from bursting out laughing. Some of your remarks were so funn." Now if you will attend the performance of that omedy drama, "Side Tracked," it the Academy of Music on Wednesday, January 18, you will find something quite as funny as any of Mark Twain's remarks, but don't try to keep from laughing. You will never be able to do it, and you need not. We don't expect it of you, for "Side Tracked" is built for laughing purposes only, and it's a great success. Don't forget the

## RELEASE PRISONERS.

By Cable to the Times-Viritor, MADRID, Jan. 14.-The Filipino con-

tingent here has offered to assist the government in obtaining the release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippines.

# LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Familiar Faces in the Passing Throng

#### SHORT STATEMENTS

Movement of People You Know-Glean ings in and About the City-Snatch's of Today's Street Gossip.

Mr. A. M. McPheeters continues to mprove and will be out shortly.

The session of the court was brief tolay, and no cases of interest were

Mayor Powell today fined W. R. Robrtson \$5.25 and R. W. Hoods \$4.25, both olored, for disorderly conduct

The fire-alarm box, corner of East and Edenton streets, is burned out, and t will be several days before it can be

Another batch of road hands confitted at this term of court was taken com the jail to the workhouse quarters ate yesterday evening.

Judge Brown decided yesterday evenng that Dr. A. J. Buffaloe had a perfeet right to remove the stable from

is place on Edenton street. The work of mustering out the Third Regiment at Macon, Ga., is progressng rapidly, and they will be out of he service by the 25th of January.

low occupied by Mr. W. H. Harding, will be sold next Monday. This is a nost desirable place. Just north of the

Mr. Charles H. Pool has purchased

he interest of Mr. Emery and will con-

inue the business of the firm of Pool & Emery, as building contractors, Mr. Pool is theroughly experienced and he call be successful, At Edenton Street Methodis: Church

ervice temerrow at H a, m, and 7:30 , in, by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Nors pan. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Jos. G. Brown, Superintendent.

There will be a rally of the Epworth League of Central Church tomorrow vening at 7:30 to which all the members are invited; also all who wish to spend an hour in hearing good short

At the usual hour Rev. Mr. Glenn vill preach in Central church tomorow. The public, and and strangers in carrientar are invited to attend and also part. Similary school at 9.30

Ether P. D. Gold, of Wilson, N. C., a minister of the Prantity - Baptist hunch and editor of Zon's Luminark, will preach at the Primitive Rapris. t to. The public is invited to he in

Because out the matter takes as afterthe recommendation is no more to see gar on or the Line discount of the of Mindows Particularly by some November 1819 of the ones to the time news, there are need on are invited to up at land seems are hour in a most delign full out observe ing mean in The second Colling h Arien 'will be rell with mesch paches and

## THRIST CHURCH.

Dov. M. M. Marshall by December. Second Sunday after Epipaans; Early Celebration, 8 a. m.

Sunday-school, 10 a. m. Divine service and sermon, II a. m.

Evening Prayer, 4:39 perm. Services during the week; We incoday, 4:30 p. ni., and Friday, 10 a. m. Free sears. Strangers in the city cor-

Battle bacitoit. St. Saviour's Chapel: Sunday-school, D a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Night service, 7,50 p. m. Seats tree,

## THEREH OF THE GOOD SHEET

All Websehire.

Rev. Dr. L. McK. Pittinger, Rector. Second Sunday after Epiphany H ly Communion at S.a. m.: Sunday sea of at 5.20 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermen at that me: Evening Prayer and ermon at 7, 30 p. ma. Services during the week--Wednesday at 10 a. m. Fri-

All sears free; all cordially invited.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Jas. L. Foster, pastor Sanday School at 10 a. m., John A. Mills, superintendent Preaching at II a. m. and 7.50 p. m., by the paster Subject morning service. "Who is on the Lord's side?" Ex. 32:26; evening, "Spiris' Victory in Death." Luke 23:46.

Members of the General Assembly and strangers in the city cordially invited to worship with this convega-

tion while in the city. Special Chuch Conference immediately after morning service. All members