

## THE NEWS BY WIRE

### To-Day's Happenings All Over the Country.

## CANTON TRAIN KILLS

### THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MURDERS A COUNTRYMAN.

Many People Drowned on the Pacific Coast—Eighteen Ships 10 Days Late—Heavy Import of Mexican Silver.

By Telegraph to The Times.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—It is almost certain that twenty-eight passengers and all the crew of the steamer Cleveland are drowned. Eighteen other ships and schooners bound for this port from foreign harbors are overdue from eleven to fourteen days. There is no question but that many, if not all, are lost. This is caused by the December gales that swept this coast.

## KILLED BY MCKINLEY'S TRAIN.

### The Special Bearing Cabinet and Friends Left Canton To-day.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—A special train bearing the President and Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Abner McKinley, members of the cabinet, and a number of friends passed through Pittsburg this morning from Canton. Twenty minutes after the train left Canton it struck and instantly killed Louis Moint, a laborer, who was walking on the track.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Presidential party arrived shortly before noon. All social official functions at the White House will be omitted for a period of thirty days from the date of death of Mother McKinley.

## MAY GO TO ASHEVILLE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Richard Croker, of New York, is still here. He may leave this afternoon for either Asheville or New York, but no one as yet knows.

## BEAT TO DEATH BY A COP.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 15.—Thomas McCarthy died at Bellevue Hospital this morning. His friends allege it to be the result of being received at the hands of Policeman Thaddeus Murphy.

## SIX MILLION BUSHELS DUE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—It is estimated today that wheat bulls will probably get six million bushels of cash wheat to pay for before the last day of the month.

## PRINTERS STRIKE OFF.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 15.—The job printers' strike is declared off. It was to have taken place today, but at the last moment a compromise was effected by each side giving way one-half. They decided that a work day shall comprise nine and a half hours.

## LOCAL CONTROL OF SALOONS.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 15.—The excise bill, which Senator Grady, of New York, is drafting here is to repeal the Raines law. The new bill arranges for the almost absolute controlling of saloons by the various local governments.

## WILL NOT BE CHANGED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Dingley tariff law will not be changed in any of its customs features at the present session of congress. The general understanding is to this effect, and has been reached among republican members of the Ways and Means committee, who feel most desirable to avoid disturbing the tariff.

## IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

By Telegraph to The Times.

LaGrange, Ga., Dec. 15.—George Gill and William Smith, the negro murderers, who will be hanged January 7th, are literally in the shadow of the gallows. The instrument of death is placed at the corner of their cell on account of the small size of the jail.

## THEY SWAPPED JOBS

### Mewborne Considers it a Promotion.

## CHANGED WITH SMITH

### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT DOOMED TO PENITENTIARY'S FATE.

J. C. L. Harris Suggests a Scheme and the Governor Catches On—Incompetency on Both Sides Charged.

John R. Smith's resignation as Superintendent of the State Penitentiary has for over a week been in the hands of the Governor, subject to the condition that J. M. Mewbo'orne would tender his resignation and accept the proposition to swap offices.

The Board of Agriculture at its meeting last night was notified by His Royal Highness, through Mr. J. C. L. Harris, that their presence was desired.

Immediately they took themselves into the presence of his Excellency, who informed them as to the nature of the change he desired to be made, and, though they gasped for breath, that little whisper seemed to speak in every ear, "When I speak let no dog bark," and O be joyful Ramsey, spake not and neither did he bark.

The Board quietly arose, returned to their former meeting place, wrote out the resignation for Commissioner Mewborne to sign, elected John R. Smith and then, disgusted with themselves, adjourned, fearing to look each other in the face.

Such open acknowledgement of incompetency on both sides and cowardly fear to turn down incapable officials was never before shown in the State and the pride of every North Carolinian has received a severe blow.

Mr. Mewborne this morning said: "I received the change a promotion, though I did not care to swap offices. I did so simply to comply with the Governor's wishes.

"When the Board looks over my books I wish them to examine them carefully, and if I have been derelict in my duty, say so.

"But," continued the Commissioner, "I want them to say that I have done well if they find everything in good shape." Mr. Mewborne seemed very much wrought up over the sudden change and as yet he does not realize what has happened, so quickly did the Czar expedite his little scheme.

Mr. Mewborne says he believes the management of the Penitentiary the most responsible position in the gift of the State, for says he, "we must fight against the winds and storms of heaven."

The most important idea he sees in the deal is that Governor Russell has learned of the incompetency of John R. Smith and believes the place can be better filled by Mewborne.

If such is the case, Mewborne is not thrown in such a bad light before his own eyes, but may mercy be granted the Governor in his present state of mind. It is said that Governor Russell has a scheme on foot whereby both Smith and Mewborne will have to answer all questions of Mr. J. C. L. Harris and he will report such information as is of interest to the Czar.

It is said the Governor would like to make Mr. Harris his "co-manipulator" with a salary as such only under the name of "Private Counsel to the Governor."

The next development is watched for, since dame rumor says Mr. Mewborne will make several new appointments at the State Farms. It is also stated authoritatively that Mr. Smith's hands are tied and that the Governor holds one end of the strings and Mr. Harris has the other.

## THE BAPTIST BOARD

### Held an Important Meeting Last Night.

## J. E. RAY PRESIDENT

### ELECTED TO SUCCEED MR. SCARBOROUGH, WHO RESIGNED.

Over \$10,000 Appropriated to the Destitute Mission Fields of the State—John E. White, Secretary.

Last night the Baptist Mission Board convened in this city, and their session continued until a late hour.

Much important business was transacted by these Solons of the church.

Among those present were the following gentlemen: John E. Ray, president; John E. White, corresponding secretary; Rev. B. W. Spilman, S. S. Missionary; Rev. Dr. J. D. Huffman, Henderson; Rev. L. Johnson, Greensboro; Rev. Dr. H. A. Brown, Winston; Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann, Scotland Neck; Rev. Dr. W. R. Gwaltney, Rev. W. R. Cullom, Professor J. B. Brewer, Wake Forest; Hon. John C. Scarborough, Murfreesboro; Rev. G. M. Webb, Shelby; Rev. H. M. Holleman, Apex; T. H. Street, Esq., Roxboro; Rev. A. C. Irvin, Cleveland County; Rev. Wm. Blunt, Bladen county; Rev. F. H. Fearington, Wilmington; Rev. G. H. Church, Statesville; T. B. Boushall, Esq., Camden county; Rev. Dr. T. J. Taylor, Warrenton; Rev. A. C. Wall, Walburg; J. M. Beaty, Esq., Smithfield.

In addition to those from other sections there were present of the city, Rev. Drs. Carter, Simms, Rev. A. L. Betty, Messrs. J. W. Bailey, J. C. Cadell, C. J. Hunter, S. W. Brewer, E. C. Holleman, J. H. Alford, J. C. Ellington, J. S. Allen, H. W. Norris, J. H. Weather, N. B. Broughton, J. P. Wyatt and H. L. Watson.

At last night's session the resignation of Hon. John C. Scarborough as president of the Board was accepted, with a vote of gratitude for his faithful and efficient services, and Mr. John E. Ray, the newly elected president, was inducted into office.

About \$10,000 was appropriated last night to the different mission fields throughout the State.

The chief points to which appropriations were made—Charlotte, Concord, Wilmington, Greensboro, Washington, Winston, Tarboro, Roanoke, Gibsonville Rapids, and work in the counties of Green, Pamlico, Hyde, Pitt, Carteret, Jones, Lenoir, McDowell Madison, Halifax Edgecombe Bladen Columbus and others.

One hundred missionaries will be at work under the direction of this Board. The Board regards the last year's work as the greatest in the history of North Carolina Baptists, and plans for another year of great effort in the work of evangelization and the propagation of Baptist principles.

Thirty-five members of the Board and visitors were present at the meeting. Rev. G. M. Webb, Rev. A. C. Irvin, R. T. Vann, T. J. Taylor, W. R. Cullom, W. R. Gwaltney, Dr. J. D. Huffman, Wm. Brunt and others left this morning for their homes.

## MANY DIVIDENDS PAID TODAY.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 15.—Wall street bulls are more than pleased at the unusually long list of dividends payable to-day. The total amount in round figures amounts to \$10,000,000.

## MEXICAN SILVER IMPORTED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 15.—The steamship City of Washington, from Mexican ports, brought 150,000 ounces of Mexican silver and \$8,500 of gold to this port to-day.

## A QUIET WEDDING

### Marriage in this City this Morning.

## HOME OF MR. PESCU

### RALEIGH UNITED WITH NEW ORLEANS BY STRONG TIES.

The Fascinating Daughter of Our Popular Druggist Marries a Successful Louisiana—Family Friends Present.

This morning at the residence of Mr. John S. Pescud, a popular druggist of this city, his daughter, Miss Mary Wilson Pescud, was united in marriage to Mr. Percy P. Lynch, of New Orleans.

It was a quiet home wedding, but the ceremony was beautiful.

The home parlors were tastily arranged and at 10 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor, where Dr. M. M. Marshall awaited them.

Mr. Thomas Pescud, of this city, the best man, entered first with Mr. Percy Phillip Lynch. Then followed Miss Elizabeth Mordecai and Miss Belle Pescud, who took their positions on opposite sides of the altar.

Miss Jennie Pescud, maid of honor, and sister of the bride, entered next and was followed by the bride, Miss Mary Wilson Pescud, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. John S. Pescud, who gave her away.

Dr. Marshall then read the ceremony of the Episcopal church uniting the young couple as man and wife.

The bridal party left on the noon train for Northern points and on their return trip South will stop by Raleigh.

Miss Pescud is a most accomplished young woman and is generally admired by a large circle of friends in this city. Her ever pleasant bearing and kind thoughtfulness of others has endeared her to many of the good people of Raleigh.

Mr. Percy Phillip Lynch is a successful business man of New Orleans, and upon him the congratulations of hundreds of our people are showered.

The wedding was a quiet one on account of a recent affliction through which the family of the bride has passed, but the handsome groom, fascinating bride and the attendants made the scene a most beautiful one.

## ATKINSON-JONES.

At 2:15 o'clock this afternoon in the parlors of the Florence Hotel, Rev. J. L. Foster united in marriage Miss Sarah J. Atkinson and Mr. Willie F. Jones, who reside about eight miles south of this city.

A few friends came from the country to witness the ceremony and bid the young people God-speed in their journey through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones returned to the country this afternoon, both looking supremely happy.

## THE LEES LAST NIGHT.

Hypnotized a Number of People in the Audience.

The performance of the Lees last night was even more interesting than the one on Monday, when Mr. Wyatt, of the company, was placed on the cot to sleep for forty-eight hours.

Last night the Lees had a great many subjects, and the majority of them are Raleigh people.

During the show last night Professor Lee said that if anyone in the audience wished to test his performance, to follow the directions he gave to the subjects on the stage. In a few moments Professor Lee had a dozen or more ladies and gentlemen asleep in the audience.

To-night the man who will have been asleep for forty-eight hours at Sherwood, Higgs & Co.'s store will be brought to the opera house and awakened during the performance.

A wonderful test—breaking a rock on a hypnotized man's body, was made last night, and probably would have been successful, but one of the chairs gave way.

## GRAND LODGE OF N C

### Grand Secretary's Letter to the Order.

## FOR VANCE MONUMENT

### THE CORNER-STONE TO BE LAID DECEMBER 22D.

An Urgent Request of the Grand Master to All the Brethren to Be Present on This Occasion.

In reference to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, called for the 22nd, noted in The Times yesterday, the Grand Secretary has addressed the following letter to all of the order. He notifies the Masons of Raleigh through the Times.

"Office of Grand Secretary, Raleigh, Dec. 14, 1897.

## "To All of the Order:

"By order of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Walter E. Moore, a special communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., is hereby called to convene at Asheville, on Wednesday, December 22, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Grand Lodge is called together for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Vance monument. This is an occasion of deep interest to all the people of our State, as it commemorates the virtues of one whom we delight to honor. The Grand Master requests me to urge upon you the importance of making a special effort to be present. We honored ourselves in honoring Vance while living, and we should now perpetuate and cherish his memory. He was a zealous patron of Masonry, and endeavored to live up to its true teachings, by "squaring his actions by the square of virtue."

"Yours fraternally,

"JOHN C. DREWRY,  
Grand Secretary."

## DR. DURHAM'S SON.

He Has the Making of an Orator in Him.

This week's Biblical Recorder has the following item about the son of a leading divine in the State:

"A pleasant surprise was in store for those who attended the Young People's Meeting of the Raleigh First Baptist church. When the subject was opened for remarks, Brother Baxter Durham, the younger son of the lamented Dr. C. Durham, arose and made a speech that reminded some of those present of the eloquence and earnestness of his father. Said Dr. Carter: 'I believe there is an orator in that boy.' The work of the Young People in the First Baptist church was never so promising."

## DEATH OF MR. WM. H. HIGH.

After a Week's Illness, Wake County's Ex-Sheriff Passes Away.

This morning, about 1 o'clock, ex-Sheriff Wm. H. High passed away in this city, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. V. C. Royster.

Mr. High had been sick about a week, and at his ripe age death came not unexpectedly. The deceased was born in Wake county in 1820, and resided here until about twenty-five years ago, when, with his family, he went to California. About 1890, returning from California, he made his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Royster, and had been ever since a citizen of Raleigh.

Up to the first year after the war, Mr. High was for sixteen years sheriff of Wake county, and was well and prominently known among all the people of his county.

Mr. High saw service both in the Mexican war and in the late war. He was a man of pleasing temperament and of genial heart, and attached to himself many warm friends, who will read with profound regret of his death.

Surviving Mr. High are four sons and two daughters, as follows: Wm. H. High, Jr., Alexander Z. High, S. H. High and Mrs. Rebecca Carter, all now residing in California; Gavin D. High, of the New York Sun staff, and Mrs. V. C. Royster, of Raleigh.

The announcement for the funeral ceremonies will be announced later.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 12 o'clock, from the First Baptist church, the Rev. Dr. Carter officiating.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

### Important Happenings in and About the City

## FOR BUSY READERS

### INTERESTING EVENTS OF TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

What is Heard on the Streets and Jotted Down in Our Note-Book—Personal and Otherwise.

The Governor has appointed Mr. J. A. Elliott, of Davidson county, a notary public.

There will be an art entertainment in the studio at Peace Institute on Friday. The pictures are beautiful, and only a few friends of the school will be invited.

The new pastor for Epworth Chapel, in Brooklyn, has arrived, and will preach his first sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The pastor is Rev. T. H. Bain.

Cadet Horne's condition at 3:30 this afternoon was reported as better. He has been sleeping most of to-day, and the rest has been a great instrument in his improvement.

The Board of Agriculture was in session all the morning, but heard only the reports of officers. This afternoon they met at 3 o'clock and to-night will elect the new engineer.

Mr. Wyatt, who has been snoozing softly for about 44 hours in the window at Sherwood Higgs & Co.'s, will to-night be awaked at the Lees' performance in Metropolitan Opera House.

The committee examining the books of the State Treasurer and Auditor have not yet completed their work in Mr. Worth's office, but will finish to-morrow, when they go into the office of State Auditor Ayer.

Office Deputy, P. George Hannah, and Deputy Joe D. McIver, left on the 3:40 train for Washington with the two colored boys—Samuel Wellons and Luther A. Wynne—who were sentenced to twelve months each in the reformatory at Washington for robbing the post-offices at Goldsboro and Powellsville, N. C.

Children participating in the dance Friday evening will wear dominos, but the usual evening dress is in order, if preferred. Miss Kate Denson will be glad to give information and assistance in regard to dominos on Thursday and Friday, at her home. The ladies in charge of the dance have found it almost impossible to see personally every one they wish to attend, and would be glad if those interested will report to Mrs. F. H. Cameron. Dancing will be in at 8 o'clock. Parents will be admitted free, but the regular price for spectators is 25 cents. Dance to be at Euphrosyne Club room.

## DEATH OF MR. JAMES PURYEAR.

Former Durhamite Dies at the Age of Eighty-two.

Mr. James Puryear died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. John W. Check, on East Edenton street.

Mr. Puryear was born in Granville county and was a resident of Durham for a number of years, being engaged in the tobacco business. For the past several years he has resided in this city with Mr. Check. Two years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and somewhat recovered he was confined to his room. He was a patient sufferer. He passed peacefully away. He was 82 years of age.

He leaves five sons and two daughters, who are residents of this and other States, many relatives and other friends to mourn his death. His good wife preceded him to the grave in 1885. She rests in Durham cemetery, and he will be interred by her side.

His remains will be taken to Durham on the morning train. Dr. Simms, of the Tabernacle church here, will conduct the services which will be held in Durham.

## RALEIGH MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Raleigh Musical Association will be held at St. Mary's Thursday evening, December 16th, at 8 o'clock. After a short business meeting, a musical program, prepared for the occasion, will be rendered. All members, active, associate and honorary, are invited to attend.