RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1897.

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To-Day's Happenings All Over the Country.

BANKRUPYCY BILL

OPPONENTS FEAR IT MAY BE PASSED SOON

Loud Claims his Postal Bill Will Save \$10,000,000 -- Fire Raging in Columbus, Miss.

By Telegraph to The Times,

Washington, Dec. 22.-There is a very measure concede their fear that it will pass both houses. The bill will be taken

HAMBURG TO RACE NEXT YEAR.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 21.-W. L. Powers announces tonight that be had pur-chased Hamburg for Marcus Daly, of Montana, and that the great two-yearold would race here next season. He will be trained by Wm, Lakeland.

FOUND SAFE AFTER THE FIRE.

By Telegraph to The Times. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.-Late yes terday afternoon the vaults of the Mer-mod and Jaccard Jewelry Company, whose establishment was burned Sun-

day morning were opened and the contents consisting of \$250,000 worth of jewelry, were found intact. GEORGIA CONVICT SCHEME.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.-Governor Atkinson yesterday appointed J. S. Turner, the present principal keeper of the penitentiary; Jacob L. Beach, of Brunswick, ad General Clement A. Evans, of this city, commissioners to inaugurate the convict system provided for by the recent legislature. He also signed the measure which, yesterday became a law,

AMERICAN WIVES IN FAVOR.

Provided They Do Not Agree With Our "Radical Element."

By Telegraph to The Times.

Weshington, D. C., Dec. 21.-Stories have been current recently that the mission of the new French ambassador at Madrid, M. Patenotre, who recently closed his service here, would be considerably embarrassed from the fact that he had married an American girl. It is stated, however, that when a similar story gained circulation in Madrid a few weeks ago it was promptly, and with apparent authority, denied. The report was originally printed in a French newspaper, and was copied in Madrid. Thereupon, the Epoca, the leading Conservative paper in Madrid, the editor being the dean of the journalistic community, took up the matter and gave assuranace that the American wife of the French ambassador would be received with every mark of consideration. It instanced as a similar case that of the wife of the Marquis Apezteguia, who was formerly Miss Vincent, of New York, and as wife of the well known Spanish leader has been made a Spanish grandee and close associate of the Queen. Thesy American wives, the Epoca asserted, in no way shared the sentiment of certain radical elements in America. favorable to the Cuban insurgents, and they would be shown every mark of official and royal favor, Madam Patenotre was formerly Miss Elverson, of Philadelphia.

TO SEND OUR HORSES ABROAD.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.-Charles E. Stubbs started last night for Europe as a special envoy of this government, appointed by Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department to encourage the use of the American horse among the cavalry of Europe.

REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

Lane Walked on Crutches to Marry An

Agency Woman.

By Telegraph to The Times. Topeka, Kans., Dec. 22.-Reuben Lane walked on crutches from Barnsborough, Pa., to Topeka, to marry Mrs. Eliza Ann Parker. When he arrived here she refused to have him. He has employed a lawyer nd will commence action for years old. She is a widow 60 years old. They became engaged throad monial agency. It took Lane thirty aix days to make the trip.

ARMOUR IS DONE.

By Telegraph to The Times, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Armour said to-day: "We are through with the wheat We are after no more wheat, and some further deliveries to make that will wind up our connection with December, we are believers in it. Very confident believers."

RYAN TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

Evangelist J. W. Lee on Sunday visit-Byangelist J. W. Lee on Sunday visited Sonly Ryan, the white man who is to be executed in Greensboro Thursday for the murder of his wire. The condemned man stated to the Evangelist that whiskey was the one cause of his tong history of crime. He also promised Mr. Lee to give him a written statement on Wednesday in order to warn other young men against the certain ruin which is caused by drink.

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Their Plans Outlined for Independent Politcal Action.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Denver, Col., Dec. 22.—The Rocky Mountain News today sent a telegram Laying to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him to outline the plans of his organization for independent political action.

The following response was received:
"Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 22.
"The plans for our political action in the interest of labor are only in a tentative state at present. The American Federation of Labor proposes, however, to take such political action as will compel the law-makers, the executives and the judiciary to enact, to enforce and to define laws in the interest of our people. We shall elect our own representatives wherever possible and at all times defeat the enemies of our cause, irrespective of party. To achieve these purposes, however, we realize that it is necessary for the workers of our country east, west, north and south, to unite

of Labor."

FIRE RAGING IN COLUMBUS.

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—There is a fire raging in Columbus, Miss. The Gilmer House and Western Union Telegraph office are destroyed, and adjoining buildings are burning. A stiff breeze is blowing. The entire business portion of the city is threatened.

Occasion.

The members of the Asheville and Biltmore lodges, with visiting brethren, met at Masonic hall at 9 o'clock and welcomed the officers of the Grand Lodge during the assembling of that body, which convened at 10 o'clock.

At 10:45 the line of procession moved from the bell.

A \$100,000 FIRE.

By Telegraph to The Times. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.-The Andrews Furniture Company's warehouse, filled with finished goods, was burned to-day. The loss was over one hundred thousand dollars, fully insured.

\$50,000 TRANSFERRED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 22.-A transfer of currency to New Orleans amounting to fif-ty thousand dollars was made from the sub-treasury to-day.

MOUSE STARTS A FIRE.

GEORGE GOULD TO QUIT.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 22.—George and countinued as follows: Gould will retire from the presidency Music, Asheville Orchest of the Missouri Pacific, March first, He will be succeeded by S. H. Clark, of the Union Pacific. Gould will take a long vacation and will probably make a tour of the world.

AN AUTHOR MURDERED.

By Telegraph to The Times,

Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 22.-David S. R. Lambert, author, who was shot by masked robbers at his home Friday evening died at one o'clock this morning without recovering consciousness. clew. Mrs. Lambert who was chloroformed by robbers is in a critical condition. The town has offered two hundred dollars reward.

A WHITE CHRISTMAS.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Dec. 22.—Snow is falling here, at Buffelo and at Philadelphia this morning. Heavy snow s white Christmas predicted, Heavy snow storms and

THE LOUD POSTAL BILL.

By Telegraph to The Times,

Washington, Dec. 22.-Chairman Loud of the House committee on Postoffices announced that the just completed Load bill for the better classification of mail matter will effect a saving of ten million dollars annually, and wipe out an enormous deficit that confronts the postoffice department every year. He believes the bill is stronger than it was last year and will carry.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Freida Schlintz, a cripple, was roasted to death in a burning tenement this morning withing a few feet of a fire escape. Fifteen others were rescued by the daring bravery of firemen. Police and fire-men formed a ladder of their bodies. down which men, women and children climbed. Fireman Martin Oakley was killed and four others seriously injured

ORANGE CROP INJURED.

By Telegraph to The Times. Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The recent heavy frosts reported have been very injurious to the orange and lemon crops of Southern California.

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Calico Telegraph Says Judge Clark is Writing Decision.

There are various rumors about town as to when the Supreme Court will hand down its decision in regard to the new

railroad commissioners. One story says that a femine relative of a justice has told a confidential friend that she heard it from her relatives that

did not say.

All this by "callco telegraph," and tomorrow will see if it is true. If Judge Clark is writing the decision it will be handed down tomorrow, but any other justice on the bench, it is said, would hold it over until the spring term.

Stone

Last Night

IMPRESSIVE CHARACTER OF THE REPORT PREPARED AND READ BY

Oration of Rev. R. R. Swope. D. D. Lodge A Valuable Dec ment and one of Vital In-Represented .- Invited Guests, the Pupils Sing

CEREMONIES

Special to The Times.

low, aid.

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is a very favorable outlook for the passage of the bankruptcy bill. The opponents of the measure concede their fear that it will "President of the American Federation" "President of the American Federation" "President of the Corner-stone of the Vance monu-Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—The proper ple of Raleigh was presented at the places. This fact should be taken into gram arranged for the ceremonies of the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce consideration by the people of Raleigh, Grand Lodge of Masons in the laying ment today were carried out in splendid order and presented as was expected be given an opportunity to hear what features of an exceedingly interesting the committee has to say on the subject

square in the following order, under the direction of the marshal, A. L. Parker, Biltmore lodge, No. 446; W. T. Had-

Asheville lodge, No. 410; G. H. Mor ris, aid. Mt. Hermon lodge, No. 118, J. T. By-

Visiting lodges: D. S. Hilderbrand, aid. Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, as escort to the Grand Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of

North Carolina. The line of march was from Masonic hall on Patton avenue to Church street, to Willow, to South Main, to the monu-

ment. On arrival of the procession at the By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, Dec. 22.—A mouse nibbled a box of matches this morning in a tenement house, three hundred Cherry street.

Square the lodges formed in open order, the Grand Lodge passing through the lines to the platform, the Templar escort marching to the north side of the square in rear of the lines of the pupils and started a fire. It caused a panic of the public schools, and the lodges in sixteen families in the building, nother formed in a hollow square about the platform. The visiting brethren occupied the west, Biltmore, Asheville and

Mt. Hermon lodges the south. The exercises began with the nonneement by Grand Master W. E. Moore of the purposes of the occasion

Music, Asheville Orchestra.
Ode, Fred Moore, Esq.
Prayer, Rev. Chas. W. Byrd, D. D.,
as Grand Chaplain.

Deposit of article and memoranda of interest in the stone by Grand Treasurer William Simpson.

Setting stone by Grand officers. Invocation, "America," pupils city schools. Oration, Rev. R. R. Swope, D. D.

The annual meeting of the State Association of School Superintendears will be held at Greenshore, Dec. 28th and 29th, beginning at 7:30 p. m., of the first named day. Prof. John J. Blair, of the Winston City Schools, is on the programme for an address upon casion is expected.

PLANTING STRAWBERRIES.

Truckers in Southeastern North Carolina around Wilmington have been busy planting strawberries, and decide that acreage will be more than double that of last year. Increased accrage means that section will ship over 300,000 crates, Shipments last season were 164,188 crates of 32 quarts, and they sold at \$780,000. gkfEd b.-ara flamoi vbgkqj xzfifff1/81/8

THERES NOTHING LIKE IT. Raleign, N. C., Dec. 22, 1897.

To the Immediate Benefit Life Insur-

ance Co., Baltimore, Md. Gentle'men: Allow me to return to you my sincere thanks for the prompt payment of \$186, being the amount in full of policy No. 31,687 held by my son, Edward Y. Mitchiner, who departed this life on the 18th inst. He was insured in your worthy company on May 11th,

1896, paying 10 cents weekly.

The above amount, paid me today rompts me to say to my friends and the public of North Carolina that when an agent of the Immediate Benefit of Baltimore comes to your house for the pur-pose of insuring you treat him with such nsideration as you would accord your dearest friend; during the time I paid my weekly premiums I looked upon the company's representatives as mere the decision of the court would be ten by Judge Clark, and that one justice, her relative, would dissent. As to as "angels of mercy" sent from the tice, her relative, would decide she "Throne of Heaven." Trusting that your company will always be a house-hold word as it is in Raleigh today, is

the sincere wish of your beneficiary.
PATSY X MITCHINER, JOHN MITCHELL, Witness, 881 S. Wilmington Street.

of the Corner The Insurance Committee

CHAIRMAN R. C. STRONG

Insurance Costs

A report of vital interest to the peolast night and it is only proper that the however, that there are a great humpeople interested in the subject should of insurance.

The Times gives space to a partial re-

port submitted by the committee: In considering whether or not a lower rate of fire insurance should be charged for Raleigh, than that now in force, your committee have, to this time, gathered the following facts:

That the highest average of losses of Raleigh, is \$6,072.72. That though call a stanuard city, yet the probability last five years, and had only taken in of loss has been demonstrated to be ex- \$2,0.0 in premiums. tremely light; in fact, falling much within the average just given of the losses ate, yet the experience of one such compaid here.

According to the Universal Mercantile Schedule, generally used for the rating As the letter of this committee to the of Morehead City. of cities, the rate for Raleigh would be Continental Insurance Company, and The scarlet fever sign has been taken 40 cents for mercantile houses. This, of course, is a basis rate. The basis rate now observed is about 75 cents for Press Listor, an evening paper of this merry Xmas. business places.

Experience, and the actual observation of the efficiency of our Fire Depart, contrary to all the facts, and to the A. F. Hall will return from Eikin on magnitude, unless the fire department. soon has it under control, before any! \$20,000 fire might occur at any time, Paris and Leete, of Galveston, Texas, easily removable in case of fire, there been shown above, the estimated aver- eigh. has been no material losses.

The Fire Department consists of three two horse hose wagons, one two horse hook and ladder, four thousand feet of cotion rubber lined hose, eight horses, of less than 10 years. The Continental The Soubsard Air Line has issued a four paid drivers, four paid night Company acknowledges the reliability of schools, colleges and an versiles on its cotton rubber lined bose, eight horses, watchmen, and 90 volunteer members.

The Gamewell is the fire alarm system

Company acknowledges the reliability of schools, collenes and universities on its the Universal Mercantile Companyeites system, published in about 100 pages. "The Old North State," pupils city call bells, (attached to alarm system), schools.

Benediction.

Music.

The invited guests were ushered to seets on the platform on presentation of tickets to the ushers, by Messrs, Juo.

A. Wagner, Jr., and Marcus Erwin.

Esq.

Association of Superinters.

Dents.

The annual meeting of the State

In members houses, 140 hydranis, with water pressure always from the tower state from the five pressure always from the tower state from the hydranis and with direct pressure five state from the hydranis and with direct pressure five state from the hydranis and with direct pressure five state from the hydranis and with direct pressure five state from the hydranis with direct pressure five state from the hydranis with direct pressure five state for the state of lass.

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city of Raleigh.

eigh, and the payments for which are made through the banks here, are charged against Raleigh, which is unfame and a profitable and interesting oc and a profitable and a profitabl

\$40,000 a year is annually paid in fire ciation. insurance premiums. We have received two letters from the South Eastern Tar-000 were received in premiums.

The South Eastern Tariff Associathat I wrote them, declining to grant ing that an examination and comparison risks, to a great extent. had shown that the lowest rates in the state prevailed in that city. The question occurs to your committee, does this comparison include Greensboro?

The argument is advanced by some local insurance agents, here, which we high. presume to be the argument of the Association, that in estimating a rate of insurance, no less territory than a whole State should be considered; and that in North Carolina, barely 7 per cent was made upon the capital invested. This your committee has not had the time to cafefully investigate, to the extent it would wish. At this time, it gives you the benefit of a hasty estimate, made from the business in this State, for the the sworn statement of the insurance companies, to the Secretary of State, relative thereto.

mounted to about 45 millions of dollars. case.

Of this, the premiums paid to insurance companies would be about 1% per cent. or \$787,500. The losses paid by the insurance companies amount to about \$513,000. This makes a gross profit in North Carolina of \$174,500. The com- Important Happenings in panies pay annually a direct tax of \$200 to do business in this State. They are also taxed 2 per cent gross premiums. They pay about 15 per cent to the agents who catch the business. Putting the costs of doing business at \$145,475, would leave a profit of \$329,025; waich would be 165 per cent profit they would make in this State.

However, this may be, the committee thinks that if kaleigh is a place of good moral tone; and above all, a place in which it is improbable that fires to any terest to the Citizens of Rateigh--Fire extent may occur; it should be given a fvantage of such conditions, and that it should not have to pay his proportionate part of losses that occur in other business here, and that all of them get at his residence, on West Jones street. some business; and that therefore, the business of any particular company that the warehousemen will fight Trea-would not be so great as to be a very surer Worth's ruling "to the butter end." material inducement for writing the risks. The inducement would be certain teresting places in Rateigh today. There to be beneficial if the insurers were to are dons from one day to ninety years conclude to put the greater amount of old. the insured property in certain specified companies.

A few letters were written to compapaid by fire insurance companies in this nies not operated under the South Eastcity for 5 years, the record being that ern Tariff Association. One of them kept by the fire department of the City was forwarded to the Continental Fire Insurance Company, which made ant this city on Saturday. the city of Raleigh is not what they swer saying that it had lost \$6,403 in the While this company may be unfortun- morning for their homes.

pany is not a fair reasoning for the governor yesterday as follows: J. H. establishment of a basis rate in Raleigh. Beali, of Lenoir, and W. O. Williams, city, it might be well here to say that Mr. Moore estimates that only \$20,000 Grand Secretary Woodell will pay an of any citizen will demonstrate the fact; a year in premiums are paid, which is official visit to Salem Ladge, I. O. O., tonight. The and expl. by seem and Mr. ment. No fire may occur here of any estimates made by insurance companies, the evening train, Scutinel. doing business here. This light that a The Misses Austin, Mary and Francis great amount of damage can be done, and sweep away the profits of a year in who are attending Peace Institute will In the class of merchandise which is premiums, is very erroneous. As has spend the Christmas holidays in Halage loss paid here, to-wit: \$6.072.72, was Misses Leila Burt Philips, of Tarboro, predicated upon five year's experience. Holly, of Fayetteville, Stevenson, of The Continental Insurance Company Newbern and Walker, of Rocky Mount, says it would be unsafe to predicate any the Xmas vacation at their homes. theory of insurance upon an experience

The committee believes that losses occurring in the country surrounding Raleigh, and the payments for which are

In competing the amounts paid to fire Company referred us to Mr. A. W. Me. Little Miss Carrie Squire, who has insurance companies, &c., we have to Alister, who said, in reply to my letter, been attending Mrs. Gardner's private gather such facts in such manner as we that the company would not give lower school since September, left for her home in Chatfanooga, Tenn., to spend can, unaided by any fire insurance company. We gave the estimate that about fixed by the South Eastern Turiff Asso- girl and her teacher and school-mates

iff Association in which they do not deny the Company confines its operations to this. We have had private information the State of Georgia, and that it gets Caatham, Va., Nina White, of Hobgood, that this is about correct, it having as much business as it can prudently Sallie Lee, of Goldsboro; Marable, of Hount Olive, Exum, of Goldsboro, been estmated some years ago, that \$32 .- carry, and has more offered all the time.

We have letters and communications tion adopted a resolution, upon a letter from a number of our best citizens, who nie Kerr Mebane, of Mebane and Riggssay that the high rates of insurance here their homes. They have been attending any reduction in rates at Raleigh; say- have caused them to carry their own Peace Institute.

All who have paid the matter any attention, (and among whom are those disposed to consider the insurance companies' side of the question), are of the opinion that the rates are entirely too

Insurance companies will not loan their money in this State, as a rule; but prefer as a matter of security, investments at a much lower rate than we can get money for here. Therefore, the money made by fire insurance companies in this State, goes altogether outside of the State to be invested at a less rate ing the holidays. of interest than we would pay for it.

Your committee is now in communication with a reliable fire insurance comyear ending Dec. 31st, 1896, taken from pany, which has done a safe and successful business, in regard to a plan of business which the company has been working on for some time; and which, it believes, will meet the demands of our continued the case until a witness could of business which the company has been The insurance business written, a. it believes, will meet the demands of our

and About the City

BUSY READERS

INTERESTING EVENTS OF TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

What is Heard on the Sircels and Jotted Bown in Gur Note-Book--Personal and

Don't fall to hear the ladi a' Orchestra. ple of Raleigh was presented at the places. This fact should be taken into at Metropolitan Opera Trouse to night.

> Mr. T. J. Shaw, tather of Mr. Sherber of fire insurance companies doing man Shaw, is lying at the point of death

The Southern Tolucco Journal says The Doll Show is one of the most in-

Miss Lemmon, of New York, who has been the vocal teacher at Peace Institute ouring the fall term, left this morning

for her home. The colored men in Chapel Hill have organized a football eleven and will play the "Grant's" of Shaw University, in

Miss Leah Perry, of Henderson, and Miss McKay, of Somerville, who have been attending Peace Institute, left this

Notary Publics were appointed by the

his young children are free to have a

left St. Mary's this morning to spend

in members houses, 140 hydranis, with on the question. The Universal Mer- Miss Helen Dinwiddle, of Clarksville,

A letter similar to that written to the Misses Annie Belle Porden, of Golds-

regret to part with her and hope she

zell, of Goldsboro, White and Allen, of Etherdige, of Selma, Morton, of South Boston, Va., Anna Sparrow, of Gaston-ia, Caspari, of Christiansburg, Va., Fanbee, of Durham, left this afternoon for

MAYOR'S COURT.

Stokes Crump Pays his Respects His 37th Time,

Stokes Crump was up before Mayor Russ this morning for his 37th time, Stokes, this time, however, was not at fault as was shown by the testimony of competent witnesses and the Mayor told the old offender he might stay out for Xmas. The Mayor expressed that on several occasions he had sent Stokes to the workhouse just before the circuses and advised the famous pugilist of the dives to stear clear of liquor dur-

A Mr. Pulley was fined \$7.25 for going in the apartment for negroes at Parham stables and cursing and swearing. Mr. Pulley was under mean corn whiskey and remember noth-

ing about the affair. Lee Jordan, of Henderson, appeared be heard from.