

THE NEWS BY WIRE

To-Day's Happenings All Over the Country.

HANNA STILL HOPEFUL

EXPECTS MUCH TO HAPPEN WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

Byrne, the Baseball Magnate Dead--McKinley Agent to Go to Cuba--The London Horror.

By Telegraph to The Times. Columbus, Jan. 4.—Senator Hanna says: "The legislature has been organized against us, but still it is a week before the senatorial elections. The enemy is now in the open and we don't despair of ultimate victory."

\$20,000 FOR MRS. LUETGERT.

Police Inspector Schneck Offers for Her Dead or Alive.

By Telegraph to The Times. Chicago, Jan. 4.—Police Inspector Schneck offers \$20,000 to any person producing Mrs. Luetgert dead or alive.

35 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

By Telegraph to The Times. Malone, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The mercury registered 35 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake to-day, the coldest day this year.

GREAT GALE AT COLON.

Steamers Seeking Shelter and Wharves Have Been Greatly Damaged.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Jan. 4.—A private dispatch received from Colon to-day says a norther continues to blow furiously and has raised tremendous seas. Shipping business is paralyzed and steamers are seeking shelter at Porto Bello. Much damage has been done to the wharves and piers on the coast line.

THE LONDON HORROR.

Twenty Four Bodies Already Recovered and Identified by This Morning.

By Telegraph to The Times. London, Jan. 4.—No more victims of the collapse of the floor in the city hall last night were found by searchers in the ruins to-day. Twenty four bodies have already been recovered from the ruins and have been identified.

CHAS. BYRNE DEAD.

President Brooklyn Baseball Club Succumbs to Complication of Diseases.

By Telegraph to The Times. Brooklyn, Jan. 4.—Chas. Byrne, baseball magnate and president of the Brooklyn baseball club, died to-day at his home on West Eleventh street. He has been suffering for some time with complication of diseases.

TO WATCH CUBAN REFORMS.

McKinley Sends Joseph P. Smith to the Cuban Islands.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, Jan. 4.—President McKinley will send Joseph P. Smith, director of the bureau of American republics, to Cuba to watch the effect of the reforms.

BUTTERWORTH ILL.

The Patent Commissioner Suffering From Kidney Trouble, in Georgia.

By Telegraph to The Times. Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 4.—Patent Commissioner Butterworth is reported to be suffering very seriously from kidney trouble at Piney Woods Hotel. His daughter, Mrs. Howe, is with him. The attending physician to-day pronounces his condition as extremely grave.

A VERY HEAVY VOYAGE.

Aurania Arrived With Liverpool Channel Pilot on Board.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Jan. 4.—The Cunard liner Aurania arrived here to-day from Queenstown and reports a very stormy voyage. The sea is unusually high, and it was impossible to transfer Channel pilot Martin, who was compelled to proceed with the steamer to this port.

INSURGENT LEADER LEFT.

Arrived in Havana but Went to Mexico--Surprised Spaniards.

By Telegraph to The Times. Havana, Jan. 4.—Major General Julio sailed to-day for Tampico. Much surprise was expressed at the circles at the presence in this city of the former insurgent leader.

NEW CABINET.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, Jan. 4.—Marquis Ito is expected to be in the new cabinet.

STEEL AND WIRE TRUST

LETTERS OF INCORPORATION SENT TO SECRETARY TO-DAY.

Basis of Valuation of Plant Has Been Agreed Upon--Accountants Ended Work.

By Telegraph to The Times. Chicago, Jan. 4.—The incorporation papers of the American Steel and Wire Company, with a capital of \$87,000,000, has been submitted to the Secretary of State at Springfield for information whether the corporation stated an amount of the stock to be common or amount to be preferred. It is not certain to be incorporated. In Illinois or New Jersey the deal will be closed in several weeks. The basis upon which the plants will be taken has been agreed upon.

The accountants are now verifying the valuation. Venders get either cash or stock.

ROBBED THE ROBBERS.

Standard Oil Company's Safes Blown Open and Rifled of Contents.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Jan. 4.—Joe Thornton and exconvict, Joe Fay, safe crackers, broke into the office of the Standard Oil Company this morning and blew open the safe. He gagged the night watchman and rifled the safe of its contents. They were captured several hours later with money in their possession.

G. MOVE FOR THE CITY.

Not Only Improve Looks of Capital Square but Old Cemetery.

Some time ago it was suggested that the fence around the capitol square be removed. It would add to the beauty of the city to take away this high fence and terrace and curb the square.

The officials of Raleigh and the people of the city generally approved the suggestion, and many of them called on the Governor to make the request.

The Governor expressed a willingness to oblige the citizens, and an anxiety to do anything in his power to add to the beauty of the city. But how to dispose of the fence, which originally cost some \$7,000, was the thing that troubled him. He did not wish to throw it away and nobody seemed to want it.

But the problem has been solved. The city wants the fence. It needs such a one around the old city cemetery. So it has offered the State a trade. The State wants paving stone to pave the streets around the square. Why not swap?

This is what the city proposes, and the Council of State will meet late this afternoon to say whether or not they will accept the proposition.

It is most earnestly to be hoped they will. There can be no question about the fact that it will add a very great deal to the beauty of the city. All the people of Raleigh, with scarcely an exception, ask this change.

HEARING AROUND TREASURY.

Mewborne Thought Jno. R. Came With His Earnings Instead of Earnings.

In the State Treasury yesterday Jas. M. Mewborne was seen, and said, with a smile: "You see I am hanging around the Treasury." Chief Clerk Denmark said: "That's just what John R. Smith used to do." He added: "But Smith came with his earnings, instead of his 'earnings'."

Mewborne was asked what he proposed to do in regard to the penitentiary employees. He replied: "The penitentiary is already organized, and if any are removed it will be for incompetency or dereliction of duty. I have not found an excess of employees. Warden Russell says that he has now only 19 at the penitentiary, while last year there 29, and that he cannot spare one of them." There are relatively now but few convicts in the penitentiary.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Judge Timberlake Has Ninety Cases For Next Week.

Next Monday the January term of the criminal court will convene here and Judge Timberlake will be in the chair.

The docket will be completed on Friday and will contain about 95 cases, which in the main will be disposed of next week.

The judge and collector will arrive here Saturday, and court will convene promptly at 10 o'clock.

The case in which the greatest interest is centered, is the trial of John Booker, alias Jim Chavis, for the murder of Mehaley White in House's Creek township about one year ago.

The report that John Groves, who was found guilty of the murder of Henry Wall, near Forestville, and granted a new trial by the Supreme court, was carried to Wayne County for trial.

THE DIRECTORS MET

North Carolina Railroad Men Here.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

THREE AND ONE-HALF NOW, THREE TO BE ADDED IN AUGUST.

Dr. Normant in the Chair--All Directors Present--Adjourned at Call of Chairman.

The directors of the North Carolina Railroad met here in their annual session this morning, with all their members present. President R. M. Normant was in the chair, and Messrs. A. C. Avery, of Morganton; V. S. Lusk, of Asheville; W. H. Chadbourne, of Wilmington; H. U. Butters, of Wilmington; John S. Armstrong, R. F. Hoke, of Raleigh, and Benahan Cameron, of Stagsville, were present.

The Governor had held a consultation with Mr. Chadbourne for some time. It was said that the Governor feared he might be outwitted similar to the Charlotte meeting, so he had called his cohorts together and they had a friendly chat in his office this morning.

The meeting was a most harmonious one, and all of the directors exchanged New Year greetings at the beginning of the meeting.

The \$10,000, which was owed to Gen. R. F. Hoke, had been paid out of the borrowed \$15,000, on which the company pays 4 per cent. interest.

This morning the only act which is of public interest and which has been made known was the declaring of a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent.

This will be added to in August by a 3 per cent. dividend, which makes up the required amount under the present circumstances.

The directors were all guests at the Yarborough House, where the meeting was held, and they all dined together to-day.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 o'clock, to meet again at the call of Dr. Normant, the president.

CONDEMNNS THE BOND SUIT.

Col. V. S. Lusk Considers It Repudiation Will Have It Withdrawn.

Col. V. S. Lusk is in Raleigh, attending the meeting of the North Carolina Railroad directors.

Col. Lusk has expressed himself as unalterably opposed to the position of the County Commissioners of Buncombe county in their suit brought to annul and make void the \$98,000 of Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad bonds. Col. Lusk said:

"I do not think the Commissioners represent the people of Buncombe county in this matter. The people of this county have always been honest, and I do not think they desire to repudiate an honest debt by taking advantage of a technicality. If this thing is done it will be dishonest repudiation, and I, for one, am opposed to it, and I believe the people are opposed to it."

"Chairman Brown should withdraw his suit. Buncombe county should pay this debt if it should be ascertained that there was not a scratch of a pen received for it. It is known that the county got what it contracted for, and the damage that will be done by an attempt to repudiate the debt more than twenty years after it was honestly contracted cannot be easily estimated."

Col. Lusk said that he wished it distinctly understood that he knew nothing whatever of the matter until the announcement was made that the suit was brought, and he further declared his intention to do what he could to induce the Commissioners to withdraw it.

GOING TO ATLANTA.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Daughter Will be Entertained by Georgians.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is to be the guest of the United Confederate Veterans' association during the reunion in July. She has been invited and has accepted. Miss Winnie Davis and Mrs. Hayes, also the daughter of Mr. Davis, has been invited and she and her two children, will also be in Atlanta. The invitation extended these three ladies did not come from any one camp of veterans.

Every camp in the State of Georgia joined in extending a special invitation to the widow and the daughters of the great Confederate chieftain. A special train will be sent to these distinguished guests, and an escort of veterans will take them to the city.

The escort will be composed of veterans from the various camps of Georgia. There are a large number of veterans who are applicants for post-honor.

THE PARK IS CLOSED

Arrangements for Transfer Completed.

MIGHT BE SUB-LET

IT WILL ALWAYS BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY WHEN CROWDS.

May be Run as Yarborough Annex--Rooms Will be Rented--No Meals Furnished There.

The announcement made this morning that the Park Hotel had been leased to Mr. R. B. Raney for a term of 99 years was a great surprise to many people in this city, and to the traveling public generally.

Mr. Raney was here to-day, and was in conference with the lessee until nearly 1 o'clock.

Arrangements were made for a transfer of the property, to be consummated within the next week or ten days, but the new management has made no definite plans as to the future use of the newly leased hostelry.

The guests of the Park Hotel have, by its management, been notified of this change, but have been offered accommodation at the hotel until it suits their convenience to go elsewhere. The Yarborough House has offered the guests of the Park Hotel accommodations for one month at the same rates which they are paying now, and will, after that time, be glad to entertain them at as low rates as possible. No plan has been matured by the lessee of the Park Hotel as to its future use. It may be run as an annex of the Yarborough House, some of its guests rooming at the Park and taking their meals at the Yarborough House, and it is probable that some of the rooms at the Park Hotel will be rented at reasonable monthly rates, without any obligation to board at any particular place. It is certain that the elegant rooms contained in the Park Hotel will always be available to visitors. At other times, it has been proven that the transient patronage coming to the city is not more than sufficient to make more than one hotel profitable.

The lessee of the Park has said that he would be glad to sub-let the property to anyone who will guarantee the rental. The Yarborough House will now have a clear field, and will be able to give its patrons the best possible service in every way, and doubtless will do so.

Its management now is courteous and at all times seems to do the pleasure of its guests.

E. V. DENTON GRANTED LICENSE

His Blount Street Establishment is Again Opened to the Public.

There was never so great a row raised in Raleigh over one liquor license as, in the past few days has been caused by the refusal of the Police Committee to grant license to the Blount street establishment of E. V. Denton.

Yesterday afternoon the Police Committee held a meeting in the Mayor's office and reconsidered their action in refusing license to Mr. Denton.

Mr. Denton was present yesterday at the meeting and showed to the satisfaction of the committee that the rumors and charges against his establishment were false. The committee granted a renewal of license.

MRS. BOYKIN'S RECEPTION.

Ladies Charming Entertained at Boykin Residence This Afternoon.

What promised to be one of the pleasant social events of the season was the reception at Judge Boykin's this afternoon, given by Mrs. E. T. Boykin complimentary to her guest, Mrs. John Yorke, of Concord.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with stately palms and other potted plants. In the parlors delicacies were served and the ladies enjoyed thoroughly the afternoon's event.

Mrs. Boykin was assisted in receiving by Madames Minnie Bagley, Cook, Timberlake and Misses Pattie Mordecai, Annie Busbee, Jane Andrews, Katherine Badger and Caddie Fulghum, of Goldsboro.

FEARINGTON-WYNN.

On the 30th of December, at the residence of Fred H. Williams, Rialto, N. C., Mr. Tom B. Fearington and Miss Grace D. Wynne were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. W. A. Smith, of Louisville, Ky., officiating.

The attendants were: Miss Annie Hutchins, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Joe E. Williams, of Raleigh; Miss Lillie Williams, of Rialto; Mr. John Budd, of Rialto.

Miss A. Bertha Williams, was maid of honor.

The many friends of the bride and groom wish them much success and happiness.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

IT WAS ABRUPTLY ENDED ON ACCOUNT OF JUROR COX.

Belonged to the Murderers Lodge Junior Order United American Mechanics Will be Prosecuted.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 4.—The trial of love-sick Eli Shaw for the murder of his mother and grandmother stopped abruptly and sensationally to-day. Each side threw out hints that a sensation was coming, exposing a deep-laid conspiracy in the trial, which was declared a mistrial because one of the members was found to be a fellow member of Shaw's lodge, in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The lodge adopted resolutions pledging to support Shaw. Nelson W. Cox, juror number twelve, was the member. Many women were present to hear the case, which is similar to the Thorn trial. Some say Cox will be prosecuted for answering falsely to questions on examination. The case will possibly be postponed until next April, when the court holds its next meeting.

HOBBOES CAMPING HERE.

Twenty-four "Knights of the Grid" Roosting Near the City Limits.

The news was flashed over the wires yesterday from towns west of here advising that the authorities keep open eyes and watch three hoboes, who were bound this way.

No news came from other points and no warning had been given the city authorities until yesterday when they were notified from Durham and Cary. Last night however there were new developments.

Mr. W. K. Calder, a farmer from Franklin county, who was here on business started homeward about ten o'clock. Near Peace Institute he noticed several men in a group whispering and as his two companions had promised to meet him just at that point he got out of his wagon and started over to where the men were standing.

One of the men grabbed a package from the ground and sprinted away the others following immediately.

Mr. Calder saw a bag lying on the ground and examined its contents. He reports finding an auger and a number of wire keys. Mr. Calder went to the home of a Pilot Mill operative and reported what he had discovered.

There is a regular camp for tramps just beyond the Seaboard Air Line cotton platform, nearly to the Pilot Cotton Mills, and there it is said 24 tramps of all descriptions spent night before last.

Many of these tramps are jolly fellows meaning no harm, but like other well regulated families accidents will happen among the Hobo gens.

Saturday night a number of hoboes were gathered around a smart fire about one hundred yards from the Boylan Bridge.

A member of the police force said last night that he visited the hobo camp near the Seaboard Air-Line cotton platform and that a conservative estimate placed the number at 20.

The three tramps who came here from the West yesterday were not at the "camp" last night.

The report is about that they are professional safe crackers and have been doing lively work in Virginia.

There is an ordinance against begging, and Mayor Russ has rigidly punished those who have been brought before him for breaking that ordinance, unless they were in absolute distress or in great need.

There were no reports of burglary last night but the authorities are keeping "skint eyes."

GERMAN TO VISITORS.

In the rooms of the Euphrosyne German Club last night there was a delightful subscription German given complimentary to visiting young ladies. The following couples participating:

Miss Frances Davis, of Texas, and Mr. McGeachy; Miss Pace and Mr. Fuller, Miss Primrose and Mr. Garvin; Miss Ethel Norris and Mr. Stronach; Miss Stamps and Mr. Sloan; Miss Hay and Mr. Root; Miss Hoke and Mr. Baumann; Miss Beall, of Charlotte, and Mr. John McKee; Miss Latta and Mr. Ramsen; Miss Newsome and Mr. Will West; Miss Chilton, of Memphis, and Hugh Kendrick; Miss Cameron Mr. Harry Lee; Miss Dalgleish, of Washington, D. C., and Fred Olds; Miss Norris and John West; Miss Marguerite Crow and Joel Whitaker; Hal. Morson and W. N. H. Smith; Miss Busbee and June Grimes; Miss Mary Jones and Wm. Jones; Miss Adelaide Snow and Frank Faison.

The stags were: Messrs. Faison, James McKee, Perry, H. Kendrick, Dick Busbee, Frank Rogers, of Concord; A. H. Thompson, Bert Thompson, D. Hearst, G. Syme, M. Parker, H. Primrose, D. Cameron, T. Simpson.

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.

Peace Institute and St. Mary's both resumed work this morning.

Judge Walter Clark is in Washington, registered at the Metropolitan.

The annual meeting of the Capital Club occurs to-morrow evening.

A number of young women were here to-day, en route to Littleton Female College.

Mrs. W. R. Tucker left to-day for New Bern to visit her sister, Mrs. Hughes, of that city.

A. G. Kemp, of Little River, has been granted license, by the county commissioners, to sell liquor in Little River township.

Miss Mary Turner left this morning for the Peabody Conservatory, in Baltimore. Miss Turner will return in February.

Mr. Joel D. Whitaker, who has been spending the holidays with his family near this city, returned to-day to Richmond.

"There are 96 cases of measles at the Thomasville Orphanage," writes a gentleman at Thomasville. My! my! what a hospital it must be.

On the west bound train this afternoon were many students returning to the University, and Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro.

It is said that the visit of Mr. R. O. Burton to Washington is for the purpose of arranging an earlier date for the hearing of the Railroad Commission case.

The ladies of the Woman's Exchange will meet on Wednesday at 4 p. m. in the Woman's Exchange building. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Mrs. C. C. Crow, president.

There will be a meeting of the Art League tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Prof. Massey, on Hillsboro street, in West Raleigh.

The Blount street paving will begin on February 1st.

Among the visitors to Raleigh this week is Josiah Turner. The time was when his coming to or leaving Raleigh would create more stir than the doings of all the State officers. He is engaged in writing a book of his recollections.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chatham, who is pleasantly remembered in Raleigh as one of the leading State Senators of the session of 1891, was in the city today. He has been at Cameron for some days hunting, and says the sport was fine.

Mr. Maddrey, formerly of The Durham Herald, was here to-day, en route for Aulander, where he will attend the wedding of Miss Burden, of Bertie county, to Prof. W. F. Cheek, principal of the Aulander High School.

Capt. Fuller having resigned his office as superintendent of the Soldiers' Home, to take effect February 1, 1898, Mr. Robt. H. Brooks, formerly sergeant in Manly's Battery, has been elected in his stead.

Judge Purnell has signed an order granting an appeal from his decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals, in Richmond, Va., in the case of the United States government versus Thomas P. Deveraux and others, involving the title to Smith's Island, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, near Wilmington. The island is a large one and is valued at \$50,000.

THE MAYOR IN THE SWIM.

The City Father was Strictly "in it" Last Night.

Mayor Russ enjoys cold weather, but plumbing and plastering bills get next to him.

Though they get next to him, they don't touch the same spot the water did last night, when the pipes, frozen by the cold weather of Sunday, burst forth in all their glory and read the previous day's emancipation proclamation.

Twenty-five feet of plastering crowned the city's highest official and such water as can only be supplied by Walnut creek during January added its New Year's greetings.

The mayor enjoyed all of the programme thoroughly.

Yes, thoroughly.